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Asahi Press

29 April 1951

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CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
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9 Apr 1951

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Col Keane

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL KEANE 17 April 1951

SUBJECT: Request for Return of Seized Fishing Vessels

The following called on Col Keane and Mr. Keisel at 0930 hours, 17 April 1951 with reference to seizure of Japanese fishing vessels operating near the MacArthur Line and possible Civil Affairs' assistance for their return to their rightful owners.

Mr. Noritomi, Chief, Liaison Section, Taiyo Fishing Company
Mr. Kodama, Chief, Business Section, Sanyo Fishing Company
Mr. Nishida, Marine Product Company
Mr. Kobayashi, Managing Director, Taiyo Fishing Company
Mr. Sato, Director, Shimane Marine Product Company
Mr. Soejima, Chief, Shimonoseki Branch, Japan Deep Sea Trawler Association
Mr. Ogata, Mitsuwa Deep Sea Fishing Group

They reported that a seizure of 49 vessels and their crew was made since 4 March 1951 alleged to have cross the line of demarkation and that seizures made prior to this date were released to the Japanese.

Owners	Seizure Made by Republic of Korea	Seizure Made by Red China	Nationalist China
Shimonoseki	19	1	4 (Returned)
Fukuoka	9	4	
Tobata	2	1	
Sasebo	2		
Nagasaki	2	9	
Total	34	15	

The average number in the crew of these vessel is 13, which aggregates about 637 men. These seizures have brought much anxiety among their families and to the fishing companies concerned.

These representatives from Shimonoseki reported that from information obtained from the US Navy (Sasebo Navy Base) and from the Ebisu Maru, chartered by the 8th Army and manned by Japanese crew, confirms that of the 19 vessels from Shimonoseki Hoyu Maru, Takashima Maru, Akashi Maru are now in Chejudo Island, while the whereabouts of Daisen Maru is unknown. The remaining 14 are now anchored in Pusan.

Lt Comdr R.Q. June, Chief, Naval Operations, Sasebo Naval Base has promised them assistance in the return of these seized vessels.

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Col Keane said that their letter and recommendations from this organization will be hand-carried to Mr. Porter, Legal and Government Section, SCAP on Thursday and will be given priority in light of the urgency of the matter. Their representatives will also present petitions to the Japanese Government requesting the return of these seized vessels.

cc: Chief
Deputy
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Translation

Seki Hon Keibi No 662

13 April 1951

To: Chief, Legal and Government Section
Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

From: Chief, Shimonoseki City Police Station

Subject: Escape and Return of Captured Boat

Makitaro Kashino (47 yrs old), skipper of No 2 Taiko Maru (about 87 ton), a trawler belongs to Shimonoseki Branch of Ohama Fishing Co., Yamato Machi, Shimonoseki City, left the Shimonoseki Port at 1100 hours, 1 April 1951 with No 1 Taiko Maru and was captured by Korean patrol boats at about 1630 hours 5 April while working at No 285 Agriculture-Forestry Fishing Area, being taken to Saishu, Saishu ~~xxxxx~~ Island with No 1 Taiko Maru.

There, 2 Korean soldiers, Bun Ritsu(27), 2nd ~~xxx~~ class non-commissioned navy officer, and Cho Waei (17), a crew, No 22 Boat, Chinkai Control Office, Korea, got on the boat and at about 1730 hours 8 April, 4 boats inclusing captured No 1 and 2 Takazago Marus belonging to Hori Fishing Co. at Fukuoka, formed a group and deported toward Pusan under guard by Korean patrol boats.

While the sailing, soldiers on boats ordered to run at full speed and so, at around 1 o'clock of 8 April, the group of boats became disordered, finally liaison among the boats became entirely impossible.

So, members of No 2 Taiko Maru suggested the Korean soldieres to escape and they accepted it provided that help to find their job in Japan be given. ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ At full speed, they escaped and around 0400 hours, 10 April, returned to Shimonoseki Port, having 2 armed Korean soldiers on ~~xx~~ the boat.

Since we received ~~the~~ information that 2 Korean soldiers are hiding in the boat, on 11 April, this headquarters, according to instruction given by Kokura Military Police, arrested the two and delivered them to the said Military Police. after disarmament.

1 machine-gun and its bullet and 1 pistol and its bullet were delivered to commanding officer of Yamaguchi CIC.

Skipper Kaoru Ogawa of No 1 Taiko Maru (85.01 ton) who was captured with No 2 Taiko Maru tried to escape on 0630, 12 April with 2 armed Korean soldiers and expected to return to Shimonoseki, but they were arrested at outside of the port, it was told.

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関本警備第六六二號

昭和二十六年四月十三日

一ト関古警察本部

吳民事部

法律行政課長殿

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所有手操船第二大興丸（八七屯位）船長樫野巻太郎（四十七年）

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韓國鎮海院制府ニテ艇
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は山口C/C隊長ヶ引継をうこた

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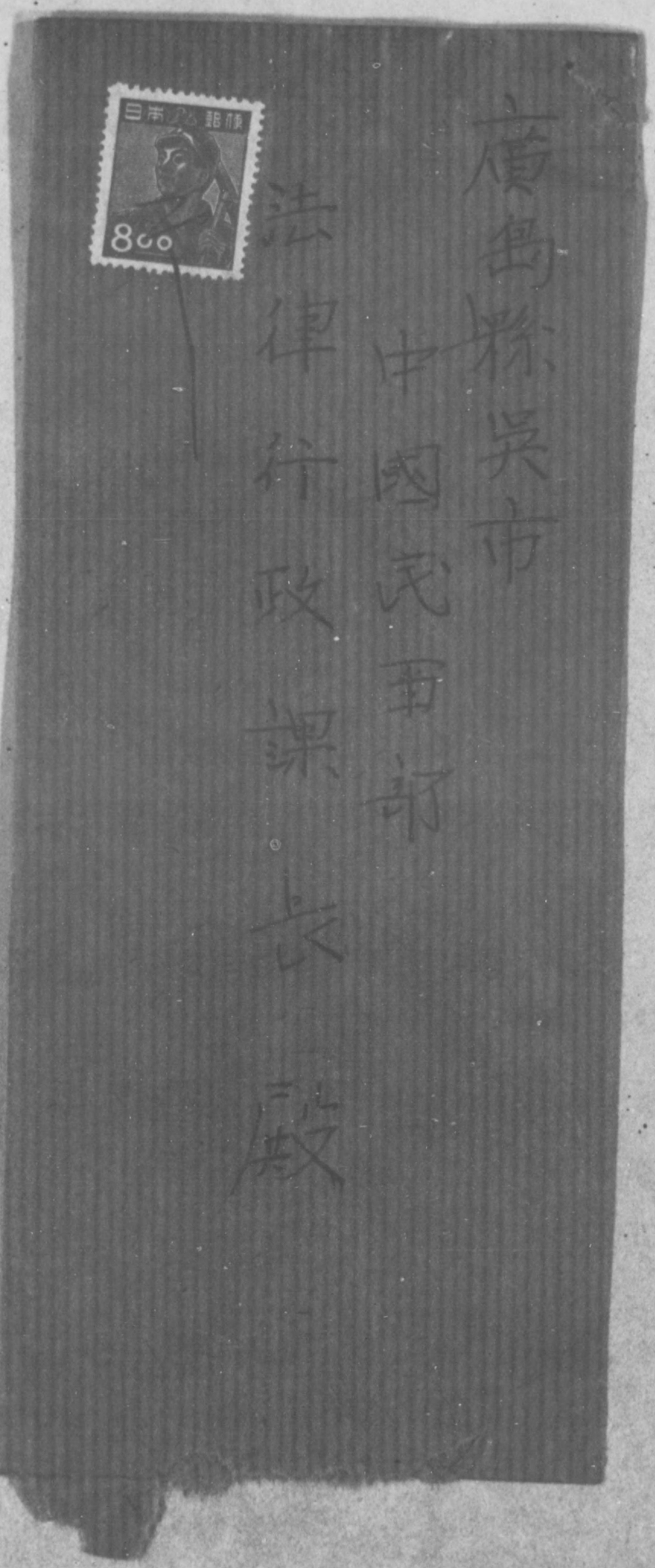

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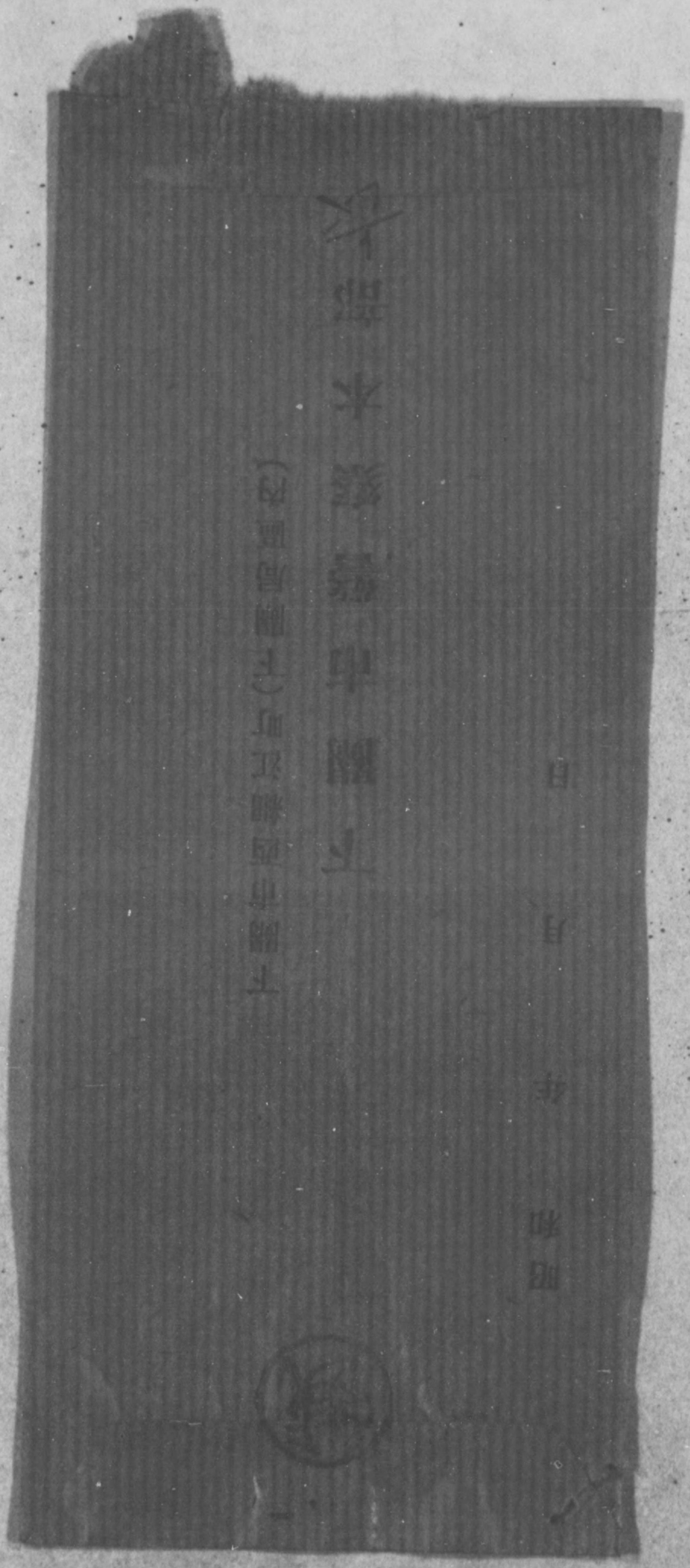

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CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

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CCAR 546

3 May 1951

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Attention: Chief, Civil Affairs Section (Legal)
APO 500

Forwarded herewith is a petition dated 27 April 1951, by representatives of Japan Pelagic Trawlers Association, requesting assistance for the return of captured fishing boats and crews, for your information and any action deemed necessary.

1 Incl:
a/s

WILLIAM M. KEANE
Colonel, Arty
Chief

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27 April, 1951

TO : Col. William M. Keane
Commander, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
Kure - Honshu

Subject : Re : Petition Requesting the Early Return of the Fishing Vessel Captured and of the Crew members being Detained in Korea

Dear Sir:

1) Please refer to the petitions filed on 17 April, 1951 to you by the owners of the trawlers captured by the Korean armed vessel on suspicion of disturbing the naval operations and going into the Korean territorial waters.

2) We herewith inclosed 1.) the Gist on all the boats captured and 2.) Details on each boat, which, we believe, will furnish the necessary materials you have requested us to submit to.

3) Most of the owners of the captured trawlers are of the minor fishing interests earning their livelihood by operating a pair or two pair of two boat trawlers. In addition, they have been confronting the business management difficultes due to the long-continued depression resulted from the remarkable advance in the price of fishing gears, monetary stringency and abnormally cheaper fish price, and, accordingly, the recent capture has given almost a fatal blow to these fishing interests. Therefore, if their boats and crews will be detained for a considerable length of time, it is undoubtedly clear that most of them will go into bankruptcy.

4) The number of families who are dependent on the detained crews for support, aggregates around 1,000 in number as shown on the attached paper, and most of the ship owners have so far been supplying these dependants with their living expenses by a loan since the recent capture. However, actual state of affairs is that most of the ship owners before long will be unable to bear such expenses, and thus it will come to such a grave cencern that these dependants will fall into pauparism.

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Such being the circumstances, we once again most respectfully request you to consider this pressing situation and to take measures by which the boats as well as the entire crews will be returned to us as soon as possible.

Your respectfully,

/s/ Iroku Ito
/t/ IROKU ITO
Vice-president, The Japan Pelagic Trawlers Association
474, Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

/s/ Izafu Soejima
/t/ IZAKU SOEJIMA
Chief, Shimonoseki Branch
The Japan Pelagic Trawlers Association
6, Yamato-cho, Shimonoseki City

/s/ E. Sone
/t/ EIJIRO SONE
Chief, Fukuoka Branch
The Japan Pelagic Trawlers Association
5-12, Reizen-cho, Fukuoka City

/s/ Kenichi Tanimoto
/t/ KENICHI TAMINOTO
The Japan Pelagic Trawlers Association
Unoue-cho, Nagasaki City

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GIST ON BOATS RECENTLY CAPTURED BY KOREAN ARMED VESSEL

1. Boats Based on Shimonoseki Port

	Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Tonnage	No. of Crews	No. of dependants	Estimated Value (boats and others)	No. of ship owns
#1	No.5 Daisen Maru	Mitsuwa Kaiyo Gyosen Dan	4 Mar '51	59.80 ton	(12) Crew was not detained	(11)	¥9,300,000	6
-#2	Hoyu Maru	Taiheiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.	23 Mar '51	74.59	11	28	¥23,420,000	4
-#3	Takashima Maru	"	" " "	75.91	13	21		
#4	No.23 Taiyo Maru	Taiyo Fishing Co.,Ltd.	27 Mar '51	279.59	20	32	¥61,946,566	19
-#5	No.63 Akashi Maru	"	29 Mar '51	75.80	13	27	¥25,235,680	52
#6	No.1 Kyodo Maru	Inoue Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	5 Apr '51	75.80	14	24	¥41,410,000	8
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#12	No.1 Toyo Maru	Toyo Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	5 Apr '51	64.64	12	31	¥23,690,000	2
#13	No.2 " "	"	" " "	64.64	12	25		
#14	Tachibana Maru	Noboru Nishida	" " "	90.91	14	24	¥48,528,850	2
#15	Katsura Maru	"	" " "	90.91	12	19		
#16	No.1 Geinichi Maru	Rokuo Hamada	" " "	99.83	13	45	¥52,115,526	2
#17	No.2 "	"	" " "	99.83	13	30		
#18	No.1 Taihei Maru	Taihei Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	Unknown	41.52	10	8	¥15,364,800	4
#19	No.2 "	"	"	41.52	10	22		
			19 vessel		231	506	¥375,819,322	
	No.2 Ship Based On Fukuoka Port							
#20	No.13 Konpira Maru	Shintaro Ono	11 Mar '51	65.27	11	32	¥24,135,000	2
#21	No.15 "	"	" " "	65.27	10	31		
#22	No.1 Miyazima Maru	Nishinippon Suisan Kogyo Co., Ltd.	22 " "	99.29	13	33	¥47,551,000	4
#23	No.2 "	"	" " "	99.29	11	26		
#24	No.5 Sumiyoshi Maru	Kaisuse Gyogyoby	27 " "	67.18	11	34	¥10,902,319	10

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#26 No.2 "	"	" " "	48.39	10	16		
#27 No.6 Asahi Maru	Hiroo Murayama	7 " "	55.53	10	31	¥24,901,000	2
#28 No.8 "	"	" " "	55.53	11	41		
TOTAL		9		98	252	¥124,699,319	

No.3 Ship Based on Tobata Port

#29 Tenzan Maru	Nansei Suisan Co., Ltd.	5 " "	97.89	14	19	¥51,541,000	11
#30 Hokuto Maru	"	" " "	97.89	13	20		
TOTAL		2		27	39	¥51,541,000	

No.4 Ship Based on Nagasaki Port

#31 No.21 Yamada Maru	Yamada Gyogyobu	10 " "	57.11	11	31	¥23,302,200	16
#32 No.22 "	"	" " "	55.45	9	30		
TOTAL		2		20	61	¥23,302,200	

No.5 Ship Based on Sasebo Port

#33 No.1 Nishitoku Maru	Toyomi Nakano	unknown	49.49	10	31		

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#34	No.2 Nishitoku Maru	Toyomi Nakano	unknown	ton 49.49	11	32	¥16,277,600	2
	TOTAL		2		21	63	¥16,277,600	
	GRAND TOTAL		34		397	921	¥591,639,441	

Remarks: - indicates the ship being detained in Tye Zyu port, Tye Zyu Island, Korea.

All of the other boats are reportedly being detained in Pusan, Korea.

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#29	Tenzan Maru	Nansei Suisan Co., Ltd.	5 " "	97.89	14	19	¥51,541,000	11
#30	Mokuto Maru	"	" " "	97.89	13	20		
	TOTAL		2		27	39	¥51,541,000	
	No.4 Ship Based on Nagasaki Port							
#31	No.21 Yamada Maru	Yamada Gyo-gyobu	10 " "	57.11	11	31	¥23,302,200	16
#32	No.22 "	"	" " "	55.45	9	30		
	TOTAL		2		20	61	¥23,302,200	
	No.5 Ship Based on Sasebo Port							
#33	No.1 Nishitoku Maru	Toyomi Nakano	unknown	49.49	10	31		

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	Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Tonnage ton	No. of Crews	No. of dependants	Estimated Value (boats & others)	No. of Ship Owns
#34	No.2 Nishitoku Maru	Toyomi Nakano	unknown	49.49	11	32	¥16,277,600	2
	TOTAL		2		21	63	¥16,277,600	
	GRAND TOTAL		34		397	921	¥591,639,441	

Remarks - indicates the ship being detained in Tye Zyu port, Tye Zyu Island, Korea.

All of the other boats are reportedly being detained in Pusan, Korea.

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Statement by a shipper
of a boat confiscated
by Koreans.

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A Report

1 April 1951

By: Katsumori Kominato
Skipper of No.65 Akashi Maru
c/o Shimonoseki Branch Office,
Taiyo Fishing Company
No. 61 Oaza Takezaki-cho,
Shimonoseki -shi.

At 1300 hrs, March 12, 1951, I as the captain of the No.65 Akashi Maru and the sister ship No.63 Akashi Maru had both put out at sea from Shimonoseki Port. En route, the propeller of my ship had been entangled with wires. At 1230 hrs, on the 13th, she pulled-into Yobiko Harbour. The operations had completed at 2100 hrs of the same day, and with the sister ship together went out of the Yobiko Harbour and headed for the East China Sea fishing grounds. The catch commenced at 0700 hrs, March 15, 1951 at the estimated point 124°43'E - 30°32'N. Heneeforth the netting were conducted at agricultural Forestry districts No.297, 296, 286, 285 and 275.

At 0535 hrs, March 29, 1951 while the sister ship had been dropping net toward southeast, a strange ship which seemed to be an ordinary reeling boat (A) had been spotted north-westerly about 500 meters away (about 3 ½ miles away).

Furthermore another strange ship (B) had been spotted about 800 meters (about 5 miles) away.

It seemed that the ship B had approached the strange ship A for some consultations.

As the time had elapsed the B ship had closed-into the sister ship No.63 Akashi Maru and noticed that she was fishing, again approached the A ship for arrangements. The A ship immediately with her full speed approached the portside of the No.63 Akashi Maru and signalled with flags. It was possible to catch the words "your boat" and "Nippon" but the others were unable to decipher. Right after the signalling had stopped, the A ship fired 1 shot for intimidation. At this moment the distance between my ship and the A ship was about 150 meters. Suspecting that the ships were strange right after the first shot was fired the wire of the net was severed and escaped with a full speed in the south-easterly direction for half an hour. During the escape a contineous machine gun fire was received by my ship. The A ship seemed to have reached along-side of our sister ship. The A ship had sped in the northerly direction. It seemed that the No.63 Akashi Maru and the B ship commenced to close-in to my ship so we sped further toward south easterly for about 1 hour. The No.63 Akashi Maru and the B ship could not be seen this time.

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In order to make a report of the incidence Japanese ships which might have passing close-by were searched but no ship could be found.

At 1800 hrs, March 29 a course toward east a little toward north was taken and bounded for home.

At about 0900 hrs, March 30, we met No.166 Akashi Maru and asked her to convey message to our company of the capture of our sister ship.

On the way home, we stopped at Arakawa Harbour. At 2300 hrs, March 30, we left Arakawa Harbour and at 1730 hrs, March 31 we entered Shimonoseki Harbour.

The strange ship A had a tonnage of about 55, and built with copper plates and she was coated green with paint. She had the shape of either the Daigyo Maru or Yamada Maru of Nagasaki. She was equipped with machine gun and small automatic rifles.

The B ship was a wooden ship painted white and had a big sign "Daikan Minkoku" painted on her hull. She seemed to have about 30 tonnage in weight and seemed to be of a ship that hauls fish with a speed of about 5 or 6 knots. She was not armed.

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A Report

1 April 1951

By: Katsumori Kominato
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Taiyo Fishing Company
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At 1300 hrs, March 12, 1951, I as the captain of the No.65 Akashi Maru and the sister ship No.63 Akashi Maru had both put out at sea from Shimonoseki Port. En route, the propeller of my ship had been entangled with wires. At 1230 hrs, on the 13th, she pulled-into Yobiko Harbour. The operations had completed at 2100 hrs of the same day, and with the sister ship together went out of the Yobiko Harbour and headed for the East China Sea fishing grounds. The catch commenced at 0700 hrs, March 15, 1951 at the estimated point 124°43'E - 30°32'N. Heneeforth the netting were conducted at agricultural Forestry districts No.297, 296, 286, 285 and 275.

At 0535 hrs, March 29, 1951 while the sister ship had been dropping net toward southeast, a strange ship which seemed to be an ordinary reeling boat (A) had been spotted north-westerly about 500 meters away (about 3 ½ miles away).

Furthermore another strange ship (B) had been spotted about 800 meters (about 5 miles) away.

It seemed that the ship B had approached the strange ship A for some consultations.

As the time had elapsed the B ship had closed-into the sister ship No.63 Akashi Maru and noticed that she was fishing, again approached the A ship for arrangements. The A ship immediately with her full speed approached the portside of the No.63 Akashi Maru and signalled with flags. It was possible to catch the words "your boat" and "Nippon" but the others were unable to decipher. Right after the signalling had stopped, the A ship fired 1 shot for intimidation. At this moment the distance between my ship and the A ship was about 150 meters. Suspecting that the ships were strange right after the first shot was fired the wire of the net was severed and escaped with a full speed in the south-easterly direction for half an hour. During the escape a contineous machine gun fire was received by my ship. The A ship seemed to have reached along-side of our sister ship. The A ship had sped in the northerly direction. It seemed that the No.63 Akashi Maru and the B ship commenced to close-in to my ship so we sped further toward south easterly for about 1 hour. The No.63 Akashi Maru and the B ship could not be seen this time.

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In order to make a report of the incidence Japanese ships which might have passing close-by were searched but no ship could be found.

At 1800 hrs, March 29 a course toward east a little toward north was taken and bounded for home.

At about 0900 hrs, March 30, we met No.166 Akashi Maru and asked her to convey message to our company of the capture of our sister ship.

On the way home, we stopped at Arakawa Harbour. At 2300 hrs, March 30, we left Arakawa Harbour and at 1730 hrs, March 31 we entered Shimonoseki Harbour.

The strange ship A had a tonnage of about 55, and built with copper plates and she was coated green with paint. She had the shape of either the Daigyo Maru or Yamada Maru of Nagasaki. She was equipped with machine gun and small automatic rifles.

The B ship was a wooden ship painted white and had a big sign "Daikan Minkoku" painted on her hull. She seemed to have about 30 tonnage in weight and seemed to be of a ship that hauls fish with a speed of about 5 or 6 knots. She was not armed.

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April 1, 1951

A Report

By: Katsumori Kominato
Skipper of No. 65 Akashi Maru
c/o Shimonoseki Branch Office,
Taijo Fishing Company
No. 61 Oaza Takezaki-cho,
Shimonoseki-shi

At 1300 hrs, March 12, 1951, I as the captain of the No. 65 Akashi Maru and the sister Shijo No. 63 Akashi Maru had both put out at sea from Shimonoseki port. En route, the propeller of my ship had been entangled with wires. At 1230 hrs, on the 13th, she pulled into Yobiko Harbour. The operations had completed at 2100 hrs of the same day, and with the sister ship together went out of the Yobiko Harbour and headed for the East China Sea fishing ground. The catch commenced at 0700 hrs, March 15, 1951 at the estimated point 124°43'E - 30°32'N. Henceforth the netting were conducted at Agricultural-Forestry district No. 297, 296, 286, 285 and 275.

At 0535 hrs, March 29, 1951, while, the sister ships had been dropping net toward southeast, a strange ship which seemed to be an ordinary feeling boat (A) had been spotted north-westerly about 5000 meters away (about 3½ miles away).

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Furthermore another strange ship (B) had been spotted about 8000 meters (about 5 miles) away.

It seemed that the ship B had approached the strange ship A for some consultations.

As the time had elapsed the B ship had closed-in to the sister ship No. 63 Akashi Maru and noticed that she was fishing, again approached the A ship for arrangements. The A ship immediately with her full speed approached the portside of the No. 63 Akashi Maru and signalled with flags. It was possible to catch the words "your boat" and "Nippon" but the others were unable to decipher.

Right after the signalling had stopped, the A ship fired 1 shot for intimidation. At this moment the distance between my ship and the A ship was about 1150 meters. Suspecting that the ships were strange, right after the first shot was fired the wire of the net was severed and escaped with a full speed in the southeasterly direction for half an hour. During the escape a continuous machine gun fire was received by my ship.

The A ship seemed to have reached alongside your sister ship. The A ship had sped in the northerly direction. It seemed that the No. 63 Akashi Maru and the B ship commenced to close-in to my ship so we sped further toward south

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easterly for about 1 hour. The No. 63 Akashi Maru and the B ship could not be seen this time.

In order to make a report of the incidence Japanese ships which might have passing close-by were searched but no ships could be found.

At 1800 hrs, March 29 a course toward east a little toward north was taken and bounded for home.

At about 0900 hrs. March 30, we met No. 166 Akashi Maru and asked her to convey message to our company of the capture of our sister ship.

On the day home, we stopped at Arakawa Harbour. At 2300 hrs, March 30, we left Arakawa Harbour and at 1730 hrs, March 31 we entered Shimonoseki Harbour.

The strange ship A had a tonnage of about 55, and built with copper plates & she was coated green with paint. She had the shape of either the Daigyo Maru or Yamada Maru of Nagasaki. She was equipped with 0n machine gun and small automatic rifles.

The B ship was a wooden ship painted white and had a big sign "Daikan Minkoku" painted on her hull. She seemed to have about 30 tonnage in weight and seemed to be a ship that hauls fish with a speed of about 5 or 6 knots. She was not armed.

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報告書

下関市大字竹崎所六十一番地
大洋漁業株式会社下関支社
茅六十五明石丸船長　小湊勝守

私は茅六十五明石丸の船長として僚船茅六十三明石丸と共に昭和二十六年三月十二日
十三時下関出港す途中本船プロペラにワイヤを巻き十三日〇時三十分呼子に入港し
同日九時作業終り僚船と共に呼子を出港東支那海の漁場に向ふ昭和二十六年三月
十五日七時推測位置東経一二四度四三分北緯三〇度三三分の地点に於て操業開始し
以後農林二九七區二九六區二八六區二八五區二七五區に於て漁業に従事して居りました
所昭和二十六年三月二十九日五時二十五分僚船投網し南東に曳網中六時頃普通の
手繰船の如く点灯したる怪船(A)が北西約五〇〇〇米の地点に見え更に一隻(B)
は南約八〇〇〇米の所に認めました怪船BはA船に近づき何等か打合せをなしたる
ものの如くその後僚船茅六十三明石丸に接近し来り曳網中なるを確めたる

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後B船は再びA船に打合せに行くや直すにA船は全速力にて僚船茅六十三明石丸
の左舷側に接近し来り手旗を以て信號しましたが原劃不正確にして「貴船」
「日本」等と書きたることは判續讀出来たるも其の他は殆ど判讀出来ません(で)
したが手旗が消むと同時に怪船Aは小銃らしきもので威嚇發砲を一發しましたそ
の時本船と怪船Aとの距離は約一五〇米位でしたその以前より和は怪しき船と感づ
いて居りましたので威嚇發砲受けると同時に本船の男ワイヤを切断し南東に三十
分間全速逃走しましたがその間本船は連續機銃射撃を受けましたが怪船Aは
僚船に横付けしたるものの如くその後本船は追跡を受けず難を脱することが出来
ました三十分間逃走後僚船の眞未確認のため本船は停止し様子を窺いたる
ところ怪船Aは北上し僚船茅六十三明石丸と怪船Bとが本船に向け追跡し来る
様に見えたので更に南東に逃走を續けましたが一時間後には茅六十三明石丸及怪
船Bは引返へしたるものの如く船影は認められなくなって居りましたそれで本件を
報告するため附近日本船を捜索するも見當らざるため三月二十九日十八時針路
東微北にて帰途に就く。翌三月三十日九時頃茅一六六明石丸に出會いましたので
僚船被拿捕の件を會社に報告方依頼す。途中荒川に寄港し三月

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三十日二三時荒川發三月三十一日十七時三〇分下関に入港しました
怪船Aの船型は五五噸位の鋼船で緑色に塗装し長崎の大漁丸か山田丸
の様な型であつた様に思はれます、武装は機銃及自働小銃若干を装備
してゐた様です
怪船Bは木船白塗りで船腹に大韓民國のマークを附し約三〇噸位の鮮魚
運搬船の型で速力は五及至六ヶ節位、武装は無かつた様に見受けられました
右事実の顛末を御報告致します
昭和二十六年四月一日

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HEADQUARTERS
CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

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CCAR 546

18 April 1951

SUBJECT: Petition for Return of Captured Fishing Boats

TO : SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Attention: Chief, Civil Affairs Section (Legal)
APO 500

1. Inclosed herewith are petitions from ship owners of Shimonoseki City requesting assistance in returning 19 fishing boats and crews captured by Koreans.

2. Since 4 March 1951, 49 boats whose home bases are in Shimonoseki and Kyushu have been captured. 19 of these are from Shimonoseki as shown by inclosed "Gist on Boats Recently Captured".

3. Ship owners state that all crew members of listed boats are held in Pusan. The 3 boats listed interned at Chejudo Island are without crew.

4. Approximate location of boats when captured was determined by last daily radio report. No.1 Taihei Maru and No.2 Taihei Maru were without radio and therefore the place of capture could not be determined.

5. Representatives of subject fishing companies state that crew members previously interned and returned to Japan were mistreated, provided with inadequate food and had their clothing confiscated. They also state that the families of presently interned crew members are in need of support, particularly in cases of employees of smaller fishing companies which are unable to pay compensation during their internment.

6. Request action be initiated to obtain the return of boats and crews to Japan.

FOR THE CHIEF:

3 Incls:
1. Petitions
2. Gist on Boats Captured
3. Fishing Section Map

CHARLES W. GOODWIN
Lt Col, Inf
Deputy Chief

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GIST OF BOATS RECENTLY CAPTURED
(Based on Shimonoseki Only)

Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Present Location of Internment	Tonnage	No. of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and Others)
No. 5 Daisen Maru	Mitsuwa Kaiyo Gyosen Dan	4 Mar., 1951	Fishery Section No. 255	?	59.80 ton	12	¥9,300,000
Hoyu Maru	Taiheiyo Feshery Co., Ltd.	23 Mar., 1951	Fishery Section No. 286	Chejudo Island	74.59 "	11	¥83,420,000
Takashima Maru	"	" " "	"	"	75.91 "	13	
No. 23 Taiyo Maru	Taiyo Fishing Co., Ltd.	27 Mar., 1951	Fishery Section No. 285	Pusan	279.59 "	20	¥61,946,566
No. 63 Akashi Maru	"	29 Mar., 1951	Long. 125'54" Lat. 32'32"	Chejudo Island	75.80 "	13	¥25,235,680
No. Kyodo Maru	Inoue Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	5 Apr., 1951	Fishery Section No. 285	Pusan	75.80 "	14	¥41,410,000
No.2 "	" " " "	"	"	"	75.80 "	12	
No.1 Seiha Maru	Sanyo Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	"	"	74,95 "	14	¥28,998,000
No.2 "	" " " "	"	"	"	75.05 "	13	
No.62 Aiko Maru	Shimane Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'40"	"	86.81 "	13	¥45,810,000
No.63 " "	" " " "	"	"	"	86.81 "	12	
No. 1 Toyo Maru	Toyo Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'38"	"	64.64 "	12	¥23,690,000
No.2 " "	" " " "	"	"	"	64.64 "	12	

Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Present Location of Internment	Tonnage	No. of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and Others)
Tachibana Maru	Noboru Nishida	5 Apr., 1951	Long. 125'50" Lat. 32'30"	Pusan	90.91 ton	14	¥48,528,850
Katsura Maru	" "	" " "	"	"	90.91 "	12	
No.1 Geinichi Maru	Rokuo Hamada	" " "	Long. 125'40" Lat. 32'20"	"	99.83 "	13	¥52,115,526
No.2 "	" "	" " "	"	"	99.83 "	13	
No.1 Taihei Maru	Taihei Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	Unknown	Unknown	"	41.52 "	10	¥15,364,800
No.2 " "	"	"	"	"	41.52 "	10	
TOTAL	**19 Vessels**				**231 Men**		**¥375,819,422**

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Cheju-do Island

GIST ON BOATS RECENTLY CAPTURED
(Based on Shimonoseki Only)

Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Tonnage	No. of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and others)
No.5 Daisen Maru P	Mitsuwa Kaiyo Gyosen Dan	4 Mar., 1951	Fishery Section No.255	59.80 ton	12	¥ 9,300,000
Hoyu Maru che	Taiheiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.	23 Feb.,1951	Fishery Section No.286	74.59 "	11	¥23,420,000
Takashima Maru che	"	" " "	"	75.91 "	13	
No.23 Taiyo Maru P	Taiyo Fishing Co., Ltd.	27 Mar.,1951	Fishery Section No.285	279.59 "	20	¥61,946,566
No.63 Akashi Maru che	"	29 Mar.,1951	Long. 125'54" Lat. 32'32"	75.80 "	13	¥25,235,680
No.1 Kyodo Maru P	Inoue Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	5 Apr., 1951	Fishery Section No.285	75.80 "	14	¥41,410,000
No.2 " P	"	" " "	"	75.80 "	12	
No.1 Seiha Maru P	Sanyo Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	"	74.95 "	14	¥28,998,000
No.2 " P	"	" " "	"	75.05 "	13	
No.62 Aiko Maru P	Shimane Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'40"	86.81 "	13	¥45,810,000
No.63 " " P	"	" " "	"	86.81 "	12	
No.1 Toyo Maru P	Toyo Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'38"	64.64 "	12	¥23,690,000
No.2 " " P	"	" " "	"	64.64 "	12	

Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Tonnage	No. of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and others)
Tachibana Maru P	Noboru Nishida	5 Apr., 1951	Long. 125'50" Lat. 32'30"	90.91 ton	14	¥48,528,850
Katsura Maru P	"	"	"	90.91 "	12	
No.1 Geinichi Maru P	Rokuo Hamada	"	Long. 125'40" Lat. 32'20"	99.83 "	13	¥52,115,526
No.2 " " P	"	"	"	99.83 "	13	
No.1 Taihei Maru P	Taihei Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	unknown	unknown Nosaki	41.52 "	10	¥15,364,800
No.2 " " P	"	"	"	41.52 "	10	
TOTAL	19 Vessels				231 Men	¥375,819,422

No.2 Hisshin Maru Nichiro Fishery Co, Ltd.

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GIST ON BOATS RECENTLY CAPTURED
(Based on Shimonoseki Only)

Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Tonnage	No.of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and others)
No.5 Daisen Maru	Mitsuwa Kaiyo Gyosen Dan	4 Mar., 1951	Fishery Section No.255	59.80 ton	12	¥ 9,300,000
Hoyu Maru	Taiheiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.	23 Feb.,1951	Fishery Section No.286	74.59 "	11	¥23,420,000
Takashima Maru	"	" " "	"	75.91 "	13	
No.23 Taiyo Maru	Taiyo Fishing Co., Ltd.	27 Mar.,1951	Fishery Section No.285	279.59 "	20	¥61,946,566
No.63 Akashi Maru	"	29 Mar.,1951	Long. 125'54" Lat. 32'32"	75.80 "	13	¥25,235,680
No.1 Kyodo Maru	Inoue Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	5 Apr., 1951	Fishery Section No.285	75.80 "	14	¥41,410,000
No.2 "	"	" " "	"	75.80 "	12	
No.1 Seiha Maru	Sanyo Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	"	74.95 "	14	¥28,998,000
No.2 "	"	" " "	"	75.05 "	13	
No.62 Aiko Maru	Shimane Suisan Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'40"	86.81 "	13	¥45,810,000
No.63 " "	"	" " "	"	86.81 "	12	
No.1 Toyo Maru	Toyo Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	" " "	Long. 126'15" Lat. 32'38"	64.64 "	12	¥23,690,000
No.2 " "	"	" " "	"	64.64 "	12	

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Boat Name	Owner	Date Captured	Location Captured	Tonnage	No. of Crews	Estimated Value (boats and others)
Tachibana Maru	Noboru Nishida	5 Apr., 1951	Long. 125'50" Lat. 32'30"	90.91 ton	14	¥48,528,850
Katsura Maru	" "	" " "	"	90.91 "	12	
No.1 Geinichi Maru	Rokuo Hamada	" " "	Long. 125'40" Lat. 32'20"	99.83 "	13	¥52,115,526
No.2 " "	" "	" " "	"	99.83 "	13	
No.1 Taihei Maru	Taihei Gyogyo Co., Ltd.	unknown	unknown	41.52 "	10	¥15,364,800
No.2 " "	"	"	"	41.52 "	10	
		TOTAL	19 Vessels	231 Men		¥375,819,422

Haz. Nisshin Maru Nichiro Fishery Co., Ltd

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25 March, 1951

To : Col. William M. Kean
Commander, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
Kure - Honshu.

Subject : Re : Petition Requesting Your Help to Return Our Fishing Boats Seized

Sir :

We most respectfully and humbly request you to consider the following matter.

Undermentioned two fishing boats, which belong to our company and which left Sasebo port on 21 March 1951 at 10.00 hour, were suddenly attacked and seized unlawfully by seemingly an armed Korean vessel in the vicinity of 32°25 N.L. 126°00 E.L. on 23 March, 1951 at around 16.45 hour, and we confidently believe that those boats have forcibly been taken to somewhere in Tye Zyu Island.

Details on the Boats Seized

Item	1. Hoyu Maru	2. Takachima Maru
Owner :	Taiheiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.	Ditto
Fishing base :	Shimonoseki	Ditto
Type of boat :	Wooden boat (Danish trawler)	Ditto
Tonnage :	75.91 ton.	74.59 ton
Engine :	Diesel 160 H.P.	Ditto
Length :	23 m	22.58 m
Width :	5.15 m	5.17 m
Depth :	2.57 m	2.67 m
Fishing licence No. :	Yamaguchi No.403	Yamaguchi No.401
Certificate of nationality:	No.51217	No.58450
Signal Code :	J.J.T.U.	Nil

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Item	1. Hoyu Maru	2. Takashima Maru
Number of crew :	11 men	13 men
Name of captain :	Ushimatsu Haruki	Totaro Yoshimura

Judging from every reliable reports and presumptions, those boats were seized during their navigation apparently within the navigational area for the Japanese fishing boat because of it being only two daysand nights after their leaving Sasebo port, and it became clear that the Hoyu Maru was captured at the very time when she was in danger of foundering due to the leaks occured in her fish holds and that her crew members were striving their utmost to rescue her, which act cannot be execused considering from the humanitarian point of view.

In the meantime, it is clear by our experiences in the past that the crew members of those boats will be treated with atrocities, and, therefore, we, together with the families of the crew members, are extremly concerned about the safety of the crews.

Such being the circumstance, we again respectfully request you to take this serious matter into your consideration and help us so as to be able to get those seized boats back to us as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

Zendo Kobayashi
Representative Director,
Taiheiyo Fishery Co., Ltd.
Yamato-cho, Shimonoseki City.

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Attached paper No.1

1. Radio communications

Date of despatch	Sender	Contents of radio telegram
22 March at 10.57	Hoyu Maru	On the voyage in the vicinity of No.245 fishing area (presumed to be at 32°35 N.L. 127°50 E.L.)
23 March at 10.10	Ditto	Withdrewed from fishing ground at 1009 hour and on the way to fishing base due to the leak in the fish hold
23 March at 11.00	the Company	Report the condition of the place of leak, you will be decked at Sasebo
23 March at 15.00	Hoyu Maru	Place of leak is unknown. Fish hold is flooded to eight-tenth of the height of hold, pumping out works is no good, now pumping out 4 inches of water per hour. Please arrange dacking for me.
23 March at 15.25	the Company	Is your condition critical? transhipfishing materials and radio apparatus to the Takashima Maru, to leave the boat to captain's disposal
23 March at 18.04	Fishing Port Radio Station, Shimonoseki	Hoyu Maru was attacked by suspicious boat (intercepted by No.166 Akashi Maru and relayed by No.2 Taiyo Maru)

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Attached paper No.2

Crew List

1. Hoyu Maru

Rank	Full name	Permanent domicile	Present domicile
Captain	Ushimatsu Haruki	Shiwakiura, mikita-machi, Kaibe-gun, Tokushima Pref.	3-5, Kamishinchi Shimonoseki City.
Chief engineer	Mutsusuke Nishiyama	Nojima, Bofu City, Yamaguchi Pref.	nil
Boatswain	Keiryo Tomiyama	2386, Nagama, Shira-be-mura, Miyako-gun, Ryukyu.	3-chome, Furumae-machi, Wakamatsu City, Fukuoka Pref.
Operator	Yoshio Fukue	1936, Nishimotogo, Akiho-machi, Yoshi-ki-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	
Sailor	Kazuo Sakai	4115, Kamida-mura, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	Ono, Kawatana-mura, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.
Ditto	Tadaichi Kamichi	1-350, Kamichi Shimoji-mura, Miyako-gun, Okinawa Pref.	2125, Minamikamijo, Nagasaki-machi, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref.
Ditto	Yasuteru Ohama	5, Nakashowa-machi, Tokushima City, Tokushima Pref.	Maruyama-cho, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref.
Engineer	Yoshiji Nakashima	3616, Kamidagami Kanda-mura, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	Maruyama-cho, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref.
Oiler	Shintaro Kinjo	461, Tonoshiro, Ishigaki-machi, Yae-yama-gun, Ryukyu.	Honmura, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref.
Ditto	Otokichi Yamaguchi	2733, Nonogiri, Yamano, Motoyama-mura, Minamimatsuura-gun, Nagasaki Pref.	Nagasakihonmachi, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Pref.
Cook	Akito Yamasaki	Gion-cho, Tobata City.	

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2. Takashima Maru

Rank	Full name	Permanent domicile	Present domicile
Captain	Totaro Yoshimura	152, Higashihongo, Akiho, Akiho-machi, Yoshishiki-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	Amanogo, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Chief engineer	~~Kaku Kuroki~~ Tadashi Naito	648, Uryuno, Futamatase-mura, Asa-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	358, Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Fishing master	Umeichi Hamano	Shiwakiura, Mikita-cho, Kaibe-gun, Tokushima Pref.	nil
Sailor	Yukichi Yonoha	1871, Shimozato, Taira-cho, Miyako-gun, Ryukyu.	Minamiuejo, Nagasaki-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Ditto	Kenji Mishiro	412 Honjo, Honjo-mura, Hasaoku-gun, Shimane Pref.	1501, Oimachi, Hikoshima-machi, Shimonoseki City.
Ditto	Tsuneo Shimizu	3, Sangenya-machi, Daikamiko-ku, Asaka City.	2301, Kamishinchi Shimonoseki City
Ditto	Kazuo Nishi	3334, Mimi-mura, Abu-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	136, Irie-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Engineer	Yoshimune Hamaguchi	Shimogo, Ohama-mura, Matsuura-gun, Nagasaki Pref.	1-5, Amanogo, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Oiler	Kunishiro Sakaguchi	34, Kikura, Mikita-machi, Kaibe-gun, Tokushima Pref.	367, Koyama, Takezaki-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Chief oiler	Takeo Atsumori	7257, Nishihara-mura, Toru-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.	98, Imonoshi-cho, Kokura City, Fukuoka Pref.
Sailor	Isamu Kuramoto	314, Nishiotsubo, Shimonoseki City	same with permanent domicile.
Apprentice	Tomio Nara	Nagatahonmachi, Shimonoseki City.	Student of No.2 Fishery Instetuto Yoshimi, Yamaguchi Pref.
Ditto	Yuzo Honma	Ditto	Ditto

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DECLASSIFIED E.O. 12065 SECTION 3-402/NNDG NO. 17503

Heading

CCAR 5 K 6

SUBJECT: Petition for Return of Captured Fishing Boats

TO: SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Attention: Chief, Civil Affairs Section (Legal) K
APO 500

1 Incl
d/s

1. Inclosed herewith are petitions from ship owners of Shimonoseki City requesting assistance in returning 19 fishing boats and crews captured by Koreans.

2. Since 4 March 1951, 49 boats whose home bases are in Shimonoseki and Kyushu have been captured. 19 of these are from Shimonoseki as shown by inclosed "Gist on Boats Recently Captured".

3. Ship owners state that all crew members of listed boats are held in Pusan. The 3 boats listed interned at Chejudo Island are without crew.

4. Approximate location of boats when captured was determined by last daily radio report. No. 1 Taihei Maru and No. 2 Taihei Maru were without radio and therefore the place of capture could not be determined.

5. Representatives of subject fishing companies state that crew members previously interned and returned to Japan were mistreated, provided with inadequate food and had their clothing confiscated. They also state that the families of presently interned crew members are in need of support, particularly in cases of employees of smaller fishing companies which are unable to pay compansation during their internment.

6. ~~Forwarded for your information and any action that may be deemed appropriate.~~

6 Request action be instituted to obtain the return of boats and crews to Japan

For the Chief

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CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

C/GB/kw

2 April 1951

CCAR 546

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Attention: Chief, Civil Affairs Section (Legal)
APO 500

5 April 1951

Inclosed herewith is a petition dated 29 March 1951, by Taiyo Fishing Company, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, pertaining to the return of captured fishing boat and crew, for your information and any action deemed necessary.

1 Incl:
Petition - Taiyo
Fishing Company

WILLIAM M. KEANE
Colonel, Arty
Chief

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29 March 1951

To : Col. William M. Keane
Commander, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
Kure - Honshu.

Subject: Re: Requesting Your Help to Return Our Trawler Captured by Korean Vessel

Sir:

No.23 Taiyo Maru, a trawler belongs to our company, was captured by a South Korean submarine chaser on 27 March 1951 at around 1030 hour when she was perfoming fishing operation in the East China Sea.

The exact location where she was seized has not become clear yet because of the radio report from her being in deficient of it. However, according to our experience in the past, it is entirely unthinkable that the No.25 Taiyo Maru had violated the territorial waters of South Korea. If so, there is no reason for her to be captured by Korean boat, and we confidently believe that the recent capture is an example of illegal actions which have frequently been carried out so far by the Korean armed boat since a few years ago.

In the meantime, it was reported by her that she was forced to enter Pusan, Korea today, therefore, it is not hard for us to imagine that the boat and the crew members, in the light of the facts in the past, will be treated in astricious manner, about which we, together with the entire families of her crew, are strongly concerned.

Such being the case, we most respectfully and humbly request you to take the matter into your honorable consideration and to take steps by which the boat as well as the crew members will be returned to us as early as possible.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ M. Watada
/t/ M. WATADA
Managing Director,
Manager of Taiyo
Fishing Co., Ltd.
Shimonoseki Branch

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Undermentioned papers are attached herewith

1. Detail on the Boat Captured
2. Radio message
3. Crew list

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Attached paper No.1

Details on the Boat Seized

Name of boat	:	No.23 Taiyo Maru
Ship number	:	58968
Gross tonnage	:	279.59 tons
Type of boat	:	Steel
Kind of engine	:	Triple Expansion Engine
Horse-power	:	400 H.P.
Signal code	:	J.C.F.B.
Port of registry	:	Shimonoseki City
Date of launching	:	December 1946
Fishery licence No.	:	123
SCAJAP NO.	:	190
Fishery register No.	:	Y.G.I. - 28
Owner of boat	:	Taiyo Fishing Co., Ltd.
Radio apparatus	:	2 set of 150 W & 25 W Master oscillation and crystal control valve system

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Attached paper No.2

Radio communications

Date of despatch	Sender	Contents of radio telegram
27 March 7.55 a.m.	No.23 Taiyo Maru	"Being chased by suspicious boats, distance between both sides is 2,500 m to 2,600 m, speed of the boat is faster than us, so there is no hope of escape."
" " 8.20 a.m.	"	"Fired on a blank shot, stopped our boat, that boat is a submarine chaser, distance between both sides is 300 m to 500 m, the boat is painted gray with a stack."
" " 8.50 a.m.	"	"The submarine chaser come along-side us."
" " 10.30 a.m.	"	"The captain of our boat has been taken to the submarine chaser."
" " 10.58 a.m.	"	"Our boat is likely to be taken to Pusan, Korea."

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Attached paper No.3

Crew List

Rank	Full name	Age	Present domicile (Place of referrence)
Captain	Shinjiro Yoshimoto	55	2, Hondori, Nishishin-machi, Fukuoka City.
Chief engineer	Isokichi Konishi	39	2319, Kamishinchi-machi, Shimonoseki City.
Navigator	Takaichi Ohata	45	Kawanobori, Nakanishi-mura, Mino-gun, Shimane Pref.
Engineer	Haruichi Maeda	24	6, Enoura, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Boatswain	Sueyoshi Oishi	30	Kamishinchi-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Sailor	Tameji Tachibana	24	Kotobukidori, Higashiotsubo-cho, Shimonoseki City.
"	Shikao Takaki	36	1. Sumiyoshi-cho, Fukuoka City.
Fireman	Shigeo Masuda	21	Higashimizugae, Mizugae-machi, Saga City.
Sailor	Akira Hanba	21	Ushiroda-cho, Shimonoseki City.
"	Kiyoshi Ōga	22	Oaza Kiaya, Ono-mura, Mino-gun, Shimane Pref.
"	Norito Kamizono	21	Kawanabe-gun, Kagoshima Pref.
"	Akira Honda	19	Oaza Kanda, Kantama-son, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.
"	Osamu Sakai	19	5, Kitahama, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Pref.
Chief Oilor	Tokushige Hashimoto	50	Kurotaki, Kamikura-mura, Nagaoka-gun, Kochi Pref.
Oilor	Shigeharu Ito	27	Yoshino-cho, Moji City.
Fireman	Isao Ochiai	20	2175 Nagasaki-cho, Shimonoseki City.
"	Mitsuhiro Fujii	20	Nishiatsuho-gun, Mine-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.

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Rank	Full name	Age	Present domicile (Place of referrence)
Cook	Iwao Fujiwara	35	Uzuki, Honmura, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Boy	Hiroshi Goto	16	Oaza Yadama, Kantama-son, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.
Operator	Toru Kanaga	25	Oaza Kuroi-mura, Toyoura-gun, Yamaguchi Pref.

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CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182

C/GB/kw

10 April 1951

CCAR 546

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS
Attention: Chief, Civil Affairs Section (Legal)
APO 500

Inclosed herewith is a petition dated 5 April 1951, by Taiyo Fishing Company, Shimonoseki City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, pertaining to the return of captured fishing boat and crew, for your information and any action deemed necessary.

1 Incl:
Petition - Taiyo
Fishing Company

WILLIAM M. KEANE
Colonel, Arty
Chief

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have not been returned

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TAIYO FISHING CO., LTD.
Shimonoseki - JAPAN

5 April 1951

TO : Col. William M. Keane
Commander, Chugoku Civil Affairs Region
Kure - Honshu.

SUBJECT: Re: Petition Requesting Your Help to Return Our Danish (two-boat) Trawler Captured by Korean Vessel.

Sir:

No.63 Akashi Maru, a Danish (two-boat) trawler belongs to our company, was captured by two Korean vessels disguised as a pair of two-boat trawler armed with machine guns and automatic rifles on 29 March 1951 at around 0600 when she was performing fishing operation with her sister boat No.65 Akashi Maru on the dead reckonning position, Long. 125'-54" E., Lat. 32'-32" N.

The above-mentioned facts have become clear by the report of No.65 Akashi Maru which had narrowly succeeded in escapting from the capture and came back to Shimonoseki Port on 31 March 1951. We believe, judging from every reliable informations and presumptions, the boat has forcibly been taken most likely to somethere in Tye Zyu Island.

According to our experience in the past, it is entirely unthinkable that the No.63 Akashi Maru had violated the territorial waters of South Korea. If so, there is no reason for her to be captured by Korean vessel, and we confidently believe that the recent consecutive capture is an example of illegal actions which have frequently been carried out so far by the Korean armed vessel since a few years ago.

In the meantime, it is not hard for us to imagine that the boat and the crew members, in the light of the facts in the past, will be treated in astrocious manner, about which we, together with the entire families of her crew, are strongly concerned.

Such being the case, we most respectfully and humbly request you to take the matter into your honorable consideration and to take steps by which the boat as well as the crew members will be returned to us as early as possible.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ Masayuki Watada
/t/ MASAYUKI WATADA
Managing Director & Manager

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Attached paper No.1

Details on the Boat Seized

Name of Boat	:	No.63 Akashi Maru
Ship Number	:	57680
Gross tonnage	:	75.80 tons
Type of Boat	:	Steel
Kind of Engine	:	Diesel engine
Horse-power	:	210 H.P.
Port of Registry	:	Shimonoseki City.
Signal sign	:	JDOF
Date of launching	:	May 1941
Fishery Licence No.	:	Yamaguchi 263
Fishery Register No.	:	Y.G. 2-42
Owner of boat	:	Taiyo Fishing Co., Ltd.
Radio apparatus	:	

Transmitter	:	125 W. 1 set) Master oscillation	
"	:	10 W. 1 set) and crystal control bulb system	
Receiver	:	8 bulbs superheterodine	1 set
"	:	4 " Autodine	1 set
Radio Direction Finder			1 set

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Attached paper No.3

Crew List

Rank	Full name	Age	Present domicile (Place of reference)
Captain	Fukutaro Nada	42	Enoura, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Boatswain	Shijo Nakayama	23	56, Hanano-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Sailor	Masanori Iwasaki	19	124, 4-chome, Shinmachi, Shimonoseki City.
"	Haruo Nakako	24	40, Higashiotsubo-cho, Shimonoseki City.
"	Masato Hakozaki	22	26 - 1, Tsuchibu-cho, Oshirabe-gun, Hiroshima Pref.
"	Kiyohiro Nakahama	32	901, 5-chome, Kifune-cho, Shimonoseki City.
"	Hifumi Ishimaru	22	502, Oaza Noshima, Bofu City.
Chief engineer	Isamu Ōba	35	Nakamachi, Honmura, Hikoshima, Shimonoseki City.
Chief oilor	Tsuneo Okamoto	35	8-chome, Sonda-machi, Shimonoseki City.
Oilor	Wasaburo Iwamoto	38	Tokuura, Tsukumi-cho, Kitaamabe-gun, Oita Pref.
"	Tsutomu Kawajiri	22	29,039, Chiran-machi, Kawanabe-gun, Kagoshima Pref.
Cook	Tōchō Miyara	38	8-chome, Enoura-cho, Shimonoseki City.
Operator	Susumu Tsuchihashi	49	Hiu-machi, Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture.

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Attached paper No.2

Radio communication

Date received	Sender	Contents of radio telegram
30 March 9.33 a.m.	No.166 Akashi-Maru	No.63 Akashi Maru was captured by the Korean vessel in the No.285 fishing area at around 6.30 p.m. last night (March 29th). No.65 Akashi Maru (the sister boat of No.63 Akashi Maru) has escaped from capture and is on the voyage off the Himeshima Island to the Arakawa port, Nagasaki Prefecture.

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TAIYO FISHING CO., LTD.
Shimonoseki, Japan.

Mr. U.S. Granp Bauguess

Chief, Legal Section

Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

Kure - Honshu.

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中国民事部法政課長
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To: Mr. Bauguess
Chief, Legal & Government Section,
C C A R

From: Taiyo Fishing Co.
Shimonoseki City

Subject: Report on the capture of Fishing Boat. (By telephone at 1150 hrs 27 March 1951)

Fishing Boat, No.23 Taiyo-maru, 279.59 tons, registered No. Y.G.P. 28 was captured by Korean Patrol Boat at 0820 hrs on 27th March 1951, location of E 125°45', N 32°30'. The captured boat presumedly take to Pusan, Korea. The incident was leaned by radio communication.

The captain of captured boat is Mr. Shinjiro Sashimoto, and Chief engineer is Mr. Isokichi Konishi.

Further report will be submitted by Taiyo Fishing Co. to this Section.

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Mr Fujimoto
Legal and Government Section,
Chugoku Civil Affairs Region

From: Shimonoseki Branch of Taiheiyo Fishing Company (sealed)
#10 Yamato-cho, Shimonoseki City
Telephone: 3268

At 1700 hours, 26 March, we intended to talk to you on the phone to beg your kind help, but since you [redacted] left the office already, [redacted] could not talk to you. So we asked Mr Hiraga to take care of this matter of which our two boats, Hoyu Maru and Takashima Maru , have been captured at [redacted] vicinity of Saishu Island of Korea and of which was already reported and petitioned to the Far East Command at Sasebo. The inclosed herewith is the copy of the petition and we beg you to consider the matter.

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昭和　年　月　日

吳民事部法政課

乘本殿

下関市大和町　番地

太平洋漁業株式會社下関

昨廿六日午后五時御貴殿に電話致しまして
篤と御願致す心理にて御座所ましたが
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部御送附申しまず故何卒宜敷御前計ひ下さい
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出法御願申しますます人
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HEADQUARTERS
CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 182
BUCK SLIP

1951

FROM: Chief

TO : (NUMERICALLY) (INITIAL THRU YOUR NUMBER)

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FOR: _____ SEE ME

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COMMENTS APPROVAL
SIGNATURE PROOF READING
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HEADQUARTERS
CHUGOKU CIVIL AFFAIRS REGION
APO 248
BUCK SLIP

1951

SUBJECT: Formal Complaint

TO : Corporal Thomas E. Steven
Yamaguchi Civil Affairs T
APO 248

1. Reference is made to your
on matters pertaining to the enlist
the Adjutant and Sergeant Major.

2. a. Your complaint was dis
Affairs Team, Lt. Col. O. E. Gosser
K. Hayes, on 5 September 1949. The
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that existed contrary to the custor
The Executive-Adjutant denied in it
a threatening statement to you; tha
soldiers of the Team; that in gener
he did instruct the Sergeant-Major
from your office and place of duty

b. Your statement that th
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house), a day room, movies and athl
are available within availability.
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for the men), an excellent mess and

3. In order to iron out
create a conflict of personalities
recommendation has been forwarded
Team, to afford you an opportunity
Sergeant-Major to the end that a b
and differences will obtain.

3. The foregoing statements
with reference to your complaints.

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Telephone Report

5 April 1951

From: Mr. Masuoka, Police Guard Section
Hiroshima Region N.R.P.

Subject: Capture of Japanese boats by destroyers of Kan-Koku or South Korean Country.

Today (5 April 1951), the following boats were captured by destroyers of South Korean Country.

In the 285th zone of Agricultural-Forests Fishing Section, (1) the First and (2) the Second Kyodo-marus belonging to Inoue-gumi of Takezaki-machi, Shimonoseki City, (3) the First and (4) the Second Seiha-marus belonging to Sanyo Suisan Co. of Yamato-machi, Shimonoseki City; in the 275th zone, (5) No.1 Tayo-maru belonging to Toyo Suisan Co. of Yamato-machi, Shimonoseki City, (6) No.62 and (7) No.63 Aiko-marus belonging to Shimane Suisan Co. of Imaura-cho, Shimonoseki City, were captured by destroyers of South Korean Country.

The above information was made today to Fishing Zone Wireless Bureau of Shimonoseki City.

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Telephone Report

16 April 1951

From: Mr. Monzen, Hiroshima Maritime Safety Base

Subject: Situation of boat captured

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2. How the boats were returned:

On the way back from Saishuto Island to Pusan, No.2 Taiko-maru carrying two soldiers of South Korea, extricated itself and returned to the fishing port of Shimonoseki City.
The reason why the Korean soldiers approved to let the boat go round to Japan, has not been investigated by the Moji Maritime Safety Bureau. Therefore, it is unknown.

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5 April 1951

Telephone Report

Legal

From: Mr. Masuoka, Police Guard Section.
Hiroshima Region N.R.P.

Subject: Capture of Japanese boats by destroyers of Kan-Koku or South Korean country.

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The above information was made today to Fishing Zone Wireless Bureau of Shimonoseki city.

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