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AMERICAN EMBASSY,  
The Hague, Netherlands,  
April 27, 1949.

No. 180.  
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VIA AIR POUCH

SUBJECT: Shipment to United States of Ashes of Allied Dead  
from Mass Graves in Japan.

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

Sir:

With reference to the Department's Instruction No. 288 of  
December 16, 1946, and to the Embassy's despatch No. 364 dated  
December 17, 1947, relating to the shipment to the United States  
of the ashes of Allied war dead now buried in mass graves in  
Japan, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the note (No. 22796  
dated April 20, 1949) which has just been received from the Nether-  
lands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in reply to the Embassy's original  
note dated January 5, 1947.

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Respectfully yours,  
For the Ambassadors

*Robert D. Coe*

Robert D. Coe,  
Counselor of Embassy

To the Department on mat.

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Enc., despatch No. 180, April 27, 1949, The Hague, Netherlands.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Hague,

Legal and Administrative Department.

Nr. 22796

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and referring to the latter's note of January 5th, 1947, No. 602, has the honour to inform the Embassy that Her Majesty's Government regret being unable to accede to the proposal of the Department of State, that the cremated remains of Allied dead, interred in the mass graves in Fukuoka Camp I and IV, be removed to the United States for final burial.

After consultation with the appropriate authorities in Indonesia, Her Majesty's Government would prefer a final burial in a United States Army Forces Overseas Cemetery, to be established in Manila; in accordance with the procedure suggested in § I sub c (2) of the Policy Memorandum Nb.I, issued by the Memorial Division of the Army Service Forces Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25 D.C., dated April 11th, 1946.

The Hague, April 20th 1949.

To the Embassy of the  
United States of America.

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