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The Gaimusho
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M. le Ministre:

Following my letter No. 32/T3 of 29th January last, I have the honour to send to Your Excellency the following communication on the subject of the treatment of civilian internees:

The Imperial Government will apply for the duration of the war under condition of reciprocity the provisions of the Convention relative to treatment of prisoners of war of 27 July 1929 to enemy civilian internees, insofar as they are applicable and provided that they are not made to work without their consent.

American civilians now held in Japan (including territories overseas) number 134. They are enjoying more favourable conditions than those prescribed by the above-mentioned Convention. Not only are they supplied by the Imperial Government with provisions such as bread, butter, eggs, meat, heavy oil for heating, coal, etc., but also they are allowed to receive from outside donations of food and clothing. They are specially held in a place near the residences of their families under some inconvenience to the Imperial Government as far as surveillance is concerned, so that their families may easily see them.

As far as the health of the internees is concerned, they are examined from time to time by specially engaged doctors. Those who are sick can summon an outside doctor to examine them and in serious cases may enter a civil hospital. They are allowed to read papers and books and to listen to the radio by sets placed at their disposal and to go out under certain restrictions if they have any good reason therefor.

Asking you kindly to inform the Government of the United States of America,

(U. S.) Minister of Foreign Affairs

EXHIBIT A

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1469-F	Copy of letter dated 27 December 1941 from the Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Foreign Minister.
1469-E	Letter dated 20 January 1942 from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 11/T3).
1469-D	Letter dated 29 January 1942 from the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 22/T3).
1469-C	Copy of letter dated 20 February 1942 from the Swiss Minister to Shigenori TOGO, Japanese Foreign Minister (EE.7.1.-ce).
1469-B	Letter dated 13 February 1942 from Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 46/T3).
1469-A	Letter dated 2 March 1942 from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Minister (No. 71/T3).

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I.P.S. No. 1469-A-F

Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Walter Bossi, hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Government of Switzerland in the following capacity: Swiss Diplomatic Representative, and as such official I have custody of the documents, consisting of six letters and notes, as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and described as follows: True copy of letters and notes in French from the minister of Switzerland addressed to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the original replies thereto of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed to the Minister of Switzerland.

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I further certify that the attached letters and notes are official records of the Swiss Legation in Japan and that they are a part of the official archives and files thereof.

Signed at Tokyo on this

/s/ W. Bossi
Signature of Official

5th day of December, 1946.

Swiss Diplomatic Representative
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Max R. Ton

Statement of Official Procurement

I, 2nd Lt. Eric W. Fleisher, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Swiss Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher, 2nd Lt. AUSMI
NAME

5th day of December, 1946.

Investigator IPS
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ J. A. Curtis