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extreme violence and maltreated all Japanese nationals. In making this sweeping statement the Japanese Government fails to cite by name a single Japanese national who suffered death or bodily injury from the alleged violence. Nor is any charge directed against a specific individual in authority. The protest is couched in broad general terms and appears to be a studied exaggeration of events. It is known that Japanese nationals were interned in the Philippine Islands when hostilities began but, as it is the policy of the United States Government to apply the provisions of the Geneva Prisoners of War Convention in the treatment of both prisoners of war and civilian internees, acts of cruelty are not tolerated. The United States Government has not been in a position until recently to investigate the alleged acts of savagery at Davao. Although the United States Government is of the opinion that these acts never took place, since they are contrary to the customs of the American people and to the high tradition of the United States Army, it will, nevertheless, undertake to investigate the allegations upon the receipt from the Japanese Government of further details regarding the place, the time, and the alleged participants.

The Japanese Government alleges, Section IV, 1(A), that
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unjust treatment was accorded to Japanese nationals and to Americans of Japanese origin in moving them from the Pacific Area to the interior of the country. The United States Government reiterates that the Japanese Government has a legitimate concern for Japanese nationals only. This allegation was the subject of a memorandum dated May 7, 1943, to the Spanish Embassy. As at that time it was thoroughly examined any further discussion would appear unnecessary. The report that Japanese nationals have been moved from Virginia is the subject of a memorandum to the Spanish Embassy, dated November 20, 1944.

The Japanese Government alleges, Section IV, 1 (B), that the American authorities subjected Japanese nationals to inhuman questionings in order to cause them to renounce their allegiance to Japan. No attempt has ever been made to force or to persuade any Japanese national to renounce his loyalty to Japan. No possible advantage could accrue to the United States from such a procedure. This totally unfounded allegation of the Japanese Government was the subject of a memorandum dated August 10, 1944, to the Spanish Embassy.

The Japanese Government alleges, Section IV, 1 (C), that internment camps in the United States are surrounded

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with barbed wire, equipped with watch towers and posted with armed soldiers. At the Tule Lake Relocation Center it was deemed necessary to maintain an external guard to prevent unauthorized ingress and to prevent the recurrence of such an incident as occurred on November 4, 1943, when evacuees armed with clubs entered the administrative area. The function of the armed guard, which at other centers has been progressively reduced in size, is to patrol the periphery of the center.

The United States Government calls to the attention of the Japanese Government that on December 17, 1944, the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command rescinded the general exclusion orders thereby restoring freedom of movement within the coastal areas of the United States to all persons of Japanese ancestry, with the exception of a limited number of individuals to whom individual exclusion orders are being issued. A memorandum concerning this matter was transmitted to the Spanish Embassy on February 5, 1945.

The United States Government totally rejects the Japanese Government's allegations, Section IV, 1 (D), of mistreatment of Japanese subjects from Central and South

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America. The United States Government has done a service to the Japanese nationals in question by providing them with a place of shelter and with subsistence when the governments of the countries in which they were living decided upon their expulsion. So far as possible the United States Government has restricted such transfers of Japanese nationals to those who were known to be disposed or in a position to perform unfriendly acts against the United States Government and its allies. Requests of the other American republics that many thousands of other Japanese not falling within this category be accepted by the United States for internment have been rejected.

In particular the United States Government rejects as palpably unfounded the statement that Japanese nationals from Panama are being mistreated by American authorities. The Japanese Government is fully aware that all the Japanese nationals from Panama were repatriated to Japan in 1942 and 1943 and none remain in this country.

So far as concerns Japanese from Peru, the United States Government rejects any allegation that it has broken up
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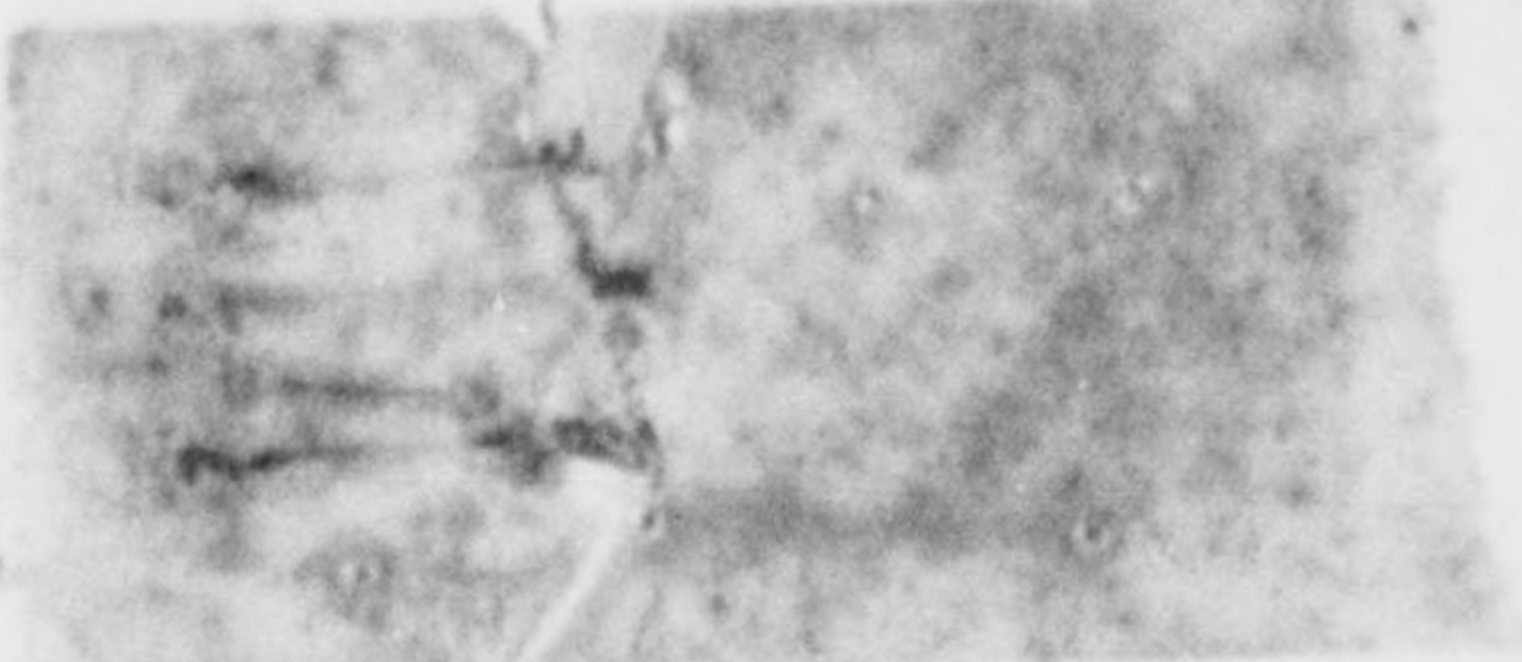
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Japanese families or deprived Japanese nationals of their belongings since this Government has exerted itself to provide special facilities for the families of Japanese deportees to rejoin the heads of families in the internment camps in the United States and has provided other special facilities for the transportation of the effects of the Japanese nationals which they were not able to bring with them when they were deported. The United States Government is informed that owing to war conditions the economic situation of other Japanese remaining in Peru is such that their lot would be considerably improved by transfer to the United States, which they themselves desire but which the United States Government is unwilling to grant because no sufficient purpose would be served thereby.

As the Japanese Government has been informed previously, the United States Government is motivated in these matters purely by the desire to assure the security of the Western Hemisphere and to immobilize those Japanese nationals who are capable of illegal subversive actions. In carrying out this program, the United States Government has the full cooperation of the other South American Republics which equally desire to attain this end, as evinced by their support of the Resolutions

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of the Committee for Political Defense at Montevideo
upon which such action is based.

Department of State,

Washington,

August 7, 1945.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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No. 12262

Via Airmail Pouch

AMERICAN LEGATION
Bern, August 7, 1945.

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Subject: American Interests - Japan
Transmission "Far East Memo
USA No. 20".

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The American Minister at Bern has the honor to refer to the Legation's airmail despatches Nos. 9860 of November 11, 1944, 11865 of June 7, and 12043 of July 5, 1945, which transmitted to the Department copies of telegrams and Far East Memoranda concerning visits to prisoner of war and civilian internment camps in Japan.

The Legation now wishes to enclose, for the Department's information and records, two copies of "Far East Memo USA No. 20" prepared on August 6, 1945, by the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva on the basis of information received from its delegate in Japan further regarding prisoner of war and civilian internment camps in Japan.

The Legation received copies of the attached memorandum under cover of a letter dated August 6, 1945, from the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva which stated that a copy thereof has been forwarded to its delegation at Washington.

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Two copies of "Far East Memo
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Enclosure No. *1* to despatch No. *12262*
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GENEVAIRCC Ref : Far East Memo USA No.20

The following are replies to questions we have raised with our Delegation in Tokyo on the camps mentioned below :

1) Japan, Hakodate Extension Camp No.1.

Ref : our cable No. 1275 - E9632

We had requested our Delegation to ask the Japanese Authorities whether a soccer ground could be laid out in this camp. The Japanese Authorities replied that this was not possible.

2) Japan, Tokyo Prisoners of War Branch Camp No.2.

Ref : Far East Memo USA No.1

There is no radio in this camp.

3) Japan, Tatamiyacho Protection Centre, Sendai.

Ref : our cable 1643 - K9416

Since the recent air-raids the fate of this Centre is unknown. Our Delegation state they will report as soon as they have received further information.

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Dated August 7, 1945.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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American Interests - Straits Settlements

Foreign Office note August 4, states Swiss Legation
Tokyo telegraphed July 26, following information obtained
from Japanese POW Information Bureau:

"M/102 American arrived Malaya camp
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Thailand camp R.C. RUSHING 3601782."

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The Secretary of War presents his compliments to the Honorable, the Secretary of State, and has the honor to make reference to his communication of July 31, 1945, file SWP 711.94114A/7-1745, inclosing a copy of an airgram received from the American Consulate General at Algiers, requesting on behalf of Mrs. Rose Klein, a resident of Algiers, information regarding the disposition made of any monies left by her son, Private Samuel Jacobson, who perished during the sinking of a Japanese prisoner of war transport on October 24, 1944.

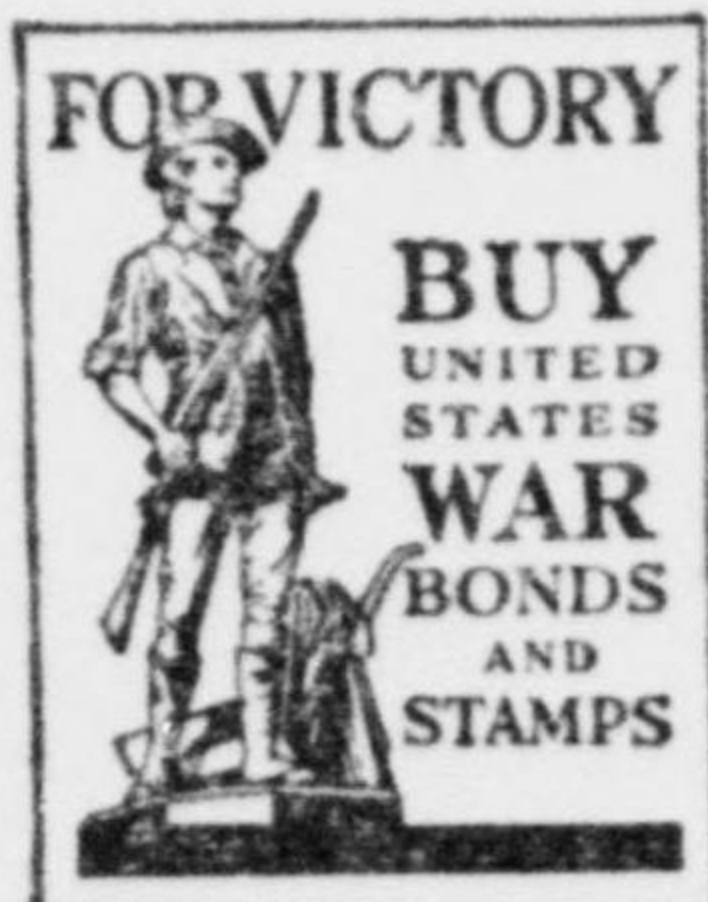
This matter is receiving attention and a further reply will be made at the earliest practicable date.

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Department of State,
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If atomic bombs are dropped on Japanese cities, in an area which we located prisoner of war camps the government of the U.S.A. will bring down the undying contempt and hatred of many relatives of those unfortunate men who fought without hope for help on Bataan and Corregidor, and who have lived through starvation and disease, in fact who were diseased and starved when the Japs captured them.

I, a mother of one of those boys, want to know just what you know about the location of these camps. The last two days the Jap broadcast has given the Hiroshima name to the camp where two men, whose messages were read, ^{is located} One Red Cross Bulletin map does not show a camp located there.

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Are these men in a convenient
expendible or expended?

Kawasaki, Osaka, Nagoya,
Tokyo, Kobe, Hatan. many
others have been sites
of prisoner of war camps before
we began bombing. Our
government pretends prisoners
were moved up to Kawasaki
after we bombed to protect
it. This is not true.
I have the right to
know, or request anything
for the welfare of these
precious, pitiful men.

I've believed our government,
and had faith in many
things others questioned, but
I certainly feel that faith
weakening.

Mrs. Chloë D. Beatty
541 South Dennis,
Hillsdale, Oregon

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James Byrnes

Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.

Japan's surrender in sight. Before you accept terms you must demand that our boys who are prisoners in Japan be placed in hands of Swiss or International Red Cross to prevent Japanese from forcing prisoners to remove debris resulting from Atomic bomb. Scientists state that radium left in ground will endanger lives of those who must clean up debris.

Bataan War Prisoners Relief of Illinois.

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Comité International
de la Croix Rouge à Genève, Suisse
Délégation aux Etats-Unis
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International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland
Delegation to the United States
of America

1645 Connecticut Ave. N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

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August 9th, 1945.

In replying, refer to (P)

Mr. Edwin A. Plitt,
Chief, Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Plitt,

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Letter to Mr. Matthey
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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We are enclosing herewith for your information and guidance, a letter which Mr. Marc Peter had addressed to the War Department relative to the granting of certificates to physicians working as specialists while in captivity, following a request made by the International Committee of the Red Cross in a letter dated July 31st, 1944.

On November 21st, General B.M. Bryan wrote us that the War Department would reserve its decision in this matter pending the receipt of the model certificate. On March 7th, 1945, Mr. Peter again wrote to the War Department in answer to their communication, reference SPMGA (43) 383.6, giving in part information which we had subsequently received from Geneva as follows:-

"The German authorities have, in principle, given their agreement to the proposal that certificates be issued to prisoner of war medical officers who have worked during their captivity for at least one year as specialists in prisoner of war camps or hospitals. They will make this proposal effective, subject to reciprocity granted to German prisoner of war medical officers in allied custody."

We also enclosed at that time a draft of the certificate submitted by the German Authorities. On March 22nd, 1945, Colonel A.M. Tolleson, wrote us as follows, under reference SPMGO (28) 383.6

"Reference is made to your letter P, dated 7 March 1945, submitting a proposal by the German authorities that certificates be issued to medical officers who have worked during their captivity for at least one year as specialists in prisoner of war camps or hospitals. The War Department has given the proposal consideration and does not regard it favorably."

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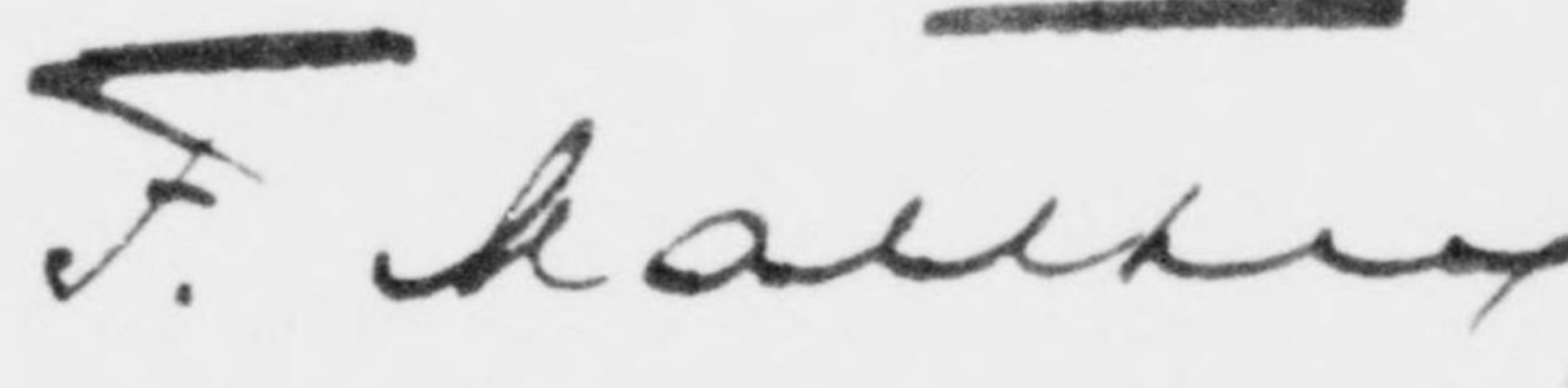
This letter was duly communicated to the
International Committee of the Red Cross.

This same question now arises in the case
of Japanese Prisoners of War. We have just received a cable from
Geneva, dated August 7th, 1945, which we quote below for your
information:-

"1717 - YOUR NOTE 5001 WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING
ANSWER JAPAN QUOTE YOUR LETTER TWONINESIX JULY 31st,
1944 CONCERNING CERTIFICATES FOR POW MEDICAL OFFICERS
WORKING AS SPECIALISTS IN CAMPS STOP
HURYOJHOKYOKU WROTE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES HAVE NO
OBJECTION ACCORD FACILITIES WITHIN POSSIBLE LIMIT
STOP HAVE ASKED HURYOJHOKYOKU NOTIFY ALL COMMANDERS
ACCORDINGLY STOP
ARE EXPECTING COPIES CERTIFICATES FOR RETRANSMISSION
GENEVA UNQUOTE STOP
PLEASE ASK AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WHETHER THEY AGREE
RECIPROCITY FOR SPECIALIST JAPANESE DOCTORS."

We would therefore appreciate receiving
the decision of the American Authorities in this respect, and
remain,

Sincerely yours,



F. MATTHEY,
Delegate.

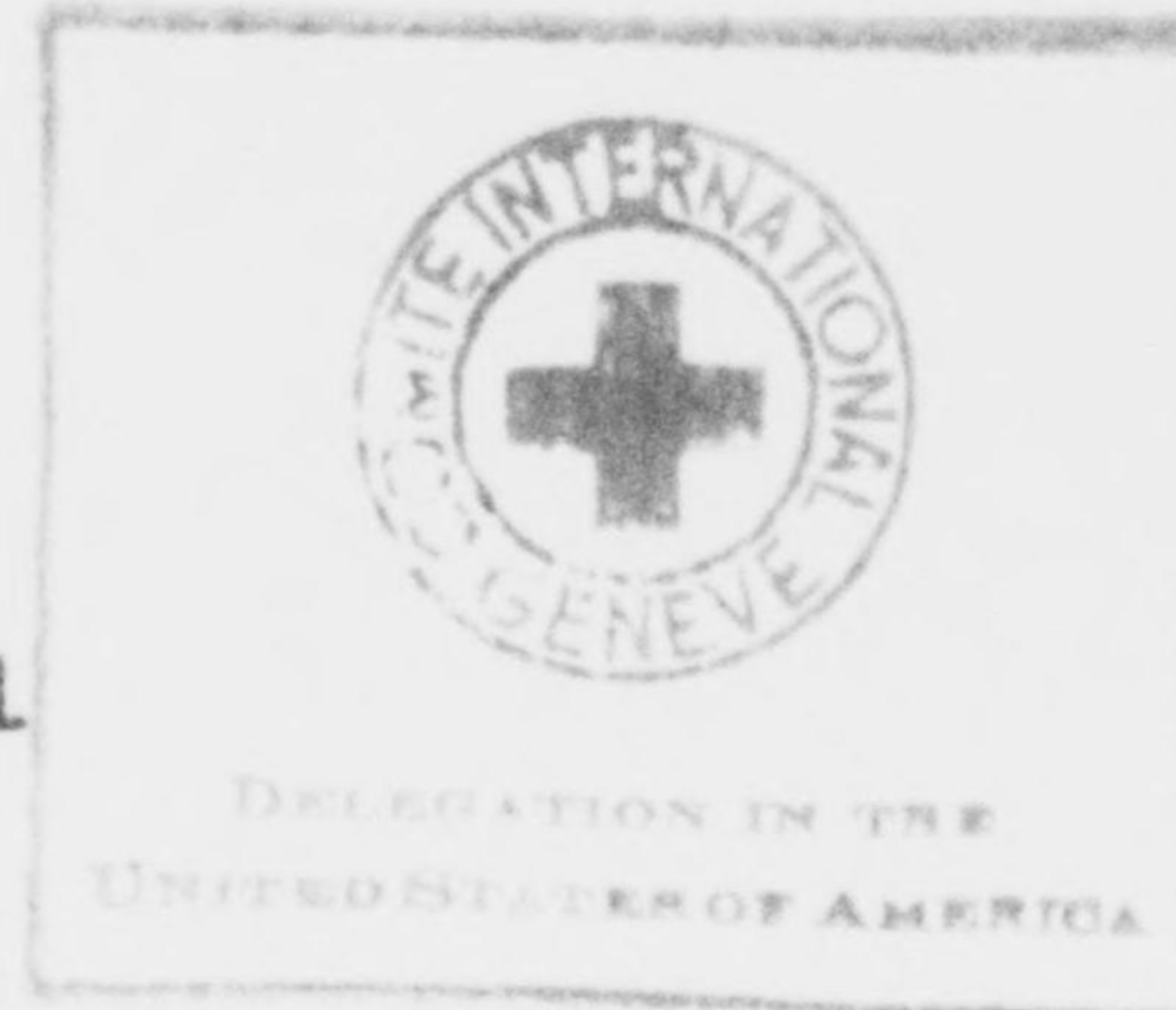
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Brigadier General B. M. Bryan
Assistant Provost Marshal General
The War Department
Washington 25, D. C.



Dear General Bryan:

We have received the following communication from the I.C.R.C. in Geneva:

The Delegation of the I.C.R.C. in India has noted that a great number of Italian prisoner of war medical officers have acquired a great deal of experience during their work as specialists in prisoner of war hospitals.

The I.C.R.C. delegate, in India, suggested to the competent authorities that prisoner of war medical officers who have worked as specialists in hospitals for more than one year be given a certificate attesting their activity. This certificate would help the medical officers to obtain a position as specialist in their homeland, upon their repatriation.

The I.C.R.C. in Geneva has been informed by its delegation that the proposal for the benefit of young medical officers who have worked for several years in prisoner of war hospitals has been approved by the authorities in India, and will be put into effect. The delegation of the I.C.R.C. in India has proposed that certificates be issued in triplicate, to be signed by the senior prisoner

Brigadier General B. M. Bryan -2- November 17, 1944

of war medical officer, a second prisoner of war medical officer, preferably a specialist, and if possible, by a medical officer of the Detaining Power.

The medical officer concerned will receive the original certificate; the two other copies will be given to the senior prisoner of war medical officer and to the delegation of the I.C.R.C., for transmission to the I.C.R.C. in Geneva (Medical Department), respectively.

It is the opinion of the I.C.R.C. that this proposal is of great interest to numerous prisoner of war medical officers, who have been in captivity for several years.

The German authorities have given their agreement to the proposal, subject to reciprocity. A model certificate proposed by the German authorities has been sent by the I.C.R.C. in Geneva, and will be submitted to you as soon as received.

We should appreciate obtaining your answer to the above-outline proposal as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Peter
Delegate

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In reply refer to
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AUG 23 1945

My dear Mr. Matthey:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9, 1945 (Reference P) addressed to Mr. Plitt, concerning a proposal that certificates be granted to prisoners of war who serve as physicians or as specialists during the period of their captivity.

This matter is receiving consideration.

Sincerely yours,

E. Tomlin Bailey
E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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A true copy of the signed certificate.

The Honorable
F. Matthey, Delegate,
International Red Cross Committee,
1645 Connecticut Avenue, NW.,
Washington 9, D.C.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits for the attention of the Provost Marshal General a copy of a letter dated August 9, 1945, addressed to Mr. Edwin A. Plitt, Chief, Special War Problems Division, by Mr. F. Matthey, Delegate to the United States of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The letter from Mr. Matthey concerns a proposal that certificates be granted to prisoners of war who work as physicians or as specialists in the medical field while held as prisoners.

It would be appreciated if the Department of State might receive the opinion of the War Department with regard to this matter in order that a reply may be made to the letter from Mr. Matthey.

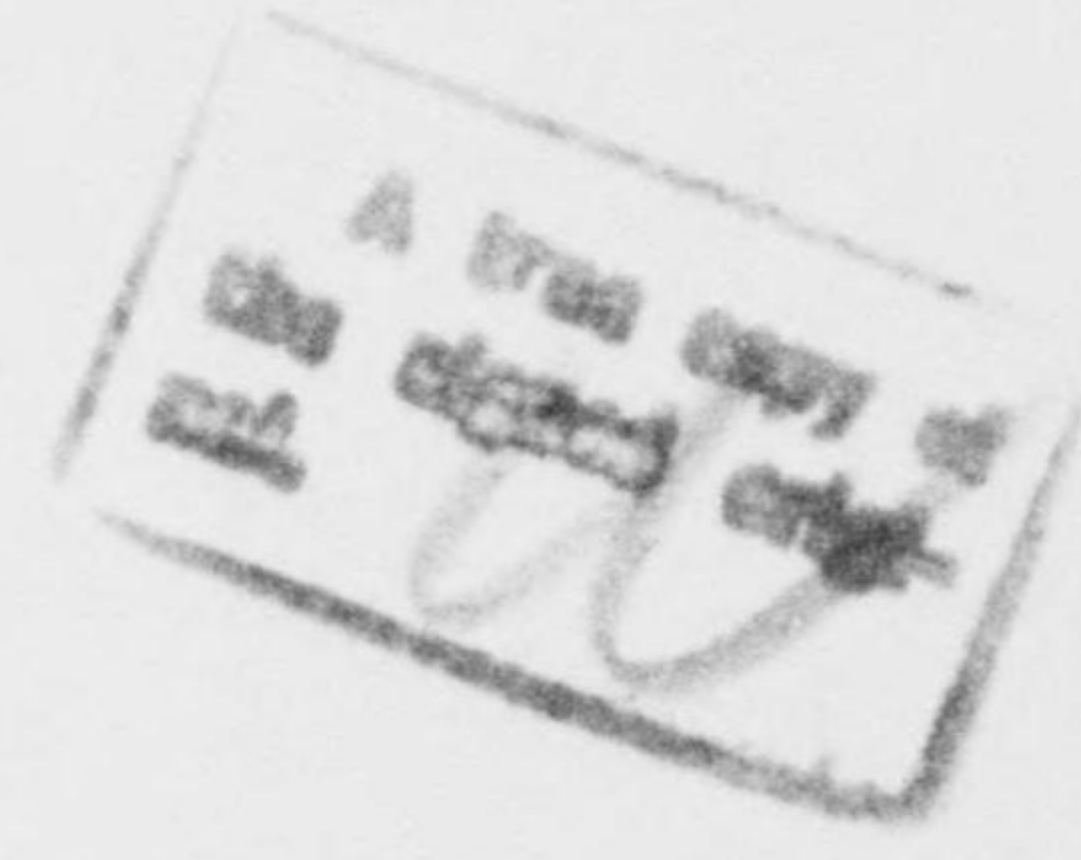
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From Mr. F. Matthey,
August 9, 1945.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. 12277
of August 9, 1945, from the American
Legation at Bern.

FRED'K H. N. HEEMANN
6304 Mossway
Baltimore-12, MD.

July 25, 1945.

Mr. George Tait,
First Secretary
American Consulate
Bern Switzerland.

Dear Mr. Tait:

In the early part of June I addressed a letter to the Swiss Legation in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of developing some news regarding my son, Ronald F. Heemann, O-2070031, who we have been officially advised by the War Department, has been missing in the Pacific Ocean area since April 24, 1945.

It has now been suggested that I contact you, it being thought that you would endeavor to obtain some information concerning Ronald's whereabouts in Japan.

Ronald was a navigator on a B-29 bomber, which on a mission on April 24, was shot down near the Japanese mainland. The information given us by the War Department and his Squadron Commander was that Ronald was flying in Ship No. 63 in the tail end position of an eleven ship formation to attack and destroy by bombing a large aircraft factory north of Tachikawa, Japan.

By the time the ships had passed the intense resistance area and began taking account of themselves it was noted by some of the rear gunners of the formation that my son's ship was no longer in formation and that a ship believed to be his was off to the left and some distance behind, apparently about to join the formation of another B-29 group following his original group out of the target area.

We have been further advised that three of the crew of Ship No. 63 were observed to leave the ship, the parachutes of two of the three opened over the mainland and from the pictures taken, Ronald was one of those that bailed out. The ship struggled on, losing power and speed and altitude until it was ditched in the sea some 80 miles from Japan, the sea being fairly rough resulting in the ship breaking in two pieces and sinking very soon.

An observing "Buddy" ship saw what they believed to be

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six crew members leave the ditched ship and take to the life rafts but due to the distance involved and the fact that other ships were in similar difficulties, by the time any rescue parties could get back to the point of ditching they were unable to re-locate the drifting raft.

Naturally we are very much concerned of our son's safe landing by parachute on the Japanese empire and the suggestion has been made that you in your capacity and being located in Switzerland may be in a position to develop whether or not Ronald or any other member of his crew are actually Japanese prisoners.

If there is any information you may desire it shall be furnished promptly. Will you kindly give the matter some thought and let us hear from you.

Attached I am submitting a complete list of the eleven crew-men of this particular B-29.

Yours very truly,

Fred H.N. Heemann

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Enclosure No. 2 to Despatch No. 12277
of August 9, 1945, from the American
Legation at Bern.

1st Lt. Herbert R. Williams

Mrs. Helen D. Williams (wife)
Box 786
Wheatland, Wyoming

2nd Lt. Daniel R. Myers

Mrs. Helen Myers (wife)
69 Sterling Avenue
Buffalo, New York

2nd Lt. George R. Farmer

Mrs. Leila Farmer (mother)
317 Harth Avenue
Madison, South Dakota

2nd Lt. David H. Skillin

Mrs. Eleanore W. Skillin
(mother)
1019 6th Street
Wilmette, Illinois

Mrs. Lucy Ann Skillin (wife)
120 33rd Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

2nd Lt. Ronald F. Heemann

Mrs. Hilda M. Heemann (mother)
6034 Mossway Street
Baltimore, Maryland

T/Sgt. Lawrence C. Seery, Jr.

Mrs. Jacqueline R. Seery (wife)
McCort Street
West Point, Mississippi

Sgt. Robert R. Underwood

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Underwood
(mother)
323 Murray Road
West Palm Beach, Florida

Cpl. Edward B. Neary

Mrs. Helen Neary (mother)
205 East Margaret Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Cpl. Casimir J. Cwiakala

Mrs. Stanisłana Cwiakala
(mother)
167 Polk Street
Newark, New Jersey

Cpl. Edwin S. Caw

Mr. Elmer Caw (father)
R.F.D. 1
Chatfield, Minnesota

Pfc. Eldon A. Peterson

Mr. Arthur Peterson (father)
Route 3
Plymouth, Indiana

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In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Heemann:

Reference is made to your letter of July 25, 1945, addressed to Mr. George Tait, First Secretary of the American Legation at Bern concerning your son, Ronald F. Heemann, O-2070031, who has been missing in action in the Pacific Ocean area since April 24, 1945.

Mr. Tait has informed the Department that the files of the Legation at Bern contain no record of your son or any of the members of the crew with which he was lost. The American Legation at Bern has asked the International Committee of the Red Cross to make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts and welfare of Lieutenant Heemann and his ten companions and if such information is received you may be sure that you will be promptly informed.

In view of the cessation of hostilities, it is likely that if your son and his fellow crew members survived the crash of their plane that they will be found by the American military forces now occupying Japan. The Department of State understands that the military authorities are making arrangements for recovered American military personnel to communicate with their next of kin as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

EB
E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. Frederick H. N. Heemann,
6304 Mossway,
Baltimore 12, Maryland.

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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
8/20/45 DIVISION
AUG 18 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

President Truman

Dear President Truman

Can you find time to let me know if the war
Dept or somehow someone who know
about war prisoners if my nephew Captain
Ben Greber from St Paul Min who was
supposed to have been a prisoner of war
in Shikoku Japan is still alive
I wrote last time but mail was returned
so I am taking this gamble in
writing you hoping you can spare a
little time and let me know

Sincerely

Mrs A A Moods
142 - M - 70 in St
New York
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SPEEDLETTER

In reply refer to
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Date: **August 20, 1945**

This form of communication is used in the interest of speed and economy. If a reply is necessary, address the Department of State, attention of the Division mentioned below.

SPEEDLETTER

To: []
Mrs. A. A. Woods,
142 West Seventieth Street,
New York 3, New York. []

AUG 22 1945

SWP 711.94114A/8-945

GPO 16-44742-1

The receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter in which you ask if your nephew, Captain Ben Dreher who is believed to have been a prisoner of war held by the Japanese, is still alive.

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D.C., has informed the Department of State that Captain Dreher was last known to be held as a prisoner of war of the Japanese at the Zentsuji Prisoner of War Camp, Island of Shikoku, Japan.

With the termination of hostilities you may be sure that as soon as Captain Dreher returns to the control of the American military authorities his next of kin will be promptly informed by the Information Bureau.

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E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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August 22, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114A/8-1045

My dear Senator Brooks:

I have received your letter of August 10, 1945 requesting on behalf of Mrs. Arthur E. Strang, Bunker Hill, Illinois, information concerning the possibility of an exchange of American nationals for the Japanese diplomats captured in Berlin. You specifically inquire concerning the possibility of including Captain Strang in any future exchange operation.

I can assure you that the Department has the greatest sympathy for those whose loved ones have been prisoners of the Japanese and it is the responsibility of the State Department to do what can be done to alleviate the hardships of American citizens held by the Japanese Government. In this connection you may be interested to read the enclosed summary of measures that have been taken by the Department of State in behalf of American nationals in an endeavor to ship relief supplies to them and to bring about their repatriation.

With the cessation of hostilities, every effort is being made to remove interned American nationals to areas in which adequate relief measures may be administered at the earliest possible date. Actual repatriation will depend upon the speed with which the United States Government is able to cope with many difficult problems, among which are the ministrations of needed medical care and the securing of adequate transportation.

You may

The Honorable
C. Wayland Brooks,
United States Senate.

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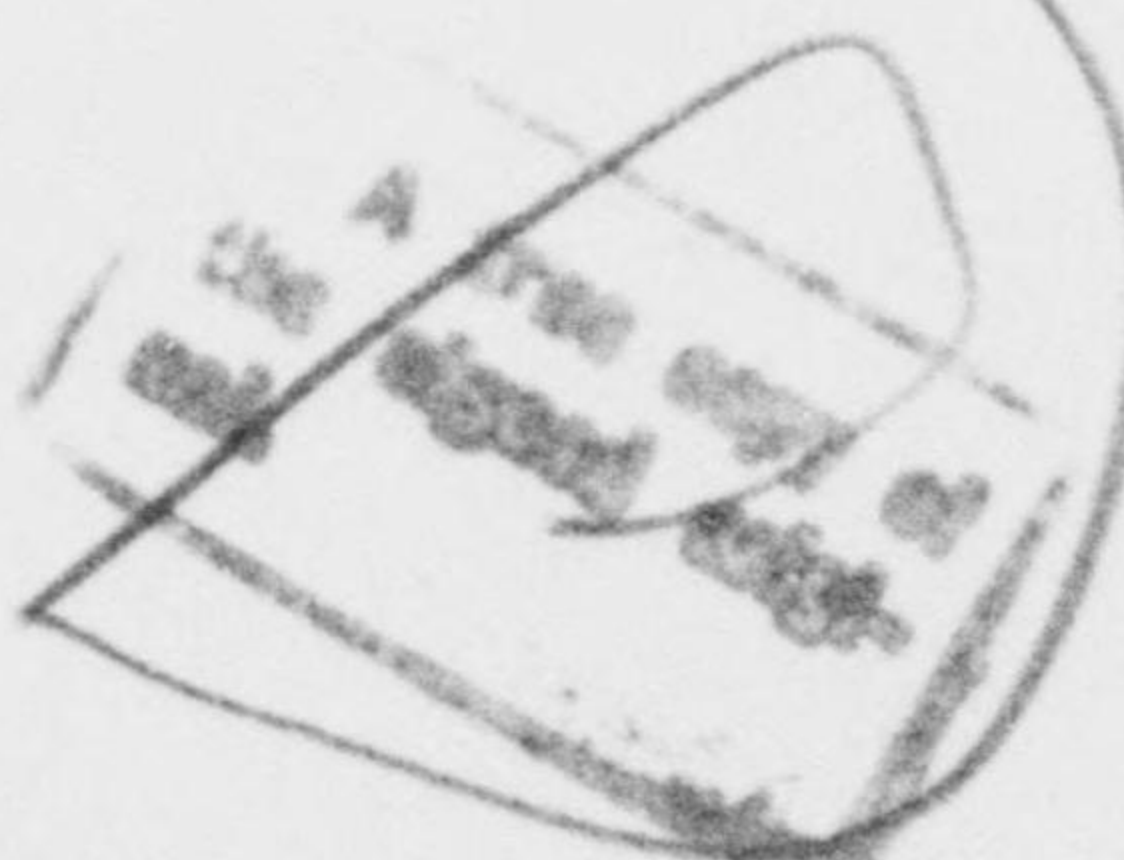
You may be assured that the United States Government will take every possible advantage of the cessation of hostilities to care properly for all American citizens who may be liberated in the Far East.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Byrnes

Enclosure:

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

August 10, 1945

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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 The Secretary wishes
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 communication cannot be
 answered in three days.

Honorable James F. Byrnes,
 Secretary of State,
 Washington, D. C.

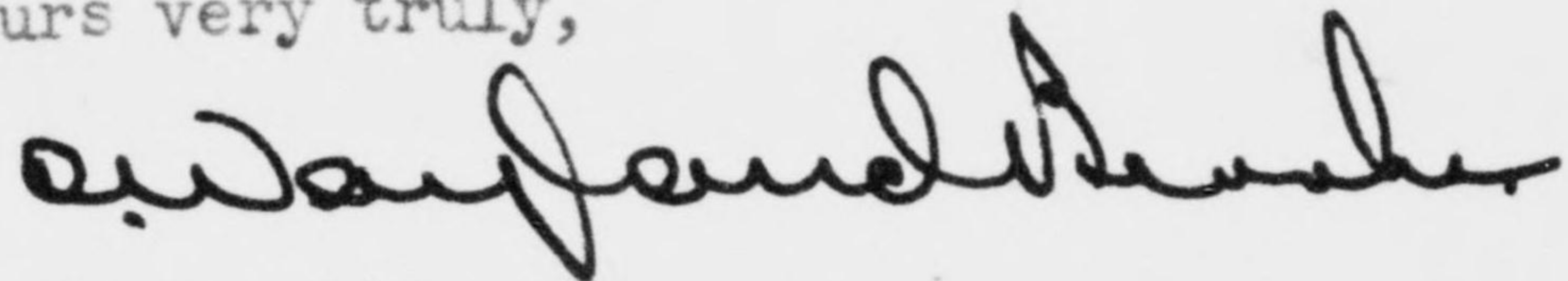
My dear Mr. Secretary:

Mrs. Arthur E. Strang, Bunker Hill, Illinois, has
 written to me relative to the possibility for the return of
 her husband, Captain Arthur E. Strang.

He was made a prisoner by the Japanese on the fall
 of Corregidor, May 6, 1942, and is now interned at Zentsuji War
 Prison Camp, Shikoku Island, Japan. Mrs. Strang is hopeful
 that her husband may be exchanged when the Japanese diplomats
 captured in Berlin are granted exchange.

I shall appreciate any information you may be able
 to give me concerning Captain Strang's prospect for return.

Yours very truly,



C. Wayland Brooks.

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Bern

Dated August 11, 1945.

Rec'd AUG 21 6pm

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Secretary of State,
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No reply as yet received from Foreign Office.

Letter August 7, from Intercross states its delegate being asked approach competent Japanese authorities with view furnishing satisfactory answer.

Intercross adds it has received several applications from members American protected personal prisoners of war Japan for duplicate Red Cross identification cards. These demands have usually been forwarded to James, Amcross representative Geneva. Whereas identification cards prisoners of war Germany received comparatively short time, applications American protected personnel prisoner of war Japan not yet received although first made January 1944.

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August 11, 1945

No. 3117

The Honorable

Leland Harrison,
American Minister,
Bern,

Sir:

Reference is made to the Legation's despatch no. 8150 of May 10, 1944, enclosing the text of a communication dated May 3, 1944, from the Japanese Government with regard to the treatment of American nationals in the Far East. Another copy of the communication was received from the Spanish Embassy in Washington, then in charge of Japanese interests in the continental United States. In view of the fact that the Spanish Embassy no longer represents Japanese interests in the United States and the facilities of the Swiss Government do not permit the rapid transmission of documents to Japan, the Department of State has taken the opportunity afforded by a communication from the Swedish Legation in charge of Japanese interests in the Territory of Hawaii to request the Swedish Minister to have a copy of the enclosed memorandum transmitted to the Japanese Government.

The Legation is instructed to transmit a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the Swiss Government for its information.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Enclosure:

Julius C. Holmes

Memorandum referring to Spanish Embassy memorandum.

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My dear Mr. Morrow:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a statement which the Department issued to the press on July 31 with regard to the Japanese Government's practice in locating civilian internment and prisoner of war camps in areas subject to aerial bombardment.

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Japanese broadcasts of the past few weeks which mentioned American prisoners of war and internee casualties made it necessary for this Government to inform the American public regarding the extensive efforts which have been made to forestall such casualties.

There is also enclosed for your information a copy of a press release dated July 21 concerning the assumption by the Swiss Government of the protection of Japanese interests in the United States, except Hawaii.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (In triplicate):

- 1. Press release no. 577, July 31, 1945.
- 2. Press release, July 21, 1945.

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Graham Morrow, Esquire,
Canadian Embassy,
1746 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

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August 11th, 1945.

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My dear Mr. Bailey,

I have received your letter of 4th August, 1945, regarding the proposed further protest to the Japanese Government regarding the order issued to the Japanese Commanding Officer of Kuremibara Tai with regard to the treatment to be accorded Allied airmen in that theatre.

The Foreign Office have been acquainted with the desire of the United States Government to associate itself with this protest and I hope to be in a position to address a further communication to you on this subject in the near future.

Yours very truly,

G. R. Ranken
G. R. Ranken.

Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey,
Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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DOR

Mr. Harry S. Truman
President of United States of America
Washington - D.C.

Dear Mr. President -

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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I do hope you will pardon
my intrusion at this time -

My son John Francis Burns
enlisted in the Canadian Army
on his 21st birthday. And was a
member of the Royal Rifles of Canada
taken prisoner of war by the
Japanese at Hong Kong on
Dec - 25 - 41.

He is or was at one of the Fukuoka
Camps in Japan - I have never heard
from him

And I am asking a favor that
when we take over - And the Prisoners
of War are being sent home on transports
you will send word he is to be
routed to the United States and to
us here.

My daughter is at the Rome Army

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Air flight - Rome Air Field Rome N.Y.
 (She is Mary Alice Burns) B5465
 That we see him. There is a base
 hospital at the depot. Rhodes General
 Hospital (Army) in Utica -

The red tape changing him to a
 citizen of United States of America
 from Canadian Army -
 might cause delay.

And I know Mr. President you
 can arrange for his direct route
 home to us first before all this
 citizenship or other discharge from
 Canadian Army business -

When he is stronger he can
 return to Canada if need be and
 settle his affairs with the Canadian Govt.
 but first, I want to see my son -

Thanking you - and praying you -
 I am

Lions Burns McLaughlin
 mother of John Francis Burns
 C-5942
 The Royal Rifles of Canada
 Fukuoka Camp - Japan
 Born in Hartford Conn

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My dear Mrs. McLaughlin:

I have received by reference from the White House your letter of August 12, 1945, concerning your son, John Francis Burns, who was taken as a prisoner of war by the Japanese. You state that your son enlisted in the Royal Rifles of Canada upon reaching his twenty-first birthday and was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese at Hong Kong during 1941. You request that he be repatriated direct to the United States rather than to Canada.

Since your son is a member of the Canadian armed forces, his repatriation is a matter of concern to the Canadian Government. I suggest, therefore, that you communicate with the Canadian Embassy with regard to any questions pertaining to your son's repatriation.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mrs. Leona Burns McLaughlin,
P.O. Box #743,
Rome, New York.

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8/25/45 Let. to Mrs. *PT*
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 DIVISION CMN/ATS
 235 East Twenty-second Street
 AUG 24 1945
 This Excellency
 The President of the United States
 The White House
 Washington
 Dear Mr. President
 I am the mother of three
 sons, all overseas. My
 youngest, a prisoner of the
 Japanese, who made the

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"Miles of Death" at Batavia,
 and who was taken to Osaka,
 Japan before our valiant
 forces could liberate him.
 During these past years my
 faith in my God and faith
 in my Country sustained my
 courage. In these past
 three torturous days I have
 had to draw on that courage
 and faith as never before.
 I have, Mr President,

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Great faith in you and
your ideals - in the same
measure as I had in
Franklin D. Roosevelt - Be-
cause of this, I expect you
not to buckle to the
Religious Japanese Government
or its Emperor. Both must
feel the just wrath of
America and both made
to pay for the innumerable
Indecencies and tortures
they inflicted on the

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Isis of America.

Despite your humane
desires, do not allow any
influence to lead you
into the path of appeasement
or into the way of softening
your terms of surrender.

I say this in the full realization
that my son may not return
from Spain - but knowing
my son, I know he would
not want it to be return.

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235 East Twenty-second Street

Wise, because of the future
generations to come -
And the world he would want
them to live in -

I say it like wine for my self
and my other buds who
are leaving their country
because they do, from the
heritage of their fathers
who fought in enemy

Mr J. H. Watson.

Yours respectfully,
J

Walter Hayden Cook

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Bern
Dated August 12, 1945
Rec'd 12:10 p.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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AUG 13 1945
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3875, August 12, 10 a.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST:

Legation's 3751, August 1.

FONOFF note August requests following be added immediately after words "from humanitarian viewpoint" "provisions of this convention" and strike out "its provisions".

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My dear Mrs. Rorke:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of August 13, 1945, concerning your son who is held as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. You expressed the hope that the sacrifices made by your son and other men like him will not have been in vain and that the American terms of surrender should not be softened.

Thank you for your most courageous letter. You may be sure that the American authorities charged with the responsibility for accepting and enforcing the surrender of the Japanese Government will do everything within their power to make sure that the sacrifice of American lives in the Far East was not in vain.

I hope that with the landing of the American forces in Japan you will soon hear from your son.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mrs. Margaret Hayden Rorke,
235 East Twenty-second Street,
New York, New York.

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3904, August 15, 10 p.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST

Discussed briefly this morning Foreign Office.

(UR 2524, Aug. 13) Ranking official expressed view end war renders action unnecessary.

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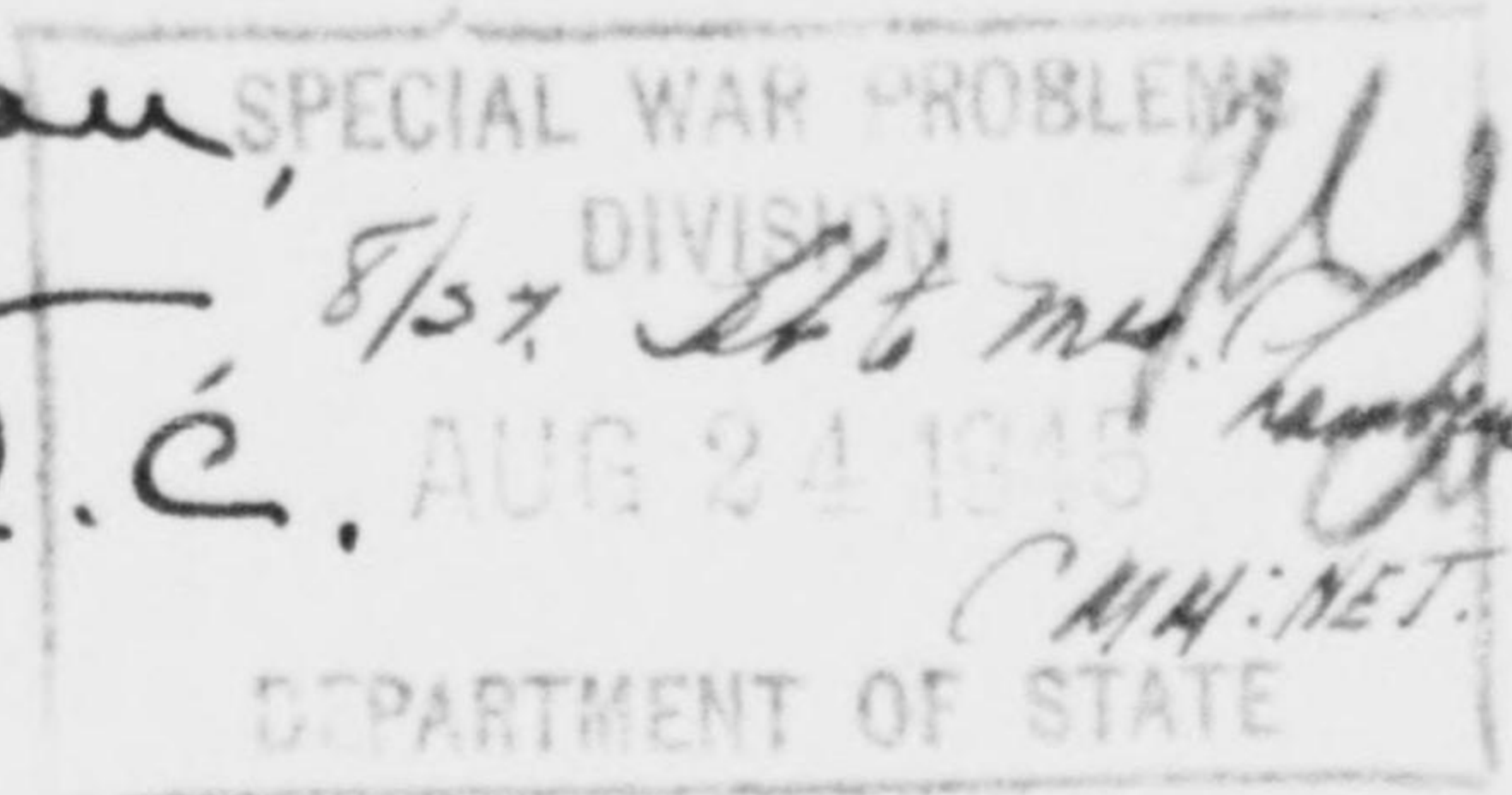
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SVP
749 Park Ave.
Beloit, Wisconsin
Aug. 15, 1945.

President Harry S. Truman,
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. President :-

Now that the war is over,
immediate steps will be taken
to release our American men from
Japanese prison camps, and from
suffering.

I wonder, too, whether any of the
enemy that might be sealed or
blocked into caves could now be
released. Even though they
were the enemy, would it be possible
to release them from the caves (if such
are thus imprisoned)? Or is this the
plan to do so, anyway?

Pardon me, if my note seems
all uncalled for.

Respectfully yours,

Charlotte G. Chamberlain

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SPEEDLETTER

This form of communication is used in the interest of speed and economy. If a reply is necessary, address the Department of State, attention of the Division mentioned below.

Date: **August 27, 1945.**

SPEEDLETTER

To: **Mrs. Charlotte G. Chamberlain,**
749 Park Avenue,
Beloit, Wisconsin.

GPO 16-44742-1

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of August 15, 1945, concerning the release of American prisoners of war from Japanese prison camps and the possibility that some enemy nationals may still be sealed in caves.

You may be sure that the arrival in Japan and Japanese occupied territory of United States military forces will result in the immediate release of American prisoners of war and that the American military forces will treat Japanese nationals in accordance with humanitarian American standards.

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A free copy of this speed letter.

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T. E. BUCHANAN
GENERAL MANAGER
MARINE DEPARTMENT

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August 17, 1945

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Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr., Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division.

Dear Sirs:

Please refer to your letter of May 22, 1944 in respect of certain crew members of the SS CONNECTICUT held as prisoners by the Japanese. At the time, 17 members of the crew of the SS CONNECTICUT were reported as being held prisoners, but in April of this year we were notified by the War Shipping Administration, Division of Wartime Insurance, that Theodore Brignac, ex-SS CONNECTICUT, died in the Japanese prison camp "Fukuoka" of acute pneumonia. The remaining 16 men are:

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| Galen McCray | Stephen Theriot |
| Hilton Blanchard | Edwin K. Summerlin |
| Francis B. Bogardus | Henry C. Powney |
| Rabie Grant | Edmond Matte |
| Ebert M. Jones | Alfred E. Kuntze |
| Ira S. Mason | Willard M. Carroll |
| Manford Lee Paul | Eugene Zezotarski |
| Luther M. Shavers | Robert G. Tyler |

The families of these men will no doubt communicate with us in the immediate future in view of the termination of hostilities and news items to the effect that prisoners will be the first to be brought home. Any information you may be able to give us as to when it may be expected that these men will be repatriated will be greatly appreciated by us and you are assured by the families of the men as well.

Yours very truly,

T. E. Buchanan

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September 7, 1945

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My dear Mr. Buchanan:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 17, 1945 requesting information concerning the members of the crew of the SS Connecticut which was seized by the Japanese Government during the period of hostilities.

Following the cessation of hostilities, the United States Government is making every effort to care properly for all American nationals liberated in the Far East. According to General MacArthur, present arrangements call for the removal of liberated civilian internees from the various internment centers to prepared reception centers in the Philippine Islands as rapidly as possible and the furnishing of immediate shelter, clothing, food and medical attention to those in need.

When radio facilities are not being used for priority operational traffic, lists of liberated military personnel and civilian internees will be transmitted to the War Department as rapidly as possible. After the next of kin have been notified, following a checking of names and addresses with available records, the War Department will release the names of liberated persons to the press.

The speed of repatriation of liberated civilian internees will be contingent upon the volume of transportation facilities which the Theater Commander may find it practicable and expedient to allocate for civilian purposes. To the extent possible, some time prior to the return of the liberated civilian internees, the next of kin will be notified by the State Department that their relatives are on the way home and will

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TO	Mr. T. E. Buchanan, General Manager,
FROM	Marine Department,
SUBJECT	The Texas Company,
	135 East 42nd Street,
	New York 17, New York.

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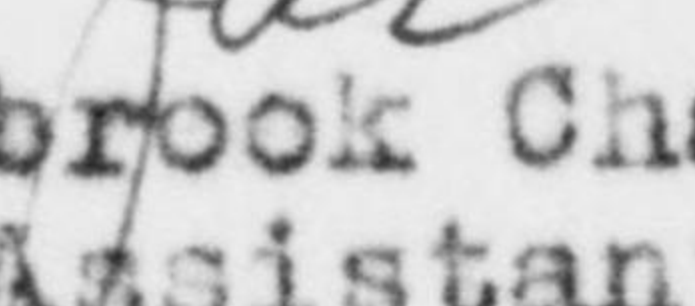
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be given instructions regarding the arrangements for their home coming.

I can assure you that any information received by the Department pertaining to any member or members of the crew of the SS Connecticut will be communicated to your office promptly.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:


J. Holbrook Chapman
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mr. Parmely W. Herrick,
Acting Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

Refer to S.W.P.

Dear Mr. Herrick:

There has been brought to my attention your letter of August 4, 1945 addressed to Miss Bertha Ganschaw regarding my son, Major John C. Morley, who is a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

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Mrs. Morley and myself were greatly surprised to learn that Miss Ganschaw had written a letter to the President of the United States regarding John. She is an elderly woman who has served Mrs. Morley in various ways in the past and is now quite infirm, but has been assisted by Mrs. Morley from time to time as a sort of pensioner of the family.

We certainly appreciate your having taken notice of the letter and replied to it in such a friendly way, as well as taking the trouble to send the data which accompanied your reply. It is certainly gratifying to know that letters written to the President of the United States receive attention of this sort.

I am writing you personally to thank you. I knew your grandfather, Myron T. Herrick, very well, and also your father Parmely Herrick, and it is a pleasure to know that the grandson of the Governor and Ambassador is carrying on in public service, particularly in the State Department.

Now that the war with Japan is over we are eagerly awaiting something definite in regard to our son, Major Morley, which we are hopeful will be very soon.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary of State,
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Legation's telegram 3644 July 21 - 9 p.m.

Foreign Office note August 17, gives following statement concerning American pows and civilian internees in Japanese hands according report from Gorgé:

As indicated Legation's 708 February 1 - 11 a.m. Japanese Foreign Office authorized Gorgé transmit for January and February this year 60,000 Yen pows Tokyo, 85,000 Osaka, 45,000 Fukuoka, 4,000 Hakodate, 12,000 Formosa, 42,000 those Manchuria and 300 those Malaya (please see Legation's 8404 December 29 - 9 p.m.).

Minister Gorgé forwarded these sums in March 1945.

As indicated Legation's 7390 November 7 - 4 p.m. Japanese Foreign Office permitted the transmission of 7,800 Yen (3900 Florins) in favor of pows, merchant seamen and civilian internees in Java. This sum was forwarded in February 1945. Similarly the amount of 15,920 Yen for pows in Java for the months of December 1944, and January 1945, was transmitted in March 1945, by Minister Gorgé (refer in this connection to Legation's 1544 March 11 - 1 p.m.).

Minister Gorgé advanced in March 1945, the

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following amounts on behalf civilian internees:

- 1.- Java - 4,560 Yen for the months of December 1944 and January 1945 (Legation's 1544);
- 2.- Burma - 300 Yen for the months of January and February 1945 (see Legation's 708) February 1, 1945 and 8404 December 29, 1944).

Minister Gorgé states he has insisted to Japanese authorities that he must have receipts for the sums which he has sent to pows and civilian internees in Japanese hands.

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Request Swiss Foreign Office to ask Swiss representa-
tives in Jap and former Jap occupied territories to give
full cooperation to Allied military authorities who have
plans for evacuation of pows and cis. Pows and cis should
remain in camps in close contact with camp spokesmen until
arrival of Allied forces.

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According to information in Department approximately
1200 Am POW and 5 CIS held by Jap Govt in vicinity Mukden.
In event of their liberation by Soviet authorities, request
Soviet assistance in expediting return of these men to Am
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The Honorable
The Acting Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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This is in reply to your letter of August 7 transmitting the request of Mr. Charles Huber, of the International Red Cross Committee, to have the Washington Office of the Red Cross receive information regarding Allied prisoners of war which is intercepted as a result of the monitoring activities of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

The requested information could be supplied by FBIS to Mr. Huber in any of the following ways:

1. A teletype machine could be installed in Mr. Huber's office on which he could receive a duplicate of our PM Wire to the Provost Marshal General. This method would not be recommended unless speed is the essential requirement.
2. FBIS could supply the material directly by mail or by messenger within twenty-four hours or less after it has been received in our Washington Wire Room.
3. The Provost Marshal General could supply a copy of the information requested to Mr. Huber. This might be the most satisfactory arrangement since the information as received by FBIS is often garbled as a result of poor reception. An accurate identification can only be made by the Provost Marshal General's Office.

We will be very pleased to cooperate with the American Red Cross to work out this problem in any of the above three ways. I would suggest that Mr. Huber deal directly with Mr. Russell M. Shepherd, Acting Director of our Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

Sincerely yours,

Paul A. Porter

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Chairman

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Dated August 21, 1945
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Secretary of State
Washington

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3953, August 21, 5 p.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS CHINA

Rankin Foreign Office official telephones (Legations 3914, Aug. 17) that according telegram from Fontanel civilians are leaving camps despite warnings. He requests to be informed whether this is contrary to intentions of Commanding General China theater of operations as messages from him and various broadcasts appear indicate internees should remain camps. Fontanel requests consideration be given fact most internees were residents of Shanghai and do not wish be evacuated. He and Jap fear incidents. Jap insist order and status quo be maintained pending relinquishment camps in orderly fashion.

In reply foregoing Foreign Office requested inform Fontanel in sense DEPT'S 2565, August 20.

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and refers to the latter's letter of August 21, 1945, with regard to the means that might be employed in furnishing to the International Committee of the Red Cross information regarding Allied prisoners of war intercepted as a result of the monitoring activities of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

There is enclosed for the information of the Federal Communications Commission a copy of a letter addressed by the Department to the Honorable Marc Peter, Chief of Delegation, International Committee of the Red Cross, informing him that with the cessation of hostilities it is assumed the Committee will no longer have need of the information previously requested, but that if such material is still desired, the Committee may deal direct with Mr. Russell M. Shepherd, Acting Director of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

Enclosure:

To the Honorable
Marc Peter, of even date.

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21 August 1945.
San Gabriel, California.
P.O.Box 126

HARRY TRUMAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
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SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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Letter to Mrs. Scarbery
SEP 6 - 1945
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SIR:

It is with mingled emotions that I view with deep happiness the surrender of Japan. My beloved boy has been a prisoner for nearly four years - and his liberation is of course the most important thing in my life.

HOWEVER, the terms of the surrender -- the press releases -- definitely say that Japan is broadcasting to her peoples that the United States will occupy ONLY military centers, etc. I am interested in knowing where the determination and assurance to our own people that Japan must and would be crushed as a nation? Where is the bitter information, the grim knowledge that as an enemy, Japan has a unique distinction?

I trust that this will be foremost in the minds of those you delegate to draw up the full terms of the peace. It is not to be forgotten in any detail; neither is it to be handled with kid gloves. I know that my son would want it this way - even if it meant end of all things for him - else why have our boys died; why have they suffered untold agonies - just to return and find that the United States made such a soft peace to save the government of Japan from being overthrown by their own restless population?

Why should any consideration be given them? Please adhere rigidly to all the things our people have ~~ed~~ dedicated ourselves to. Unconditional surrender of Japan, occupation of Japan and the complete conquering and authority over them. Let them know they are conquered -- make no quarters with them:

Are you firm enough - big enough - far sighted enough to do this?

Do you think if our positions were reversed- that they would show us one ounce of consideration? Suppose they had the atomic bomb? What do you suppose they would do? Use it, until every vestige of resistance was gone, make it known from every corner that we were conquered - and they would march into the White House and we, the people, would have nothing to say about it. We would be ~~conquered~~ ^{conquered} -- and the knowledge of that fact would burn into the mind of every American in the United States of America.

Why should we be less exacting?
When will aid be given to our POWS? When will they be released?

Sincerely
Betty Scarbery
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My dear Mrs. Rorke:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of August 13, 1945, concerning your son who is held as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. You expressed the hope that the sacrifices made by your son and other men like him will not have been in vain and that the American terms of surrender should not be softened.

Thank you for your most courageous letter. You may be sure that the American authorities charged with the responsibility for accepting and enforcing the surrender of the Japanese Government will do everything within their power to make sure that the sacrifice of American lives in the Far East was not in vain.

I hope that with the landing of the American forces in Japan you will soon hear from your son.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mrs. Margaret Hayden Rorke,
235 East Twenty-second Street,
New York, New York.

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My dear Mrs. Scarbery:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of August 21, 1945, concerning the repatriation of your son who has been a prisoner of the Japanese for nearly four years. You suggest in your letter that the Japanese nation should be completely occupied and that our treatment of the Japanese people should let them know that they have been conquered.

You may be sure that the American authorities charged with the responsibility for accepting and enforcing the surrender of the Japanese Government will do everything within their power to make it clear to the Japanese Government and people that their defeat has been complete.

With reference to your inquiry about the aid to be given to liberated American prisoners of war and the time when they will be released, you may have seen in the press that supplies have been taken by air to many of the camps where Americans are held and that prompt steps are being taken by the military authorities to release and return to the United States our prisoners who have been held by the Japanese.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Dorothea M. Larson
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Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

CR Mrs. Betty Scarbery,
Post Office Box 126,
San Gabriel, California.

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My dear Dr. Peter:

I refer to Mr. Huber's letter of July 5, 1945, (P,P/3/b) and to my letter of July 19, 1945, concerning the desire of the International Committee of the Red Cross to receive information regarding Allied prisoners of war, which was broadcast by radio direct from Japan while such prisoners were in Japanese custody.

With the cessation of hostilities, the Department assumes that the International Red Cross Committee will no longer have need of the information requested in Mr. Huber's letter of July 5. If however, the International Committee of the Red Cross wishes to pursue this matter further, it is suggested that the Committee deal direct with Mr. Russell M. Shepher, Acting Director of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service of the Federal Communications Commission, since the Commission has indicated to the Department that it could furnish the Committee direct with the information desired.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]
Edwin A. Plitt
Chief, Special War Problems Division

The Honorable
Marc Peter,
Chief of Delegation,
International Committee
of the Red Cross,
1645 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Bern Dated August 22, 1945 Rec'd 2:41 p.m.

Secretary of State Washington

US URGENT 3957, August 22, 2 p.m.

FONOFF official telephoned following telegram from Fontanel Shanghai (your 2565, August 20).

Arrival Mission created sensation and great excitement Shanghai. Fontanel forced take steps protect Consulate General's gates against mob. Uneasiness prevails in case occupation by Chinese rather than AM (Allied Military) troops. Conflict feared with Communist elements already seeping into Shanghai. Chinese believed incapable maintaining order (repeated Chungking) without presence AM (Allied Military) or British contingents. Trouble not (repeat not) excluded.

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On Aug 22 Bern informed DEPT that Fontanel, Swiss Representative in Shanghai, had informed his govt that the arrival of the military mission in Shanghai caused great excitement and created a sensation. Measures had to be taken by Fontanel to safeguard the gates of the Consulate General from a mob. There is considerable uneasiness because of the belief that Shanghai may be occupied by Chinese troops rather than Allied Military contingents. It is feared that conflict may develop with Communist elements which are already infiltrating Shanghai. Without the presence of British or Allied troops it is believed that the Chinese cannot maintain order, and the possibility of trouble is not repeat not excluded. ~~Repeat~~

XX Chungking has been informed.

Inform Military Authorities.

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Comité International
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International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland
Delegation to the United States
of America

1645 Connecticut Ave. N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

August 22nd, 1945.

In replying, refer to (P/3)

Mr. Edwin A. Plitt,
Chief, Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Plitt,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
cable No. 1732 (Intercross 9452), which as you will note
outlines a plan to facilitate the repatriation of Prisoners
of War and Civilian Internees in the Far East.

As this is a matter of primary urgency,
and I would like to cable an answer to the International
Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva in the shortest possible
delay, I would ask you to kindly inform me of your decision
in this matter as soon as possible.

Believe me to be, my Dear Mr. Plitt,

Sincerely yours,

Marc Peter

MARC PETER,
Chief of Delegation.

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Cable received from:

INTERCROIXROUGE
GENEVE, SUISSE

Date sent: 21 août, 1945

Date received: 22 août, 1945

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INTERCROIXROUGE 9452

c/ State Department

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
Delegation in the United States

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1945.INTERCROIXROUGE
GENEVE, SUISSE

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[TRANSLATION]

Following information Junod Tokyo received concerning measures taken in agreement with the representative of the PP and the Japanese Government to facilitate repatriation of PG IC Far East.

1) Organization seven teams. Delegates Intercross and PP undertake to go to seven main camps Japan-Hakodate, Sendai, Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka in order to supervise conditions evacuation PG IC internment centers to centers of embarkation.

2) Japanese Government demands help of the committee for Manchuria, Korea, occupied China, Malaya, Indochina, Thailand, Netherland Indies.

3) Following delegates will act: Schweizer - Singapore, Hurlimann - Saigon, Salzmann - Bangkok, Weidmann - Batavia, Surbeck - Sumatra, Vischer - Borneo who will be assisted by delegates of the PP.

4) Japanese delegation leaving for Manila will communicate these plans Allied Headquarters as well as the acceptance of the Japanese Government of these measures.

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5) Junod is getting in touch by cable with all delegates and other interested parties giving all necessary instructions.

6) Japanese Government immediately liberated all civilian internees occupied China, especially Shanghai, except those without domiciles who are remaining in freedom in the camps. PP took over direction of Shanghai camps.

7) Delegates authorize financial operations and purchases necessary food supplies for internees remaining in camps.

8) Junod has demanded that the Japanese Government increase immediately food rations all PG especially IC. Orders to this effect already given.

Firstly: Junod has actually set up a plan with the authorities for the evacuation of PG IC who will be ready August 24. He estimates that under the circumstances a total gathering of all prisoners at ports embarkation impossible but foresees first the evacuation of camps near ports and then the transportation by stages of inmates of distant camps to camps near ports previously evacuated. This system will make it possible to ensure the maximum security and provisioning for PG. It will prevent bottlenecks. Traveling towards ports and camps by train 80% third class, 20% second class reserved for the sick and for officers. Because of the great number of sick, Junod envisages hospital ships as a necessity. Evacuation of civilian internees complicated by great number residing in

Japanese

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Japanese occupied territory. We should like to be able to transmit to Junod the opinion of the interested Governments.

Thirdly: Urgent British American authorities get into contact with Governments having PG IC in the Far East for repatriation who can inform Junod if they are to be repatriated in the same way, especially the Dutch.

Fourthly: Approximate Numbers PG June 30, 1945, transmitted to Allied Headquarters by the Japanese Government:

Hakodate	1,579	Hoten	1,709
Sendai	3,844	Shanghai	30
Tokyo	5,848	Hongkong	1,689
Nagoya	3,357	Thailand	34,492
Osaka	4,541	Malaya	22,323
Hiroshima	3,155	Java	6,117
Fukuoka	10,457	Borneo	2,986
Korea	680		
Taiwan	1,048		

Japan Proper -

Occupied territories

Total 34,509

Total 69,346

GRAND TOTAL

PG - 103,855 of which 11,572 sick.

Fifthly. Approximate number Civilian Internees end April:

Tokyo	36	Miyagi	35
Kanagawa	66	Hiroshima	44
Hyogo	163	Aichi	35
Nagasaki	41	Shanghai	5,911
Saitama	56	Yangchow	1,526
Fukushima	140	Weihsien	650
Hokkaido	24	Canton	44

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Total 640

This list does not mention the civilian internees who are under the jurisdiction of the military authorities. More detailed and more recent lists will follow.

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We should like to have the views of all interested Governments in order that we may inform Junod who will relay the information to all delegates in the extreme Orient. Coordinated action of all the interested Powers seems essential for successful execution of the plan indicated above. We ask that all Allied commanders in the Far East be informed of this plan and get into touch with our delegates on the spot to assure rapid application of all necessary measures. We place at the disposal of the Allied authorities all our delegates. If another plan already worked out is to be used we should like to be informed in order to inform Junod. We should like to receive latest lists of repatriates which the allied authorities will draw up. Same text London.

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Memorandum of Conversation
TELEPHONE

DATE: August 27, 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation POWS from Far East.

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Meyer, Intercross;
Colonel Yudelson, G-1, War Department;
Mr. Bailey, SWP.

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Colonel Yudelson telephoned Mr. Marcy and gave him a message dated August 27, 1945, from the Commander in Chief, Army Forces in the Pacific, which replied to a telegram no. 1946 of August 24 to AFPAC. The telegram from AFPAC of August 27 asked that Junod be advised urgently to take no action regarding the movement of Allied prisoners of war.

The foregoing information was communicated by telephone to Mr. Meyer of Intercross by Mr. Bailey of SWP. Mr. Meyer asked that he be given a copy of the message from AFPAC. Mr. Bailey agreed.

In a subsequent telephone conversation with Colonel Yudelson it was agreed that Gorge would be informed of the August 27 message from AFPAC.

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Message from the Commander in Chief, Army Forces Pacific,
27 August.

"Replying to your Ad No. 1946 dated 24 August
urgently recommend Junod advised to take no action
regarding movement of Allied prisoners of war to ports
of embarkation. AFPAC plan provides for orderly evacua-
tion from camps to designated ports thence to Manila
for final processing and repatriation immediately
after completion of surrender terms."

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August 28, 1945

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My dear Dr. Peter:

I refer to a telephone conversation of August 27, 1945, between Mr. Meyer of your office and me, concerning a message received on August 27 by the American military authorities from the Commander in Chief, Army Forces, Pacific.

A copy of this communication is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

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E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

From Army Service Forces,
Pacific, August 27, 1945.

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The Honorable
Marc Peter,
Chief of Delegation,
International Red Cross Committee,
1645 Connecticut Avenue, NW.,
Washington 9, D.C.

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Dated August 23, 1945.

Rec'd August 29, 1945 6:00 P.M.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-988 of August 23.

American Interests - Japan

Department's A-458 July 21.

Foreign Office note August 21, states according telegram August 18, from Swiss Legation Tokyo letter intervened with Japanese Foreign Office in emphasizing statements contained your A-458.

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Via Airmail Pouch

Bern, August 23, 1945.

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Subject: American Interests - Japan
Treatment of American prisoners of war.

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The American Minister at Bern has the honor to refer to the Department's telegram No. 1925 of May 29 - 8 p.m., concerning the treatment of American prisoners of war in Japan.

The Legation has now received a note dated August 21, from the Swiss Foreign Office which is based upon a telegram from the Swiss Legation at Tokyo. According to the note the Japanese Foreign Office immediately undertook an investigation on this subject which revealed that American prisoners of war do not labor under the conditions set forth in the Department's telegram under reference. The Japanese Foreign Office expresses a desire to ascertain the source of the information on which the Department's telegram was based.

The Swiss Legation adds that it has noted the contents of the Department's telegram No. 2396 of July 26 - 8 p.m., but that it does not have the intention of communicating this to the Japanese Government.

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Commander in Chief, Army Forces Pacific has asked that Junod be advised to take no action regarding movement to ports of embarkation of Allied POWS. Mil authorities in Pacific have plan for orderly evacuation from camps to specified ports and then to Manila where final processing will take place and repatriation will be effected immediately after the surrender terms are signed.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS, FAR EAST

Foreign Office note Aug 22 states Gorge in agreement Junod has taken measures send to each seven principal POW, CI camps representative Swiss Legation and representative Croix Rouge.

Two representatives charged supervision general conditions camps and take at places indicated for embarkation measures with view evacuation POWS, CIS.

Foreign Office and Croix Rouge have approved Gorge's proposition. Former requests earliest possible indication places chosen embarkment and manner Swiss delegation's camp can effect contact with representatives Allied forces occupation.

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Gorge endeavoring obtain consent Japanese authorities proposed measure.

Further urgent note dated today according later telegram Gorge states Japanese Government immediately accepted proposal so that measures have been taken promptly to place it operation.

In agreement Japanese Gorge proposes extend this action southern regions and even Manchukuo where Japanese have authorized delegate Simon, Swiss Legation, to undertake evacuation POWS.

Additionally Japanese authorities have permitted Wild, Swiss representative Singapore, act as agent protecting power that city. Also Schweizer, representative Interross Singapore will be authorized assist evacuation POWS, CIS. Gorge already given necessary instructions Singapore, Dairen, Batavia, Medan, Bangkok and Saigon. Junod doing likewise to obtain collaboration Interross representatives Hongkong, Bangkok, Saigon and Singapore.

Gorge has informed Swedish Legation his proposal, which will send delegates camps containing Swedish protected Nationals.

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In conclusion Gorge states Japanese Foreign Office has promised very strict instructions will be given immediately that all internees receive proper food, adding all measures already taken in view transport sick to embarkation ports.

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Intercross confidentially reported to Dept that POW camp in Shanghai which was transferred to Fengtai was retransferred to Korea on June 19th and subsequently to Japan. According to Fengtai Camp Commander all Am officers now in Hakodate officers' camp and others in various existing POW camps, mainly to north of Tokyo. Inform military authorities.

Sent to Chungking repeated to Manila as Department's

536 of Aug 23.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS - FAR EAST

Your 3983, August 23 repeated to Manila and
Chungking for Am mil auth.

Ask Swiss to inform reps that all details con-
cerning repatriation of Am personnel from Far East
are being arranged by military commanders in the
field and Swiss reps should deal direct with such
commanders.

Intercross, Washington, has been so informed
for benefit of Intercross reps Far East.

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Col. Yodelson, V. Dept.*

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3044, August 24, 8 p.m.

Have transmitted to Molotov contents of Department's 1883, Aug 21 regarding American prisoners of war in vicinity of Mukden. In order to expedite return of these men to American control it would seem desirable to make as soon as possible a concrete proposal to Soviet authorities as to procedure by which we would wish Soviet Govt to turn them over to us.

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Dear Mr. Plitt,

In a letter dated June 19 1945, our Geneva Headquarters inform us about the efforts they made already in March and November 1943 in order to obtain, through their Tokyo Delegation, as complete details as possible concerning the death of Prisoners of War or Civilian Internees in the Far East.

They received the expected answer but a short while ago: The lists sent by Huryojohokyoku (Prisoner of War Information Bureau) cover all Prisoner of War Camps in Japan, Chosen, Taiwan, Manchukuo and territories occupied by Japanese Armed Forces the same applying to Civil Internee Camps in occupied territories. For the Civil Internee Camps in Japan and Chosen the death advices are obtained through the Foreign Ministry.

The cabled lists received from the Huryojohokyoku must be considered as official advices. The transmission of such lists is very often considerably delayed, but our Delegation adds they are always given to understand that the Huryojokyoku is doing its utmost to accelerate the despatch of these lists.

With a view to improve this situation, our Headquarters in Geneva have proposed the "Regimental Inquiries" system for the consideration of the Japanese authorities, but it was not admitted by the Army authorities. They agreed only that prisoners of war could mention relative facts in their private correspondence to their next-of-kin.

We realize of course that, owing to recent events, this information has no more immediate value, but we transmit it to you so as to enable you to complete your records.

Sincerely yours,
F. Matthey
F. MATTHEY
Delegate

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Dear Mr. Plitt,

Early in 1944 our Geneva Headquarters made an inquiry through their Tokyo Delegation concerning the general application of articles IX, XIII and XXI of the Geneva Convention concerning the treatment of Protected Personnel in Prisoner of War Camps in the Far East.

We wish to transmit to you herewith the reply to this inquiry which was received in Geneva but a short while ago: This answer emanates from the Japanese Red Cross Society, after consultation with the Japanese Prisoner of War Information Bureau:

1) Members of the Protected Personnel:

The persons enumerated receive treatment as protected personnel, provided they do not engage in actions harmful to the enemy other than these stipulated by article VIII of the relative Convention.

2) Privileges of Protected Personnel:

Pay: identical remuneration as the corresponding ranks of the Japanese Armed forces in force.

Walks: with consideration of maintenance of health, exercises within camps are enforced in principle; however, treatment as to particulars is not uniform for all camps.

Correspondence: is not uniform in all camps, but generally are permitted to write once monthly.

Individual parcels: there is no restrictions on receipt of parcels, irrespective of whether Prisoners of War or Protected Personnel.

Other advantages: none.

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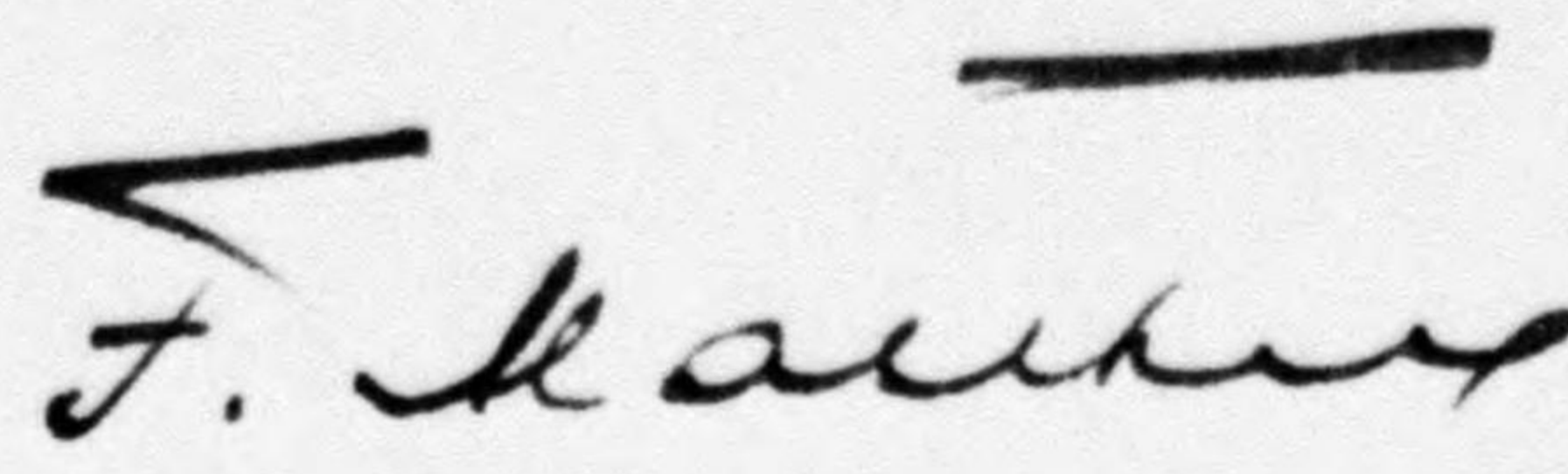
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We realize of course that, owing to recent events, this information has no more immediate value, but we transmit it to you so as to enable you to complete your records.

Believe me, dear Mr. Plitt,

sincerely yours,



F. MATTHEY
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Dear Mr. Plitt,

Our Geneva Headquarters asked us to transmit to you the following information, received from our Tokyo Delegation, concerning casualties of POW during airraids and of Allied aircorps personnel, forced down during airraids:

1) Fatal casualties or injuries of POW in camps caused by airraids:

In connection with the above mentioned subject, we are informed that the HURYOJOHOKYOKU will advise us of fatal casualties in ordinary death notifications without necessarily mentioning their having occurred during airraids. Lists respecting injured POW will not be submitted unless, upon our specific application, the HURYOJOHOKYOKU considers the revelation of such information opportune.

2) Enemy aircorps personnel forced down during airraids:

Referring to the question of enemy aircorps personnel forced down during airraids on territories under Japanese administration, the HURYOJOHOKYOKU will telegraph us the names after internment in the respective POW camps; this notification will be subject to a considerable time lag. The HURYOJOHOKYOKU will not notify fatal crashes, even if the identifiable parties concerned are not prisoners.

We realize of course that, owing to recent events, this information has no more immediate value, but we transmit it to you so as to enable you to complete your records.

Believe me, dear Mr. Plitt,

sincerely yours,
F. Matthey
F. MATTHEY
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Foreign Office note August 24 states according telegram August 17 from Gorge despite repeated efforts only able visit two POW camps this year. (Legation's 3349, June 28; 3750 August 1). Adds principal reason without doubt reluctance Japanese authorities permit inspectors travel bombed regions.

HOWEVER POW Bureau Japanese Foreign Office has sent Legation numerous lists POWS and deceased. During July Legation received 39 lists bearing total 3776 names.

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Dear Mr. Plitt,

Despite the evidence that at present the question of reciprocity concerning camp visits in the Far East has but a documentary value, we wish to refer to our letter dated July 13th, as well as yours, dated July 9th.

Our Geneva Headquarters (in their note no. 1858) draw our attention to the fact that the Japanese authorities have given the necessary permission already for our Committee-representatives to visit prisoners of war in Thailand and in Malaya. The third group of visits the Japanese had admitted was to the Philippines.

We would very much appreciate to learn your - now of course only theoretical - attitude to this matter, so as to enable us to close our records on this chapter.

Thanking you in advance, we are, dear Mr. Plitt,

sincerely yours,

F. Matthey

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Dear Mr. Plitt,

We enclose herewith detailed information which our Delegation received from its Geneva Headquarters (their note no. 1845) concerning the difficulties of the Delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Far East, owing to the occasional non-disclosure of the strengths, locations and mutations of POW-camps and labor-detachments under Japanese authority, as well as the new mail-addresses of some of them.

We realize of course that, owing the recent events, this subject is no more of immediate importance, but we forward these details to you so as to enable you to complete your records.

Believe me, dear Mr. Plitt,

yours sincerely,

F. MATTHEY
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Information received by the Washington Delegation
of the International Committee of the Red Cross
from its Geneva Headquarters (Note No. 1845)



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An analysis of a statement of our Tokyo Delegation based on official information regarding relief distributions to camps in Japan, showed up certain new camps or subcamps of which we had so far been unaware. We therefore immediately recabled our Tokyo delegation, pointing out that we had so far never heard of these camps and requested all information as well as possible visits to them. We had previously been informed that a program of labor detachments or subcamps visits would not be approved by the Japanese authorities; nevertheless, we hoped by this means to ascertain locations and strengths.

In a recent interview with the Huryojohokyoku, this organization repeated that in principle they did not disclose either the total number of branch camps or subcamps, or their location or strengths or nationalities. Nevertheless, in the meantime our delegation had written to the camp commanders of the groups in which we had turned up the new camps but the Huryojohokyoku has replied in connection for instance with the Tokyo, Hakodate and Hoten prisoners of war camps, that their policy is not to reveal the total number, the names, the location, etc. of individual camps constituting a given prisoners camp group.

The entire question of location, strengths and individual camps was discussed thoroughly with Dr. Junod before his departure and he will examine this problem in detail on his arrival.

In connection with our continued efforts to try and ascertain the present location of camps, it may interest you to see the difficulties we have; for instance, we have just been informed by the Huryojohokyoku, through our delegation, of the following administrative changes which have been already effected or are in course of execution:

- 1) At the beginning of June 1945, Zentsuji P. O. W. camp operated as Hiroshima P.O.W. camp, mail address: Todemura Ashinagun Hiroshimaken, embracing also some camps formerly belonging to the Fukuoka P.O.W. camp.

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- 2) Nagoya P. O. W. camp mail address: Minami Sotoboricho Ninechome Sakayeku Nagoya, incorporating some camps which formerly belonged to the Osaka P.O.W. group.
- 3) Sendai P.O.W. camp mail address: Fifty eight Oobashidori Sendai, comprising camps formerly under Tokyo P.O.W. Camp administration.

The Huryojohokyoku states that the relative P.O.W. transfers will be advised ~~that~~ in due course and assures that the transmission of communications addressed to the former camps will be assured to the present address.

In consequence, the P.O.W. camps groups now within sphere of activity of our delegation, comprise:

Hakodate	Sendai
Tokyo	Nagoya
Osaka	Hiroshima
Fukuoka	Chosen
Taiwan	Hoten