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AMERICAN REPUBLIC AFFAIRS
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The Embassy of Peru presents its compliments

to the Department of State and has the honor to request

its help in order that the American authorities in Japan

may determine whether Mr. Fernando Ychiro *noed* Abey, a

Peruvian citizen by birth, served in the armed forces

of Japan during the war. Mr. Ychiro Abey resides at

present in Yokohama.

The Embassy of Peru wishes to thank the
Department of State in anticipation of the attention
that it may give to this request.

Washington, D.C. March 30, 1948.

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To the

Officer in Charge of the Yokohama Branch,
Office of the United States Political Adviser,
Yokohama, Japan.

The Acting Secretary of State transmits herewith a copy of a memorandum dated March 30, 1948 from the Peruvian Embassy at Washington requesting assistance in obtaining information concerning whether Mr. Fernando Ychiro Abey, a Peruvian citizen by birth, might have served with the Japanese armed forces during the war.

In connection with the performance of good offices for Peru, the Officer in Charge is requested to endeavor to obtain any information available regarding this matter. A report should be made to the Department concerning any action that may be taken in this regard in order that the Peruvian Embassy may be informed accordingly.

Enclosure:

From Peruvian Embassy,

March 30, 1948.

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MEMORANDUM

The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of the memorandum dated March 30, 1948 from the Embassy of Peru requesting that, if possible, it be determined through the American authorities in Japan whether Mr. Fernando Yohiro Abey, a Peruvian citizen by birth, served in the armed forces of Japan during the war. It is stated that Mr. Abey resides at Yokohama at present.

In accordance with the Embassy's wishes, the Department is requesting its appropriate representatives in Japan to endeavor to obtain the information desired. In the event pertinent information is received in this regard it will be communicated to the Embassy.

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Department of State,

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Subject: Representation of Peruvian Interests: Citizen-
ship of Fernando Ychiro ABEY.

Yokohama Branch,
Office of the U. S. Political Adviser,
Yokohama, Japan, May 13, 1948.

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The Consul General has the honor to refer to the Department's instruction of April 16, 1948, File No. 894.22/3-3048, concerning a request from the Peruvian Government for information concerning Fernando Ychiro ABEY.

Investigation of the records of local Army authorities reveals that Fernando Ychiro Abey, born at Lima, Peru, on October 25, 1920, the son of Torahichi and Teru Abey, has resided in Japan since April 1941. Since that time he has attended school and engaged in an export-import business. It is reported that during the war he was under strict surveillance of the Japanese police. There is no evidence indicating that he has ever served in the Japanese Armed Forces.

Local Water Front Police claim that since the end of the war, the subject has been a constant purchaser of fish coming into Japan through illegal channels; however, the Japanese authorities have taken no action against him because of his alleged Peruvian citizenship.

For the Department's information, it is believed that Fernando Ychiro Abey and Fernando Abey, the subject of Yokohama's OMV No. 40, September 15, 1947 and the Department's OMV No. 96, April 26, 1948, are one and the same person.

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With respect to references made in the last paragraph of despatch No. 87 dated May 13, 1948 from the Yokohama Branch, Office of the United States Political Adviser, Yokohama, Japan, Miss Williams on June 2, 1948 obtained from VD its file on the case showing the following in summary:

1. 9/15/47 OMV No. 40 from Yokohama enclosing copy of document presented by Mr. Fernando Abey in connection with his application for a United States transit visa; applicant states document sent direct from Peru through international mail; Yokohama inquires concerning types of evidence of citizenship and travel document which should be acceptable in lieu of regular Peruvian passports.
2. 10/9/47 Memo from VD to NWC inquiring concerning wishes of Peruvian authorities or whether inquiry should be made through office at Lima.
3. 10/21/47 Memo from NWC to VD stating that Mr. Fry from the Peruvian Embassy called and advised sending inquiry to Lima; Mr. Fry thought that, pending establishment of Peruvian representation in Japan, procedure of accepting affidavits with affixed certificates might be followed when they evidence fact that Peruvian passport has been issued previously indicating that person is entitled to receive passport.
4. 11/6/47 OMV No. 9 to Lima enclosing copy of OMV from Yokohama together with its enclosure; inquiring concerning wishes of Foreign Office re safe conduct or other documentation acceptable for travel.
5. 4/6/48 Despatch No. 268 from Lima enclosing copy of note of March 30 from Foreign Office stating Fernando Abey "has lost Peruvian nationality through residence in the country of his father, during his minority, and that therefore it is not possible to authorize the revalidation of his passport or to issue a new travel document for his return to Peru."

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Foreign Office states (with respect to inquiry whether similar documents, that may be presented subsequently by persons in Japan claiming Peruvian nationality, should be accepted as sufficient evidence) that "such procedure has not been considered by my Government, as, in each case the competent Peruvian authorities must examine and approve the documents and antecedents of those who, as in the case of Abey, claim to be Peruvians without furnishing unquestionable documentation as such."

6. 4/26/48 OMV No. 96 to Yokohama transmitting copy of despatch, together with copy of enclosure, from Lima. *VD: IP Mayer*

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MEMORANDUM

The Department of State refers to its memorandum dated April 16, 1948 to the Embassy of Peru stating that, in accordance with the Embassy's wishes, the appropriate representatives in Japan were being requested to endeavor to obtain information with regard to the possibility that Mr. Fernando Yohiro Abey, a Peruvian citizen by birth, might have served in the armed forces of Japan during the war.

A communication has now been received from the Yokohama Branch, Office of the United States Political Adviser, Yokohama, Japan, stating that the records of the local Army authorities reveal that "Fernando Yohiro Abey, born at Lima, Peru, on October 25, 1920, the son of Torahichi and Teru Abey, has resided in Japan since April 1941. Since that time he has attended school and engaged in an export-import business. It is reported that during the war he was under strict surveillance of the Japanese police. There is no evidence

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evidence indicating that he has ever served in the Japanese Armed Forces."

Since the above-mentioned memorandum referred to Mr. Abey as a Peruvian citizen, the Embassy is advised that the Peruvian Foreign Office on March 30, 1948 informed the American Embassy at Lima that one Fernando Abey had lost his Peruvian nationality through residence in the country of his father during his minority. This information was given in response to an inquiry received from the Yokohama office where Mr. Abey, in making application for a United States transit visa, had presented a document received direct from Peru as supporting evidence of his alleged Peruvian nationality. It is believed that this person may be identical with the aforementioned Mr. Abey.

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Department of State,

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