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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

All to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Certify That the document hereunto annexed is a true  
copy from the files of this Department.

In testimony whereof, I, GEORGE C. MARSHALL,

Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this first day of August, 1947.

George C. Marshall  
Secretary of State.

By M. P. Chauvin  
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

July 1, 1945

In reply refer to  
SWP ~~740.04115~~ PW/6-3045

My dear Mr. Powers:

I have received your letter of June 30, 1945 stating that a number of your constituents are protesting the accommodation of Japanese at the White Sulphur Springs Hotel.

The Department of State has not detained any Japanese nationals at White Sulphur Springs Hotel since 1942, when the Japanese officials accredited to this country and other American republics were sent away to be exchanged for our diplomatic officials detained in Japan. The Department of State understands that the White Sulphur Springs Hotel is now under the jurisdiction of another Department of the Government and is being used as a hospital for servicemen.

It is presumed that your constituents are referring to the transfer to the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, of certain Japanese officials and their entourage who were captured in Europe, where they are to be held pending negotiations with our allies and with the Japanese for their exchange against United Nations nationals who have been so long held under deplorable conditions by the Japanese Government. I attach a copy of press release no. 518 of June 25, 1945, on this subject.

The Bedford Springs Hotel, which was built in 1870, was selected by the Department of State for the accommodation of the Japanese in part because of its essential simplicity and lack of luxury and in part because it was

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The Honorable  
D. Lane Powers,  
House of Representatives.

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not planned to open it to the public this year. It is intended that the operation of the facility for the detention of these Japanese shall be on a very simple basis. The restaurant, for example, will be operated on cafeteria style and the entire scale of the establishment will be governed accordingly. We must, however, treat these Japanese correctly and with due regard to considerations of rank and station, which are more seriously regarded in the Far East than here, in order not to give the Japanese a real or fancied pretext, such as they are continually seeking, to justify further deterioration in their treatment of our nationals.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph O. Grew

Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Press release,  
no. 518, June 25, 1945.

A true copy of  
the signed original

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FOR THE PRESS

JUNE 25, 1945  
No. 518

The Department of State has made arrangements with the owners of the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, Pennsylvania, for the accommodation on the hotel premises of a group of 132 Japanese diplomatic and consular officers and dependents who were captured in Germany. The detention of this group is expected to last until arrangements for their exchange can be worked out with the Japanese Government and with our Allies in the war against Japan, since naturally our Allies in the war against Japan have a common interest in any Japanese officials captured in Germany.

The first members of the Japanese group should arrive in the United States early in July.

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