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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Certify That the document hereunto annexed is a true  
copy from the files of this Department.

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 M. P. L. [Signature]  
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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In reply refer to  
SWP 740.94115/9-1345

My dear Senator Morse:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 13, 1945 transmitting a communication addressed to you by Mr. C. M. Greenlord, one of your constituents, making inquiry regarding the detention at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, of certain Japanese officials captured in the course of military operations in Europe.

The Japanese officials in question, who include military officers who had been accorded diplomatic status by Germany and other governments in Europe in much the same way as officers of our own armed services are accorded diplomatic status in foreign countries, were brought to this country to be used for exchange against our own nationals and United Nations nationals held by the Japanese Government and have been accorded treatment intended to facilitate such negotiations. Fortunately the surrender of the enemy has ensured the liberation of our nationals without the necessity of any prolonged exchange operations. As soon as the military authorities are in a position to provide transportation for the group and General MacArthur has expressed his willingness to receive them, they will be returned to Japan.

While there are military personnel included among the group referred to, the majority of persons are civilian in character and the group includes a number of women and small children. The expense of equipping a new detention facility for the accommodation of this group did not seem warranted.

I trust that the foregoing will adequately cover your constituent's inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Secretary

The Honorable  
Wayne Morse,  
United States Senate.

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