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1. Bill for Partial Amendments to the Japanese Government Overseas Agencies Establishment Law

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5. SCAP Section concerned: Mr. Ainsworth, Diplomatic Sec-
tion
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Note No.

From: Govt Sec

To: DS

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Date: 20 November 50

1. Immediate introduction of the attached draft bill in the Diet is proposed by Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2. Your prompt comment is requested.

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Amendment to the Japanese Government Agencies Establishment Law

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1. Inclosed proposed amendment to the Japanese Government Overseas Agencies Establishment Law was prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after consultation with DS.

2. The proposed amendment of Article 3 of the Law to include "Handling of affairs concerning cultural activities" is based upon the action of the French Government, at the time of negotiations for establishment of an Overseas Agency at Paris, in specifically requesting that the Overseas Agency be authorized to handle cultural matters, a category of activity which is not included among the functions which this Headquarters initially proposes in negotiations with Governments concerned for the establishment of Overseas Agencies. In the light of that request, and with the concurrence of CIE, the Japanese Government was informed by DS that this Headquarters interposed no objection to the Overseas Agency's handling such matters so long as its activity in the field did not conflict with GHQ, SCAP Circular no. 8, 8 April 1950, "Admission and Dissemination of Foreign Magazines, Books, Motion Pictures, News and Photograph Services, etc., and Business Relating Thereto". Legislative authority is required, however, to regularize the performance of such functions by the Overseas Agency at Paris and by other Overseas Agencies should they desire eventually to add cultural matters to their present activities. DS therefore recommends inclusion of cultural matters within the competence of Overseas Agencies as established by law.

3. The proposed addition of paragraph 2 to Article 3 of the Law is based on the fact that certain Governments have indicated a reluctance initially to permit Japanese Government Overseas Agencies within their territories to perform certain of the functions permitted the Agencies by law. The amendment is intended to clarify the fact that each Agency is not required by law to perform all functions listed in Article 3. Determination by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ordinance of the functions within the permitted list which a specific Overseas Agency will perform is believed to allow the maximum administrative convenience and flexibility in establishing Overseas Agencies through negotiations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through this Headquarters) and interested Governments, and with the approval of the Chief of Staff, SCAP, in each case.

4. DS therefore recommends that this Headquarters interpose no objection to action of the Japanese Government with a view to adoption of the proposed amendments to the Japanese Government Overseas Agency Establishment Law.

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