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FROM

Algiers

Dated July 17, 1945

Rec'd July 24 6pm

Secretary of State,

Washington.

A-189, July 17, 1945.

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Pvt. Samuel Jacobson, killed aboard Japanese prison ship October 24, 1944. Mother, Mrs. Rose Klein, resident of Algiers requests Consulate General for information regarding disposition of any monies that Pvt. Jacobson may have left.

Consulate General would appreciate Department requesting Adjutant General, War Department to forward information to this office.

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The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and transmits herewith for the attention of the Adjutant General a copy of an airgram received from the American Consulate General at Algiers requesting on behalf of Mrs. Rose Klein, a resident of Algiers, information regarding the disposition made of any monies left by her son, Private Samuel Jacobson, who perished during the sinking of a Japanese prisoner of war transport on October 24, 1944.

The Department will be pleased to transmit to the Consulate General at Algiers such information as the War Department may wish to furnish to Mrs. Klein in reply to her inquiry.

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Enclosure:

~~A-139~~, July 17, 1945,
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Special Problems Division
Department of State
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ATTENTION: Mr. Marcy.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Gentlemen:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to communicate with you concerning apparent errors in United States prisoner of war lists received from Japan via the International Red Cross, Geneva.

The prisoner of war cables received from Geneva reporting transfers and those dead or missing due to the various ship sinkings, contains conflicting information regarding the status of individual American prisoners of war.

Examples of the above are:

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First Lt. John D. Mullaney, O-359508, US/202 POW P.I.; US/3197 transferred to Fukuoka (survivor Dec. sinking); US/3221 Killed - sinking Dec. ship.

Pvt. Edgar H. Carter, 14045153, US/330 POW P.I. reported lost October ship on US/3189, but with ASN 17014186, assigned to James C. Carter who is reported US/916 as transferred P.I to Tokyo.

CPHM Arthur Wells, Jr., 346-31-06, US/530 POW P.I., US/3196 lost Dec. sinking, NOK has POW communication from him dated 1943 at Hoten Camp. There is a Pvt. Arthur Wells, 6978412 US/329 P.I. US/838 Hoten Camp who has also sent broadcast messages from Hoten 17 July 1944 and 22 Feb. 1945.

Franklyn W. Bovey, O-398464, US/201 POW P.I.; US/3188 with ASN O-329357 as lost Oct. ship sinking. Capt. Frank W. (Watter) Bovee, O-329357 US/196 POW P.I. on US/3197 as transferred to Fukuoka.

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are different
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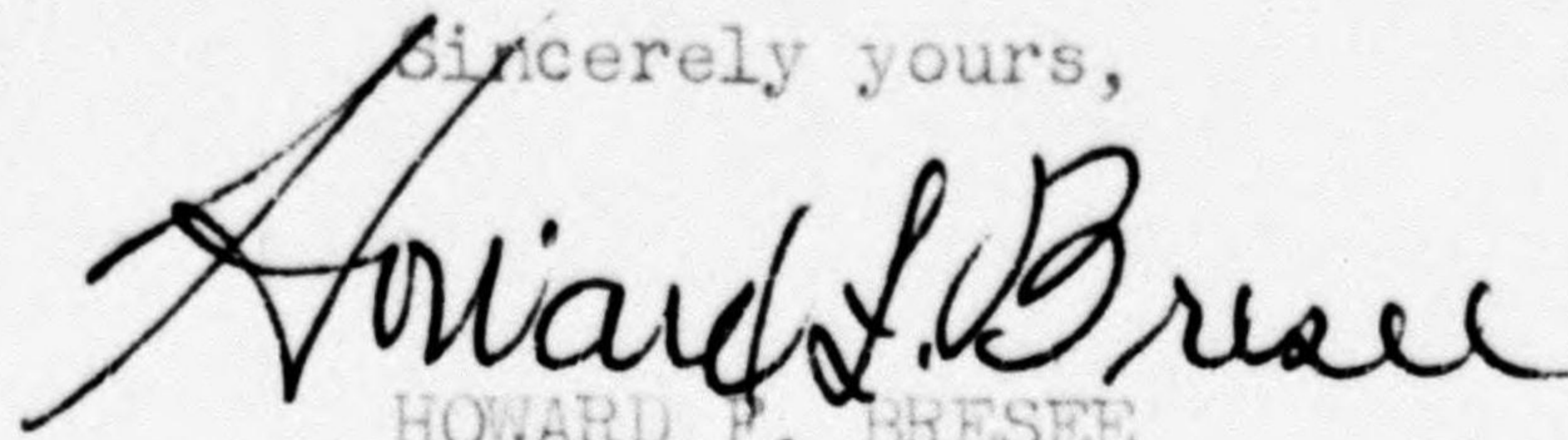
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In view of this conflicting information it is suggested that the State Department, through proper channels bring this matter to the attention of the Japanese Government.

Sincerely yours,



HOWARD P. BRESEE

Colonel, CMP

Director, American Prisoner of War
Information Bureau

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

DATE: July 20, 1945.

SUBJECT: Ship sinking.

PARTICIPANTS: Major Lincoln, PWIB
Mr. Marcy, SWP

COPIES TO:

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Major Lincoln telephoned Mr. Marcy and said that Colonel Bresee had just addressed a letter to the State Department giving the names of five Americans who, at one time, had been reported as dead, and at another time reported as prisoners of war. Major Lincoln wanted to add the following name to the letter from Colonel Bresee.

Second Lieutenant Thomas R. Kennedy, Number O-890346, was reported by a letter from him to be a prisoner of war at Osaka in September 1944. Subsequently, telegram US 3221, July 11, 1945, reported that he lost his life in the December ship sinking which was transferring prisoners from the Philippine Islands to Japan.

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Box 1364, Jackson, Miss
July 17, 1945

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To President Harry S. Truman
The White House, Washington

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Dear Mr. Truman, - This letter is written to ask your influence in rescuing our men who are still held captives by the Japs. They are now facing starvation, for the Japanese civilian food supply is very meagre as the Pacific war progresses. The Bataan Relief Organization, of New Mexico, is urging the relatives of our unfortunate, deserted men, to appeal to you. The powerful Short-wave Receiving Set, in New Mexico, is receiving broad casts by our men. Those faithful ones who "listen in" for these messages are hearing the voices of our men pleading for food, "before it is too late." They are suffering; they are starving. We ask this Government, that has, for three years shamefully betrayed, deserted our helpless men, to ransom them at once.

My son, Major George T. Dutt, was sent to the Philippines in Oct. 1941 - Was on MacArthur's Staff (A.G.D.) - Then with Main night, until fall of Corregidor. Was at Cabanatuan from June - Oct. 1942. Then at Davao, # 2, from Oct. 1942 - June. 1944. " At Cabanatuan (again) from July to Oct. 1944. Then at Belibed during Octoba, Novemb., Decemb. 1944. Our prayers are for you, President Truman. I say to you, in honesty, & frankness, you

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came to be the head of our nation,
 as an answer to the prayers of millions
 of our citizens - For many long months
 I earnestly prayed that a divine
 Providence would deliver our people
 from the evil forces seeking to
 destroy everything we have treasured
 most -

Sincerely Yours,
 Mrs. W. L. Britt
 widow of veteran of First World War.

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My dear Mrs. Britt:

The receipt is acknowledged by reference from the White House of your letter of July 17, 1945 concerning your son, Major George T. Britt, who is a prisoner of war of the Japanese.

The Japanese Government has consistently rejected proposals to repatriate even the seriously sick and seriously wounded prisoners of war which it is obligated to do under the provisions of the Geneva Prisoner of War Convention which it has agreed to apply. It is not likely, therefore, that the Japanese Government would consent to the repatriation of able-bodied American prisoners of war even though money were offered for their return.

I want to assure you that the United States Government is doing everything within its power to arrange to send food and medical supplies to American prisoners of war and civilian internees held by the Japanese. There is enclosed an information sheet which indicates the efforts which have been made by this Government to send supplies to Americans in Japan and Japanese occupied territory. You will observe from the enclosed information sheet that the Japanese Government has rejected proposal after proposal made by this Government with a view to sending relief supplies to Americans held by the Japanese. The Japanese Government has refused to permit neutral ships to proceed to Japanese controlled waters with shipments of relief supplies. The Japanese Government has likewise refused to conclude negotiations for further exchanges of American nationals with the result that such exchange ships have not been available for the transmission of relief supplies.

Mrs. W. L. Britt,
Box 1364,
Jackson, Mississippi.

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More than a million dollars worth of relief supplies for American prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East are now held in the vicinity of Vladivostok awaiting shipment to Japan. Whether or not these supplies can be taken to Japan and used by our prisoners of war and civilian internees will depend upon the cooperation of the Japanese Government and its willingness to make shipping available for the carriage of these supplies or to permit neutral ships to carry the supplies to Japan.

The United States Government has not forgotten the sacrifices which men such as your son have made and the suffering which they have undergone as prisoners of war. You may rest assured that this Government will not abate its efforts in their behalf no matter how discouraging the circumstances may appear.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

PhW
Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

Information Sheet.

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Department of State

NO. A- 464

Washington,

TIME _____

July 24, 1945

AMLEGATION,

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AMERICAN INTERESTS - JAPAN

Your A-192 ^{711.94114a/1-3145} January 31, 1945.

Request Foreign Office to have Swiss Legation Tokyo inform First Sergeant Lyle W. Stevens, prisoner of war Hakodate, that his mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Stevens, Potosi Hotel, Potosi, Missouri, was paid Class E allotment in amount of \$25.00 per month from May 1, 1942 to June 1, 1942 at which time allotment was increased to \$37.00 per month. On October 31, 1943 this allotment was discontinued and family allowance of \$37.00 per month was authorized effective as of November 1, 1943.

To conform with Sergeant Stevens' request, War Department has now authorized payment of Class E allotment of \$63.00 per month to Mrs. Stevens to supplement present \$37.00 monthly family allowance. This authorization was retroactive to January 1, 1945.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

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JUL 18 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to your communication of 12 June 1945, concerning communication (SWP 711.94114A/1-3145) of 23 February 1945, inclosing a copy of airgram A-192, 31 January 1945, from the American Legation at Bern, received from the Swiss Legation Tokyo. The airgram stated that First Sergeant Lyle W. Stevens, an American prisoner of war held at Hakodate, desired news of his mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Stevens, Potosi Hotel, Potosi, Missouri, and wished to allot her one hundred dollars monthly from his army pay.

In accordance with your kind offer to transmit advice to Sergeant Stevens, if so desired, I shall appreciate it if he is advised that a Class E allotment in the amount of \$25 per month was authorized effective 1 May 1942 and increased to \$37 per month effective 1 June 1942. This allotment was discontinued effective 31 October 1943, and family allowance of \$37 per month was authorized effective 1 November 1943. It is apparent that Sergeant Stevens is unaware of the family allowance of \$37 per month in favor of his mother therefore a Class E allotment of \$63 per month has been authorized retroactively effective 1 January 1945 in favor of Mrs. Lucy A. Stevens, Potosi Hotel, Potosi, Missouri, and the aggregate amount will conform to the wishes of Sergeant Stevens.

Sincerely yours,

Robt P. Patton

Acting Secretary of War.

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