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IMPERIAL JAPANESE LEGATIONProperty Left in Lega-
tion's PremisesTables

1 Desk for Minister
3 Brown desks for staff
2 Black desks for clerks
2 Typewriter tables
1 Typewriter table
1 Ordinary desk with black glass top
2 Dining tables
3 Bridge tables
5 Tables-de-nuit
2 Low tables oval
2 Low tables oval with square base
1 Square table with two open drawers
2 Hexagon tables (8 sides)
2 Tables for flowers in salon
1 Rectangle table with mirror top
1 Round table with mirror top
1 Rectangle table with 1 open drawer for disks
1 Table
4 Small tables for lamps
2 Small tables with open drawers
2 Tables for ash-trays
2 Tables for ash-trays with metal base
4 Hexagon tables with metal base
2 Round tables with metal legs
1 Kitchen table
1 Table for ironing
2 Small tables
1 Small table with 2 drawers
1 Straw table
1 Steel table for bridge
1 Small table with glass top
1 Small table with 2 drawers
1 Small table
59 Tables, total

Flags

5 Japanese flags)
1 Iraqi flag) In steel cabinet

Seals & Stamps

1 Stamp (diplomatique)
1 Stamp
2 Stamps for visa to Japan Inside steel safe
1 Set of Japanese stamps

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Steel Safes and Cabinets

4 Steel cabinets
1 Large steel safe
1 Small steel case

Curtains

42 Pairs of curtains

Dressing Tables

3 in Bedrooms

Almaras and Wardrobes

3 Lingerie cup boards, with wooden doors. (short tops)
6 Wardrobes
1 Book case for Minister
3 Book and files cases in office
2 Book cases with glass door
1 Book case
1 White wood buffet in kitchen
3 Small cupboards for servants
2 Vitrines in salon
1 Large buffet for glasses and plates
1 Long buffet for drinks
2 Almaras for children
1 Glass almara for ornaments

27 Total

Chairs

24 Dining chairs
4 With handles for desks
1 Settee leather
4 Leather chairs
6 With leather cushions
36 With chrome legs and arms
1 Large settee with flower design
4 Large armchairs for above
1 Settee
6 Chairs
1 Settee velvet-silver
1 Armchair
1 Ordinary chair
1 Settee blue
4 Armchairs
1 Sofa blue
1 Armchair
4 Small chairs with metal base
2 Small " " " "
6 Red chairs with round backs
1 Settee (missing)
4 Pink-cloth armchairs
2 Small - same - with smaller handles
1 Pink settee
4 Armchairs
1 Settee pink
6 Small chairs

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1 Small brown canopy
 1 Chair for dressing table
 3 Wooden brown chairs
 3 ~~Wooden~~ white
 2 Cane chairs
 1 Settee brown
 3 Armchairs
 1 Bamboo settee
 3 Armchairs
 6 Red velvet settees
 22 Armchairs same
 30 ~~Chairs~~ same
 4 Iron chairs for Bridge
 1 Large easy chair bamboo
 2 Small chairs for children
211 Total

Carpets

1 Carpet size 1.75 x 2.33 metres
 1 " " 3.91 x 3.30 "
 1 " " 5.97 x 3.55 "
 1 " " 6.93 x 4.52 "
 1 " " 4.61 x 3.34 "
 1 " " 4.71 x 3.60 "
 1 " " 5.38 x 3.42 "
 1 " " 3.18 x 2.08 "
 1 " " 5.30 x 3.63 "
 4 " " 5 x 7 feet
 1 " " 3.70 x 2.70 metres

Stairway rugs (red)

1 Piece 348 x 80 cms.
 1 " 714 x 80 "
 1 " 670 x 80 "
 1 " 285 x 147 "
 1 " 1225 x 120 "
 1 " 345 x 150 "

20 Pieces total

5 Porte-monteaux
3 Mirrors for bathroom

Pictures and tableaux

2 Large tableaux
 4 Med. tableaux
 1 Med. "
 9 Small wall pictures in wooden frames
16 Total

2 Silver chandeliersElectric Table Lamps

5 Ordinary table lamps
 1 Electric long stand for hall
 2 Chrome electric stands in dining room
8 Total

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Fancy Electric Lamp Shades in Ceilings

2 Shades with 3 balls (rose)
 1 With 2 balls
 1 Blue (in porch)
 1 Shade in entrance
 1 Bluish
 1 Yellow
 4 In dining-room
 1 In fountain room
 1 Shade
 3 Lamps on wall
 1 Over stairs, white
 2 In offices
 2 Shades
 1 For typewriter desk
22 Total

1 Large clock

Flower Vases

1 Vase (Arita)
 1 Vase (sippo)
 2 Silver vases, small In steel cabinets
 1 Silver vase large
 1 Glass vase
7 Total

Ornaments

1 Japanese Head-dress
 1 Nogaku-o (Kibori)

1 Cocktail shaker

Maps

1 Map of Far-East
 1 Japan
 1 World Map
 1 Japan, folded map

Knives

6 From Orosdi
 3 For kitchen
 48 For meat
 24 For fish
 24 For fruits
 4 For Butter large
 24 Butter knives
133 Total

Forks

6 From Orosdi
 48 Table forks
 24 Fish forks
 24 Fruit forks
 4 Large forks
106 Total

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Spoons

6 For soup from Orosdi
 6 For tea
 24 For soup
 24 For dessert
 24 For coffee
 24 For tea
 24 For ice cream
 4 Large ones for sauce
 4 Large ones for meat
 2 Large soup spoons
 142 Total

Trays

2 x 12 inch silver
 2 x 14 " "
 4 Black rakka large

Dishes

set with golden rims
 1 Large dish oval
 1 Med. " "
 2 Small " "
 2 Smaller "
 2 Fruits-plates long stand
 2 " " short "
 2 Deep plates for soup
 2 " for vegetables
 2 " for salad
 2 " for sauce
 2 " for sauce with covers
 37 " for meat large
 26 " for meat med.
 21 " for dessert
 22 For bread
 20 For sweets
 22 For soup
 21 Teacups with saucers
 2 Milk pots
 1 Tea pot (broken)
 2 Crystal plates for salad
 19 Small chrystal plates
 2 Fire dishes
 22 Coffee cups

Porcelain (Japanese)

4 Tea pots (dobin) 2 broken	also....
6 Sauce pots small	
24 Holders of chop-sticks	
20 Rice cups	24 sasinis
25 Tea cups	24 shoyu
21 Cups for Musi	24 kutchitori
30 Sake cups	24 Yakimono
14 Sake pots	32 Tukemono
6 Japanese salad dishes	32 Tosiwake
3 Mitsugumi	24 Amadaki dobburi
3 Bottles washing cups	
2 Salad bowels	
1 Water jug	
2 Decanter jugs	

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1 Wooden pole for Legation's flag.Kitchen Utensils

2 Large aluminium pots
23 Pots of various sizes
1 Frying pan
2 Pots
2 Ovens
2 Stoves
1 Cake mould
1 Stove
1 Oven
2 Primus

Miscellaneous

1 Coffee pot French
1 Electric iron
1 Rubber hose
24 Silver finger bowels
4 Salt cellars silver
4 Mustard pots "
4 Pepper pots "
2 Porcelain pots
4 Butter pots silver
2 Cake holders

Typewriters

1 Royal portable
1 Japanese
1 Smith Premier
1 For printing copies
1 Remington large
1 Underwood medium

24 Silver ash-trays

1 H.M.V. Frigidaire

2 Wooden ice chests

Radios

1 Phillips Radiogram
2 " radios small
1 Saba radio

Glasswares

19 Champagne glasses
22 Clarets
22 For white wine
19 for Port
19 For sherry
20 For liquor
23 For cocktail
23 Goblets
19 Tumblers
12 Champagne glasses
198 Total

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Bedsteads

- 13 Steel ordinary
- 7 Wooden beds
- 2 Small ones for children

Linens etc

- 10 Woollen blankets superior
- 5 " " ordinary
- 28 Bedsheets
- 11 Mattresses
- 10 Pillows
- 20 Pillow cases
- 9 "Lehafs"
- 1 Couvre lit
- 14 Table cloths large
- 90 Napkins

Miscellaneous Articles

- 1 Trunk (GAIMUSHO)
- 1 Small attache-case
- 10 Fancy salon cushions
- 48 Rakka balls for soup
- 14 Rakka bowels for sake' bottles
- 48 Rakka trays
- 24 Rakka cups for chawa Musi
- 2 Rakka spoons
- 2 Bells
- 2 Boxes for silver cutlery
- 1 Bicycle
- 3 Petrol stoves for heating
- 2 Electric heating stoves
- 1 Legation's signboard
- 1 Cigarette case silver
- 1 " " sippo
- 1 Ice cream freezer
- 7 Electric ceiling fans
- 6 " table fans
- 2 Wooden stools for bathroom
- 1 Set cinematograph with accessories
- 1 Gramophone with 80 records
- 1 Tennis net
- 1 Lawn grass machine
- 1 Scale balance
- 1 St mah-jong (game)
- 1 Set Lotto
- 16 Cinema films
- 1 Air conditioning apparatus (Belongs to commercial firm)
(Taken over by Controller of Foreign Property, Baghdad)

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B O O K SName of Book

- 1 The Black Tents of Arabia
- 2 The Controlling Minds of Asia
- 3 Japan over Asia
- 4 Power
- 5 Desert and Delta
- 6 Inside Asia
- 7 Post-Hitler Europe
- 8 Ideal Marriage
- 9 Reason in Politics
- 10 The Glorious Koran
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- 12 The Riddle of Arabia
- 13 A Short History of the World since 1918
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- 19 L'Anglais, le Juif et l'Arabe en Palestine
- 20 La Question d'Orient (1918-37)
- 21 La Revolte dans le Desert (1916-18)
- 22 Agents Secrets
- 23 La Russie et la Barriere De L'Est
- 24 Dictionnaire francaise-Arabe
- 25 Le Grande Drame de l'Asie
- 26 English Japanese Dictionary
- 27 New Japanese English Dic.
- 28 Francais-Japonaise
- 29 Japonaise-Francaise
- 30 German Japanese
- 31 Japanese German
- 32 Arabic English Dictionary
- 33 History of Japan
- 34 History Orient
- 35 History Europe
- 36 Elementary Course in Economical Articles
- 37 Encyclopaedia Japanese 15 vols.
- 38 Swimming in Japan
- 39 Au Cours du Japon-Zenn
- 40 L'art La Vie Nature Au Japon
- 41 Proceedings 7th Conference W.C.E.A.
- 42 A Guide to Japanese Studies
- 43 Japanese Culture Association
- 44 Japan - Her Cultural Development
- 45 Introduction to Contemporary of Japanese Literature
- 46 Poupe Japonaise
- 47 Japanese Modernism
- 48 Dew Drops on a Lotus Leaf
- 49 Moments Nipponica
- 50 Collection of Songs
- 51 Japan footnotes
- 52 Thinkers and Thoughts
- 53 Iraq's Directory 1936
- 54 The Constitution of Iraq (Eng)
- 55 The Currency Law
- 56 English-Arabic Dictionary big one

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- 57 Arabic-English
 - 58 The Baghdad Penal Code (Eng)
 - 59 The Baghdad Criminal Procedure Regulations (Eng)
 - 60 The Baghdad Penal Code (Arabic)
 - 61 "Al-Majallah" Laws (Arabic)
 - 62 History of the Arabs
 - 63 Iraq - From Mandate to Independence
 - 64 Cassell's Eng. Dictionary
 - 65A LaRousse Universel Vol 1
 - 65B " " " 2
 - 66 The Tragedy of the Assyrians
 - 67 Making of Modern Iraq
 - 68 The Marsh-Arab
 - 69 Four Centuries of Modern Iraq
 - 70 Iraq's History and Geography
 - 71 By Tigris and Euphrates
 - 72 Iraq
 - 73 To Mesopotamia and Kurdistan in Disguise
 - 74 Geographie, Syrie, Liban et Proche-Orient
 - 75 Handy Atlas
 - 76 Al Bustan Arabic Dictionary 2 vols
 - 77 History of the Iraqi Cabinets 4 vols.
 - 78 Openheim's International Law Vol II.
 - 79 Set of Arabic Books for Primary Schools in Iraq 25 books
 - 80 New English Japanese Dictionary
 - 81 Standard Japanese Dictionary
 - 82 " English Japanese Dictionary
 - 83 New Concise Japanese-English "
 - 84 New Eng-Japanese "
 - 85 New Japanese Eng. "
 - 86 Histoire de Mouvement Fasciste
 - 87 Japanese Diplomatic Documents 8 vols.
 - 88 Japanese Collection of Treaties 28 vols.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~ONE~~ - Mr. Colquitt

DATE: Dec. 16, 1945

FROM : ^{Minister} ~~Amb.~~ George Wadsworth

*Beirut Wadsworth
from
in the Dept*

SUBJECT: Japanese consular archives and property in Beirut;
and German consular archives and property in
Lebanon and Syria.

I have noted your attached memorandum of December 4 on the above subject as well as Mr. Cherp's marginal notations thereon and annexed telegram from London no. 10748 of Oct. 15, and suggested draft reply to a French Embassy aide memoire of September 24.

I believe this suggested draft reply adequately answers the French Embassy's inquiry in the matter but suggest addition thereto of two paragraphs along the following lines:

"The Secretary of State is informed that the American Legation in Beirut has as a matter of courtesy informed the French Delegation General in Beirut of the action taken in this matter in Beirut in connection with the archives and certain miscellaneous property of the former Japanese Consulate in that city.

"The Secretary of State is further informed that the archives of the former German Consulate General in Beirut and certain German property in Lebanon and Syria are held, or sequestered, by French authorities in Beirut. If this be so, the Secretary of State would appreciate being informed by the Chargé d'Affaires as to the nature of such archives and property and as to the French Government's views as to the propriety and desirability of placing such archives and property under the joint custodianship of the representatives at Beirut of the principal powers victorious over the forces of the Government of Germany, i.e., the representatives of the United States, France, Great Britain, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

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Whatever be the reply which the Department makes to the French aide memoire, I should appreciate your sending a copy thereof to the Legation at Beirut, together with a copy of the aide memoire itself.

I may add, by way of explanation of my two suggested additions to the suggested draft reply, that my first paragraph is intended to give specific answer in the matter of the specific subject (i.e. Japanese archives in Beirut) which prompted the aide memoire and that my second paragraph is designed to smoke out an official French statement on the confused question of the continuing activity of the French "sequestre" in Beirut.

Other papers in the Department's files but not attached herewith will give you, should you wish to go further into the matter, the pertinent facts regarding the relinquishment by the Swiss Consul in Beirut of the German consular archives formerly under his custody.

A further point of considerable interest in this general connection is that the French "Sequestre" in Beirut has administered (and presumably still administers) considerable official and private Italian property in Syria and Lebanon. I know, however, of no instructions in this matter sent by the Department to the Legation in Beirut. If any further action by the Legation be desired, I should appreciate receiving a special instruction on the subject, including citations from any pertinent texts indicative of joint Allied responsibility in the matter.


George Wadsworth

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of France and refers to the Aide Memoire of September 24, 1945 in regard to Japanese diplomatic and consular records and archives.

The Chargé d'Affaires is informed that the action taken in Beirut in regard to Japanese diplomatic and consular records and archives and property was in accord with instructions issued by the Department of State based on the decision of the principal powers victorious over the forces of the Imperial Government of Japan. The United States Government in concert with the Governments of Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of China has taken steps to obtain custody of Japanese diplomatic and consular records and archives and property throughout the world.

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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the French Republic and refers to the Embassy's Aide Memoire No. 771 of September 24, 1945, in regard to Japanese diplomatic and consular archives in the Levant, and in regard to the more general question of Japanese public and private property situated outside Japan.

With regard to the first question, the action taken by the American Minister at Beirut was in accordance with instructions issued him on the basis of ~~the~~ decision of the British, Soviet, Chinese and United States Governments.

~~The~~ decision ~~of the above Governments~~ was motivated by the same considerations which prompted the French, British, Soviet and United States Governments to cause German consular and diplomatic archives abroad to be placed under their control. ~~In the circumstances,~~ The French Government will doubtless agree that it would be unwise to alter the decision which has been taken with respect to German consular and diplomatic archives. If so, it would be difficult to justify altering the parallel decision with respect to Japan.

With respect to the second question, that of Japanese public and private property situated outside Japan, no final decision has yet been reached. Note has been taken, however, of the French desires in the matter and the Embassy may feel certain that the interests of all nations which contributed to the defeat of Japan will be given the most careful consideration.

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10748, October 15, noon.

MEWFO (Ministry Economic Warfare, Foreign Office) believes German property Syria Lebanon should remain sequestered with French Alien Property Custodian (refer Beirut's 291, September 21 to Dept number unknown to Moscow 93 to Paris which repeated to London). British feel under Potsdam communique Soviets not directly concerned. (Sent Dept 10748 repeated 19 Beirut 664 Paris 354 Moscow).

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Secretary of State

Washington

1477, December 17, 5 p.m.

In conversation with Swiss Charge (REEMBTEL

1419, November 28) have gained impression that Swiss Government will not maintain protection Jap nationals on grounds that it is impracticable to do so without retaining archives and that moreover Swiss Government would perceive no reason for different procedures between German and Jap nationals.

Since when do they speak Jap language?

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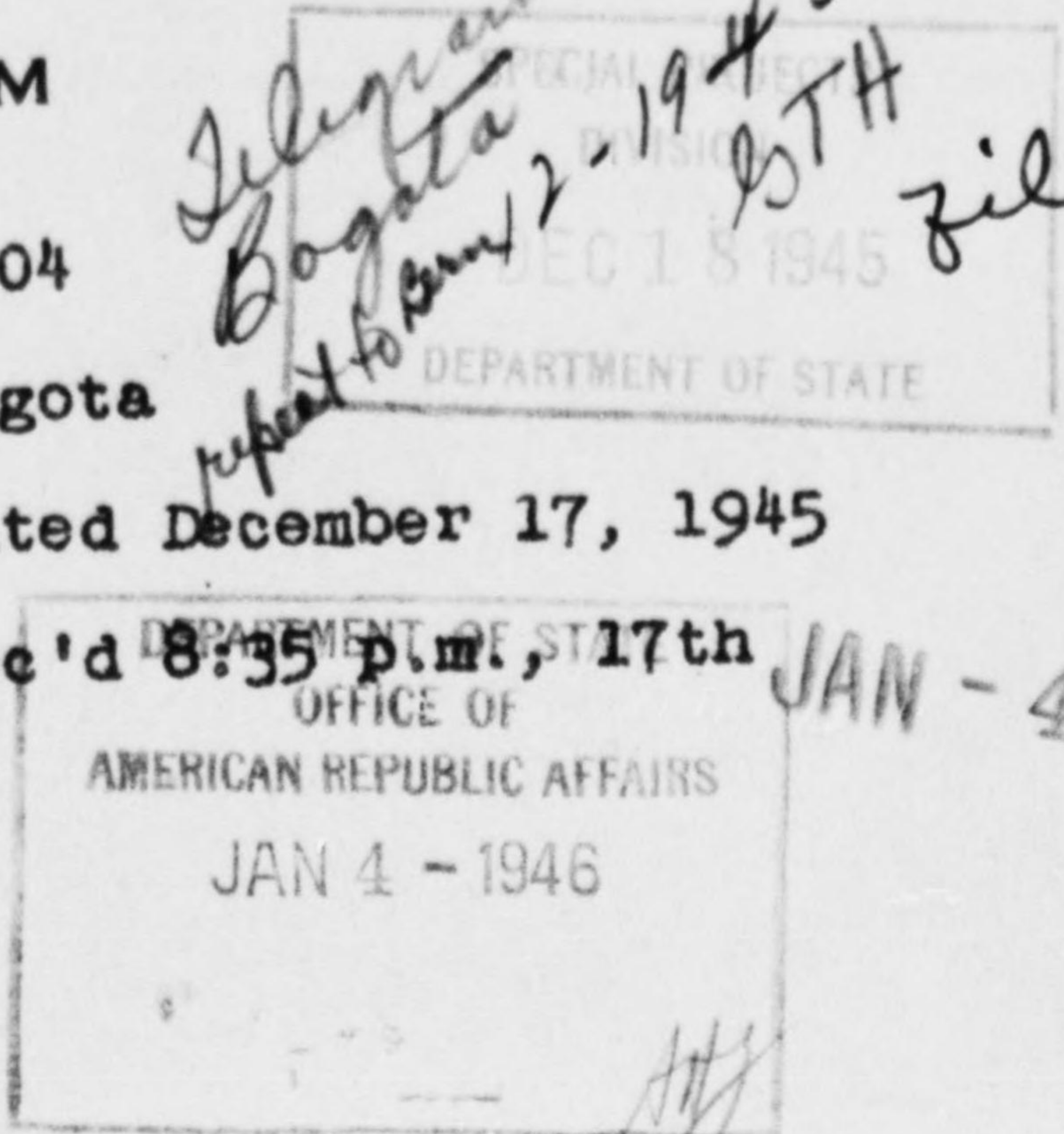
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Telegram to Bogota report to Bureau 2-19-45 STH file



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Swiss should have full ~~access~~ all necessary Jap archives

(URTEL 1477 ~~XXXXXX~~ Dec 17, Deptel 1058 Nov 19), ~~but~~ but archives

under strict control of US, Brit, Soviet and Chinese missions.

Procedural difference between protection of German and Jap nationals is based on fact that German Govt did not continue to exist whereas Jap Govt does. Repeated to Bern

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Herewith a further report in connection with the despatch I referred to you yesterday

12-27-45
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico, D. F., December 18, 1945

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NO. 27,744

SUBJECT: With Reference to the Disposition of the Japanese Archives and Property in Mexico.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's despatch No. 27,641 of December 10, 1945, and previous correspondence between the Department and this Embassy with regard to the disposition of the Japanese archives and property in Mexico.

It will be noted in the despatch above referred to that a communication was addressed by me to the Swedish Minister on December 5, 1945, requesting comprehensive information with regard to Japanese archives, property, assets, accounts and leases. This information was requested on behalf of this Embassy and on behalf of the representatives of Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union.

A reply to my communication has now been received from the Swedish Minister, in which is contained specific replies to the questions contained in the letter addressed to the Swedish Minister on December 5, 1945, which data are self-explanatory. Copies are also enclosed of the protocol dated July 9, 1945, regarding the taking over by the Swedish Legation of the Japanese interests in Mexico from the Legation of Portugal. In addition to the copies of the protocol, there is also enclosed herewith a copy of a lease executed by the Chargé d'Affaires of Portugal in Mexico, representing the interests of Japan in this country, and the leasor, Sr. D. José Tazzer, representing himself and brothers, co-proprietors of the premises which formerly housed the Japanese Legation. Copies of these documents are sent to the Department for its information.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

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(Enclosure to Despatch No. 27,744 of December 18, 1945)

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LÉGATION DE SUEDE

México, D.F., December 10th, 1945

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

With reference to your letter of December 5th, 1945, ./.. I beg first of all to transmit to you herewith a copy of the protocol dated July 9th, 1945, with one enclosure, regarding the taking over by this Legation of the Japanese interests in Mexico from the Legation of Portugal. This protocol will in substance give you information covering the six points put forward in your letter.

Ad point (1):

The archives of the Japanese Legation in my care thus only consist of the following items:

2 files containing demographic documents with regard to Japanese subjects residing in Mexico.

1 file regarding repatriated Japanese subjects.

1 file regarding interned Japanese subjects.

1 file containing copies of certificates issued by the Japanese Consulate in Mexico.

2 files regarding passport visas.

3 files of correspondence exchanged between the former Japanese Legation and the Diplomatic Corps in Mexico, Mexican authorities, etc.

1 file of correspondence with commercial firms in Mexico.

1 file of various letters.

All the above-mentioned files are located in this Legation's Chancery, Liverpool 57, and are kept in a special plate cabinet, last July handed over to us by the Portuguese Legation. In the Chancery of the former Japanese

Legation/

His Excellency
George S. Messersmith,
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the United
States of America,
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, etc.etc.etc.,
México, D. F.

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Legation there does not exist any archives. There will be found, however, in the same a considerable amount of all sorts of books.

Ad point (2):

Immovable property: None

Ad point (3):

Movable property: See the enclosure belonging to the above-mentioned protocol.

Ad point (4):

Liquid assets, etc.: See the above-mentioned protocol; the therein mentioned fund of 247.764:66 Mex. Cy. has by now, through payments effected by this Legation, been reduced to about 197.000 Mex. Cy.

The dollar account is untouched and the cheques corresponding to the four in the protocol mentioned frozen accounts are kept at this Legation.

Ad point (5):

Monthly expenses:

- 1) 8.333:33 Mex. Cy., to "Comité Japonés de Ayuda Mútua" for subsidy to Japanese subjects residing in Mexico. This monthly handing out of money has been approved by the Mexican Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the present instructions received from the Japanese Government permit us to continue the payments of the said monthly sum up till the month of October, 1946, included.
- 2) 975:- Mex. Cy., being the rent for the former Japanese Legation's Chancery, Orizaba 36.
- 3) 400:- Mex. Cy., salary to the guardian of the said Chancery, Mr. Ricardo T. Matusita.
- 4) 150:- Mex. Cy., salary to the gardener Federico T. Hayashi.
- 5) 100:- Mex. Cy., for certain expenses in connection with the preservation of furniture, upkeep of the garden, etc. at the former Japanese Legation's Chancery.
- 6) 9:- Mex. Cy., rent of an Ericsson-telephone located in the said Chancery.
- 7) 9:- Mex. Cy., rent of a Mexican telephone likewise located in the said Chancery.

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- 8) For electric light, used up in the Chancery where Mr. Matusita is living with his family: about 70 pesos monthly.

Ad point (6):

As to the lease of the former Japanese Legation's ./.Chancery, Orizaba 36, I beg to refer you to the enclosed copy of the contract pertaining to same.

Complying with your wish a copy of this letter as well as of the enclosures thereto will be sent directly to the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and China.

Hoping that this information will prove adequate for your purposes I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration and very best regards.

/s/ Herbert de Ribbing

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Legación de Portugal
México.

Acta de entrega

A los nueve días del mes de julio del año mil novecientos cuarenta y cinco, en la Ciudad de México, Estados Unidos Mexicanos, el Doctor César de Sousa Mendes, Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Plenipotenciario de Portugal ante el Gobierno de México, hasta el presente Encargado de los Intereses Japoneses en este país, hace entrega de los siguientes valores, archivos y muebles, al Señor Herbert de Ribbing, Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Plenipotenciario de Suécia ante el Gobierno de México, que pasa a ejercer el cargo de Encargado de los Intereses Japoneses en la República Mexicana: -----

VALORES: -----

Cheque número ochocientos sesenta y tres mil treinta y dos, de esta fecha, del Banco de México, S.A., de esta ciudad, por la cantidad de DOCIENTOS CUARENTA Y SIETE MIL SETECIENTOS SESENTA Y CUATRO PESOS Y SESENTA Y SEIS CENTAVOS (\$247,764.66 M.N.), moneda mexicana, que se encuentra depositada en el mismo Banco.

Cheque número veintidos mil quinientos uno, de esta fecha, del Banco de México, S.A., de esta ciudad, por la cantidad de CUARENTA Y NUEVE MIL QUINIENTOS CINCUENTA Y CINCO DOLARES (U.S.Cy. \$49,555.00), moneda de los Estados Unidos de América, que se encuentra depositada en el mismo Banco.

Cheque número cuarenta y cuatro mil ciento sesenta y seis, con fecha del veintisiete de noviembre de mil novecientos cuarenta y uno, del Banco Fronterizo de México, S.A., Sabinas, Coah., por la cantidad de MIL QUINIENTOS SETENTA Y DOS PESOS Y NOVENTA Y CINCO CENTAVOS (\$1,572.95 M.N.), moneda mexicana, que se encuentra congelada en el mismo Banco.

Cheque sin número, con fecha del diecisiete de febrero de mil novecientos cuarenta y dos, del Banco del Pacífico, S.A., Mexicali, B.C., por la cantidad de OCHOCIENTOS Y TRES PESOS Y CUARENTA Y UN CENTAVOS (\$803.41 M.N.), moneda mexicana, que se encuentra congelada en el mismo Banco.

Libreta de cheques del Banco Nacional de México, S.A., de esta ciudad, perteneciente a Hitoshi Satoh, acusando el saldo de CINCUENTA Y DOS DOLARES Y SESENTA Y CINCO CENTAVOS (U.S.Cy. \$52.65), moneda de los Estados Unidos de América, cantidad esta que se encuentra congelada en el mismo Banco.

ARCHIVOS: -----

El Doctor César de Sousa Mendes hace entrega al Señor Herbert de Ribbing de todos los archivos existentes en la

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extinta Legación del Japón en esta ciudad, tal cual fueron entregados en el día diecisiete de febrero del año mil novecientos cuarenta y dos al Doctor José dos Santos Silva Taveira, en esa fecha Encargado de Negocios de Portugal en México, archivos esos contenidos en doce archivadores con las siguientes especificaciones:

Dos archivadores de documentos demográficos de japoneses residentes.

Un archivador de la lista de japoneses regresantes.

Un archivador de la lista de japoneses internados.

Un archivador de copias de certificados expedidos por el Consulado del Japón en México.

Dos archivadores de documentos sobre visas de pasaportes.

Tres archivadores de correspondencia cambiada entre la Legación del Japón y el Cuerpo Diplomático acreditado en México, Autoridades Mexicanas, etc.

Un archivador de documentos referentes a casas comerciales de México.

Un archivador de varias cartas.

MUEBLES: -----

El Señor Herbert de Ribbing recibe igualmente todos los muebles que actualmente se encuentran depositados en el edificio de la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japon en esta ciudad, Calle de Orizaba número treinta y seis, los cuales, pertenecientes a la propia Legación y a los ex-Agregados Militar y Naval, se especifican en la lista adjunta a la presente acta, de la cual deberán ser dados de baja los muebles que, con autorización del Gobierno japonés, fueron entregados al Comité Japonés de Ayuda Mútua de esta ciudad, tal como son especificados en la lista que igualmente acompaña a la presente acta.

Finalmente, el Señor Herbert de Ribbing recibe además el contrato de arrendamiento del referido edificio de la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japón en esta ciudad, Calle de Orizaba número treinta y seis, así como el respectivo contrato para suministro de energía eléctrica.

En fé de lo cual, firman la presente acta los Señores: Doctor César de Sousa Mendes y Herbert de Ribbing, en la Ciudad de México, Estados Unidos Mexicanos, el día nueve de julio del año mil novecientos cuarenta y cinco.

f./ Herbert de Ribbing

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f./ César de Sousa Mendes

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Legación de Suecia

Inventario de Muebles y Utensilios

<u>Núm. de orden</u>	<u>Núm. de piezas</u>	<u>Descripción</u>
I.- Existentes en la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japón, Calle de Orizaba núm. 36:		
1	24	Archiveros de acero de diversos tamaños
2	3	Escritorios de acero
3	6	Archiveros de madera
4	8	Escritorios de madera
5	8	Mesitas
6	10	Mesas
7	54	Sillas y sillones
8	1	Mesa de comedor
9	2	Trinchadores con laderas de cristal
10	2	Roperos
11	4	Percheros
12	1	Tocador
13	4	Mesitas para objetos de adorno
14	4	Máquinas de escribir (tipo occidental)
15	1	Máquina de escribir (tipo japonés)
16	1	Piano
17	6	Cajas fuertes de acero
18	7	Radiadores
19	1	Armadura japonesa
20	1	Biombo
21	24	Estantes
22	3	Extinguidores
23	8	Camas con sábanas y demás accesorios
24	3	Lámparas eléctricas
25	5	Relojes
26	3	Radios
27	1	Tapete de tres secciones, con 30 metros
28	1	Sofá
29	1	Biombo
30	5	Cuadros
31	21	Cajones conteniendo objetos de plata
32	3	Barriles conteniendo jarrones, etc.
33	2	Escudos Japoneses
II.- Traslados de la residencia del Ministro, Señor Yoshiaki Miura, al edificio de la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japón:		
34	2	Camas
35	6	Radiadores
36	26	Sillas y sillones
37	1	Una máquina de escribir

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<u>Núm. de orden</u>	<u>Núm. de piezas</u>	<u>Descripción</u>
38	8	Sofás
39	1	Refrigerador eléctrico
40	2	Estufas para cocina
41	2	Estufas de gasolina
42	2	Radiadores eléctricos
43	4	Jarrones
44	1	Escaparate
45	1	Escritorio de acero
46	1	Radio
47	8	Cuadros
48	5	Tapetes
49	1	Zarape
50	1	Tocador
51	1	Escritorio de madera
52	1	Caja fuerte de acero
53	1	Cama
54	1	Aspirador Electrolux
55	1	Reloj
56	1	Maceta
57	2	Camas con sus respectivos accesorios
58	1	Cajón con utensilios de comedor
59	2	Pabellones
60	1	Linterna mágica
61	1	Máquina de calcular
62	4	Máquinas saca-copias
63	2	Básculas
64	398	Libros
65	1	Hilera
66	3	Parrillas
67	2	Calentadores de agua

III.- Pertenecientes al Agregado Militar y depositados en el edificio de la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japón:

68	1	Escritorio mediano
69	3	Escritorios chicos
70	1	Lámpara grande
71	1	Lámpara chica
72	2	Camas grandes, con colchones
73	2	Camas medianas, con colchones
74	3	Sillas chicas
75	3	Canastas para basura
76	1	Cenicero
77	1	Globo
78	1	Caja de fierro para documentos
79	1	Caja fuerte
80	1	Caja grande de porcelana
81	1	Limpiador eléctrico

IV.- Pertenecientes al Agregado Naval y depositados en el edificio de la antigua cancillería de la Legación del Japón:

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<u>Núm. de orden</u>	<u>Núm. de piezas</u>	<u>Descripción</u>
82	3	Cajas de acero
83	2	Escritorios de acero
84	1	Mesa grande
85	5	Escritorios de madera
86	1	Mesa larga
87	2	Mesitas
88	3	Archiveros de acero
89	1	Archivero de madera
90	2	Libreros
91	1	Cortador de papel
92	7	Sillas
93	4	Sillas giratorias
94	1	Sofá Pullman
95	6	Un juego de sillas
96	11	Sillas para comedor
97	3	Radios receptores
98	1	Reloj eléctrico
99	3	Máquinas de escribir
100	3	Mesas para máquinas de escribir
101	3	Radiadores
102	2	Limpiadores eléctricos
103	2	Percheros
104	7	Ceniceros
105	1	Lámpara
106	3	Camas matrimoniales
107	7	Camas chicas
108	9	Burós
109	1	Fonógrafo
110	3	Persianas
111	<u>1</u>	Cajón con utensilios de comedor
Total	844	Piezas

México, D. F., 9 de julio de 1945.

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Mexico

Relación de los muebles y utensilios pertenecientes a la antigua Legación del Japón en México, D.F., que, con autorización del Gobierno japonés, fueron cedidos al Comité Japonés de Ayuda Mútua de esta ciudad. -----

<u>Núm. de orden</u>	<u>Núm. de piezas</u>	<u>Descripción</u>
1	1	Reloj de pared, marca "Ansonia"
2	5	Archiveros de acero marcados con los números: 1 (15-16-17-18-19)
3	3	Mesas de madera, de centro, redondas
4	3	Biombos de madera (Tsuitate)
5	10	Cestos de alambre para papeles
6	10	Canastillas de alambre para documentos
7	3	Mapas de tamaño grande (India, Norte América, México)
8	1	Archivero de madera
9	2	Alfombras de lana, tamaño grande
10	1	Mesa de madera, de centro, forma larga
11	17	Un juego de un sofá, cuatro sillones y doce sillas, de piel negra
12	1	Una mesa de centro, de madera, ovalada, tamaño grande
13	2	Percheros de madera
14	3	Sillones giradores, de madera, con asientos de piel
15	3	Un juego de cristal para agua
16	4	Dos escritorios con siete cajones y dos portapapel de madera
17	1	Una vitrina de madera, para libros, en forma triangular
18	1	Ropero de madera para guardar papel
19	1	Una repiza de apartar correspondencia, de madera
20	12	Sillas con asiento de bejuco
21	3	Dos sillas y un sillón giratorio, de madera color caoba
22	2	Sillones de madera con asientos de piel
23	1	Una máquina de escribir, portátil, marca "Corona", núm. 14(4-2)
24	1	Caja fuerte, marcada con el núm. 22
25	1	Silla giradora
26	1	Un estante de acero, marcado con el núm. 1-32-12
27	1	Archivador de madera, marcado núm. 3-6-3
28	1	Una mesa de máquina de escribir con 3 cajones
29	1	Perforados de papel
30	1	Calentador eléctrico, marcado con el núm. 2-6-2
<u>Total:</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>Piezas</u>

México, D.F., 9 de julio de 1945.

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CONTRATO DE ARRENDAMIENTO, de la Casa Número 36 (treinta y seis) de las calles de Orizaba, que celebran, por una parte como Arrendatario, el Encargado de Negocios de Portugal en México, Representante de los intereses Japoneses en ésta, y por la otra parte como Arrendador, el Señor D. José Tazzer, en representación propia y de sus hermanos, Co-propietarios de la casa a que se ha hecho mención, de acuerdo con las Cláusulas que a continuación se expresan:

C L A U S U L A S:

I. El Encargado de Negocios de Portugal, así como los Señores Tazzer, convienen en continuar el Contrato que se había celebrado con la Legación Japonesa, al mismo precio que por arrendamiento se pagaba, hasta el mes de febrero de 1943.

II. A partir de marzo 1º de 1943, el precio de arrendamiento ascenderá a \$975:00, (NOVECIENTOS SETENTA Y CINCO PESOS) según se conviene en este Contrato.

III. El pago deberá hacerse por mensualidades adelantadas.

IV. El término del arrendamiento, será de dos años forzosos para ambas partes.

V. Cuando cualquiera de las partes, a partir del vencimiento del Contrato, desee darlo por terminado, tiene la obligación de notificar este propósito a la otra parte por escrito y con sesenta días de anticipación.

VI. Toda mensualidad será pagada íntegra, aún cuando el Inquilino ocupe la casa parte del mes.

VII. La casa arrendada será destinada por el Inquilino a usos de la Misión Diplomática que éste Represente.

VIII. No podrá el Inquilino sin consentimiento escrito del Arrendador, ceder ó subarrendar la localidad, o parte de la misma, o destinarla a otros usos.

IX. Tampoco podrá el Inquilino sin consentimiento previo y por escrito del Arrendador, hacer obras en la localidad, y las que hiciere contraviniendo lo anterior, quedarán en beneficio de la Finca. Las reparaciones necesarias para la conservación del Inmueble, las deberá hacer el Propietario, o se harán con su consentimiento, las reparaciones de ornato, o algunas otras que constituyan alguna variación del decorado, o distribución de la casa, serán por la exclusiva cuenta del Inquilino. Las reparaciones que deban de hacerse por culpa o negligencia del Inquilino, deberán ser cubiertas por él

X. El Inquilino recibe la casa aseada y en perfecto estado, y así mismo deberá devolverla al concluir el arrendamiento, obligándose a pagar el Inquilino, cualquier deterioro

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que haya sido causado por su culpa o negligencia, a excepci
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XI. El presente contrato se extiende por duplicado de acuerdo con lo Dispuesto por el artículo 123, del Reglamento de la Ley General del Timbre, las matrices de las estampillas correspondientes, se adhieren al ejemplar principal y los talones al duplicado.

Las partes Contratantes, perfectamente enteradas del contenido y alcance de todas y cada una de las cláusulas anteriores, firman el presente Contrato, y están conformes de que en su fecha comience a regir.

México, D. F., a 1º de febrero de 1942.

Los Copropietarios:
En representación de Attilio
y Antonio Tazzer:
firmado: H. Tazzer.

El Inquilino:
firmado: José Dos Santos
Silva Taveira.
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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS,
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Vatican City reports Jap Ambassador there without records instructions concerning Jap/property as of Dec. 19.

Holy See feels implementation directive will suspend rather than rupture diplomatic relations with Japan since Holy See not causing interruption in relations.

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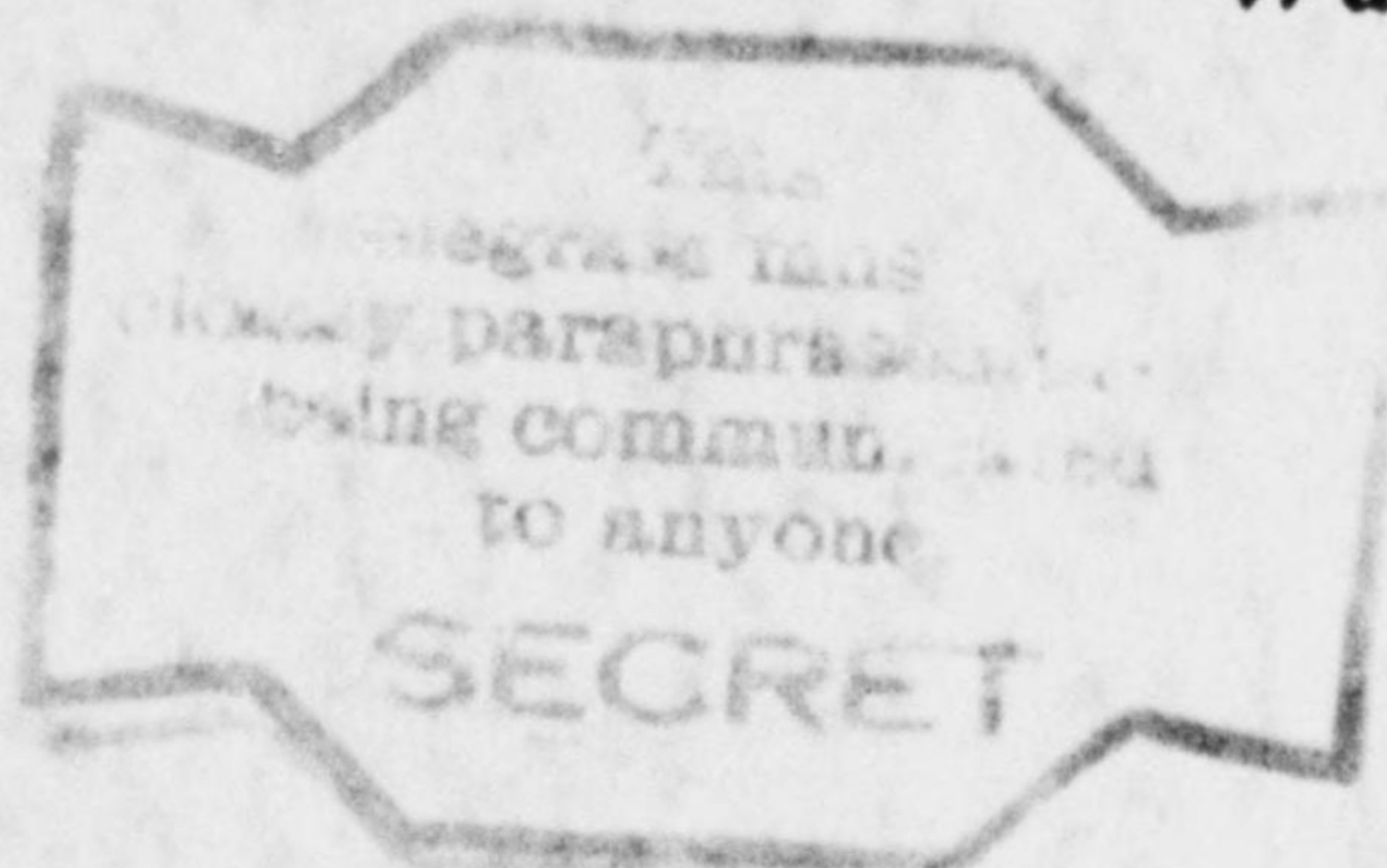
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Delayed telegram of December 19 from Tokyo reports
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240, December 19, noon.

Substance of Dept's 122, Dec 18 communicated by me orally to Montini last evening. Montini brought matter to attention of Jap Ambassador Harada. According to Montini, Harada replied that he has not (repeat not) received any instructions from his Govt directing him to sever diplomatic relations with Holy See and that in circumstances, he believes he should await such instructions which he presumes will be forthcoming.

To expedite action, desirability of having Harada promptly instructed officially by his Govt would appear essential. Montini stated that according to Holy See, this will be a case of suspension rather than of rupture of diplomatic relations between Holy See and Japan. He stressed this point explaining that the suspension or interruption

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Yesterday Ambassador Kirk requested me to ascertain whether I could obtain from Japanese Ambassador to Vatican keys of archives of former Jap Embassy to Italy (repeat Italy). The Swedish Govt having stated it has no objection to Kirk's Embassy taking over these archives. Kirk stated would prefer not to use force in opening rooms where these archives are stored in building in Italy already in Allied Military hands.

Montini was informed accordingly by me and notified Harada who admits having keys but states he should not surrender them except under instructions from Jap Govt. Please advise whether Harada will be so instructed. Kirk concurs.

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The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Egypt presents his compliments to the Honourable the Acting Secretary of State and has the honour to inform him that Egypt being a belligerent and an ally of the four Great Powers controlling Japan is of the opinion that the Egyptian Government, in principle, has the right to preserve the archives and properties of the Japanese Diplomatic and Consular Missions in Egypt, at the same time permitting access to the Japanese archives to China, the United States of America, Great Britain and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Egyptian Government, in analogous conditions, has taken charge of the archives and properties of the German Diplomatic and Consular Missions in Egypt.

The Swiss Legation in Cairo which protects the Japanese interests in Egypt has been approached and has informed the Egyptian Government that the Swiss Government has no objection to the request of the Egyptian Government provided the diplomatic representatives of the interested powers agree.

The Chargé d'Affaires would, therefore, appreciate it if the United States Government would agree and would instruct the United States Legation in Cairo to bring the United States Government's acquiescence to the attention of the Swiss Legation in Cairo.

The Chargé d'Affaires

The Honourable
The Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.



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The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Egypt in thanking the Honourable the Acting Secretary of State for his kind cooperation avails himself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of his highest consideration.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
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Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a detailed memorandum reporting the procedure adopted and the progress to date in the administration of official Japanese records and property taken into custody by the American, British and Chinese Missions on November 13, 1945.

As a convenience to the Department the various recommendations or requests for further instructions made in the course of the memorandum have been summarized under 9 points as a final section to the memorandum.

Respectfully yours,

Herman B. Baruch

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I

Establishment of Committee Representing American,
British and Chinese Missions, and Procedure Adopted.

Plans for taking in custody official Japanese property in Portugal were made in August 1945 (See Embassy's telegram 1837 August 30, 5 p.m.). Under that arrangement the Portuguese Government would lend its good offices to the transfer of Japanese diplomatic and consular property, provided the Japanese Government instruct its local Minister to relinquish this property to the Allied Governments. A committee consisting of officers of the American, British and Chinese missions in Lisbon (the Soviet Union has no representation here) was accordingly constituted.

Only on October 23 (Department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m.) the text of General Mac Arthur's proposed directive, to be issued October 25, for the liquidation of Japanese missions abroad, became available, and the appropriate instructions of the Japanese Government to its Minister at Lisbon were not issued until early in November. Final and clear instructions, according to the Japanese Minister, were received only on November 12, and on the next day he called at the Foreign Office and announced the termination of his mission. On the same day, November 13, the representatives of the three Allied Missions hereafter referred to as the Committee, accompanied by Mr. Sampaio Garrido of the Portuguese Foreign Office called at the Chancery of the Japanese Legation, formally taking over from the Japanese Minister. Guards were posted, the safes and archives were sealed, and the Committee established its rules for meetings and consultations for joint action in the administration of the property. An additional American member (Mr. Pardillo, a clerk of the American Embassy) was added to the Committee for the routine work, and for contact with Mr. Inoue and Mr. Komine, counselor and the first secretary of the Japanese Legation, whom the Minister had designated as liaison in checking the property.

The following sections of this report contain an account of the activities of the Committee to date. The Committee's recommendations or requests for instructions or authorizations are summarized at the end.

II

Guarding the Premises.

On the first day, November 13, guards, provided by the European Theater Command, U. S. Army, were posted in four establishments: the Minister's residence, the Chancery (two floors in an apartment building), the

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Military Attache's office, and the Naval Attache's office. On later inspection it was found that the two latter establishments contained only office furniture and items without particular value or confidential character, other items having been either destroyed or consolidated in the Legation. Accordingly the guards from these two premises were withdrawn, and the rooms locked and sealed pending removal of the property, which has meanwhile been effected.

It is the Committee's intention, when the residence and chancery inventories are completed and proper storage arranged, to communicate with the European Theater Command, U. S. Army, for the termination of this guard detail, probably within the next two or three weeks.

III

Archives.

What purported to be the Legation's archives were found in one steel office cabinet. They contain only routine correspondence. The Japanese language documents have been examined by a Japanese-speaking employee of the Chinese Legation who reports that he found nothing of any interest whatever. No cryptographic material of any character, no accounting books or records, no flags or insignia, and no political documents, or even registers, have been found. Questioned on this point, the Japanese Minister said that everything of a confidential nature had been destroyed, by instructions, "immediately after the Potsdam declaration." It may be said that in the several weeks at their disposition the Japanese staff were able to do a good job of cleaning up. The Committee, assisted by other members of their respective Missions, have been constantly on the alert for such documents as might come to light as the taking of inventory proceeds, with completely negative results.

In any event, the so-called archives, the seals, the brass door-plate, and certain card indexes (from which the more interesting items appear to have been eliminated) have been segregated from the other property and stored in the American Embassy chancery pending final instructions as to their disposition (see Recommendation No. 1 at end of report).

IV

Japanese Representation in Portuguese Colonies.

Certain records pertaining to the former Japanese consulate at Oporto, closed some time ago, were found in the chancery and consolidated with the Legation archives. There appears to have been no Japanese official establishment elsewhere in Portugal or Portuguese possessions, except at two points in the Far East, at Timor and Macao. The Japanese Minister said that he had no contact with those offices, but believed that the office at Timor had already been closed, and that Macao was being liquidated under direct instructions from Tokyo. From the British Embassy it has been learned that the British Consul at

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Macao has been authorized to take over official Japanese property and funds there, in conjunction with a newly-appointed Chinese official there. In the lack of direct American representation at Macao the British Consul represents American interests there. (See Recommendation No. 2)

American consular offices in Portuguese possessions have been requested to report whether there are records or property in their respective jurisdictions which should have the Committee's attention.

V

Official Japanese Funds.

An account has been opened in the Bank of London and South America, Ltd., in the name of the three Missions, to be operated over the joint signature of the members of the Committee. Into this account has been deposited the Portuguese currency found in the Japanese Legation safes, the total deposit being Escudos 26,188,159.40. At the current rate of exchange (\$1.00 equal to Escudos 24.68) this represents a value of \$1,061,108.50

The currency was found in several lots in four different safes, and according to the Japanese Minister should be segregated for final bookkeeping as follows:

1. Legation cash	Escudos	1,375,080.75
2. Funds of Japanese Ministry of Education		22,443.25
3. Funds of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.		21,105,374.95
4. Funds of the Japanese Military Attache		1,309,780.45
5. Funds of the Japanese Naval Attache		<u>2,375,480.00</u>
Total, Escudos		26,188,159.40

The above itemization shows some minor variation from the figures presented by the Japanese Minister before the money was counted. The Naval Attache's cash item was found to be 5,000 escudos less than shown on the Minister's memorandum, and the Legation's cash item, claimed to be Escudos 1,377,021.35, was counted as Escudos 1,377,080.75 in the first or preliminary count, and later found to be Escudos 1,375,080.75 when the bundles of 1,000 escudo notes were broken for counting the individual notes.

The Japanese Minister requested that particular note be made of his reservation in relinquishing the funds of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. He said that according to the strict terms of his instructions these funds were not "official property" and he requested that the three Governments be informed that the amount in question should be credited to the bank in question.

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The Committee, on the other hand, while insisting on taking over these funds, has certain questions in mind, of quite another character; namely, it is trying to ascertain whether certain remittances of Red Cross funds may not have been assimilated to this account. This will be the subject of a separate report, as the investigation continues.

In addition to the cash which was physically taken over, there are three official Japanese bank accounts in Lisbon, with the following balances:

	Escudos
Legation's account, Banco Nacional Ultramarino	478,069.53
Legation's account, Banco Lisboa e Açores	5,799.20
Military Attache's account, Banco Nacional Ultramarino	1,766.26

Applications have been made for consolidating these accounts with the main account in the Bank of London and South America, but the matter is still pending before the Portuguese authorities, as the accounts had been blocked.

VI

Accounting Procedure.

Current minor expenditures for Japanese account are being made from the funds as deposited. Vouchers are obtained for each item of expenditure. No salaries or maintenance costs of Japanese personnel are involved, since advances of salary had been made, presumably under instructions from Tokyo, before the Legation ceased functioning. The Committee has no liability for expenditures for rent for the quarters of the Military and Naval Attaches; under the lease contract for the chancery quarters there is a liability for one month's rent only, and since the quarters are still in use for storage and for taking inventory this is clearly a reasonable liability. There is, moreover, a prospect for terminating the lease before its expiration on January 25, 1946. No expenditures have been made under the lease contract for the Japanese Legation residence, which expires only in April 1946.

Details concerning these leases are given under Section VIII, Leased Property.

The question has arisen in the Committee as to the attitude of the three Governments in the event of eventual claims in Portugal, private or official, against the Japanese Government. The Committee has had no intimation thus far of any such claims, and would appreciate any information which the Department might have on this matter, or any guidance which would be useful at this stage.

VII

Transfers to Siamese Legation.

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The only accounting item of earlier transactions made available to the Committee concerns two advances of 200,000 escudos each (total about \$16,200) made by the Japanese Minister, Morito Morishima, to the Legation of Thailand (Siam) at Lisbon under date of April 5 and July 19, 1945. Receipts for these advances, signed by Colonel Mom Snidvongsseni, the Siamese Minister, were found in one of the safes and are now in the Committee's custody. They state, in French, that the amounts are advances "to be reimbursed when the budget (allotments) of this Legation shall have been transferred." It is supposed that the Department will prefer to have this account adjusted at Tokyo. (See Recommendation No. 3)

VIII

Leased Property.

The Japanese Government owns no real property in Portugal. The status of the various leases is as follows:

1. Office of Naval Attache: The office quarters were combined with officer's living quarters under a personal lease contract. All official property has been inventoried and removed to warehouse; no rent payments by Committee, and no outstanding obligations.
2. Office of Military Attache: Rent contract terminated under a clause in the lease, as of November 30, 1945. Rent for November had been paid in advance by the Japanese. All official property inventoried and removed to warehouse; no outstanding liabilities.
3. Legation Chancery: Two floors in an apartment building. Termination of leases possible under contract, as of January 25, 1946. Notice of termination given. Rent for December had been paid in advance by the Japanese; rent for January paid by Committee, under the month-in-advance clause, the premises being still in use for storage and for taking inventory. A prospective tenant, the Canadian Consul General, is available. If he occupies the quarters before January 25, 1946, in which case he would be asked to make a direct contract with the owner, a partial refund of rent paid may be obtained.
4. Legation Residence: This lease can be terminated as of the end of April 1946; the monthly rent, amounting to 6,400 escudos (about \$260), has been paid by the Japanese up to the end of the current month, December. The Committee considers it desirable to vacate the premises at the earliest practicable date, even though some rent might still have to be paid, in view of the serious deterioration of parts of the building during the 13 years of Japanese occupancy. This would fix definitely upon the Japanese rather than upon the Allied Governments responsibility for this deterioration, for structural changes which may have been made, for losses of inventory, or for damage from the elements, to which such old and defective buildings are susceptible. There are also safes and heavy articles of furniture to be removed from defective parts of the building. It would obviously be

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advantageous to proceed with this promptly. The building is now in use, for storage and for taking inventory, but could be vacated during the month of January. This would leave three months' rent, for February, March and April, payable under the contract, with little prospect of a new tenant willing to take over the lease, in view of the delapidation of the building.

The question has arisen in the Committee whether the three Governments would consider themselves bound by a lease contract once the necessity for retaining the quarters had ended. In the case of German liabilities in Portugal the principle appears to have been adopted to repudiate responsibility, beyond the period of usefulness to the Allied Governments, for liabilities incurred before taking over of the premises. In the opinion of the Committee the two cases are not parallel, since the Japanese Government is still in being, and since the Legation was transferred to the three Governments by the Japanese Minister (who otherwise would have continued to reside there) on instruction of his Government, whereas the German premises had been sealed by the Portuguese Government. The Committee therefore feels that it should continue to pay rent under the contract, while trying to come to terms with the owner for an earlier termination if possible. The Department's instructions on this point are requested. (See Recommendation No. 4)

IX

Inventory.

Inventory has been taken of the property in the offices of the Military and Naval Attaches, and is about completed in the Legation chancery. At the Minister's residence much of the furniture and fittings belong to the owner of the building. These effects have been segregated and are in process of reconciliation with the owner's inventory. Glass, china, silver, linen, objets d'art and part of the books, belonging to the Japanese, are now being inventoried and packed for storage.

The library, whether at the residence or at the chancery, is not being inventoried in detail. A careful examination of these books shows that while some of them, at the chancery, appear to have been indexed, they are of no particular value. The Japanese items appear to be ordinary reference books; the balance are largely English or European language publications bought from local booksellers. They are almost entirely wartime literature of transitory interest, on subjects such as international finance, economics, wartime biographies and memoirs, politics, propaganda, etc. Of somewhat more permanent utility are certain reference works; these are: Chambers' Encyclopedia, 10 volumes; Handwoerterbuch der Staatswissenschaft, 9 volumes; a Portuguese Encyclopedia, 11 volumes; and a popular edition of the Larousse (French) encyclopedia, 6 volumes. No technical works of special value were found.

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In a storeroom of the chancery was found a second-hand set, judging by an inscription in the first volume, of the Imperial Gazeteer of India, 26 volumes.

Some 40 cans of films were found. These are being examined by the service attaches of the three Allied missions, and will be the subject of a separate report if they appear to be of particular interest.

Japanese Government owned motor cars (7 passenger cars, 1 light truck, 1 motorcycle and 2 small trailers) in varying degrees of mechanical condition, have been located, inventoried and immobilized, except for two cars being operated interchangeably, under insurance which had already been paid by the Japanese, for carrying food for the guards, changing the guard, and inspections by the Committee.

X

Disposition of Property.

As the Japanese leased properties are being vacated the official property is being stored in a modern, guarded warehouse (Companhia Geral dos Transportes, Poço do Bispo 1, Lisboa), at a rental of 42 escudos (about \$1.68) per square meter per month. Space is being taken only as required. Thus far only the effects from the offices of the Military and Naval Attaches have been so stored. Packing charges are being kept at a minimum, in view of the assurance of the Japanese Minister himself that the official property in Lisbon is quite without historical or artistic value. Only the glass, china and silverware and some miscellaneous small items have been packed with particular care, the silverware in sealed cases. It is the Committee's recommendation that all of the Japanese property, with the possible exception of the so-called archives (see Section III) be disposed of by sale. The factors taken into consideration in formulating this recommendation are (1) the lack of any Japanese-owned building for storage, and the very considerable expense of storage in a commercial warehouse; (2) uncertainty as to the time when the Japanese Government may again be in a position to re-establish a mission in Portugal, and the probability that such a mission would be on a much smaller scale; (3) the fact that everything appears to have been bought locally, for purely utilitarian purposes; and (4) the complete lack of anything of historical or artistic value, in the opinion of the Committee and as specifically confirmed by the Japanese Minister himself. The office equipment, for example, is all of inferior quality; at the residence there is practically no linen; the glassware is of quite ordinary quality, the china service (plates of various sizes) a standard good quality white china with gold band, without monogram or insignia; the silver flat ware, real silver, local manufacture, with plain monogram "L J"; the serving dishes, part plated and part real silver, local manufacture. The carpets, mostly of local manufacture, of ordinary quality and somewhat worn. As

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already mentioned, most of the furnishings of the Legation residence belong to the owner of the building. Consequently a complete liquidation of the Japanese property here would appear to be the most economical and practical procedure. Certain small odd supplies of perishable foodstuffs, unsuitable for storage and already deteriorating, have been given to the British hospital; a small lot of local wine and imported whisky, the value written off, and uninventoried by the Japanese, has been inventoried by the Committee which proposes to dispose of it by sale. The contents of an underground gasoline tank, estimated at some 5-6,000 liters, synthetic product, will be turned back to the dealer, and the proceeds credited to the Committee's account. A considerable volume of old newspapers, magazines, propaganda material, etc. will be disposed of by sale as wastepaper. (For all items mentioned above see Recommendation No. 5)

XI

Repatriation.

See Lisbon's tel. #77, January 19 stating that all Jap personnel except missing clerk are being repatriated via Plus Ultra sailing from Barcelona -

Due note has been taken of the Department's views (telegram no. 1773 of November 9) concerning the eventual repatriation of Japanese personnel from the several European posts where such personnel remain. As of this date, the situation is that the British Foreign Office has asked for information concerning the personnel in Lisbon, noting, however, that this is not to be interpreted as an indication that any actual plans were being formulated, or that there is early prospect of repatriation for this group.

According to the Japanese Minister, the personnel in question number 47, including 6 women and 8 children of ages between 1 year and 15 years. The Minister has stated that before closing his mission he paid advances of salary for one year, presumably under instructions from Tokyo and presumably up to November 1946. It is therefore unlikely that the Committee will be called upon for any expenditures for subsistence if the repatriation can be arranged within the next few months. While there is no record that any of these individuals come under the "obnoxious" category, their early repatriation from Portugal would clearly be desirable, particularly since, as a result of the circumstances in which the mission was closed while Portuguese representation at Tokyo continues, the Portuguese are inclined to accord to the Japanese Minister and his staff, in the interval pending their departure, a certain informal courtesy status.

XII

Personal Effects of Personnel Already Departed.

The Japanese Minister has handed to the Committee a list of 17 Japanese personnel, formerly serving in Portugal but transferred to other posts or returned to Japan, during the last few years, whose personal luggage had been left in his custody. This is not strictly speaking "official property" but the Committee felt

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nevertheless that it should take those effects into custody. The effects, chiefly traveling bags said to represent the excess luggage of persons obliged to travel light by airplane, comprise also a few cases of the personal property of Mr. Saburo Kurusu, formerly Minister here, later Ambassador at Berlin and understood now to be in Tokyo. All these effects are being tagged for identification, and will be placed in storage with the official property, but it is proposed to release them to the Japanese Minister, at the time of his repatriation, for return to Japan. Nearly all the containers are locked, the keys being held presumably by their respective owners. (See Recommendation No. 6)

XIII

Japanese Consul at Perpignan.

It has come to the Committee's knowledge that Mr. H. Takawa, formerly Japanese Consul at Marseilles, is now at Perpignan, France, close to the Spanish frontier. The Committee proposes that inquiry be made at Paris as to the circumstances of his continued residence in France, and that arrangements be made for his assimilation to some other Japanese group, at Madrid for example, pending repatriation. (See Recommendation No. 7)

XIV

Recommendations.

In the light of the preceding discussion the Committee makes the following recommendations:

✓ 1. Archives. (See page 2) To be held in custody at the chancery of the American Embassy pending authorization from Tokyo either for their destruction (preferred since all important documents appear to have been already eliminated), or for their shipment to Japan. Volume, about two ordinary shipping cases.

✓ 2. Status of Japanese Consulates at Timor and Macao. (See page 2) It is suggested that the Department confirm through SCAP whether these two offices have been, or are in process of being liquidated, as reported, and provide further instructions if the Committee at Lisbon can be helpful in this connection.

✓ 3. Advances to Siamese Legation. (See page 5) It would appear advisable to adjust this account between the Governments concerned, as an item in the settlement between Japan and Siam. Does the Department wish to have the Siamese Minister's receipts forwarded to Washington?

✓ 4. Continued Rent Payment for Japanese Legation Residence. (See page 6) That the Committee be authorized, if unable to come to terms with the owner of the building for terminating the lease before its normal date of expiration, April 30, to pay the rent for February, March and April (the building will still be in use in January) as stipulated in the contract.

5. Disposition

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5. Disposition of Japanese Property by Public Sale. (See page 7) That the Committee be authorized to arrange for public sale, along the general lines adopted for the disposition of official German property in Lisbon, of all the moveable property taken into custody by the Committee, specifically, the motor cars, office equipment and furniture, radios, electrical appliances, living quarters furnishings, liquors (imported items to be sold to persons having free entry privileges), silver, glass and china. The books likewise to be sold, unless it is desired to keep the reference books listed on page 6, and unless there would be objection to disposing of books containing the rubber stamp of the Japanese Legation.

6. Disposition of Effects of Personnel Already Departed. (See page 9) That the Committee be authorized to release to the custody of the former Japanese Minister, at the time of his repatriation to Japan, the luggage said to be the property of personnel formerly stationed in Portugal, but transferred to other posts or already returned to Japan; and that the inspection of such property be made upon arrival in Japan.

7. Disposition of Japanese Consul at Perpignan, France. (See page 9) That the Department inform the Embassy at Paris of the presence of this Japanese official in France, with whatever instructions may be appropriate with a view to assimilating him to some other Japanese group for eventual repatriation.

8. Consideration of Claims. (See page 4) That the Committee be informed of any policy which may have been adopted for the consideration of any claims against the Japanese Government, private or official, which may arise in Portugal, in the process of liquidating Japanese property located here.

In working out the Committee's accounting procedure it has been observed that in the final disposition of Japanese property and personnel considerable expense may be incurred for official telegrams to the respective Governments. The Committee would like to be informed whether such telegrams would be considered a proper charge against the Japanese account, to be paid from Japanese funds at the Committee's disposition, rather than be paid, as hitherto, from the funds of the respective Missions.

9. Funds of the Yokohama Specie Bank. (See page 3) That the Committee be informed whether the Department desires to accord any separate and particular treatment to the funds allegedly belonging to the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. and presently held on deposit together with other Japanese funds.

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Montini informed me December 20 that according to Harada latter has now received communication from his govt stating October 25 directive applies to Vatican and that more detailed instructions will be forthcoming from Jap Govt (my 240, December 19).

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To the
Officer in Charge of the American Mission,
Lisbon.

The Secretary of State refers to the Embassy's despatch no. 615 of December 21, 1945 concerning Allied custody of official Japanese archives and property in Portugal.

The Department approves the procedure followed by the Embassy, together with the other Allied Missions at Lisbon, in taking over Japanese archives and property there. For the Embassy's guidance in connection with the ninespecific points raised at the conclusion of its despatch under reference, the Department has the following comments to make:

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1. Archives. It is believed that the instructions contained in Department's circular telegram of January 31, 1946 will already have answered the Embassy's questions in this regard. It should be noted that sanction cannot be given to the destruction of any archives.

2. Status of Japanese Consulates at Macao and Timor.
Since the Department is replying by telegraph to the Embassy's telegram no. 235 of March 4, 1946 on this question, separate instructions are not included here.

3. Advances to Siamese Legation. The advances to the Siamese Legation cannot be settled in Lisbon, and consequently the receipts should be forwarded here.

4. Continued Rent Payment for Japanese Legation Premises.
The Department approves the Embassy's recommendation that the premises in question be vacated at the earliest possible moment, although it may be necessary to continue rent payments until the expiration of the present lease. Funds for this purpose are in the Department's opinion properly chargeable to the joint trust account which the Embassy states was opened with the Bank of London and South America, Ltd., in the name of the three Allied Missions.

5. Disposition of Japanese Property by Public Sale. Japanese official property should if possible be stored. However, in cases where storage of such property is impracticable due to excessive quantities, disproportionate expense, or the danger of depreciation or deterioration, sale may be made and the proceeds thereof deposited in the joint trust account. It must be emphasized that this provision does not apply either to official archives or to the private property of

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former Japanese personnel.

6. Disposition of Effects of Personnel already Departed.

The Department assumes that at the time the former Japanese Minister left Lisbon the Committee followed its own suggestion of releasing to his custody baggage belonging to Japanese officials who had already departed. If such baggage still remains in Portugal it may be stored with the official Japanese property mentioned above in numbered paragraph five.

7. Disposition of the Former Japanese Consul at Perpignan.

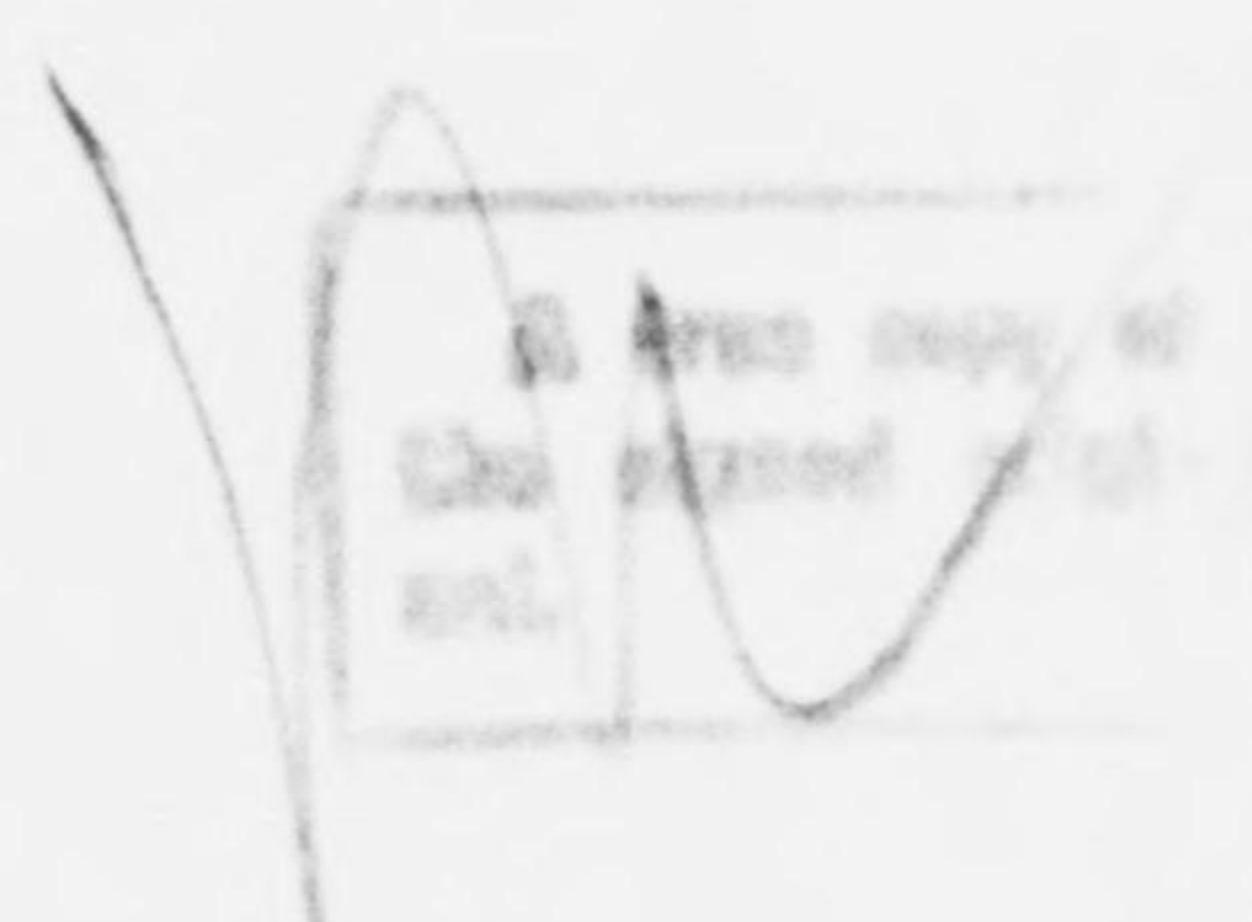
This would no longer appear to be a problem since the gentleman in question is said to have departed with other Japanese officials on the Plus Ultra.

8. Consideration of Claims. The Department is not yet in a position to advise regarding claims against the Japanese Government. It is expected that the proposed Reparations Commission to be established under the Far Eastern Commission, will pass upon the policy governing such claims.

With regard to the Committee's inquiry concerning telegraphic charges incurred in connection with the custody of Japanese property and archives, the Embassy is informed that in the opinion of the Department such charges are properly payable with funds drawn from the joint trust account already established with the Bank of London and South America. Generally speaking, withdrawals may be made from this account to meet custodial expenses incurred in connection with Japanese property, including charges for rent, moving, storage, communications, etc., and, if occasion develops, for the relief of indigent Japanese nationals through a protecting Power. It may be added that in questions of this sort the Department is content to rely fully on the Committee's discretion and good judgment.

9. Investigation in Japan of the operation of the Yokohama Specie Bank funds reveals that there is no reason to accord them any special treatment on taking them over, and they should be handled in the same way as Government funds.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Santiago, Chile, December 22, 1945

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SUBJECT: Ultimate disposal of Japanese official archives or property in Chile.

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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON,

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my secret Despatch No. 13,047, November 16, 1945, entitled "Delivery of Japanese Official Property and Archives by Swedish Minister to American Ambassador as Representative of Allied Powers", in which the Department's instructions were requested concerning the disposition of the Japanese diplomatic archives and property which were formally taken over by me on November 6 as representative of the Four Allied Powers, Great Britain, the U.S.S.R., China, and the United States.

There is enclosed a copy of a letter to me from Mr. J. H. Leche, the British Ambassador, dated December 4, 1945, concerning telegraphic instructions received by him from the Foreign Office in London with regard to the disposal of the Japanese archives and property. It will be noted that the British Government agrees to the transfer of the Japanese archives to Washington for examination, with the reservation that British authorities in the United States may have free access to the documents in Washington at all times. The British Ambassador states that his Government is of the opinion that the official Japanese furniture and movable property other than archives stamps and seals should be sold and that the proceeds should be paid into an account to be administered by representatives of Great Britain, the United States, the U.S.S.R. and China.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the Department would be good enough to expedite its instructions concerning the use to be made of the Japanese archives and it is recommended that after the approval of the Russian and Chinese Governments is obtained, I be authorized to sell the Japanese official furniture and movable property in accordance with the procedure set forth in the British Embassy's letter to me.

Respectfully yours,

Claude G. Bowers

CLAUDE G. BOWERS

Enclosure

1. Letter from Mr. Leche

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My dear Colleague,

With reference to the question of the Japanese archives, I have now received a telegram from the Foreign Office stating that unless local conditions make it impracticable, my Government agree to these archives being transferred to Washington for examination. At the same time they must reserve the right both of any Foreign Office representative whom they may appoint or of the British Security Coordination, to have free access to the documents in Washington at all times.

2. As regards immovable controlled property, they are of the opinion that where Japanese diplomatic or consular buildings or offices are rented, the lease should be terminated as soon as practicable. I understand that there are no buildings here which are the property of the Japanese Government, but if there are my Government consider that they should be sold or put up for lease, depending on local conditions, and that the proceeds should be put into an account to be administered, pending its disposal, by representatives of Great Britain, the United States, the USSR and China. In this connection it appears to me that the 1st of July, the date already agreed upon, is most practicable.

3. My Government further consider that official furniture and movable property other than archives, stamps and seals, should be sold, the proceeds being paid into the account referred to in paragraph 2 above. Stamps and seals, if any, should be treated as archives.

4. Furthermore His Majesty's Government consents that by agreement between yourself, the Chinese and USSR representatives and myself, and the Swedish Minister, the latter may retain from existing Japanese funds or from those realized by the sale or lease of property such amounts as may be necessary for the continued protection of Japanese nationals.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Leche

His Excellency
Mr. Claude G. Bowers,
Ambassador to the United
States of America,
Santiago.

January 17, 1946

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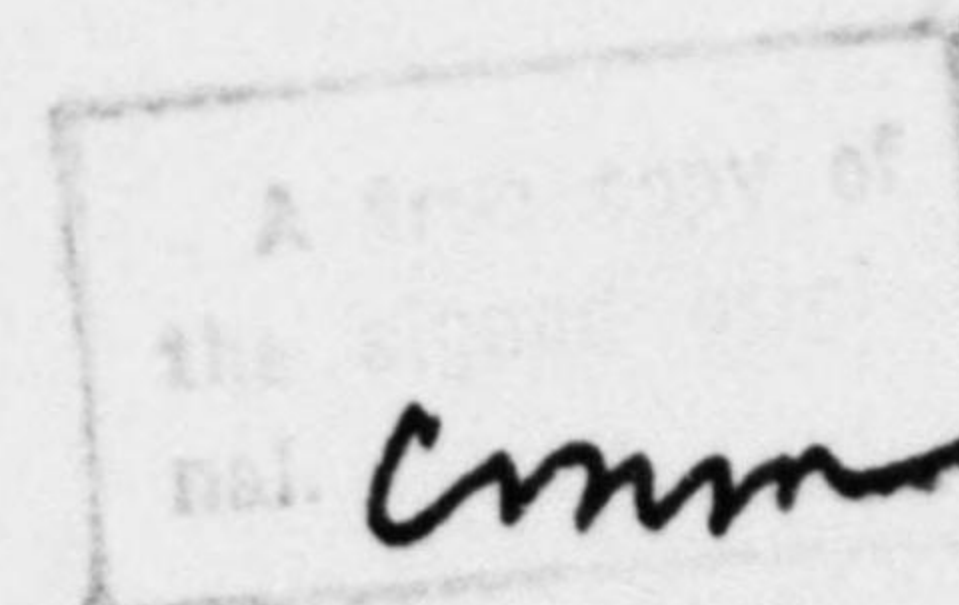
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Enclosure:

Copy of despatch No. 13,246 from American Embassy, Santiago,
dated December 22, 1945, Subject: "Ultimate disposal of
Japanese official archives or property in Chile".

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1329, December 22, 1 p.m.

I am awaiting further conversations with my colleagues, (with reference my despatch number 27641, Dec 10 on the disposition of the Jap archives and property in Mexico) or action with respect to taking over the archives and property, pending some indication from Dept as to its attitude concerning the instructions received by the British Ambassador and which are set forth in enclosure 2 to despatch under reference. An indication Dept's attitude will be appreciated.

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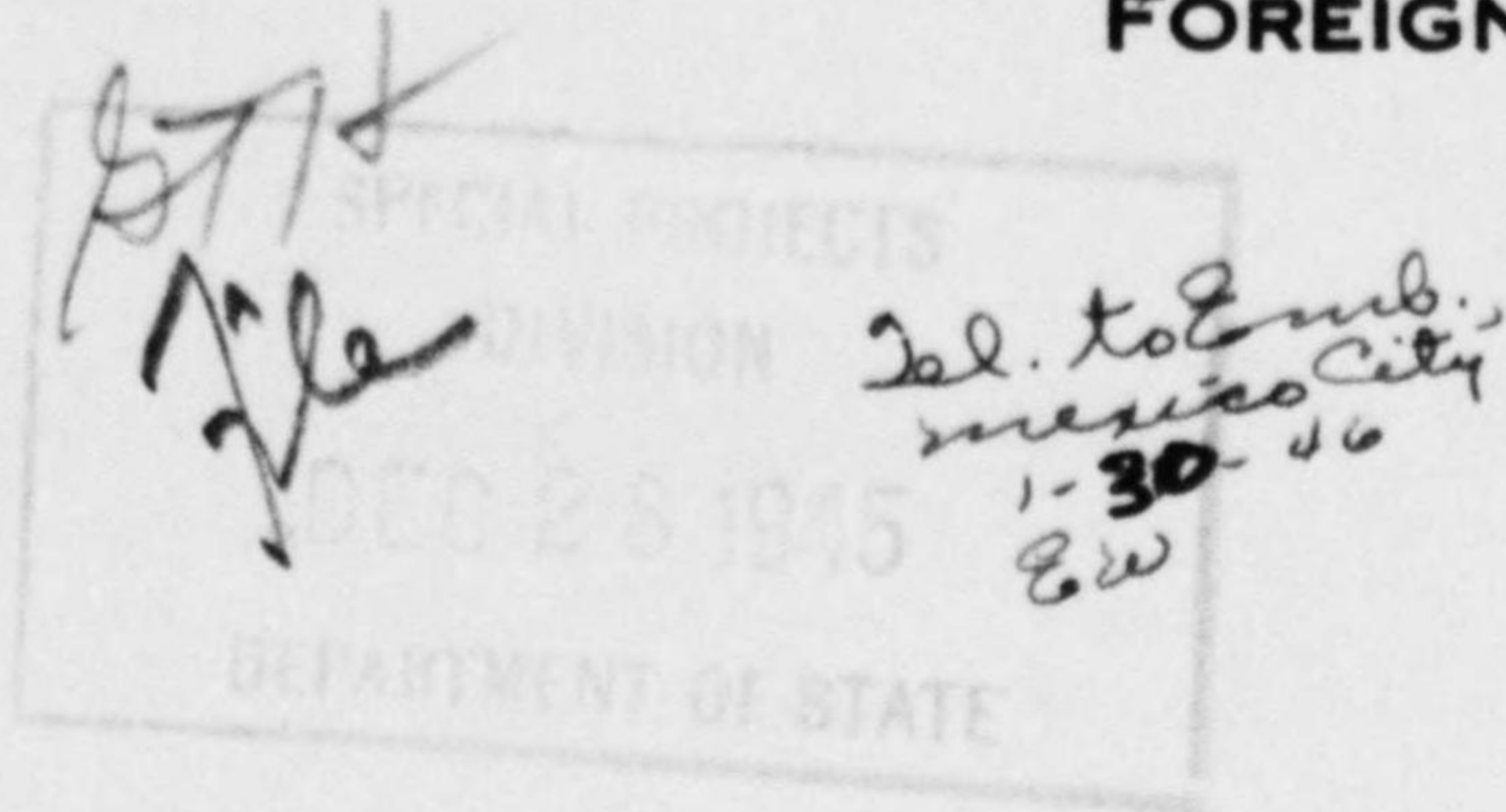
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Mexico City's despatch 27,641 of December 10, 1945 (894.414/12-1045) and telegram 1329, December 22, 1 p.m. are referred to SPD for reply since they pertain primarily to Japanese property taken over in Mexico.

With regard to the Japanese archives mentioned in enclosure 2, this Division would appreciate the inclusion of the following information in your reply:-

The Department does not wish to have the archives transported to Washington. The Department is endeavoring to arrange for the examination of the archives in Mexico City by qualified personnel who will be sent out from the United States.

[Signature]
Philip F. Cherp

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LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Baghdad, Iraq, December 26, 1945.

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Subject: Transmitting a Copy of the Report on the Archives of the Former Japanese Legation in Baghdad by Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Welles, F.A.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In continuation of the Legation's despatch No. 988 of December 13, 1945, I have the honor to transmit a copy of a report on the archives of the former Japanese Legation in Baghdad, which was prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Welles, F.A., who came to Baghdad from Cairo for this purpose.

The Legation is in accord with such findings as Colonel Welles and his assistant, Miss Jeannette Pond, were able to make in the face of the apparently thorough destruction of confidential material by the former Japanese diplomats here.

It is hoped that the Department will soon instruct the Legation as what disposition it wishes made of Japanese public property in Iraq.

Respectfully yours,

James S. Moose, Jr.,
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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Report on the archives of the former Japanese Legation.

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Baghdad, Iraq
18 December, 1945

Robert B. Memminger, Esq.
Second Secretary of Legation,
Legation of the United States,
Baghdad, Iraq.

My dear Mr. Memminger:

I submit herewith attached one copy of the report I have prepared on the records of the Japanese Legation in Baghdad, to which you were kind enough to secure me access.

The material is unsensational, and little of it will be new to you. It is perhaps to be regarded as a necessary bit of cleaning up, than as progress in our information.

My report will be submitted to Washington. If any comments from there are forwarded to me which advance our knowledge, I shall submit them to you likewise.

I shall appreciate it if you will make this report available to Colonel Converse, the Military Attache. For his use I attache likewise copies of certain forms found with the records, which I am told are Japanese code pads.

I can see no further use in these records, and I should recommend that they be preserved no longer than required by the other powers concerned.

Let me again thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES B. WELLES
Lt. Col., F.A.

16 December 1945

JAPANESE RECORDS IN IRAQ

I. All movable property, records, and remains of the Japanese Legation in Iraq were turned over to the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, Russia, China, and the United States by a representative of the Protecting Power, Sweden, on 12 December 1945, in Baghdad, where they have been stored in a house rented for the purpose by Sweden.

The effects were examined by the writer between the 13th and the 15th of December 1945, in company with Mr. Barnard Edge of ISLD Cairo, Fl/Lt Orr of the CICI Office in Baghdad, Mr. Nikolai Klimov, Counsellor of the Russian Legation in Iraq, Mssrs. Yu, the Minister, and Ling, of the Chinese Legation, and Mr. Robert B. Memminger of the American Legation. Mr. Klimov was Russian Consul in Kermanshah prior to the opening of the Legation in Baghdad (late winter of 1945), and is variously appraised as astute and otherwise; his examination of the records was meticulous to the point of being pedestrian. Mr. Ling reads Japanese fluently, and is preparing a catalogue of the books in that language. The records, themselves, are in English.

The property is stored in four rooms, two of which contain furniture and personal effects, while the other two contain office equipment and supplies, books, and records.

The books are of various types, primarily propaganda for Japan, travel thereto and trade therewith, standard reference works and dictionaries, and travel books on Iraq and the Middle East. The only one to arouse interest was a Japanese year Book on Russia published in Japan in 1939 in Japanese, which piqued the curiosity of Mr. Klimov. As a standard work of reference, it should be available in Japan or the United States.

It was not anticipated that there would be many or important records remaining. The Legation did not close until February of 1942, and burned many things, we were informed, in a large swimming pool on the property. Five locked cases there were, four of them filing cabinets, and to one of these a key was available. The others were easily forced, Mr. Hogg, First Secretary in the British Legation and custodian of the key, personally assisting at this operation. The remaining case, a safe with both key and combination locks, will require the services of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the arrangements to be made by Fl/Lt Orr.

Three of the filing cases contained office supplies and stationery of all sorts, coding pads, account sheets, dictionaries, a duplicating machine, and several Japanese flags. They also yielded a survey of the business firms of Iraq which is dealt with below. The cabinet for which a key was available contained various folders of little interest - English translations of Iraqi trade agreements and treaties, local correspondence of a financial nature, documents concerned with the housekeeping of the Legation,

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bills of lading, "Local Exchange of Compliments," and correspondence on an official plane with other Legations and Ministries in Baghdad. One folder contained the record of visas issued for Japan in 1940/41.

If the consent of the Four Powers is obtained, the furnishings and office equipment will be auctioned off through the agency of the Iraqi government. How the proceeds will be distributed is unknown. It is probable that the records will be burned after they have been fully exploited.

II. The survey of the business firms of Iraq was apparently made for the Legation by an outside agency, primarily to determine their professional standing. Much of the information seems to have come from banking sources. While much of the material is of no interest, the following listed firms had business dealings with Japan. Their financial ratings are omitted as impertinent to the present report. The dates in each case are those in which the original report was made.

G.O.ABDANI & Co. Ltd. Samawal St., Baghdad. General merchants and commission agents. March 1939.

Abdallah Eliahu ABID. Khan Rahmat Allah, Baghdad. Importer of Japanese piece goods. August 1939.

Abudi Moshi ABID. Khan Haji Daud, Safafir St., Baghdad. Importer of silk goods. August 1939.

Ephraim Moshi ABID. Safafir St., Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

Manashi Moshi ABID. Khan Haji Daud, Baghdad. Importer and wholesaler of piece goods.

Isaac & Moshi & Jacob J. ABOUDI. Khan Chalkaisi, Baghdad. Piece goods dealers. December 1939.

Meir Shaul ABRAHAM. P.O. Box 121, Baghdad. Commission agent and manufacturers' representative. Deals with Japan a little. April 1939.

Edward ABUDI & Co. Samawal St., Baghdad. Banker and commission agent. April 1939.

Haron Eliahu AGHABABA. Safafir St., Baghdad. Commission agent. September 1939.

Salim Abd-al Aziz AGHABABA. Shorja St., Baghdad. Importer of toys and soap. August 1939.

Rahmin Shaul AJMI. Shorja St., Baghdad. Sundries importer. September 1939.

ALBERT TRADING HOUSE. Khan Dalla Saghir, Baghdad. Commission agent and importer. Agent of Y. KONDO & Co. Ltd., Tokio. August 1939.

Sayyid Hasan

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Sayyid Hasan Sayyid ALI. Nasr Safafir St., Baghdad. Importer of woolen piece goods. August 1939.

Ezra Isaac ANY. Khan Rahmat Allah, Safafir St., Baghdad. Textile dealer. July 1939.

Ibrahim M. ANI & Co. Khan Abdani, Baghdad. Bankers. Mr. ANI is also an importer of piece goods for his own account only.

Antoine and Edward ARIS. Khan Yasin Khadayri (P.O.Box 1120, Baghdad). Agents of L'Orient Insurance Co. and T. MATSUMOTO & Co. Ltd., Tokio. October 1939.

Haj Ali ASFAHANI. Khan Dijaj, Shorja St., Baghdad. Deals in beads, buttons, and the like. July 1939.

Sion Shaul ASLAN. Khan Rahmat Allah. General importer. April 1939.

Jacob E.S. ATRAGHJI. Ashar, Basra. Leading importer of piece goods from Japan and India. 30 July 1941.

Isaac & Moshi D. BALASS. Khan Chalkaysi, Baghdad. Piece goods dealers. December 1939.

Asber Joseph BASHI. Rewaq St., Baghdad. Commission agent. March 1939.

Jabir Mahdi BAZAZ. Shorja St., Baghdad. Importer of glassware and porcelain. August 1939.

Ezra BEKHOR. Safafir St., Baghdad. Haberdasheries and cotton sundries. June 1939.

Ezra M. BEKHOR. Safafir St., Baghdad. Piece goods importer. August 1939.

Elias Ephraim DABBY. Khan Ta'awan, Siqaqi St., Baghdad. Importer and dealer of carpentry implements. January 1940.

Ezra D. DABBY, Haji SAID & Co. Rewaq St., Baghdad. Commission agent. April 1939.

Ezra Heskell DANGOOR. Safafir St., Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

Philip J. DANO. Khan Damirji, Baghdad. Commission agent. Deals mainly with Japan. Represents TANAKA Glass Factory, Nagoya.

Ezra Moshi Abu DAUD. Khan Chakayse, Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

Eliahu Murad DAVID. Shorja St., Baghdad. Commission agent and dealer in haberdasheries. January 1940.

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Eliahu Murad DAVID. Shorja St., Baghdad. Commission agent and dealer in haberdasheries. January 1940.

N. M. DAYYAN. Khan Muradiyah Kabir. Importer of Japanese goods.

N. H. DAYYAN, S. S. SHIRAZI, and S. A. M. MOSHI. Khan Muradiyah T. A. "Dayanco," Baghdad. Export all Iraq produce, import generally but mainly textiles. Commission agents and each of the partners represents various manufacturers. Wishes to represent Y. CONDO & Co., 16 Hasima-machi, Kobe.

EASTERN AGENCY. February 1940. Commission agents, Baghdad.

Shoun & Harun Shadul Yusuf ELIAHU & Partner. Khan Sion Abusi, Baghdad. Bankers and general importers.

Heskel Yahuda ELIAS & Bros. Rashid St., Baghdad. Importers and dealers in carpentry implements. January 1940.

Shaul Isaac ELIAS. Khan Marjan, Baghdad. Importer and dealer in carpentry implements. January 1940.

Sasson M. EZRA. Khan Shamash, Baghdad. Piece goods importer. August 1939.

Eliahu Yahuda FATTAL. Khan Dangur & Fattal, Safafir St., Baghdad. Commission agent and importer of piece goods. August 1939.

Ephraim FATTAL. Safafir St., Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

S. Y. FATTAL. Safafir St., Baghdad. General importer and commission agent.

Ephraim GABBAY (1st partner in the Iraq Trading Company). Khan Damirji Saghir, Baghdad. Commission agent and importer. April 1939.

Naji S. GABBY (2nd partner in the Iraq Trading Company). Rashid St., Baghdad. Commission agent and importer. April 1939.

Salim E. GABBY. Rashid St., Baghdad. Tailor of shirts and pyjamas and importer of piece goods. December 1939.

The GENERAL IRONWORKS (Import Division). Khan 4/5/10 Safafir St., Baghdad. Commission agents of hardware.

Kerop GOURDIKIAN. Khan Remah Kabir, Baghdad. Importer and dealer in haberdasheries and cotton underwear. October 1940.

G. S. GUBBAY. Khan Damirji, Baghdad. Commission agent and importer of dried fruit from India. January 1940.

Abraham HAIM.

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Abraham HAIM. Safafir St., Baghdad. General merchant and commission agent. March 1939.

M. H. HAKIM. Samawal St., Baghdad. Commission agent and importer. April 1939.

Eliashu HAIM. Shurja St., Baghdad. Piece goods and glass ware importer. August 1939.

Sasson HAJUN. Safafir St., Baghdad. Japanese piece goods and sugar merchant. June 1939.

Jacob E. HASHAAL & Salah S. SHAMASH. P. O. Box 8, Baghdad. (Khan Ramah Kabir) Commission agents.

Abdullah HASSU. Khan Dhabab Saghir, P. O. Box 34, Baghdad. Agent for M. KUWABARA, Kobe, and Saito Seizo SHETEN Ltd., Tokio. October 1939.

Kheduri Muallim Daud HAY. Suq Sulaymani, Baghdad. Piece goods retailer. May 1939.

Sion & Gurji HAYA (Or AHAYA). Mustansir St., Baghdad. Commission agents and importers. Agents for YASUDA & Co., Osaka, who deal in coal.

Moshi Eliahu HAYIK. Rashid St., Baghdad. Importer of bicycles, tubes, and plumbing fixtures. July 1939.

Naji E. HESKEL. Rashid St., Baghdad. Commission agents and importers of automobile parts for retail sales. February 1940.

Yohanen S. HOHANAN. 160/156 Shurja St., Baghdad. Merchant of porcelain, aluminum, and glass ware. June 1939.

Mikhail & Saleh IDA. 9/99 Mustansir St., Baghdad. Timber importers. September 1939.

Abraham & Salim INY. Mustansir St., Baghdad. Commission agents. July 1939.

Salim I. INY. Safafir St., 97/10, Baghdad. Commission agent. Helped by his brothers Albere (Albert?) and Nathan. January 1940.

IRAQ TRADING CO. 228/1 Rashid St., Baghdad. Commission agent and importer. April 1939.

N. KADURI. 464/9 Khan Pashashi, Baghdad. Piece goods and sundries. Undated.

Manashi KASHI & Shaul NAFTALI. Khan Miradiyyah, Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

Manashi & Aslan Moshi KAYA. Khan Dijaj, Shorja St., Baghdad. Stationery (including rubber bands) and hosiery importer. August 1939.

R. S. KEHALA.

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R.S. KEHALA. P.O. Box No. 2, Baghdad. Khan Pasha Kabir. Commission agent. March 1939.

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Nicolas KFURI. Rashid St., Baghdad. Importers of gramophones, radios and flash-light batteries. July 1939.

Yakub KHABAZZA. Mustansir St., Baghdad. Timber importer. September 1939.

Eliahu Haim KHALASHI. 30/340 Khan Danhus, Samawal St., Baghdad. Importer of glass ware, porcelain, and other goods. August 1939.

Yana Murad KHAZZAM & Gurgi YADU. Aadhmiaya, Baghdad. Owners of a soap factory. April 1939.

Daul Yamen LAWEE & Sons. Samawal St., Baghdad. Commission agent. March 1939.

Rahim Y. LEVY. Khan Daniel, near Khan Shaul Toba, Baghdad. Hosiery importer and commission agent. March 1940.

Yamen M LEVY. Khan Pasha Kabir, Samawal St., Baghdad. Merchant and commission agent. Represents an important Japanese firm. June 1940.

Salim H. LEYLA. Old Regie Khan, Baghdad. Principally an importer of glass ware and porcelain; also of lanterns and primus stoves. Imports from Japan and Germany, mostly through Messrs. K. SHUKIR and J. ABUDI. August 1939.

C. LIEBENTHAL & E. SOFFER. 15/174 Rashid St., Baghdad. Commission agent. April 1939.

Yakub MAKABIAN. Shorja St., Khan Dijaj, Baghdad. Importer and dealer in spices and other commodities. Deals with Iran and Japan. October 1939.

Moshi N. MANSUR. Shorja St., Baghdad. Stationery (including rubber bands) and hosiery importer. Imports also buttons. August 1939.

Salman MANSUR. 114/158 Shorja St., Baghdad. Importer of glass ware and porcelain.

Sion Heskel MANSUR. Shorja St., Baghdad. Sundries importer. September 1939.

Salim Manashi MASHAAL. Khan Ottoman Bank Building, Baghdad. Importer and dealer of Japanese goods.

Ezra Meir MASLIYYAH. Khan Dalla Kabir, Baghdad. Indigo and beads merchant. June 1939.

Heskel Ezra MASRI. Shorja St., Baghdad. Dealer in porcelain ware.

Salih N. MASRI & Co.

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Salih N. MASRI & Co. Khan Makhzum, Baghdad. Merchant of haberdasheries, shoes, and cotton underwear. June 1939.

Gofril and Emile MEGARBAN. Riwaq St., Baghdad. Commission agents. Deal with Japan but principally with Italy. August 1939.

Abudi Shibath H. MIRAYOCKH. Sukakhana Bazaar, Baghdad. General merchant. March 1939.

Juri S. MISSAFI. Khan Damirji, Baghdad. Commission agent. March 1939.

Ephraim Simon MOSHI. Khan al-Kumrik. P.O.Box 30. Commission agent. March-April 1939.

Heskel Shoua MOSHI. Khan Fattal, Safafir St., Baghdad. Commission agent. August 1939.

Shlomon Abraham Hakham MOSHI. Khan Maradiyyah Kabir, Baghdad. Importer of Japanese goods.

Heskel Haron MUALLIM. Basra. General Merchandise. March 1940.

N.J. MUALLIM. Khan Shashua. Dealer in piece goods in conjunction with Messrs. SHASHUA & HAKIM. Works also on his own. Agent of Messrs. C. ITCH and Co., Japan. Stayed in Italy from 1925 until 1935. Was in Japan 1935-1939. Has a brother Salim in Japan. August 1941.

J. & S.S. MUKAMMAL. Riwaq St., Baghdad. Sole agents of MIRSHO Co. Ltd. (woolen piece goods). May 1939.

Abd-al Husayn MUNAJJIM. Safafir St., Baghdad. April 1939.

David Heskel MURAD. Rewaq St., Baghdad. Commission agent. April 1941.

Meir Heskel MURAD. Shorja St., Baghdad. Commission agent. May 1939.

Naim Y. MURAD & AZOC. Khan Dalla, Baghdad. Commission agent. October 1939.

Jacob E. NAWAMA. Khan Dhahab, Baghdad. Deals in piece goods with Rouben and Tusuf Bakh ASH. November 1939.

Sassoon S. NAWY. Khan Shalkaysi, Baghdad. Piece goods importer. Subject has two partners, Mr. Khaduri Murad SHEMTOB and Mr. Moshi Isaac RAHMIN.

Moshi Nakham NESSIM. Khan Shalkaysi, Baghdad. Importer of piece goods, mostly from Japan and Italy. December 1939.

Shaul Yehudi NESSIM. Khan Pasha Kabir, Baghdad. General importer. April 1939.

Khaduri NAKKAK. Rashid St., Baghdad. Importer and dealer of carpentry implements and building materials. January 1940.

Yehuda Yahya NISSEN

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Yehuda Yahya NISSEN & Son. Khan Rahmat Allah, Baghdad. Piece goods importers and commission agents. December 1939.

Rouben Heskell OBADIAH. 228/1 Rashid St., Baghdad, Commission agent. July 1939.

Sesson OBADYAH. 1-11 Khan Sumnikh, Safafir St., Baghdad. Importer of glass ware and porcelain. August 1939.

Elias Y. PARESS. Khan Abdani, Room No. 12., Rewaq St., Baghdad. Commission agent. August 1939.

Heskell E. PARESS. Samawal St., Baghdad. Importer of piece goods. April 1939.

Heskell Ezra Nessim PERESS. Khan Pasha Kabir. Piece goods merchant. April 1939.

Joseph F. RABING. Khan No. 3/33 Rewaq St., Baghdad. Foodstuffs importer; has a branch in Tehran. November 1939.

Moshi Sasson RAHMIN & Naim E. ROUBEN. Khan Shalkaysi Saghir, Baghdad. Piece goods importer. December 1939.

Salam Shaul RAHMIN. Khan Shaul Toba, Baghdad. Owner of immovable property and importer of silk piece goods. Known as Salman Shaul TOBA. Has three brothers, Salih, Rahman, and Rouben, who work in the same line.

Salih Ezra RAHMIN. Khan Shaul Toba, Baghdad. Importer of piece goods. December 1939.

Ahmad RAMADAN. Khan Rimah Kabir, Baghdad. November 1939.

David Sulman RESOUEY. Sief St., Basra. Dealer in general merchandise. March 1940.

Moshi Aslan ROUBEN. Shorja St., Baghdad. Haberdasheries merchant. June 1939.

Ibrahim J. SAAD & Fils. Rashid St., Baghdad. Agents for Packard cars, Royal tires, refrigerators, and the like. Importers of manufactured goods. Blacklisted by the British Embassy. April 1941.

Salim Abraham SADHA. Khan Shalkaysi, Baghdad. Piece goods importer. August 1939.

Jury D. SALAMAH. Khan Naji Daud, Safafir St., Baghdad. Commission agent, brother of Ezra T. SALAMAH. September 1939.

Albert Hugi SALIH. Khan Dalla Kabir St., Baghdad. Piece goods merchant. March 1939.

N. SALIM. Khan Dalla Kabir, Baghdad. Commission agent and manufacturers' agent. Speaks Japanese. Has been in Kobe as a clerk in an Iraqi firm.

E. SALMAN. Khan Zilka, Baghdad. Commission merchant. August 1939.

Moshi Nessim SALMAN.

Moshi Nessim SALMAN. Shorja St., Baghdad. Importer and dealer in haberdasheries and batteries and flashlights, dealing with FUKUDA Trading Co., Osaka. Also an importer of stationery, including rubber bands, and of hosiery; likewise buttons. August 1939.

Abraham S. SALTUN. Khan Pachachi, Baghdad. Exporter of grain and importer of lace and other fabrics.

Shawkat SARKIS. Mustansir St., Baghdad. Commission merchant. December 1939.

Shawl D. SHAYEK. Khan Muradiyyah, Baghdad. General importer. April 1939.

Sasson Shemel Hakham SASSON. Khan Shalkaysi, Baghdad. General importer. April 1939.

Salih E. SASSON. Khan al-Gurji, Baghdad. Piece goods merchant and commission agent. April 1939.

Rahmin S. SAYGH. Shorja St., Baghdad. Dealer in spices and general merchandise.

Ezra Y. SELAMA & Co. Suq Kumrik, Baghdad. Timber and bedstead importers. September 1939.

Salman & M. S. SEMAH. Rashid St., Baghdad. Electric contractors and importers of electric accessories through Menashi Yusuf SHEMAL. May 1939.

Joseph E. SHAHRABANI. Khan Muradiyyah, Baghdad. Piece goods importer. Partner of Salim J. TCHITAYAT. December 1939.

Isaac Nessim SHAYA. Shorja St., Baghdad. Haberdasheries merchant. January 1940.

Salim Nahum SHIKURY. Sharkhashiyyah Bazaar, Baghdad. Tailor of shirts and pyjamas and importer of piece goods. December 1939.

Hayawi SHIRAZI. Khan Muradiyyah, Baghdad. Piece goods importer and broker. April 1939.

S. H. SHIRAZI. Khan Kuradiyyah Kabir, Baghdad. Importer of Japanese goods. April 1939.

Akram S. SHUHIT. Rewaq St., Baghdad. Commission agent. June 1939.

Salih M. SHUHIT. Khan Shamash, Safafir St., Baghdad. Haberdasheries, shoes, and cotton underwear merchant. June 1939.

Ibrahim M. SHUHARLY. Khan Riwaq Kabir, Baghdad. Commission agent, shoes and shoe accessories merchant. June 1939.

S. E. SIMON. Riwaq St., Baghdad. Clearing agent, exporter, importer of tea, sugar and barley. Small banker. September 1939.

Simon Hay Isaac SIMON.

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Simon Hay Isaac SIMON. Riwaq St., Baghdad. Piece goods and hosiery importers. Has an office in Japan directed by his son Jamil, aged 25. Known by the name of Hayawi Abu TINAN. August 1939.

Salim M. SOFFER. Khan Dhabab. Commission agent. January 1940.

Elias S. SUERI. Khan Shawl Toba, Baghdad. Commission agent in piece goods. Imports sometimes on his own account. December 1939.

Yacub Khaduri SURANI. Shorja St., Baghdad. Importer of glassware and porcelain. Helped by young brother Yusuf. August 1939.

Salman TAKU & Co. Khan Muradiyyah, Baghdad. General importer. April 1939.

Elie A. TCHWELLA. Riwaq St., Baghdad. Importer of hosiery and piece goods.

Abu-al-Nabi Yahuda TOEG. Khan Shalkhaysi, Baghdad. Commission agent. March 1939.

Ezra ZAKAI. Khan Pacha Kabir, Baghdad. Importer of tea and sugar. Agent for Takishada & Co. April 1939.

Ezra H. ZAKKAI. Samawal St., Baghdad. Tea and sugar importer. April 1939.

H. M. ZAKKAI & N. & R. S. I. DAVID. P.O. Box 72, Baghdad. Importer of leather and shoes.

Sasson I. ZALAYET. Khan Rimah, Baghdad. Haberdashery dealer. September 1939.

A. ZULALIAN. Rashid St., Baghdad. Importer of radios, electrical apparatus, and small implements, especially for dairies and harvesting. October 1939.

Also to be included in the list are the following:

Jacques M. BISTRO. Khan Haj Yasin Khadayri, Baghdad. Piece goods and sundries merchant. April 1939.

Shamun Heskell DABBAY. Khan al-Agha al-Kabir, Baghdad. General importer. April 1939.

Sasson H. DABBY & Co. Khan Dalla Kabir, Baghdad. Commission agent. Deals mainly in sundries with Japanese firms.

M. & J. DALLAD, Mustansir St., Baghdad. Ladies wear retailers, June 1939.

Salih M. DALLAL. Khan Guji, Baghdad. Piece goods and sugar merchant. Deals a little with Japan. June 1939.

Albert J. MIMI, Mustansir St., Baghdad. November 1939.

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III. Of the applicants for visas to Japan in the period before that country's entry into the War, the majority desired transit visas on their way to the United States. The following list includes only those who wished to stay in Japan, or who seemed interesting for other reasons.

Haim ABID. Born in Baghdad 1909 and resident there. Iraqi passport no. 871, issued 4 March 1937. Wished visa for one year to act on behalf of Iraqi importers. A letter from Isaac Salih JURY to the Japanese Consulate, dated 2 July 1941, stated that it was sending Subject and Albert Eliahu HAYIM to Japan for business purposes. Expected to live in Tokio. Issued Japanese visa 8 July 1941.

Abdallah Hasan AHMIK. Syrian merchant, aged 22. Staying at the Hotel al-A'ayan, Baghdad. Desired a visa for a three-month visit, intending to depart about 15 February (1941?). No action indicated.

Sahih Haskal BAKHUR. Born in Baghdad 1909 and resident there. Wished a visa for one year for purposes of commerce. Probable place of residence: Tokio. Holder of Iraqi passport no. 1355 issued 7 July 1941. Issued Japanese visa 11 July 1941.

Luis BUCHWALD. Bolivian merchant, born 1896, resident of Villason, holder of Bolivian passport no. 6 (158) issued 26 January 1938. Desired transit visa to catch boat to Bolivia. Japanese visa issued 5 March 1941.

Salim Haskel DABBY. Iraqi merchant, born in Baghdad 1907, and resident there. Holder of Iraqi passport no. 165 issued 13 January 1941. Traveling with wife Mrs. Vera Bennett and baby seven months old; Mrs. Bennett born in Newtown (England?) in 1915. Son of Haskel DABBY, Baghdad. En route to the United States. Expected to stay in Tokio.

DEBS, Abd-al Fattah Muhammad Khayr. (possibly DEHO or DEHS or DIBS). Syrian merchant who was born in Damascus, where he is still resident, in 1917. His father, Muhammad Khayr DEBS, lived on Rue Mutran, Beyrouth. Wished to visit Japan for business reasons and expected to stay in Kobe where he knew Izzat DEBS of Naniwawachi 26, Kobe Ku. Syrian passport 6283 issued on 17 January 1940. Issued a visa, valid for a year, on 24 January 1941.

HAFFAR, Mamduh Yasin. Syrian merchant born in Damascus, in which he was resident, in 1913. His father Yasin HAFFAR was likewise a merchant. To visit Japan for commercial reasons and to stay in Kobe where he knew Abd-al Nahi RAHHAT. Syrian passport 4458 issued on 17 May 1939. Visa granted on 17 December 1940.

INY, Frank Jacob. An Iraqi manufacturer born in Baghdad in 1895. A resident of Baghdad. His wife is Muzle Rahmin Musre. To go to Japan, where he was acquainted with several commercial firms, for business reasons. Iraqi passport 212, issued on 28 February 1940. Visa, whose duration was not indicated, granted on 7 March 1941.

ISHAYIK, Salman Manashi. An Iraqi merchant born in Baghdad, of which he is a resident, in 1905. Son of Manashi and Khatun ISHAYIK. Expected to arrive in Japan on business

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on business in December 1940. Subject is an acquaintance of Frank HILLAL, an Iraqi merchant in Japan having business connections with MITSUBUSHI in Iraq. Iraqi passport 324 issued on 14 October 1940. No indication of a ction on visa application.

JORTNER, Ignacy. A Polish engineer born in Tarnow on 15 August 1896. Resident of Bucharest. Wife is named Ludwicki. Applied for a Japanese visa valid for three months in order to buy machinery. Polish passport 20290/1469, issued at Bucharest on 28 October 1940. Visa granted on 10 February 1941.

JORTNER, Michel. Polish engineer born in Tarnow on 23 May 1895. Resident of Bucharest; husband of Maria. Going to Japan to buy machinery. Polish passport 20292/1451 issued at Bucharest on 28 October 1940. Granted a visa valid for three months on 10 February 1941.

OSNOS, Josef. Polish engineer who was born in Warsaw on 25 June 1904. Resident of Bucharest; husband of Marta. Polist passport 5226/596 (No. 01855) issued at Bucharest on 3 July 1940. Granted a tourist visa valid for three months on 16 January 1941.

SASSOON, George. Iraqi merchant from Baghdad. Son of Ezra N. SASSOON of Khan Shamash SAFAFIR, Baghdad. Going to Japan on business and expected to live in Kobe. Born in Baghdad on 23 November 1900. Iraqi passport 416 issued on 17 April 1941. No action indicated on the visa application.

SAYYID BAHR-al-DIN, Tyav. Iraqi artist and painter from Ashar, Basra. On 9 May 1940 applied for a visa in order to study in Japan. No action on the application indicated.

SHAYO, Rahmo. Syrian merchant, resident of Kobe, Japan. Born in Aleppo in 1914, the son of Haim SHAYO. Going back to Japan where he had his own business house. Syrian passport 37 issued 4 October 1938. Visa granted on 30 March 1941.

SHOUA, Moshi. Iraqi merchant, born in 1912. Subject is an agent for textiles, hosiery, glassware, and linens; he is also in business with his brother, a commercial commission agent in Kobe, Japan. Subject's Baghdad office is listed as Mr. H.S.MOSHI, Safafir St., Khan Dangur; the addresses of the brother's firm are given as H.N.E. SASSOON and V.C.MOSHI, P.O.Box 1086 (Kobe) and Baher St., A 15/110, Baghdad. No indication of action on the visa application.

SIMON, Jamil. Iraqi merchant, son of Simon Hai Isaac SIMON. Resident of Baghdad, where he was born in 1914. Expected to arrive in Japan in November 1940, to stay an unspecified time on business. Knew a certain HOREIACHI in Kobe. Iraqi passport 536 issued on 19 June 1940. No record that the visa was granted.

TIRT, Khalil Ibrahim.

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TIRT, Khalil Ibrahim. Syrian journalist; 31. Wished a three month's tourist visa, to be valid February-May 1941. At the time of his application was staying at the Hotel al-A'ayan, Baghdad. No record that a visa was granted.

Of these actual or potential travelers, connections with the trading families listed in Section II are apparent in some cases. Note the names ABID, BAKHUR, DABBY, HAIM and INY.

IV. The remaining records of the Legation reveal nothing of its contacts with Iraqis. Even the usual lists of persons invited or to be invited to official receptions have disappeared in the final holocaust. Some information concerning the Japanese community in Baghdad itself does exist.

A. Legation Personnel.

Shinro MIYAZAKI, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, who succeeded Taneki KUMABE on 11 November 1940, the latter being presented with the Rafidayn Order Second Class on his departure. MIYAZAKI left for Japan 27 August 1941.

Yosio SASAMOTO, appointed Secretary of Legation 30 December 1939, became Charge d'Affaires on the departure of the Minister. He and his wife applied to London for permission to transit India and Burma on their way back to Japan 26 November 1941, reporting that they expected to leave 11 December 1941 in company with

Hideji TAMURA, accredited Attache of Legation 4 November 1941, and wife. Their departure, made presumably in anticipation of the attack on Pearl Harbor, left of the Legation staff only

Mayer M. COHEN, Iraqi, Secretary, and

Salman JWAYDAH, Iraqi employee.

(Actually they did not leave until February 1942, at which time the remaining property was turned over to Turkey as the Protecting Power.)

Otherwise named are Torao KAWASAKI, Attache, recalled to Japan 7 October 1941, and Jiwa MIYAZAWA, Attache, recalled 20 March 1941.

B. Business People.

On October 2, 1941 a party of business people, and their families left Baghdad for Tehran by motor convoy, the drivers being listed as follows: Ahmad HUSAYN, Abbas HUSAYN, Sayyid IBRAHIM, Shawi TAGNI, Sayyid INSAYEF, Qeetza ALI, Muhammad MURAD, Nusmat ALLAH, Hafi SAEED, Muhammad AMIN. The persons transported were as follows:

Kenji KOBAYASHI,

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Kenji KOBAYASHI, Director of the Nippon Trade Agency, and family.

Takazo KOBAYASHI, Secretary of the Nippon Trade Agency.

Sigeri TABUTI, Clerk of the Nippon Trade Agency.

Takeo HAMAZAKI, Staff member of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., and family.

Seitaro FUJINO, Staff member of the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, Ltd.

Kenjiro TANAKE, Staff member of the same company.

Mitio NISIGORI, Staff member of the same company.

Takeo WATANAKE, Staff member of the Taniwa Hochi Shokai, Ltd.

Sabro KAKITANI, Employee of the Toyp Menka Kaisha, Ltd., and representative of Hattori Syoten, Ltd.

Mituaki HIRANO, Employee of the Nattori Shoten, Ltd.

Shigeru OKUNO, Employee of the C. Itoki & Co., Ltd.

Of these, in the case of Takeo HAMAZAKI, we received the incidental information that he married on 8 May 1941 an Iranian, Emma AMIRDJANIANN, born 1 April 1912 at Tabriz.

Other business men known to have been in Iraq shortly before the War are:

Fujio INOUYE, Staff member of Assano Bussan & Co., who went to Iran February 1940 and to Egypt June 1940.

Takesaburo KASAMA, Director of Mitsubishi Shoja Kaisha, Ltd., who went to Iran on business March 1940.

Shiro MATSOURA, Inspector of the Bureau of Civil Aviation in Japan, who, with Teizo KYUNO of the same Bureau went to Iran on business in the spring of 1940.

C. Students.

Tadashi OKA, a Foreign Office student of Arabic, was expelled from the Iraqi government schools 9 November 1941.

A Mr. **HAYASHI**, a Foreign Office student at the Egyptian University in Cairo, desired an Iraqi exit permit 5 March 1940 to go to Egypt.

An undated note refers to **Tetsuo KOBAYASHI**, a student at al-Azhar University, who passed through Iraq on his way back from Japan.

V. It is not felt that further study of the records will be profitable.

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AGGENDA: Dates missing from Section II are supplied as follows: Menashi Moshi ABID, December 1939; Ibrahim ANI, January 1940; Philip DANO, November 1939; Salman MANSUR, August 1939; Salim MASHAAL, November 1939; Shloman MOSHI, April 1939; Salam RAHMIN, August 1939; Abraham SALTUN, June 1939; Rahmin SAYGH, October 1939, Haim M. ZAKKAI & NESSIM & Rouben S.I. DAVID, July 1939; Sasson DABBY, July 1940. Albert MIM's business was Commission agent.

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Please have a thorough search made for any ~~open~~ cases on names mentioned in Part III of the enclosure to the underlying despatch no. 1008 of December 26, 1945 from Baghdad.

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Mr. Meyer (vD)

I checked the 1940 through the 1944 records on each of the names of the applicants listed under Section 3 of this covering despatch & listed below are the only two applicants on which I found any record whatsoever:-

① Buchwald, Louis (not identical with the Louis Buchwald mentioned in despatch 1001 from Baghdad)
 Sub. 9-15-42 - 862.20210 Buchwald, Ludwig (conf)

Sub. 11-24-42 - 862.20210/2093 (conf)

Sub. 12-2-42 - 862.20210/2098 (conf)

Sub. 12-18-42 - 862.20210/2125 (conf)

② Conos, Josef

12-3-41 - 811.111 Conos, Joseph

No Subversive Record Found in General Index

M. Meyer VD.

I checked the names in paragraph III of Despatch # 1001

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all files from 1940 through 1946 and listed below are four applicants on which I found any record.

Nothing of interest found in these files
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Haffar, Mambourh Y.V ✓

811.111 Jortner, Ignacy ✓

Jorner, Michael ✓

811.111 Osnoe, Jozef - (Joseph) ✓

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Baghdad.

Department presumes that Japanese Legation safe referred to as unopened in paragraph five of Lieutenant Colonel Welles' report transmitted with your despatch 1001 of December 26, 1945 has by this time been forced.

In addition to full report of contents by despatch, Department would appreciate summary report by airgram.

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Secretary of State

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2378, December 27, 10 a.m.

Swiss Minister has informed me that Bern has authorized his turning over Japanese property and archives to Egyptian Minister Foreign Affairs if British and ourselves perceive no objection. British position outlined my airgram 636, Dec 1, 1945. Russian Charge d'Affaires states his Govt objects to this procedurr and insists property and archives be turned over to Four Powers even if Four Powers then turn them over to Egyptians for custody. This would seem best solution and I propose suggesting this to Swiss Minister if Dept perceives no objection. In view of Dept's circular Nov 2, 8 a.m., I would be happy to go along with British and accept Egyptian stand. However, I feel Russia would interpret it as another case of Anglo-American front versus Russia. Also I consider Russian point that whatever Jap Govt emerges from present situation will hold Four Powers responsible for Jap property abroad well taken. Please instruct.

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In response to DEPT's request that instructions be issued from Tokyo for Harada to hand over keys Tokyo states that instructions to Jap Ambassador Holy See to "transfer the custody of all the property (including funds) and archives of your Mission as they are to the Allied representatives without delay" believed sufficiently explicit to include keys to any archives now in possession of Japanese Mission to Vatican even those of former Japanese Embassy to Italy. REURTEL 4210 Dec. 27.

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4210, December 27, 7 p.m.

Amvats telegram No. 241, December 19, refers to

my 3864, December 3 and previous. Soviet Embassy
replied December 10 that Govt USSR "considered it
necessary" that Japanese property and Archives here
be placed at "common disposition and use of diplomatic
representatives" of three great powers. Chinese
representative replied December 8 that if USSR and UK
Govts agreed there was no objection on part of Chinese
Govt to US Embassy taking over in behalf of other
three powers Japanese diplomatic and Consular Archives
and property in Italy but that such custody should be
considered of temporary nature and that final disposition
would result from further consultation between four
powers (sent Dept 4210, repeated Caserta 1341, Moscow
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We and representatives of other three powers Rome
cannot take physical possession of Japanese property
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In view para 1(A) of General MacArthur's directive
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should be turned over to representatives four powers.

Such action would seem to be in accord with information given
Swiss FONOFF by Jap representative Bern under instructions from
Tokyo. ^{1894.414} URTEL 2378 ^{1894.414} Dec 27. ^{1894.414} However in view Egyptian desire to
take charge Jap records property you are authorized to turn
over custody to FONOFF provided your Russian Chinese and British
colleagues concur and guarantee of access given by FONOFF.

DEPT has received from Egyptian Legation request that US
agree to transfer custody by Swiss to FONOFF and is replying
in above sense.

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FROM: Moscow via War
TO: Secretary of State
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DEPTEL 2182, December 27.

Disposition Jap diplomatic and consular property and archives.
Letter dated today sent Vyshinski asking for early indication
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NO. 13,242

Santiago, Chile, December 28, 1945

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SUBJECT: Transmitting the first installment of a translation into English of the Japanese Minister's Diary taken from the Japanese Diplomatic Archives in Santiago.

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THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

SIR:

With reference to my secret despatch No. 13,047 of November 16, 1945, regarding the Japanese diplomatic property and archives in Santiago, I have the honor to enclose a translation of the first part of a diary written by Yamagata, former Japanese Minister to Chile, which was found in a chest in the Swedish Legation upon the examination of the Japanese archives stored there.

Reference is made to the notation in the diary under the date of September 15, 1941: "Read in German Embassy a copy of American note to Chilean Government". Attention is also invited to the remark said to have been made on February 9, 1942, by the German Ambassador to the Japanese Minister to the effect that on the previous day the interview between the American Ambassador and Rossetti had been principally about the matter of copper prices. Apropos of these two entries in the diary, I consider that the following observations are necessary. At that time Juan Bautista Rossetti was the Minister for Foreign Affairs. I have been informed by Señor Fernández, the present Minister for Foreign Affairs, that on the dates above referred to the Foreign Office was honeycombed with German partisans and that Fernando ORREGO Vicuña, who was Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Office, and his assistant, Regulo VALENZUELA Vera, were notoriously pro-Nazi and in intimate contact with the German Ambassador. It is quite possible that the American note was passed on to the German Embassy by either Orrego or Valenzuela. It is likewise possible that Orrego or Valenzuela, or Rossetti himself, conveyed to the German Ambassador the information concerning my conversation with Rossetti on February 8, 1942.

Orrego is now Counselor of the Chilean Embassy in Buenos Aires and Valenzuela was First Secretary in that Embassy until about six months ago, when he was returned to Chile because of illness. According to my information,

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upon the termination of his duties as Assistant Chief of Protocol Valenzuela was assigned as First Secretary of the Chilean Embassy at Rio de Janeiro but the Chilean Ambassador there, Señor Gabriel GONZALEZ Videla, refused to have him on his staff because he was known to be pro-Nazi. I consider the assignment of Orrego and Valenzuela to Buenos Aires significant.

This part of the former Japanese Minister's diary is dated from August 28, 1941, through March 31, 1942. The translation was done by Mr. Su Shih Chen, Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation, and further translations will be submitted to the Department as they are finished by Mr. Chen. A copy of the enclosed translation has been given the British Embassy.

Meanwhile, it is again recommended that the small amount of Japanese archives discovered in the Swedish Legation be taken by United States military airplane to Washington for examination.

Respectfully yours,

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