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to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

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In testimony whereof, I, GEORGE C. MARSHALL,
Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this first
day of August, 1947.

George C. Marshall
Secretary of State.

By B. P. Chauvin
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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In reply refer to
SPD 740.94115/10-1945

My dear Mr. Buechele:

There has been received from the War Department the letter of July 23, 1945 which Mr. J. D. Stevenson wrote to you regarding the detention of certain Japanese officials at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania.

Please explain to Mr. Stevenson that at the time the Japanese officials were placed in the hotel at Bedford Springs, the Japanese enemy was not as yet defeated. The arrangements were made not as a convenience to the Japanese officials but solely for the purpose of using them in the complicated and precarious negotiations for the rescue of Mr. Stevenson's own buddies who were held by the Japanese in the deplorable conditions with which he is familiar from the papers and radio. It was also hoped to use the Japanese for purposes of psychological warfare against their own country. The hotel at Bedford Springs was utilized because it was available at a relative low cost and the circumstances of detention have not been of a character to be described as luxurious. The scale of feeding has been based upon the standard set by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for non-diplomatic internees as being sufficient to maintain good health.

It is hoped that within a few weeks the Japanese at Bedford Springs will resume their journey to Japan since General MacArthur has stated that they may return home as soon as the War Department can arrange necessary transportation.

Sincerely yours,

BEJ
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Acting Chief
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