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January 17, 1945

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The Department of State transmits to the following
the attached information in the hope that it will be of
value:

- ✓ Military Intelligence Division
- ✓ Office of Naval Intelligence
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Investigation

Enclosure:

Copy of despatch No. 3904 from American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro,
dated January 4, 1946, Subject: "Japanese Archives".

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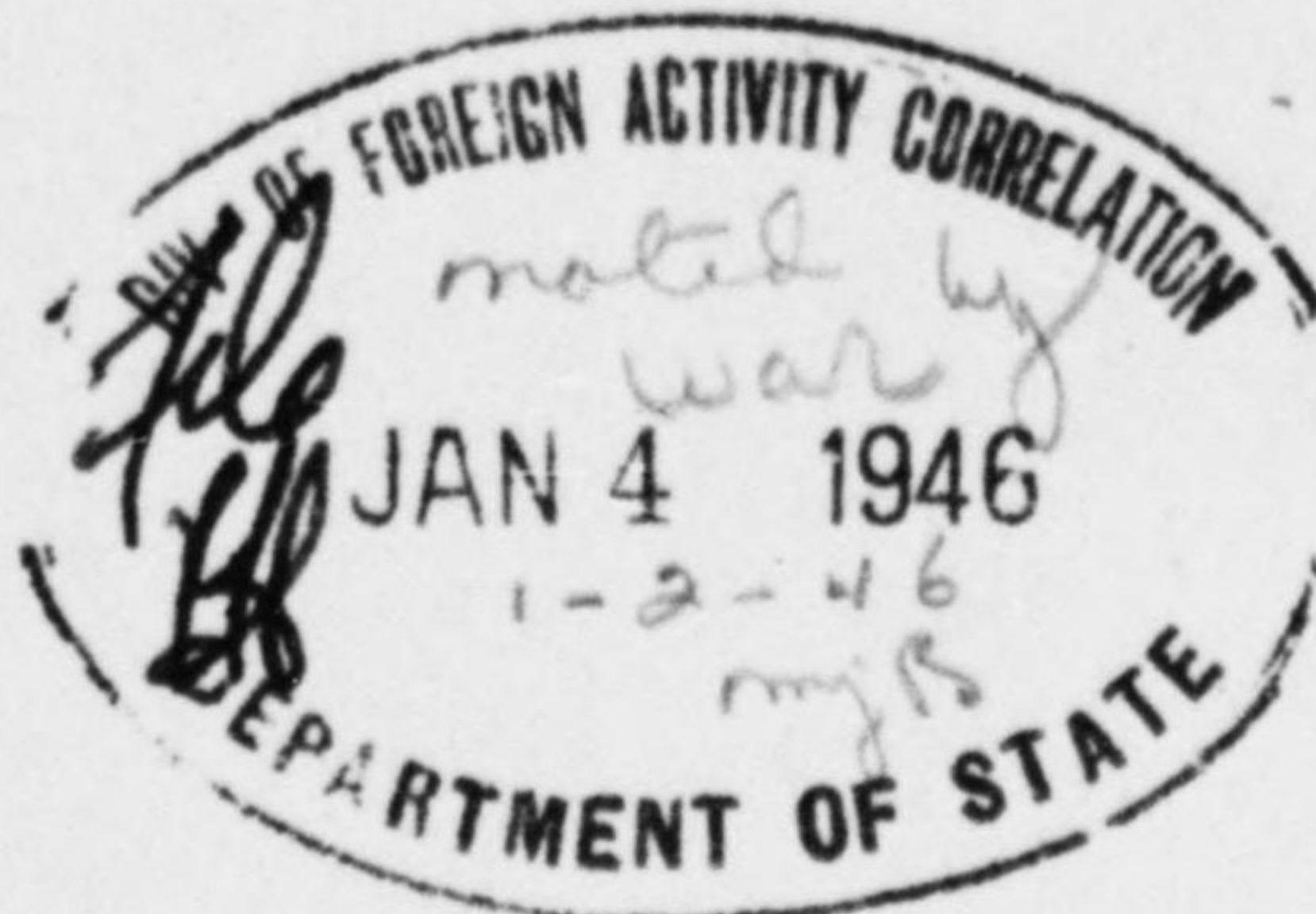
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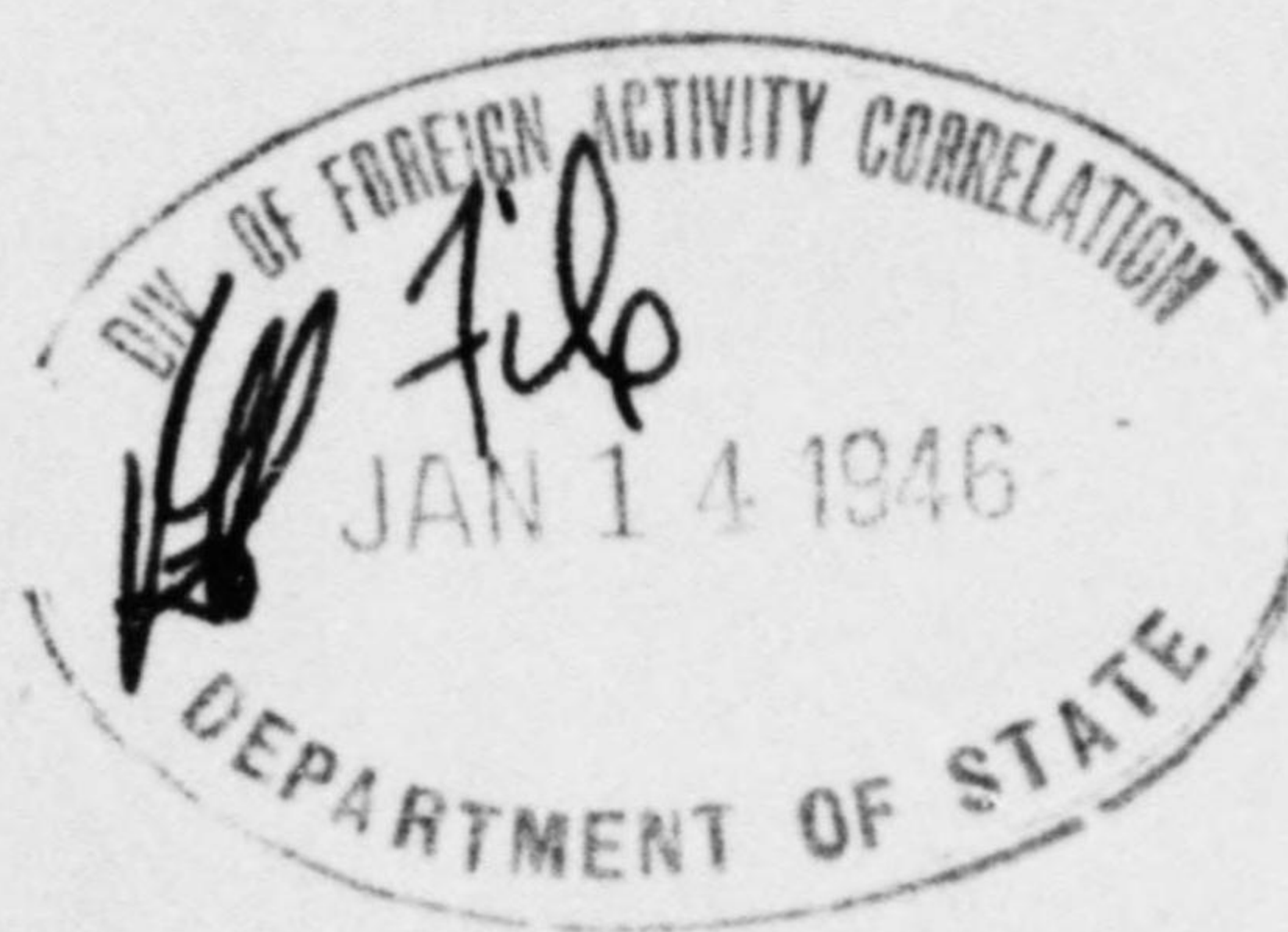
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No. 3904

SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION
FEB 18 1946
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Rio de Janeiro, January 4, 1946.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
OFFICE OF AMERICAN REPUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Japanese Archives.

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Supplementing the Embassy's despatch No. 3879 of December 29, 1945 on the above subject, the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim has the honor to enclose a copy of a memorandum from the Legal Attaché, dated January 2, 1946, reporting the shipment to Washington of certain motion picture films and other items obtained at the former Japanese Embassy at Rio de Janeiro.

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Enclosure

Memorandum, January 2, 1946.

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Enclosure to Despatch No. 3904 of
January 4, 1946 from the Embassy
at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
January 2, 1946

Memorandum for the Chargé d'Affaires

Re: Archives - Japanese Embassy

For the completion of your files the following information is furnished:

On December 21, 1945, after telephonic communication with Mr. John Dee Greenway, Counselor of the British Embassy, it was decided that there was no objection to the shipping to Washington, D.C., of a quantity of motion picture film and other items obtained at the Japanese Embassy in Rio de Janeiro at the time the archives were taken over on November 16, 1945.

Accordingly, approximately 51 cans of 35 millimeter motion picture film, mostly with sound track, consisting of propaganda on Japanese industry and related subjects together with about 50 unused Japanese passports and a quantity of books and pamphlets describing Japanese culture, et cetera, will be forwarded to Washington in the near future by this office.

It is understood that these items will be available in Washington to representatives of the Chinese and British Embassy should they so desire. Mr. Tan Pau Tuan, Counselor of the Chinese Embassy, has previously given his approval of the shipment of these items to Washington to representatives of this office.

Respectfully,

Heber M. Clegg,
Legal Attache

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In view of recent discussions and developments, inform

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Japanese archives and property.

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM

TO ALL AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Dept addressing circular airgram subject cash and liquid resources former Jap missions in possession protecting powers. (DEPCIRTEL OCT 23). All such funds shall be held in trustee account by Allied diplomatic representatives on behalf four Allied powers with arrangement for access and accountability by protecting powers for continuation routine functions. In event local complications await receipt airgram.

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PACMIRS, Camp Ritchie, Md.

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4 January 1945

SUBJECT: Present Whereabouts and Extent of Processing of Certain Japanese Documents Regarding Japanese Financial Transactions in Germany

THRU : Chief, Military Branch, MIS

TO : Chief, Foreign Press Section, MIS, Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Reference your memorandum, dated 23 October 1945, a search has been made for the subject documents both at PACMIRS and Washington Document Center and there appears to be no record of their ever having been received.

2. We will continue to watch for them and you will be advised as to their availability.

For the Chief, PACMIRS:

Kenneth W. Himes
KENNETH W. HIMES
Captain, QMG
Adjutant

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TO: Lt. Col Edward H. Miller, Liaison Officer with the State Dept., MID, War Department 5 Jan 46
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2, January 7, 6 p.m.

JAP archives were examined January 3 at this office jointly by American, British and French G-2 officers in whose opinion based on preliminary perusal it does not appear that documents contain data of any particular value from military intelligence point of view. British and Chinese ministers concur. However, our G-2 proposes to microfilm certain records written in JAP and to forward microfilm to War Dept. Please instruct as to what final disposition is to be made of these records. (AMVAT 1 January 1)

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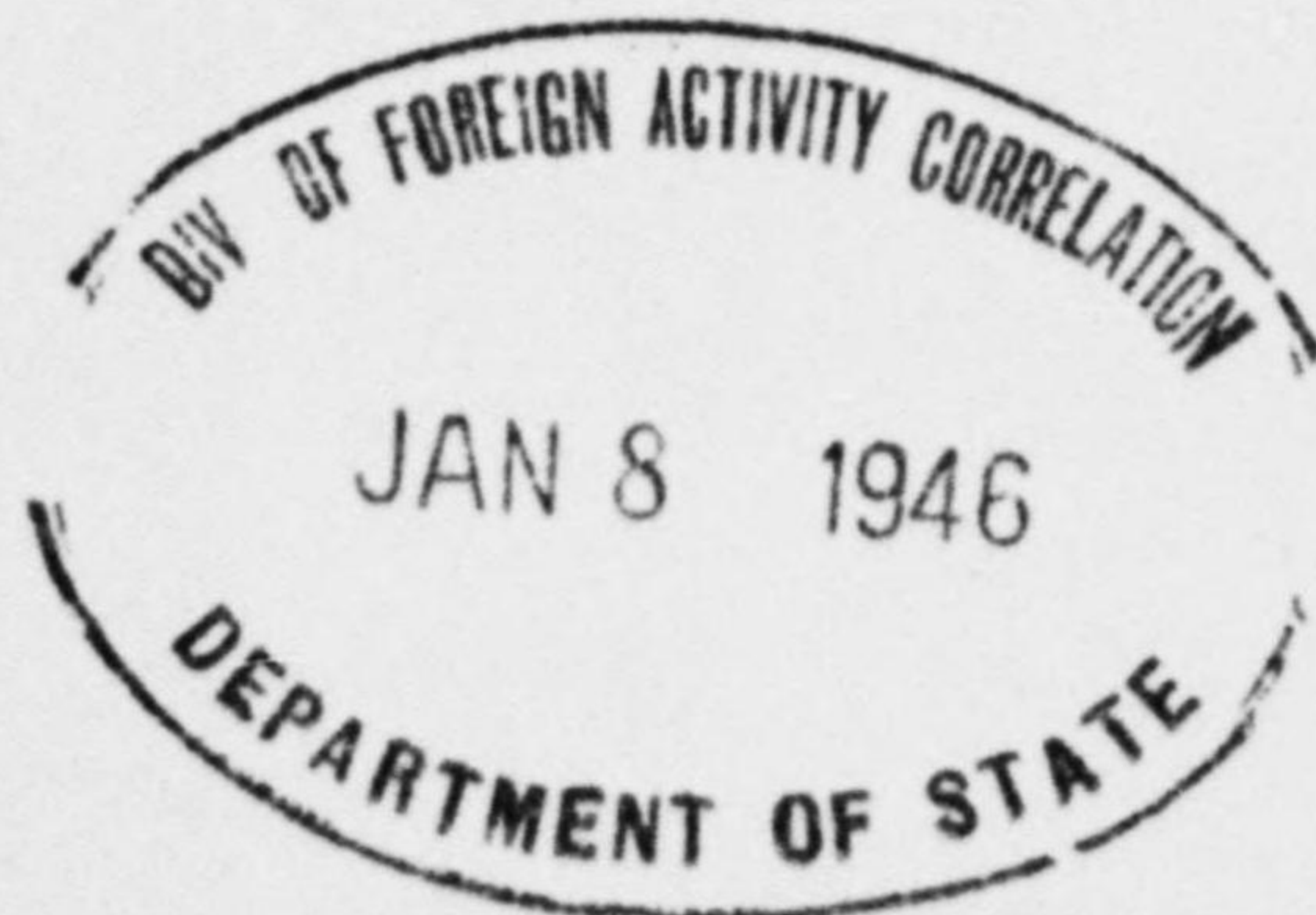
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CIRCULAR AIRGRAM

TO ALL AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE
OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

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Referring to Department's circular telegram of October 23, 5 p.m., the Department understands that "property" of Japanese diplomatic missions now in the custody of protecting powers includes cash and liquid resources of all kinds whether local currency or others formerly in the possession of Japanese missions. All such funds, whether public funds of the mission or private funds belonging to the individual members of the mission, are to be handed over by the protecting powers to the Allied diplomatic representatives on behalf of the four Allied powers. These representatives are responsible for the control of such funds and are accountable for them; consequently it is necessary that these funds be handed over in their entirety. However, recognizing the need for certain expenditures by the protecting powers in continuing routine functions the Department recommends that such funds be kept in a trustee account with arrangements for access and accountability by the protecting powers. Since circumstances will differ in varying localities it is not the Department's intention to describe the procedure in minute detail but will leave the method to be determined by the individual missions. It will be recognized that the objectives to be gained are (1) effective control of all Japanese public assets; and (2) practicable arrangement for authorization for necessary expenditures by the protecting power.

For your general information the Department does not now anticipate that any transfer of funds will be made from one country to another in the event that funds

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are exhausted locally. If this should happen the protecting power should apply to the Japanese Government for replenishment. Department's present instructions do not authorize extraordinary expenditures such as repatriation, which will be subject to further study and advice. Funds which are clearly identified as belonging to individuals should be used in preference to public funds in allocations for purely personal expenses of the owner.

The trust account may also include the proceeds of sale of any items of Japanese Government property which are impracticable to store, perishable or present in excessive quantities.

It is requested that the Department be informed of the procedure adopted and the amounts involved in each case, together with an estimate of future requirements. It will be necessary that a quarterly report be made beginning with the situation as of December 31, 1945. In future reports each mission should indicate the purpose for which withdrawals were made. The Department considers, for your guidance, that the following types of expenses are properly allowable: (1) relief to indigent nationals; (2) fixed expenses of protecting powers incidental to routine operations; and (3) charges for moving and storage.

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TO THE

SUPREME COMMANDER FOR ALLIED POWERS,

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FOR ATCHESON, ACTING POLITICAL ADVISER

Rome reports that physical possession of Jap archives cannot be accomplished until Jap Ambassador to Holy See has been instructed by Tokyo to hand over keys of now in his possession. Keys are to Jap archives/former Jap Embassy to Italy. Please advise when instructions issued.

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87, January 9, 6 p.m.

Disposition of Jap archives (REDEPT'S 22, Jan 4).

Embassy's position has not changed.

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DEPT has taken action to secure custody throughout the world by representatives of United States, Soviet Union, Great Britain and China jointly and severally of Japanese diplomatic and consular records and archives and property under terms General MacArthur's directive October 25.

Please report present status Jap archives property in Siam in order that appropriate action may be taken regarding them.

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Secretary of State,
Washington



73, January 10, 6 p.m.

Commander Taylor, US Navy Japanese Intelligence Officer sent to Stockholm to investigate archives of Jap Legation, has made following recommendations after examining archives which he believes small intelligence value. His recommendations are supported by this Legation, MA and NA:

One. Commander Taylor return to Washington after completing similar work Madrid.

Two. Due to many ramifications difficult to present properly or timely by letter or cable, Taylor personally report to appropriate authorities in State, War and Navy for purpose of briefing in extraction high level intelligence possibly available through interrogation General Onodera, former Japanese MA, Stockholm and Admiral Abe, former Jap NA, Berlin plus about

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plus about 20 of his naval assistants now interned Sweden.

Three. Suitable interrogation personnel be altered proceed Stockholm soon as possible either with Taylor or after consultation with him in Washington.

Four. Meanwhile, Legation which has considerable file of economic and counterintelligence information available continue prepare ground and a mass information for purpose coordination such interrogation with strategic services who are already well informed and would be of considerable assistance and vice versa.

Taylor feels strongly that interrogation key Jap intelligence and liaison officers be done in Sweden in order exploit fully local information for cross check and approach. Suggest strategic services be informed. Please pass to War and Navy.

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Secretary of State

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54, January 10, noon

After various discussions with Four Power colleagues in which I attempted to reconcile Russian with other points of view a meeting was held this morning with Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Four Power representative and Swiss Minister at which it was decided that the Swiss would deliver Jap archives and property to Four Powers who in turn would deliver to Egyptian authorities with request that latter act as custodian for Four Powers. Russia is in agreement in principle but has asked for few days delay in order to obtain authorization from Moscow which he expects will be forthcoming. All others in agreement with proposed plan. Reference Dept's 2383, Dec 29, 7 p.m.

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3, January 10, 11 p.m.

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According to Dept's 114, November 9, I am cooperating
with British Legation to Vatican to repatriate Jap personnel.

Re:

Will report developments in due course (my AMVAT 2,

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archives January 7).

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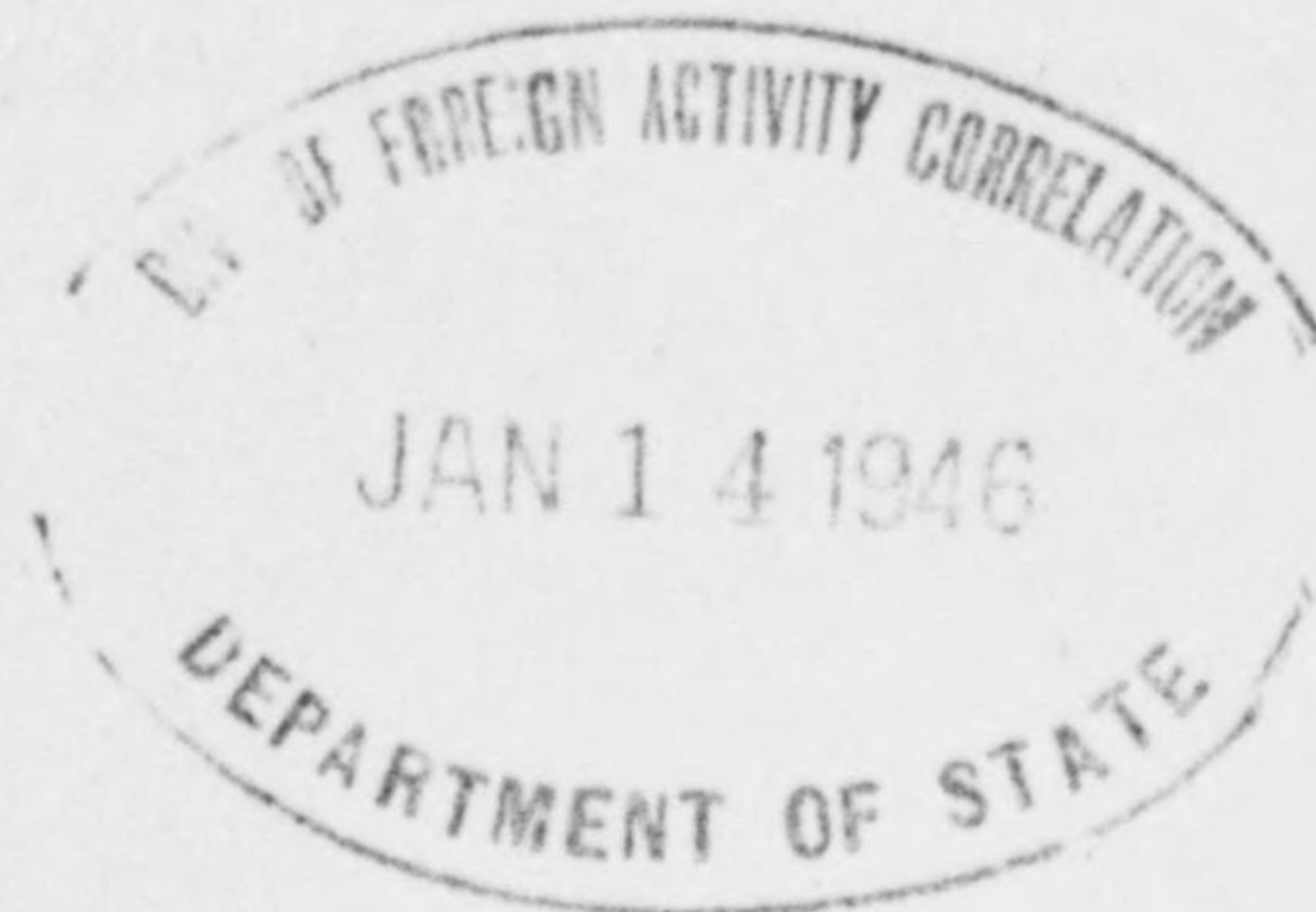
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46, January 11, 3 p.m.

(?) govts will be applied. Information re existence of Jap archives in metropolitan and overseas Dutch territories to be furnished British Ambassador when available.

British Ambassador informing his Govt he considers reciprocity request be reasonable. He suggests similar action on my part and, proposes that upon receipt of Dept's instructions to me, mutually satisfactory reply to FONOFF be agreed upon between interested parties. I concur reaction of Russian and Chinese Ambassadors not yet known.

Please instruct.

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Dated January 11, 1946

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Secretary of State

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46, January 11, 3 p.m.

In note of January 2 Foreign Office informed British Ambassador (replying to latter's note of December 3 as per EMBTEL 139, October 27,) that investigation being made ascertain whether any Jap files and archives still in Netherlands, also re status Jap archives in Dutch territories overseas, that Netherlands Govt will be pleased share right of access with US, UK, China and USSR Govts, and that Netherlands Govt hopes that reciprocity of access to Jap archives in hands above-mentioned govts will be applied. Information re existence of Jap archives in metropolitan and overseas Dutch territories to be furnished British Ambassador when available.

British Ambassador informing his Govt he considers reciprocity request be reasonable. He suggests similar action on my part and, proposes that upon receipt of Dept's instructions to me, mutually satisfactory reply to FONOFF be agreed upon between interested parties. I concur re-action of Russian and Chinese Ambassadors not yet known.

Please instruct.

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DEPT assumes FONOFF request for reciprocal right of access
"to Jap archives in hands" of US, UK, China and USSR GOVTS applies
only to those archives taken over in territory of respective
GOVTS and does not (repeat not) include archives which may be in
custody of four powers elsewhere. REURTEL 46, Jan. 11.

DEPT has no objection in principle to reciprocal right of
access if above assumption correct. However, reply should not
(repeat not) be made to FONOFF until concurrence Soviet and
Chinese representatives obtained and it is ascertained that Jap
archives actually exist.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

The Hague, January 12, 1946.

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No. 546

Subject: Transmitting copy of note regarding access to Japanese files and archives in the Netherlands.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

With reference to the Embassy's telegram No. 46, of January 11, 1946, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the communication of January 7, 1946, from the British Ambassador in The Hague, enclosing a copy of a note from the Secretary General of the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the British Ambassador, regarding access to such Japanese files and archives as may be found in metropolitan and overseas territories of the Netherlands.

Respectfully yours,

Signature: Stanley K. Hornbeck
Stanley K. Hornbeck

Enclosure: *att. 5*

Communication from British Ambassador, dated January 7, 1946, with enclosure.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 546 from The Hague,
dated January 12, 1946.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
THE HAGUE.

7th January, 1946.

My dear Ambassador,

I have now received a reply to the Note which I addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on behalf of ourselves and the Chinese and Soviet Ambassadors on 3rd December concerning the inspection of Japanese archives. I have the honour to enclose a copy herewith.

2. Your Excellency will observe that the Netherland Government are desirous of reciprocal treatment in this matter, a request which appears to me reasonable and which I am recommending to my Government for favourable consideration. Should Your Excellency see no objection, I would venture to suggest the desirability of similar action on your part.

3. If and when you receive authority from your Government to proceed accordingly, perhaps you will be good enough to let me know in order that a mutually satisfactory reply to the Netherland Government may be concerted between the interested parties.

Believe me, my dear Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ NEVILLE BLAND

His Excellency

Mr. Stanley K. Hornbeck

etc., etc., etc.

Page 2 of enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 546 from The Hague, dated January 12, 1946.

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Cabinet and Protocol,

No. 24926.

The Hague, January 2nd 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of December 3rd, 1945, No. 63, concerning the request of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, in concert with the Governments of the United States, China and the Soviet-Union, to be given an opportunity for their representatives to examine any Japanese Diplomatic and Consular archives which have come or may in future come into the hands of the Netherlands Government. In reply to this note I may inform Your Excellency that investigations are being made whether any Japanese files and archives are still present in this country. In addition the Ministry of Overseas Territories has been requested to give all information as to the present state of any such archives in the Overseas Territories. The Netherlands Government will be pleased to share right of access to these archives with the Governments above mentioned. As soon as further information on this point will be available, Your Excellency will be notified.

I may add that the Netherlands Government expresses the hope that reciprocity will be applied and that representatives of this Government will be given the opportunity to examine any Japanese Diplomatic and Consular archives which have come or may in future come into the hands of the Governments above mentioned, as far as they concern the Kingdom of the Netherlands including the Overseas Territories.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs,

The Secretary-General,

(Signed) A. M. SNOUCK JURGRONJE.

His Excellency
Sir Nveile Bland,
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of His Britannic
Majesty.

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No repeat no objection perceived to proposal last para URTEL 1 (one), Jan 1. Pursuant Depcirtel Dec 25 Dept believes best procedure is leave detailed methods to individual missions

Following departure former Jap officials, Dept favors storage Jap official property unless impracticable due depreciation, deterioration, excessive quantities, disproportionate expense. If storage impracticable property identified as Jap Govt owned may be sold. Private property Jap officials should not repeat not be sold at present.

All Jap funds, including public funds of mission, private funds belonging members of mission and funds derived from sale property should be deposited in trust account jointly controlled by diplomatic representatives Allied powers concerned for later disposition.

Withdrawals from trust account for moving, storage and custodial expenses connection Jap property and if occasion develops for relief through protecting Power to indigent Jap nationals considered appropriate by Dept.

Transmit copy this message to AmEmbassy Rome for information and possible guidance connection any Jap official property questions Italy.

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A-11, January 16, 1946.

Reference Department's secret circular ~~airgram~~ of January 8, 1946, concerning "property" of Japanese diplomatic missions.

As has been reported previously, there was no Japanese diplomatic mission in Honduras. Consequently, the reports requested in the last paragraph of the instruction under reference cannot be made.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

San José, Costa Rica, January 16, 1946.

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No. 1483

Subject: Reporting that there is no Japanese Diplomatic or Consular "Property" in Costa Rica.

The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's secret circular airgram of January 8, 9:05 a.m., concerning custody of the "property" of Japanese diplomatic missions, and to report that there is no such "property" in the Republic of Costa Rica.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador,

Raleigh A. Gibson

Raleigh A. Gibson, First Secretary of Embassy.

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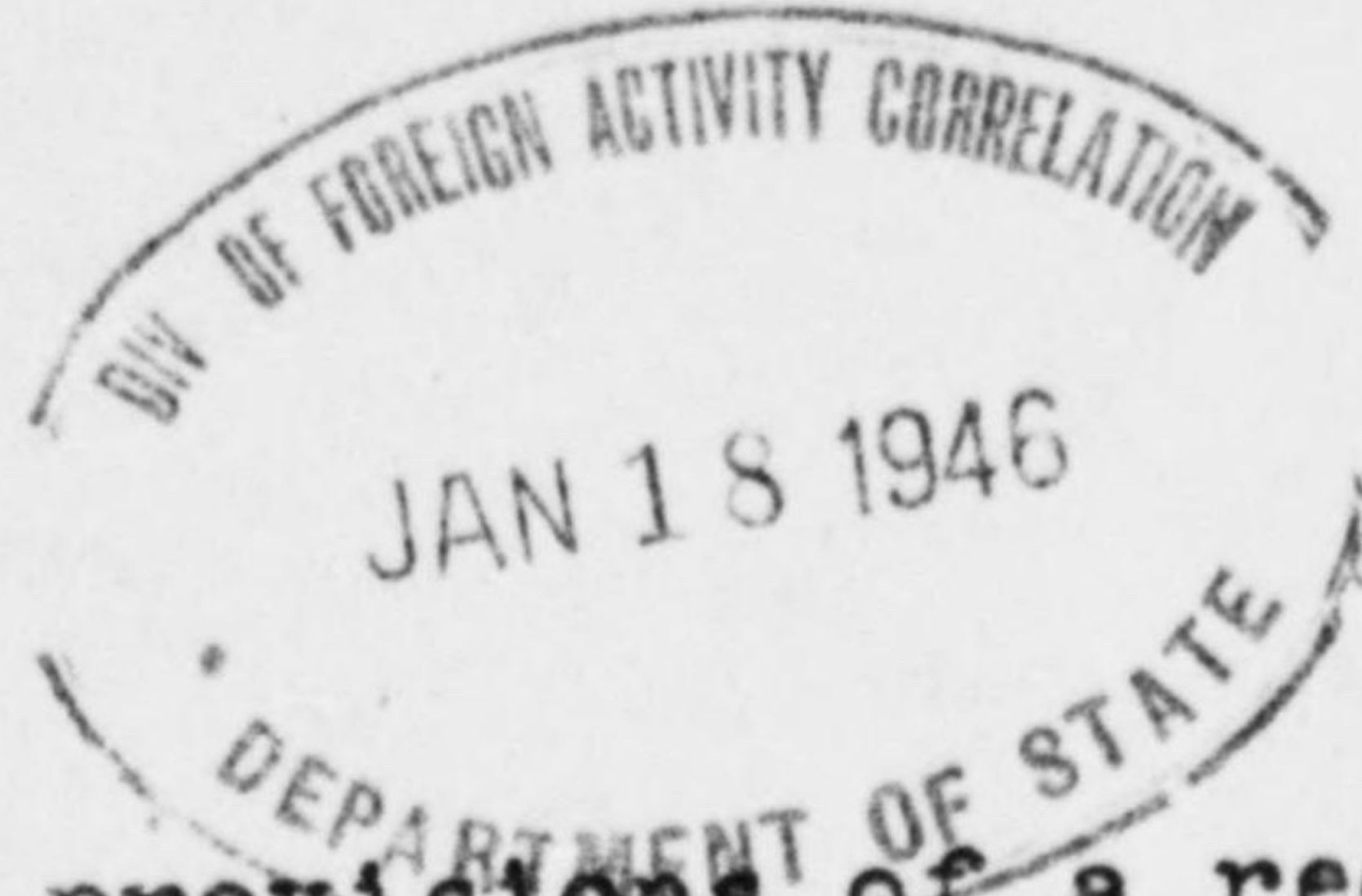
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DATE: January 16, 1946



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The provisions of a recent Departmental
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 bility for liaison with the War Department in all matters
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 the British Embassy is referred to FC for such action
 as may be required. This memorandum, dated October 12,
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 archives in Japan, has been held in "pending" status at
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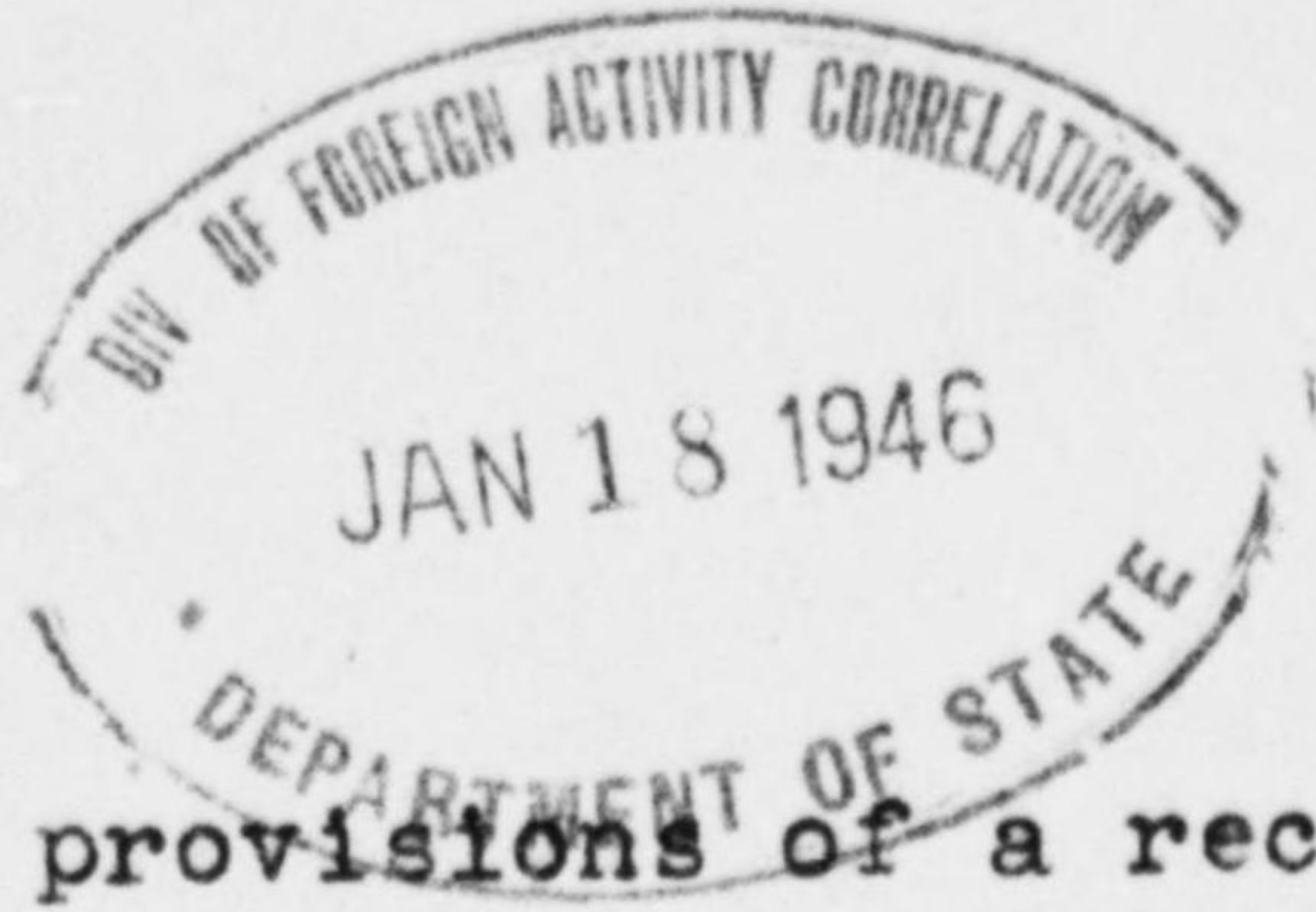
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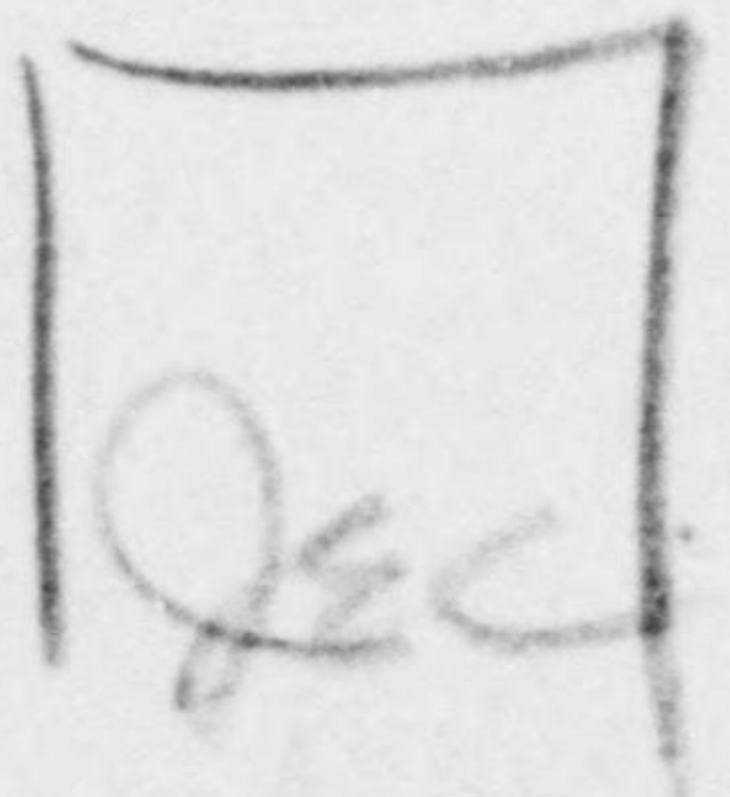


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In view of the provisions of a recent Departmental Regulation (1-9-46) in regard to Requests for Information from German, Italian-Fascist, and Japanese archives, particularly that centralizing in FC responsibility for supervising the collection and processing of information from these sources and that charging FC with responsibility for liaison with the War Department in all matters relating to such archives, the appended aide-memoire from the British Embassy is referred to FC for such action as may be required. This memorandum, dated October 12, 1945, in regard to access by the British to records and archives in Japan, has been held in "pending" status at the suggestion made by FC in its memorandum to JA of November 5, 1945.

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Beirut, Lebanon, January 16, 1946. *DCR*

SUBJECT: Documents in Japanese Language Discovered in
Files of Former Japanese Consulate in Beirut.

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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my despatch no. 1022 of November 20, 1945, entitled "Transmitting Report and Inventory of Property of Japanese Consulate in Beirut", which contained a summary prepared by OSS of the records of the Japanese Consulate.

In this despatch I stated that OSS hoped to discover a Japanese language scholar who would be competent to analyse and to translate those documents which were written in Japanese. Such a scholar was found in Dr. Alfred Regensburger, living near Tel Aviv, Palestine. Dr. Regensburger is a chemist who for ten years taught in the Imperial University in Tokyo, and who during the war served with British censorship as reader of all Japanese letters.

Dr. Regensburger came to Beirut January 7 and thoroughly examined all material written in Japanese. A summary of his report is enclosed with this despatch.

As we had expected, his investigation failed to bring to light any additional information of particular interest; consequently I would advise the Department that in our judgment any further examination of this material would be without profit. Both the British and the Soviet Legations have failed to indicate that they have any particular interest in this former property of the Japanese government; the Chinese have no diplomatic mission in Lebanon and therefore are not concerned.

All the cases have been repacked and stored in the basement of the building occupied by our Military and Naval Attachés, where they await ultimate disposition by the Department.

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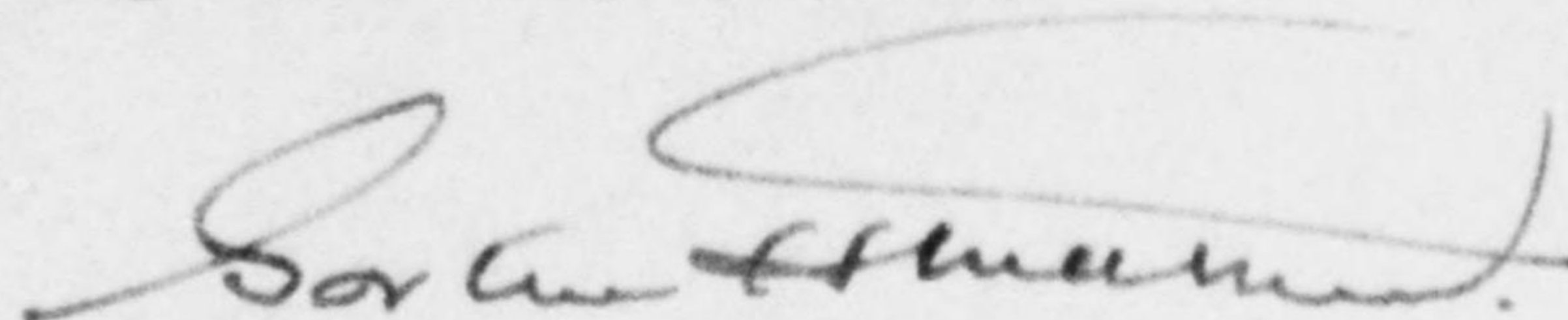
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If they are not at some future time to be restored to the Japanese I should like to suggest that many of the books in the consular library dealing with the Near East would make a welcome addition to our own Legation Library. Dr. Regensburger and others who have seen the Japanese books are of the opinion that they would be far more useful in the Library of Congress, or in other large American libraries, than stored and forgotten in a Beirut basement.

Respectfully yours,



Gordon H. Mattison
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Enclosure: *att. 5*
Report of Japanese Translator
on Records of Beirut Jap Consulate.

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(Enclosure to Despatch No. 1085, dated January 16, 1946, from the American Legation, Beirut, Lebanon.)

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January 14, 1946

Report of Japanese Translator on
Records of Beirut Jap Consulate

1. In GNX-185 of 15 November entitled Archives of Japanese Consulate in Beirut reference was made to numerous loose-leaf folders of official correspondence in Japanese.
2. From January 7-9, 1946, these folders were examined by Alfred Regensburger, a Japanese language expert who for several years worked for British censorship and was indeed the only Japanese translator the British possessed in the Middle East.
3. Dr. Regensburger revealed that long before Pearl Harbor the British were secretly opening the diplomatic pouches of the Japanese and he had therefore himself seen much of the material he was now called upon to examine.
4. Dr. Regensburger made the following points in summary:
 1. There was surprisingly little material dating from the period after September, 1939; the Japanese consulate therefore evidently considered that most of its work in the war years before the consulate was closed was too confidential to be left undestroyed.
 2. In the entire collection of several hundred documents, only one paper was found that was classified as SECRET. This was a circular of February 2, 1937 concerning international reaction to the anti-Comintern Pact and is not today of any importance. Every other document was classified "ORDINARY". Since the files were loose-leaf they were carefully examined to discover whether papers had been hastily removed. There was no trace of such removal and the presumption is that classified confidential and secret material was kept in separate files which were either destroyed or removed.
 3. Material found consisted largely of following:
 - a. Correspondence between the consulate and the Foreign Ministry, mostly on trade and cultural matters.
 - b. Drafts of despatches on general subjects.
 - c. A large mass of covering notes transmitting books, reports, and similar matter to Tokyo.
 - d. File copies of reports made by other Japanese diplomatic and consular missions in the Mediterranean area.
 - e. Reports on practically everything that might interest the Japanese government: economy, agriculture, vital statistics, local legislation and regulations, public opinion in general and specifically public opinion on Far Eastern matters and the war with China.
 4. In Gnx-185, paragraph 9, reference was made to certain coded groups. These on examination proved to be clear text messages in Japanese written in Latin script.
 5. On page 21, par. 38, of GNX-185, reference was made to Case 16, a long red box with hinged top and lock, which upon examination was found to be empty. This box, Dr. Regensburger said, undoubtedly contained the picture of the Emperor and other sacred relics of similar nature which under no circumstances could be left behind to fall into unworthy hands. The box in size, construction, and type was a typical Japanese reliquary.

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5. Following brief summaries indicate contents of Japanese folders:

Folder no. 1. Trade and political agreements 1937. Japanese translations and pertinent comments.

no. 2. Trade agreements between Japan and Syria 1937-8.

3. Copies of import statistics of various Near Eastern countries, 1938-9.

4. Routine reports and trade statistics sent to Foreign Office for reference purposes, 1937-8.

5. International cultural relations; promotion of friendship for Japan in foreign countries, 1940.

6. Trade reports. Trade in narcotics, 1937.

7. Correspondence on exchange of books and distribution of Japanese propaganda.

8. Translations and summaries of local press comments on Japan.

9. Correspondence with the Japanese Cotton Exporters Association.

10. Correspondence with Japanese exporters.

11. Notifications of changes of personnel in Japanese diplomatic missions.

6. In the suitcases belonging to Mr. Takashi HAYASHI were notebooks and letters containing voluminous notes and information about his studies. These writings made it clear that Mr. Hayashi had as a primary function not the performance of ordinary duties of a vice-consul but the acquiring of as much information about the Middle East as possible. He wrote the following studies:

1. Egyptian Agriculture: cotton production.

2. Economic data on Egypt. Purchasing power.

Circulation of money. Statistics.

3. Political factors in cotton production.

4. Position of rural areas in national economy.

5. Comprehensive study, with many corrections, and Arabic original terms transliterated, of the life of the Egyptian poverty-stricken peasant (fellah).

6. Studies on Koranic texts.

7. Short notes on Egyptian history.

8. Farming village as heart of present day Egypt.

9. Egyptian intelligentsia.

10. Notes taken as a student at Al-AZHAR University.

11. Travel diary of trips to Jerusalem, Jaffa, Tel-Aviv, Nazareth, Beirut, Aleppo, Baghdad, Turkey. Diary was on official notepaper of Japanese mission in Egypt.

(These documents made it clear that Mr. HAYASHI was a very talented student.)

7. Only item of local political interest was appointment book showing that the consul on more than one occasion saw a certain Ryad Bey and an Arslan. On June 3, 1941, the consul gave a dinner for both men. We presume that Ryad Bey is recent premier Riad SOLH: Arslan we believe must be Amir ADIL ARSLAN. Both men were in 1941 strongly pro-Axis.

8. One notebook contained the Japanese visa black-list. While the consul was not forbidden to issue Japanese visas to those listed, he was instructed to employ great caution and make a

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careful investigation before issuing visas. The list was a short one and is here reproduced in its entirety. Some names were given in Latin script; others were transliterated in Japanese. The latter were mostly Russian names and because of exchange of l's and r's it is not always possible to decide on correct form of name:

Black List (1937 and thereafter)

Country	Name	Age	Remarks
1. USA	Charles Hugo	45	
2. USA	J. Spencer Kennard	b.1890	Baptist missionary
3. G.Britain	Cecil Frank Glass	36	
4. " "	Arthur Morgan Young	b.1874	
5. " "	Charles Young	43	
6. Former Russian Jew	Sergei Derocuso(sic) Rubinstein	30;	May produce a French or Portuguese passport.
7. Canada	Frederick John Rutherford	23	
8. Poland	Hertz Brams	42	
9. Denmark	Hugo von Platen Luder	45	
10. "	E. Trock	--	
11. France	R. Mitchell	24	
12. USSR	Shlema Mordke Moshikov	49	
13. "	Hanna Elevna Gurevitch Turchin	33	
14. "	Patushinskaya H. Abramovna	47	woman physician
15. "	Abram Moisei Alexandrovitch	b.1898	(or Lithuanian.)
16. France	Raymond Lewin	34	
17. USSR	Tautzu(sic) Sergei Lybowitch	29	(or Rynowitch)
18. USSR	" Boris	" 20	
19. "	Pichynyina Maria Georgywna	47	woman
20. "	Arnold P. Friedlaender	b.1890	Jewish origin.
21. "	Rejin (or Lejin:tr.)		
22. "	Tachyana Abramovna Smiryasskaya	b. 1907.	
23. "	Timoshen Enn Porivin		
24. "	Zinaida Borisovna Braylovsky	b. 1902.	woman
25. Argentine	J. Mayer	45	
26. White Russian	Levit		
27. Stateless	Kurbangari	48	
28. "	Trebitch Lincoln (!!!)	b.1879	Uses other names.
29. "	Miron Moiseivitch Revat	b.1885	Former Russian
30. "	Velshivisky Grigory Avnashyevitch	62	
31. "	Kasmin Vladimir Dmitrievitch	50	
32. "	Triferid Uyacheslav Konstantinovitch	28	
33. "	Niels Eugenie Frisanhovitch	62	
34. "	Stepanov Ivan Yacovlavitch	49	
35. "	Voronin Constantin Matuevitch	27	
36. "	Tautsu Sergei Livovitch		28(rpt.see 18 above)
37. Lithuania	Semion Yakovlovitch Zenn	53	

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AMLEGATION,

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Your despatch 1085 January 16.

Property contained in former Jap Consulate should continue in storage, although sale of movable effects other than archives or property of former Jap officials may be made in cases where storage is impracticable because of danger of deterioration, depreciation, excessive cost, etc. Proceeds of such sale, together with any official Jap funds which may have been found in local banks, should be placed in trust account to be jointly administered by representatives of three Allied Missions.

Provided Military and Naval Attachés and your British and Soviet colleagues do not object, property may remain in basement where it now is; otherwise it should be placed in public warehouse, charges to be met from funds in trust account mentioned above.

Re Jap books mentioned final paragraph your despatch 1085, Department suggests that they be kept in a storage place to which access may readily be had by interested members of three Allied Missions. Since for time being they remain nominally Jap property, some system controlling their use should be instituted.

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AMERICAN LEGATION
Cairo, Egypt, January 17, 1946

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Subject: The Relinquishment by the Swiss Government
of the Official Archives and Property of
the former Imperial Japanese Government
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

With reference to the Department's circular tele-
gram of November 16, 9 a.m., requesting a report on
the procedure to be followed for taking over the
Japanese records, archives, and property, I have the
honor to report that this morning at the residence of
the former Imperial Japanese Legation, No. 17 Sharia
Gezira, Zamalek, Cairo, Mr. Alfred Brunner, the Swiss
Minister at Cairo, representing the protecting power,
delivered to the representatives of the Four Powers
(China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the
United Kingdom, and the United States of America) the
custody of the official Japanese archives and property.

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The property in question consisted of (a) official
archives and furniture of the offices and residence of
the Legation and former Japanese Consulates at Alexandria
and Port Said, now stored in the former Legation quarters,
(b) private property belonging to former Japanese
diplomatic and consular officials, and (c) private
property of Japanese civilians formerly resident in
Egypt. The Proceses-Verbal transferring all of this
were signed by the Swiss Minister and representatives
of the Four Powers. One copy of each Proces-Verbal
was given to the four diplomatic missions concerned.
The original copy received by this office is enclosed.

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In view of the Egyptian's claim that the Japanese
property and archives should be preserved by the
Egyptian Government in its status of territorial state,
(see Legation's airgram no. 636, December 1, 1945) an
agreement, satisfactory to all interested parties, was
worked out by the Four Powers and the Egyptian Foreign
Office whereby the former, upon receipt of the property
and archives in question, would turn them over to the
Egyptian Government for provisional control and guar-
dianship in the name of and on behalf of the Four
Powers. (See Legation's airgram no. 2378, December 27,
1945). This modus vivendi enabled the representatives
of the Four Powers and the Swiss Government to carry out
their respective orders and at the same time permitted
the Egyptian Government to attain control of the pro-
perty which the Egyptian authorities maintain is
their country's sovereign right

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in as much as the properties in question are located in Egypt. A copy of the Proces-Verbal signed by the Four Powers transmitting the property and archives to the temporary guardianship of the Egyptian authorities is also enclosed. It will be observed that it is specifically stated therein that the arrangement will be subject to revision in accordance with any decision which the Powers may take in the future, and the arrangement agreed upon has the additional advantage of eliminating the complications of joint administration of the properties by four different diplomatic missions. Mohamed Aly Sadek Bey, the representative appointed by the Egyptian Foreign Office to act as administrator, considers himself entirely as the agent for the Four Powers and will act in accordance with their instructions. His attitude to date has been helpful.

The next step contemplated is that a committee, consisting of a representative from each of the four missions shall meet on January 22 with the Egyptian representative and continually thereafter to decide upon and carry out the disposition of the properties. Although specific plans have not been discussed, it is the general feeling that the material property such as the furniture of the offices and residence, which is of no particular value and is almost entirely locally made and modern, should be disposed of and the proceeds thereof retained by the Egyptian authorities for eventual payment to the Japanese reparations fund, or to whatever account may be designated by the Four Powers. This would permit the relinquishment of the apartment which the former Imperial Japanese Legation had on lease and which contained both Legation chancery and residence.

The archives, which have been sealed up by the representatives of the Four Powers, will be thoroughly examined in the near future. The Swiss Minister informs us that prior to their departure the Japanese burned practically all of the archives and from what has been observed to date it is not believed that any important or useful data will be found. However, they will be retained intact regardless of what decision is made with respect to the other movable property. There is included among the property certain amount of personal luggage belonging to the former Japanese diplomatic officials here. No decision has yet been made as to the disposition of these belongings and any information which the Department would care to furnish would be most helpful. I have gone over the Department's

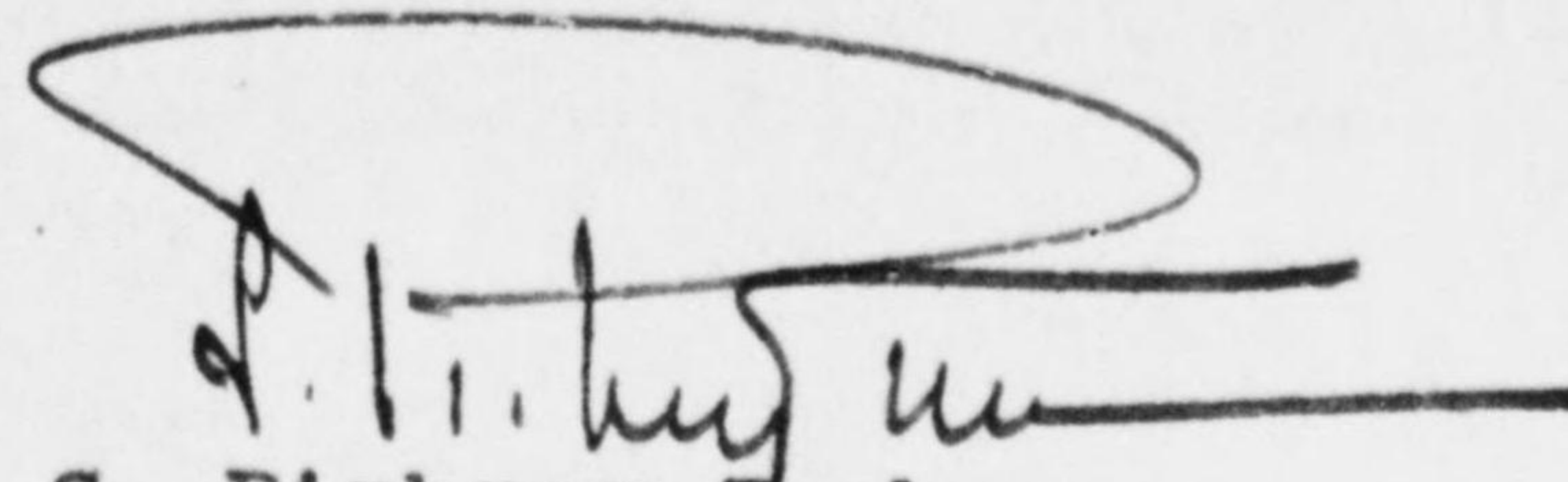
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instruction concerning taking over the Japanese archives and property and have found no specific directions as to ultimate disposition. Consequently, if the Department has any directions in this connection, I would request that they be sent as soon as possible in order that the matter may be liquidated with the utmost expediency.

Respectfully yours,



S. Pinkney Tuck

Enclosures: *att 2*

1. Proces-Verbal transferring official archives and furniture of Legation and Consulates.
Proces-Verbal transferring private property of officials
Proces-Verbal transferring private property of civilians.
2. Proces-Verbal transmitting property and archives to temporary guardianship of Egyptian authorities.

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 P R O C E S - V E R B A L

 concernant la remise des locaux officiels, biens mobiliers et
 archives de l'ancienne Légation et des Consulats du Japon en Egypte.

Ce dix-sept janvier mil neuf cent quarante-six, au
siège de l'ancienne Légation du Japon au Caire, 14 rue Guézireh,
Conformément aux instructions de la Division des
Intérêts étrangers du Département Politique Fédéral à Berne, relatives
à la remise des archives et biens diplomatiques et consulaires
japonais en Egypte,

M. Alfred BRUNNER, Ministre de Suisse en Egypte, remet
en consignation à MM. B.C. FLYNN, C.B. LYON, P.M. DNEPROV et
CHANG CHI-HSIEN, représentant les Puissances alliées respectivement
la Grande-Bretagne, les Etats-Unis d'Amérique, l'URSS et la Chine,
le mobilier et les archives appartenant au Gouvernement japonais
et se trouvant dans les locaux de l'ancienne Légation du Japon au
Caire.

Les inventaires du mobilier et des archives de la
Légation du Japon au Caire (comprenant 61 pages), du Consulat du
Japon à Alexandrie (comprenant 6 pages) et du Consulat du Japon à
Port-Saïd (comprenant 8 pages), dont copies ont déjà été remises
aux représentants des Etats susmentionnés, ont été reconnus

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conformes selon procès-verbal signé le quinze janvier mil neuf cent quarante-six; la lettre de protection (plaque au nom de la Légation de Suisse) apposée sur l'entrée des locaux officiels de l'ancienne Légation du Japon au Caire a été retirée en leur présence.

Le présent procès-verbal est fait en sept exemplaires, trois pour la Légation de Suisse et un pour chacun des représentants Alliés.

Le Caire, le 17 janvier 1946



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B.C. FLYNN
(Grande-Bretagne)



C. B. Lyon
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P. M. Dzerzhev
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(URSS)



H. Chang
CHANG CHI-HSIEN
(Chine)



A. Brunner
A. BRUNNER
(Suisse)

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PROCES - VERBAL

concernant la remise des biens privés appartenant à des
Agents diplomatiques et consulaires japonais.

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laires japonais et se trouvant dans les locaux de l'ancienne
Légation du Japon au Caire.

L'inventaire desdits biens, dont copie a déjà été
remise aux représentants des Etats susmentionnés, a été reconnu
conforme selon procès-verbal signé le quinze janvier mil neuf
cent quarante-six.

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Le Caire, le 17 janvier 1946



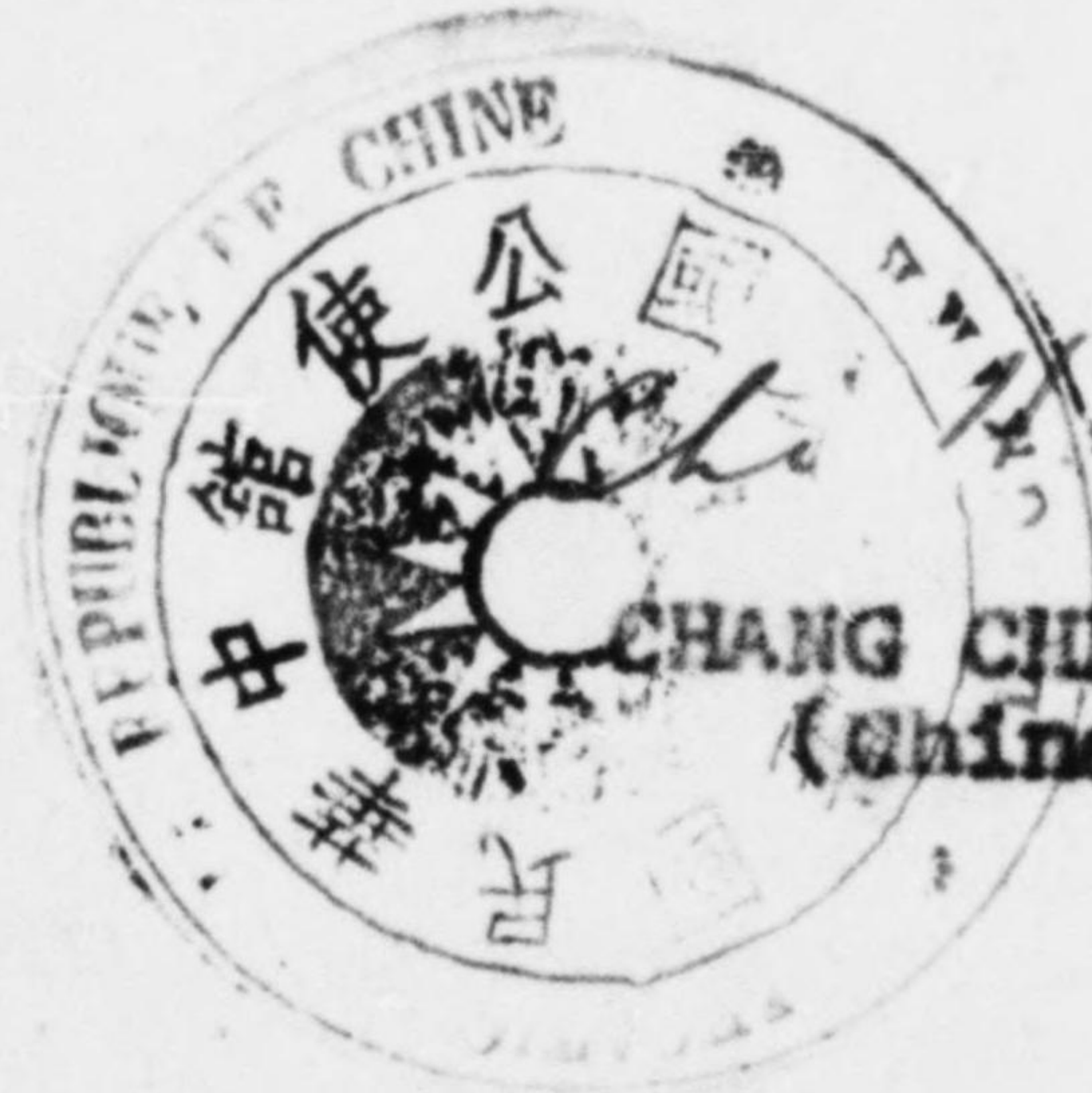
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ment la Grande-Bretagne, les Etats-Unis d'Amérique, l'URSS et la
Chine, les biens privés appartenant à des ressortissants japonais
et se trouvant dans les locaux de l'ancienne Légation du Japon
au Caire.

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conforme selon procès-verbal signé le quinze janvier mil neuf
cent quarante-six.

D'autre part, une récapitulation avec estimation
approximative des divers biens japonais séquestrés est annexée,

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pour information et à toutes fins utiles, à l'inventaire des biens privés appartenant à des ressortissants japonais.

Le présent procès-verbal est fait en sept exemplaires, trois pour la Légation de Suisse et un pour chacun des représentants Alliés.

Le Caire, le 17 janvier 1946



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According to notes exchanged between the Egyptian Government and the governments of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America, concerning the custody of the Japanese official archives and property in Egypt, on this the 17th day of January 1946, at the residence of the former Imperial Japanese Legation, No. 14 Sharia Gezira, Zamalek, Cairo, Mohamed Aly Sadek Bey, First Secretary of the Egyptian Foreign Office, representing the Egyptian Government, received from Mr. Chang Chi-Hsieu, Chargé d'Affaires of China; Mr. Pavel M. Dneprov, Chargé d'Affaires of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; Mr. B. C. Flynn, Second Secretary of His British Majesty's Embassy; and Mr. Cecil B. Lyon, First Secretary of the Legation of the United States of America, the official archives and property of the former Imperial Japanese Legation at Cairo. It is understood that the provisional control and guardianship of these goods is to be exercised by Egypt in the name of and on behalf of the Four Powers (China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America) now controlling Japan and that this arrangement will be subject to revision in accordance with any decisions which these Four Powers may take in

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the future in regard to this matter. An inventory of this property, including private property of certain Japanese officials and former residents of Egypt, was signed by representatives of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Egypt on January 15 and is contained in a Proces-Verbal of that date prepared by the Swiss Legation.

Cairo, January 17, 1946.



Chang Chi-Hsieu
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Chang Chi-Hsieu
(China)



E. C. Flynn
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(United Kingdom)



Pavel M. Ineprov
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(USSR)

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(United States)



Mohamed Aly Sadek Bey
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(Egypt)



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Habana, January 18, 1946

No. 925

AIR MAIL

Subject: (Report on Japanese Legation archives.)

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular telegram of November 16, 9 AM (1945), directing the Embassy to submit a report regarding the taking over of the Japanese diplomatic and consular records and property in Habana, following the procedure contained in the Department's instructions regarding German archives and property.

There is accordingly enclosed herewith a report on the subject. Extra copies have been made available to the Military, Naval, and Legal Attachés assigned to this Embassy.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

H. Bartlett Wells

H. Bartlett Wells
Second Secretary of Embassy

DIVISION OF JAPANESE AND KOREAN
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MAR 25 1946

Enclosure: ^{att. 5.} Report on Japanese Legation archives and property.

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Enclosure to Despatch No.925 of January 18, 1946,
from Embassy at Habana.

MEMORANDUM

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Report on Japanese Legation Archives and Property

The Embassy reported to the Department of State on September 21, 1945 (telegram No.614, 5 p.m.) that the Cuban Ministry of State had received from the Spanish Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in Habana the property and archives left by the Japanese Legation in Spanish care at the end of 1941 in Habana. The Spanish Chargé ad interim had said that the Japanese had turned these properties over to them in sealed boxes. After an examination of the boxes, the Ministry of State discovered that they found only insignificant scraps of documentary material, their contents being almost exclusively furniture and other office properties. At the same time the Ministry received direct from the Spanish Embassy a card record file on Japanese individuals, which had been used by that Embassy in its work on behalf of Japanese nationals.

As reported in the Embassy's secret telegram No.722 of November 3, 12 M, the Embassy has not insisted on custody of these materials. Their bulk, and the responsibility and cost of caring for them, are considerable; access is freely granted to the written material discovered and the value thereof appears to be nil. The Embassy has not yet been requested by the Ministry of State to accept this custody, nor has the Department of State especially directed that at this post the responsibility shall be assumed.

On September 29, 1945 Dr. Güell of the Ministry of State informed representatives of the American Embassy and the British, Chinese and Russian Legations that the Ministry could make available the services of a former Cuban Consul, Rafael Francisco Vidal y MADRAZO, and of a Spanish Republican refugee, Pedro ANTON GARCIA, for the purpose of studying these documents and translating as much of them as might be necessary. The representatives of the four missions agreed that as among them they had no personnel acquainted with Japanese, this should be done. It was felt that as a Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation could follow Japanese ideologic print and script by reason of its identity with Chinese, a check on the reliability of the translators would be at hand.

On December 28, 1945 the Ministry of State loaned to the Embassy the report prepared by these two men. They had analyzed the card index file as follows:

It was composed of 1,029 cards, divided into five sections, the first section consisting of 621 cards comprised registrations of Japanese subjects who had been

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authorized by their Government to reside in Cuba. A second section, consisting of 327 cards, gave the names of persons whom the Japanese Government had ordered to return to their country. (One of these individuals was an official of the Japanese army; Further particulars on his case are given below.) A third section contains 76 cards relating to Koreans or other non-Japanese, who were not enrolled as citizens or subjects but who came to some degree under the Japanese Consul's jurisdiction. The fourth section, consisting of five cards represent cancellations, four by reason of removals to other countries and one by reason of a legally accomplished change of name. The fifth section of 106 cards represent deaths of Japanese citizens.

The investigators found that only a limited number of these cards gave sufficient particulars to be of interest to the allied authorities. Among these the following may be cited:

NAOJI Iwaki, card No. 722: An officer in the Japanese Army who was recalled by his Government in December 1941.

EKIKO Ichihara, card No. 729: A woman who also used in Cuba the first name Flora. It is reported that she had been specifically authorized to acquire and make legal use of Cuban citizenship. She was further authorized by Consul Sake NANJO to proceed to the United States in transit for Japan, to which country she was called in 1941. (The Embassy has no record of her receiving any sort of American visa). The investigators felt that this unique authorization to have dual citizenship and to use Cuban travel documents rendered the woman suspect of espionage.

Kiyoshi UCHIYAMA, card No. 657: An official of the Japanese Foreign Office, described as an inspector with respect to the plans of the "New Order."

The following persons who were "called most expressly by the New Order:"

Minamoto ICHIHARA, card No. 727
Nasao ICHIHARA, card No. 728
KAKURA, card No. 791 (no other name)
Irumoru IWAHARA, card No. 735
Tamatsu IMURA, card No. 46
Goichi ICHIZAKI, card No. 72
Kimutsu ICHIZAKI, card No. 512
Buruzuki ICHIHARA, card No. 222
Ywato NIMICHI, card No. 76

The investigators further translated and analyzed three letters and two maps which were found among the Japanese Legation material. The first of the letters was written by one HISAME from Japan to an unnamed person in Cuba. Another was written by a person named SAKAMOTO in Japan to a person of the same surname, likewise in Japan. The investigators furnish full translations of these letters and describe their

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contents as being of no interest, a judgement with which, after examination of the text, the Embassy concurs. The third letter was unsigned, and was addressed by an unknown Japanese in Cuba to one Sei YU, also apparently in Cuba according to the investigators, an opinion with which the Embassy is not necessarily in agreement as the descriptions of Cuban affairs would be superfluous as addressed to a person in the same country, unless by chance the recipient was a Legation official and the letter a sort of intelligence report. The letter was written on November 11, apparently in the year 1941, and shows that both writer and addressee were imbued with the aggressive policies of the Japanese Government and contemptuous both of Cuba and of the United States; but as the letter lacks signature, much of its interest evaporates.

The two maps were analyzed and translated in some detail. They do not appear to have merited the attention given them. One of them is dated 1937, and shows the numbers of Japanese established in various regions throughout the world; the other dates from 1939 and shows the South Pacific region, indicating the number of Japanese established in various sectors of the region, principal products, and main trade routes. These maps are in no sense accurate charts or items of military value, but are rather illustrative sketch maps showing more artistic fancy than even approximate precision.

In sum, the material thus examined and analyzed has turned out to be of almost entirely negligible value. No reference to any of the Japanese personal names appearing in the above report is to be found elsewhere in the records of the Embassy or any of its associated offices, save in the case of that of Minamoto ICHIHARA, who is known to be interned on the Isle of Pines at present.

H. Bartlett Wells
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Second Secretary of Embassy

John N. Hart
Col. John N. Hart, USMC
Naval Attaché

William E. Boone
Col. Wm. E. Boone
Military Attaché

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Dated January 18, 1946

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113, January 18, 8 a.m.

Japanese archives and property turned over today by Swiss representative to Representatives of Four Powers. REDEPT's 2323, December 29, 7 p.m. Four powers in turn transmitted custody to Egyptian FOROF. Despatch follows.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION FEB 27 1946

Baghdad, January 18, 1946.

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Subject: Archives of the Former Japanese Legation at Baghdad.

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RECORDS BRANCH

The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION FEB 18 1946 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sir:

In continuation of the Legation's despatch no. 1001 of December 26, 1945, I have the honor to report that the steel safe of the former Japanese Legation at Baghdad was forced open yesterday in the presence of representatives of the British Embassy and the Soviet, Chinese and American Legations. Second Secretary of Legation, Robert B. Memminger, and the Military Attache, Colonel Paul Converse, represented this mission at the opening.

It will be noted on the enclosed inventory that the contents of the safe consist largely of miscellaneous correspondence, routine accounts, and assorted reports on subjects which are familiar to the Department. The Legation, of course, is not able to speak authoritatively on the subject matter of those documents which are written in Japanese, but the opinion of Mr. Said Lin Chung-Ming, Press Attache of the Chinese Legation who appears to be able to read Japanese, they are merely uninteresting local accounts. Belief in Mr. Lin's opinion is strengthened by the fact that attached to many of the Japanese documents deemed accounts are vouchers in English which clearly have to do with accounts.

It is hoped that the Department will soon be in a position to instruct the Legation as to what disposition it wishes made of the Japanese public property and archives in Baghdad.

Respectfully yours,

Edwin Schoenrich, Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

Enclosure: Inventory of contents of safe.

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CONTENTS OF SAFE

- A. Six ledgers in Japanese.
- B. Five small receipt books.
- C. One small wooden box containing Japanese stamps.
- D. One tin box containing seals and stamps.
- E. One wooden box containing silver presentation box embossed with Japanese scene.
- F. Files containing copies of press excerpts and radio broadcasts, correspondence with Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and events leading up to Rashid Ali rebellion.
- G. One file containing Japanese documents, apparently Bills of lading and invoices, judging from few English bills of lading and invoices in file.
- H. One file which appears to be local accounts.
- I. One wooden drawer containing following:
 - 1. Correspondence in French and English relative to return of Japanese diplomats from Iraq to Japan.
 - 2. Correspondence in French and English regarding protection of Japanese interests in Iraq.
 - 3. Miscellaneous reports in English bearing following titles:
 - (a) "Iraqi Revolution Against the British."
 - (b) "Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of June, 1930."
 - (c) "Problem of Assyrians in Iraq."
 - (d) "Report on the Causes and Effects of the Jawaz Abolition."
 - (e) "Report on Commercial Conditions in Iraq."
 - (f) "Three Main Communities in Iraq."
 - (g) "Translation of Miscellaneous Press extracts dated January and February, 1941."
 - (h) "Outline of the Royal Family in Iraq."
 - (i) "Press Report on Mr. Churchill's Speech, September, 1941."
 - (j) "Petroleum Resources and Industry in Iraq, 1940."
 - 4. Loose leaf folder apparently containing accounts in Japanese.
 - 5. Miscellaneous diplomatic telegrams en clair.
 - 6. Various loose forms filled in in Japanese, apparently accounts.
 - 7. Loose leaf vouchers apparently showing telegrams sent with cost thereof and number of words in each.
 - 8. Miscellaneous payroll report at time of discharge, December 1941.
 - 9. Clippings from newspaper regarding independence of Syria.
 - 10. Two loose leaf receipt books containing Japanese characters.
 - 11. Letter from W. S. H. Boswall to Mr. Saramoto expressing hope that he will see him in Japan and regrets seeing so little of him in Baghdad.
 - 12. Three letters in Japanese.
 - 13. One yellow enamel cigarette box decorated with Japanese bird.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico, D. F., January 19, 1946

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Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

In honor to refer to despatch No. 27,641 from this Embassy dated December 10, 1945, to Embassy's telegram No. 1329 dated December 22, 1945, and to the Department's circular telegram of January 5, 2 p.m., 1946, referring to a circular airgram dated January __, 9 a.m., 1946, which was received at the Embassy January 12, 1946 (actual date illegible owing to poor hectographing in the Department), and to transmit in this connection a memorandum of conversation which took place on January 15, 1946, between the Counselor of the Embassy and Mr. Grigori Kasparov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy.

It will be noted from the enclosed memorandum of conversation that the Russian Embassy is pressing for decisions with regard to the Japanese archives, funds and property. The Department's circular airgram of January __, 9 a.m., 1946, contains instructions with regard to the disposition of Japanese funds and property; but up to the present time no word has been received from the Department with regard to the ultimate disposition of Japanese archives.

In the Embassy's telegram No. 1329 of December 22, 1945, reference was made to the instructions received by the British Ambassador from his government, in which it was suggested that the archives should be sent to Washington for processing, cataloguing, etc., where they would be made available to the representatives of the four powers. On January 5, 1946, the Ambassador telephoned to the Division of Mexican Affairs, pointing out that no reply had been received from the Department to the Embassy's telegram of December 22, 1 p.m., 1945, and pointing out the desirability of receiving appropriate instructions.

In view of the fact, as indicated by the enclosed memorandum of conversation, that the Russian Embassy is now

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico, D. F., January 19, 1946

DIVISION OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS
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SUBJECT: Disposal of Japanese Archives

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DIVISION OF FOREIGN REPORTING SERVICES
FEB 18 1946

The Honorable
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Washington, D. C.

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I have the honor to refer to despatch No. 27,641 from this Embassy dated December 10, 1945, to Embassy's telegram No. 1329 dated December 22, 1945, and to the Department's circular telegram of January 5, 2 p.m., 1946, referring to a circular airgram dated January __, 9 a.m., 1946, which was received at the Embassy January 12, 1946 (actual date illegible owing to poor hectographing in the Department), and to transmit in this connection a memorandum of conversation which took place on January 15, 1946, between the Counselor of the Embassy and Mr. Grigori Kasparov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy.

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In the Embassy's telegram No. 1329 of December 22, 1945, reference was made to the instructions received by the British Ambassador from his government, in which it was suggested that the archives should be sent to Washington for processing, cataloguing, etc., where they would be made available to the representatives of the four powers. On January 5, 1946, the Ambassador telephoned to the Division of Mexican Affairs, pointing out that no reply had been received from the Department to the Embassy's telegram of December 22, 1 p.m., 1945, and pointing out the desirability of receiving appropriate instructions.

In view of the fact, as indicated by the enclosed memorandum of conversation, that the Russian Embassy is now

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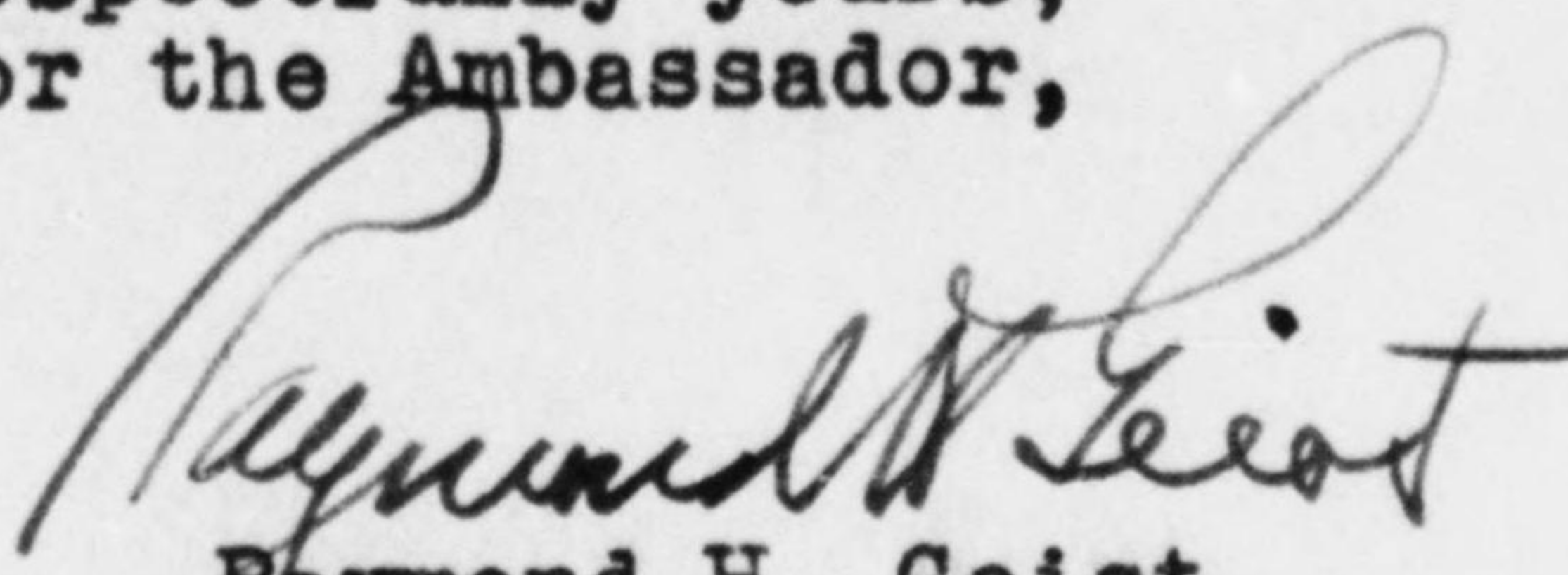
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pressing for action, and it is known that the representatives of China and Great Britain are prepared to cooperate with this Embassy on taking action with respect to the Japanese property now in the custody of the Swedish Legation, it is urgently requested that the Department inform this Embassy as to what disposition is to be made of the Japanese archives.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador,


Raymond H. Geist,
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure: *att. 3.*
Memorandum of Conversation
of January 15, 1946

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(Enclosure to Despatch No. 27,994 of January 19, 1946)

Mexico, D. F.,
January 15, 1946MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Mr. Grigori Kasparov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, called this afternoon and made inquiries with respect to the status of the negotiations going on between the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China with the Swedish Legation in Mexico City regarding the taking over of Japanese archives, funds and property. I informed Mr. Kasparov that this Embassy had not received sufficient instructions from the Department of State so as to be able to proceed in the matter beyond the point which had already been reached.

Mr. Kasparov stated that his Embassy had received instructions from the Russian Foreign Office with respect to Japanese funds and the archives. With regard to funds, he said that it was the suggestion of his government that the entire Japanese assets now in the hands of the Swedish Legation should be divided between the four powers. He did not go into further details as to how this division was to take place; but implied that it should include all Japanese funds as well as receipts of cash which may be obtained by selling the Japanese property now under the care of the Swedish Legation.

With regard to the Japanese archives, he stated that the only observations his government had made in that respect was that the Russian Embassy should study these archives. He was acquainted with the fact that in the British Ambassador's instructions it was suggested that the archives be sent to Washington to be processed and made available to the representatives of the four powers. In that regard he stated that he thought that the Russian representative could study the archives in Washington as well as in Mexico City.

He said that some consideration had been given in his Embassy, on studying the Swedish Legation's report, to the fact that 8300 pesos were being paid monthly to the Japanese Committee allegedly for dissident Japanese. Mr. Kasparov said that he had served for a time in Japan and was familiar with the Japanese method of operating, and made this observation because he was of the opinion that the 8300 pesos paid monthly to the Japanese Committee should be stopped; as his Embassy believed that these funds were expended for purposes unfriendly to the four

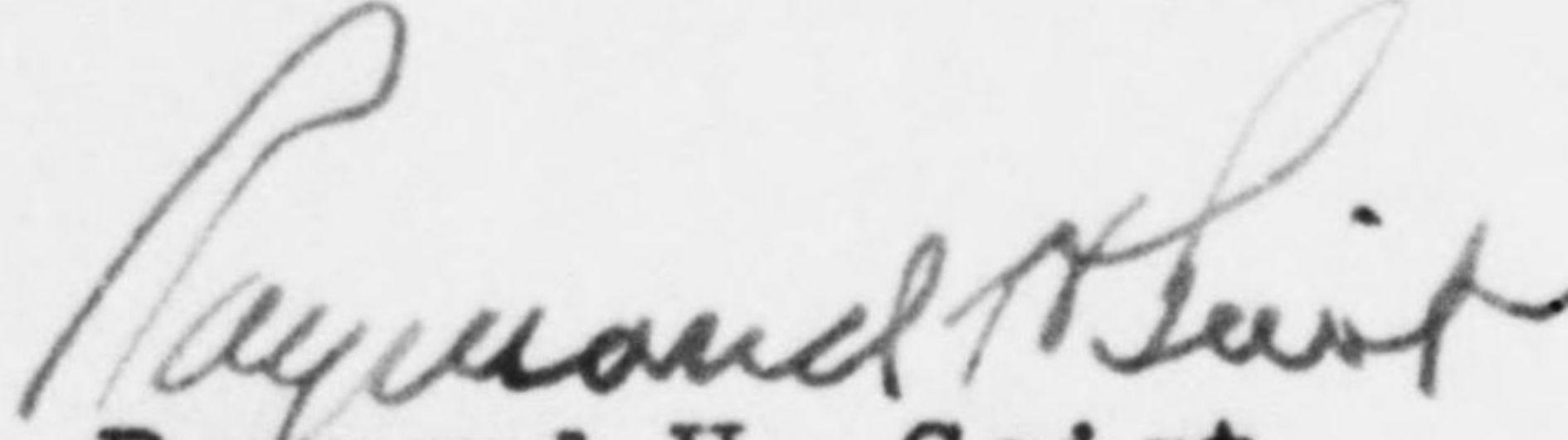
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powers. He thought, furthermore, that the rent that was being paid for the Japanese quarters should be discontinued at once; and he therefore felt that any further delay in coming to conclusions and taking action on these matters would be disadvantageous to the four powers; and implied in his remarks that the Soviet Embassy was impatient of any further delay in making decisions as to the disposition of the Japanese archives, funds and property.

I informed Mr. Kasparov that the Ambassador had on repeated occasions pressed the Department for instructions; and I was of the opinion that they would be presently forthcoming. That appeared to satisfy him, and he said the Russian Embassy would await our further advices.


Raymond H. Geist,
Counselor of Embassy

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Panama, R. P., January 19, 1946.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF FOREIGN REPORTING SERVICES
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Item No. 86 of Inventory of Japanese Archives in Panama.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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THE HONORABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
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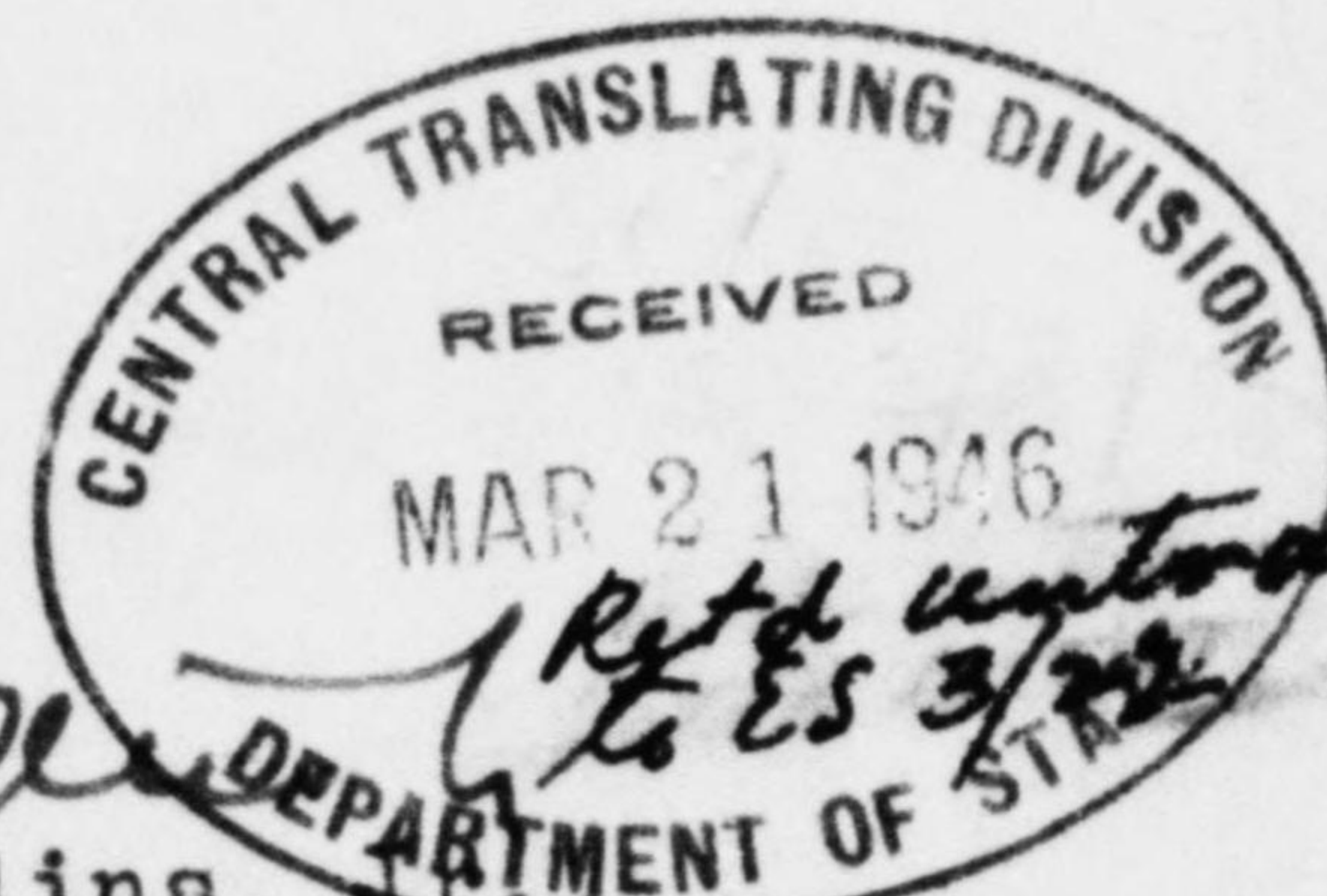
I have the honor to refer to the Department's A-51, January 14, 1946, in which it is requested that a photostatic copy of the Japanese text of item no. 86 of the inventory attached to the Embassy's despatch no. 2857, October 1, 1945, subject: "Transmitting Detailed Inventory of What Remains of the Japanese Archives in Panama", be forwarded to the Department.

There is forwarded attached one of the five carbon copies of item no. 86 which was found in the Japanese archives. It will not be necessary that this copy be returned to Panama.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

V. Lansing Collins
V. Lansing Collins,
Second Secretary of Embassy.



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With respect to the Department's Circular Airgram of January 8 (?) 1946, 9:05, a.m. relative to the "property" of Japanese Diplomatic Missions now in the custody of protecting powers, the Embassy Despatch no. 306 of September 4, 1945 and previous communications indicate the absence of any cash or liquid resources, hence no action is being taken in connection with the circular airgram under reference.

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MEMORANDUM for Mr. Frederick B. Lyon

Subject: Japanese Documents Captured in Rome, Italy

The Office of Naval Intelligence is in possession of a number of Japanese documents which were captured by the Allied forces in Rome immediately following the fall of that city. These documents were obtained primarily on the premises of the MITSUBISHI SHOJI KAISHA and contain information of possible Safehaven interest.

The above mentioned documents are no longer of interest to the Office of Naval Intelligence. Prior to their disposal, the Office of Naval Intelligence would appreciate being notified whether or not any unit within the State Department would be interested in this information. It is noted that the bulk of the information is in the Japanese language.

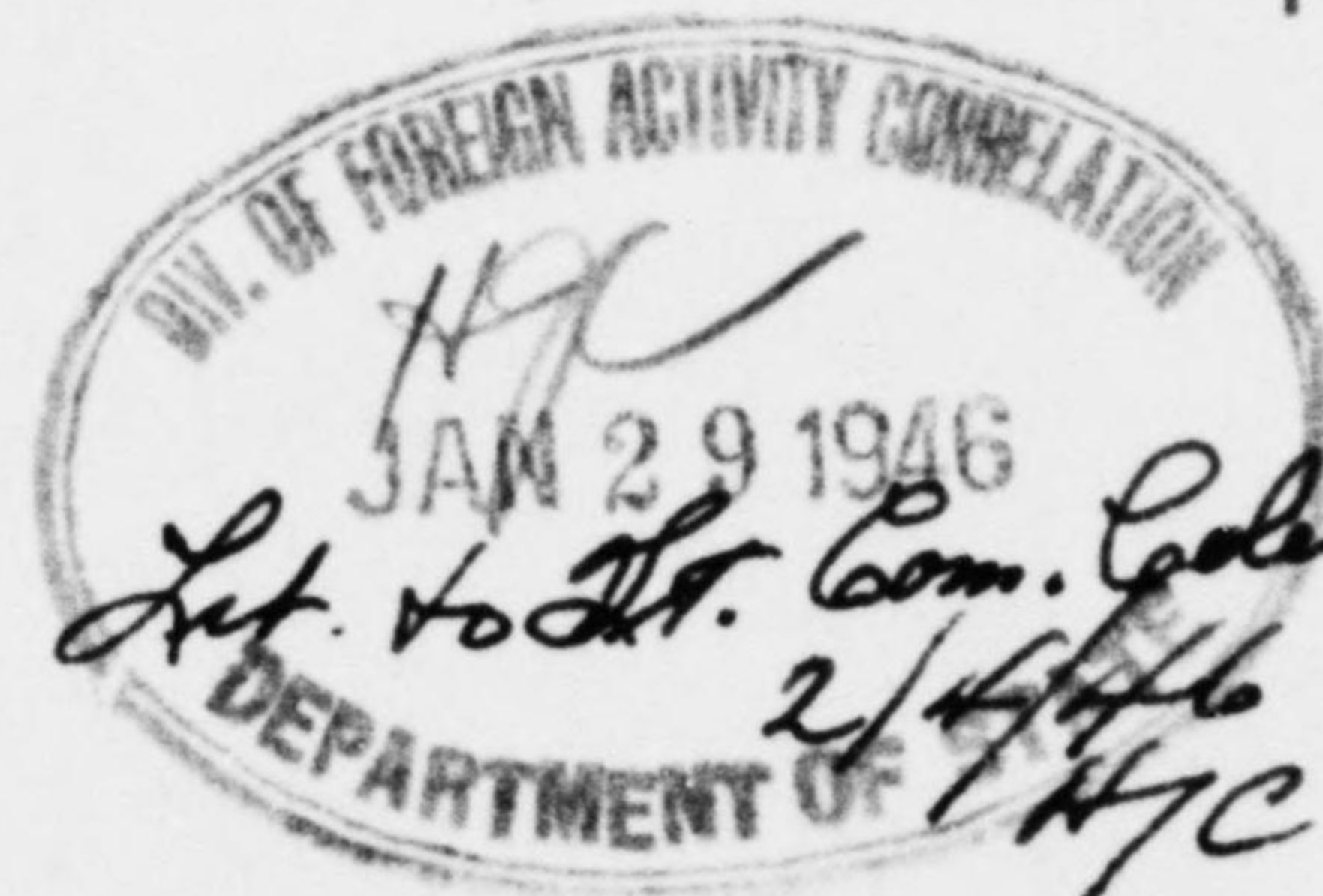
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Lt. Comdr., USNR



Mr. Frederick B. Lyon
Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation
Department of State, Room 114
Washington, D. C.



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TO: Wade H. Coleman, Jr.,
Lt. Comdr., USNR,
Office of The Chief of Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

FROM: Frederick B. Lyon,
Chief, Division of
Foreign Activity Correlation.

Subject: Japanese Documents captured in Rome, Italy.

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 21, 1946 concerning certain Japanese documents which were captured by Allied forces in Rome.

The Department of State would greatly appreciate having the material and reference for review. It would also be appreciated if the Navy Department could make available any index or summary of this material if one has been prepared.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
México, D.F., México,
January 23, 1946.

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Dear Carrigan:

I have to refer to our despatch No. 27,994 of January 19, entitled "Disposal of Japanese Archives".

SPECIAL PROJECTS
DIVISION

JAN 29 1946

I would call especial note to the statement of the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy that his Embassy had received instructions from the Russian Foreign Office and that it was the suggestion of his Government that the entire Japanese assets now in the hands of the Swedish Legation should be divided between the Four Powers. We, of course, made no comment. I do not know to what degree the Soviet Embassy here has instructions to insist on this disposal of the Japanese funds.

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In this connection, I would like to observe that this procedure would not be desirable, and I think the British and our idea is the better and that is that these funds be held here by the Four Powers. I do not think any division is desirable or feasible now and I believe that we should insist on the funds being kept under the control of the four Chiefs of Mission here.

With respect to what the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy said about the 8300 pesos being paid monthly to the Japanese Committee allegedly for dissident Japanese, there may be something to what the Soviet First Secretary said, and it is a question as to whether these funds should be continued after we take over from the Swedish Minister. I am entirely disposed to study this matter, because it is altogether possible that these funds are not being paid for a good use.

I hope that I may get adequate instructions covering every point in this matter of the Japanese archives and funds, as I think my British, Soviet and Chinese colleagues are all wondering why I am not doing anything about it, as the initiative is presently up to me, and I do not feel that it will be useful to get a meeting of the four

Chiefs

John Willard Carrigan, Esquire,
Department of State,
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Chiefs of Mission to discuss this matter and to make final arrangements for taking over the archives and funds, etc., until I know clearly what I can do and what I cannot do. Of course, if I am to have liberty in reaching such arrangements which may seem fit, and on which agreement can be found among the four Chiefs of Mission here, I am, of course, prepared to go ahead on that basis if I get instructions to that effect.

I am sorry to bother you with this, but if you can facilitate the issuance of appropriate instructions, I will appreciate it very much.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,


George S. Messersmith.

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JAN 30 1946

Your opinion concerning proposal Russian Ambassador to divide Jap funds and property proceeds (your letter Jan 23 to Carrigan and despatch 27994 Jan 19) fully shared by Dept. Recommendations contained Dept's Circular Airgrams Jan 8 and Jan 25 are product long and detailed study numerous related problems raised in every quarter of globe. Dept does not expect modify them.

Respecting monthly payments to Jap Committee Dept agrees that closest study disposition of funds with view to elimination or drastic reduction payments commensurate with minimum needs under rigid control highly desirable.

Disposition of archives subject of other communication which should reach you shortly. Now expected that examination will be conducted by expert team to be sent to Mexico City.

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México, D.F., México,
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Dear Carrigan:

I wrote you a letter dated January 22, or this same date, commenting on a despatch we had just sent to the Department with regard to the Japanese archives. The despatch is No. 27,994 of January 19, and it was rather incomplete. In the letter above mentioned I commented on the despatch more specifically in the sense that I need certain specific directives, or be given full latitude so far as dealing with my three colleagues interested in the matter may be concerned. I would appreciate your bringing the letter above mentioned to the attention of the appropriate officer or officers of the Department handling this matter of the Japanese archives, so that the letter will be considered in connection with the despatch. With this despatch No. 27,994 we transmitted a memorandum of conversation with the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

George S. Messersmith.

John Willard Carrigan, Esquire,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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February 7, 1946

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have received your letter of January 23, 1946 requesting that your letter of January 22 commenting on a despatch sent to the Department with regard to Japanese archives be made a part of the file so that it may be considered in connection with the despatch.

The letter has been brought to the attention of the officers of the Department handling this matter and it is being made a part of the Department's file.

I hope that the circular airgram sent out by the Department just a few days ago regarding Japanese archives will be of some assistance to you in this matter.

With all good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

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John Willard Carrigan

The Honorable
George S. Messersmith,
American Ambassador,
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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION FEB 12 1946 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bogota, Colombia, January 24, 1946

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Despatch no. 1334

Subject: Possession taken of Japanese Archives and Property.

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The Honorable The Secretary of State, Washington.

Sir:

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I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular telegram of November 16, 1945 directing that a mail report be made regarding the procedure carried out in taking possession of the Japanese diplomatic and consular records, as well as archives and property. A short description of the records and property is also requested.

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Upon the receipt of the Department's instructions, a meeting was called of the British Ambassador, the Soviet Minister and myself. There is no diplomatic representative of the Government of China resident in Colombia - the Chinese Ambassador accredited to Colombia being also accredited to Havana, Cuba and resident there. At this meeting it was decided that I, as the senior representative of the three Missions, assume the lead in the negotiations on this matter. A copy of note dated December 20, 1945 that I subsequently sent to the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires is enclosed for the Department's information. A copy of the reply thereto, dated December 21, 1945, is also enclosed. Copies of memoranda and other letters are also transmitted herewith, and particular reference is made to a further communication from the Swiss Chargé dated January 3, 1946, of which a copy is also enclosed, in which he conveys the decision of his Government to discontinue the protection of Japanese subjects in Colombia.

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There is also enclosed a copy of a Proces Verbal received from the Swiss Chargé in which he briefly describes the archives received by him from the former Japanese Minister at the time of the latter's departure from Colombia. These archives he willingly surrendered to the representatives of the three Missions together with the furniture and other effects contained in the former Japanese Legation, in accordance with the inventory thereof of which a copy is attached.

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Although the Swiss Chargé has prepared a check for the amount of the Japanese funds, in favor of the representatives of the three Missions, this sum of money (Pesos 82,438.42) has not yet been unfrozen by the Colombian Government. No difficulty in this connection is expected, however, and I have been informed by the Foreign Office that notification of such action should be received in the near future.

The question of the sale of the Japanese Government-owned furniture and other effects has been given careful attention. It was first thought advisable to have agents of local furniture dealers and manufacturers inspect the furniture and submit bids for the whole amount. However this has proved impracticable since the bids so far received have been few in number and are extremely low, - the highest bid so far received being Pesos 5,800. for furniture and other items which should bring a much greater sum should it be possible to hold a public auction. The Foreign Office has been queried as to whether there would be any objection to the holding of a public auction and the reply is favorable provided no publicity is given to indicate that these items were the property of the former Japanese Legation. Arrangements are being made to hold an auction within the next ten days.

11/ The Japanese archives are not voluminous. For the present they have been sealed and are in a locked room in the British Embassy residence. A brief description of them is contained in enclosure no. 11.

Five closed cases - allegedly containing personal effects of the former Japanese Minister - have also been stored temporarily in the British Embassy residence and have been found to contain cups, trays and other household items. A few vases may possibly be the personal property of the former Japanese Minister and neither they nor the prints and pictures which were found in the building will be sold at this time.

The owner of the building, in which the former Japanese Legation was located, has stated that he wishes to present several claims which he considers legitimate. Although he recognizes that the four allied governments assume no responsibility whatsoever for any obligations entered into by the Japanese, he claims that rental should be paid at least through March 1, 1946, since the contract year carries through that month. He also claims that there has been considerable damage done to the building, largely because of its state of unoccupancy during the past several years and that he should be entitled to certain expenses for repairs. His claims will be submitted in the form of a letter and will be given appropriate consideration.

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Stored in the garage of the former Japanese Legation, is a 1940 Studebaker automobile without tires, which allegedly belongs to a Japanese civilian formerly residing in Colombia. Since the owner is no longer in Colombia and since the automobile is of little value without tires and the cost of storage for several months would soon eclipse the value of the automobile, it has been decided that it, too, should be sold with the Japanese Government-owned furniture. The proceeds thereof will be set up in a separate account.

A further report to the Department regarding the disposition of Japanese Government-owned furniture will be made in the near future. In the meantime, the Embassy will appreciate being advised of the probable date of arrival of the officer mentioned in the Department's telegram no. 23 of January 11, 1946.

Respectfully yours,

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Enclosures:

- 1/ Copy of note to Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Dec. 20, 1945
- 2/ Reply from Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, December 21, 1945
- 3/ Memorandum, December 19, 1945
- 4/ Memorandum, December 20, 1945
- 5/ Copy of letter to National City Bank of N.Y., Bogota, dated December 27, 1945
- 6/ Copy of letter from British Ambassador, December 14, 1945
- 7/ Copy of letter to Colombian Foreign Minister from British Ambassador, December 14, 1945
- 8/ Copy of note from Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, January 3, 1946
- 9/ Copy of Proces Verbal
- 10/ Copy of inventory of effects contained in former Japanese Legation
- 11/ Copy of description of archives of former Japanese Legation.

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Enclosure No...../.....to despatch No.....1334
dated...1/24/46...from the American Embassy.
Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

Bogotá, December 20, 1945

Sir:

By authorization, I have the honor in the names of the Governments of China, Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America to request that pending the arrival of the duly accredited representative of the Chinese Government the archives, properties and funds of the Japanese Legation and of any other Japanese official or private agencies or individuals which may be in the care of the Swiss Legation, be turned over to the joint custodianship of the British Embassy, the Soviet Legation and the Embassy of the United States of America.

It is, however, desirable, if agreeable and convenient to your Government, that the Swiss Legation continue the protection of Japanese nationals in Colombia, for which the necessary funds will be made available.

May I therefore ask that a date and hour convenient to you be fixed for the inspection of the archives and properties referred to above. At the same time arrangements can be made to send the archives to the British Embassy for storage and for the formal transfer of all funds and properties of the former Imperial Japanese Government.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Wiley

Julien Rossat, Esquire,
Chargé d'Affaires of
Switzerland,
Bogotá.

Enclosure No. Y to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

LEGATION DE SUISSE

Bogotá, December, 21st, 1945.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the letter of December, 20th, by which Your Excellency, in the names of the Governments of China, Great Britain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, requests that pending the arrival of the duly accredited representative of the Chinese Government the archives, properties and funds of the former Japanese Legation in Bogotá and of any other Japanese official or private agencies or individuals which may be in the care of the Swiss Legation, be turned over to the joint custodianship of the British Embassy, the Soviet Legation and the Embassy of the United States of America.

I am pleased to communicate to Your Excellency that according to the instructions which I received from my Government I am authorized to meet with the above mentioned request.

In the course of my to-day's conversation with Mr. Mokma, Secretary of Your Embassy, the following arrangements have already been made:

- a) the inspection of the properties referred to above will be made on December, 22nd, at 9.30 A.M.;
- b) the formal transfer of all archives, properties and funds of the former Japanese legation will take place on December, 27th, at 9.30 A.M.

In the same letter, Your Excellency expresses the wish that the Swiss legation should continue the protection of Japanese nationals in Colombia, for which I understand You would put the necessary funds at my disposal. As far as I am informed, my Government has not yet decided upon this question. I shall not fail to communicate to You without delay its final decision. In any case I inform the Political Department at Berne of the wish expressed by Your Excellency.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to You, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Chargé d'Affaires for Switzerland
(signed)

His Excellency
Mr. John C. Wiley,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
Bogota.-

Enclosure No. 2 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.
Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

December 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM

The Soviet Minister and the British Chargé called at the Embassy this morning to discuss with the Ambassador the question of the disposition of Japanese assets and archives. The Ambassador said that he was disposed now to prepare a note to the Swiss Chargé in the name of the four Governments, that is to say, the American, British, Soviet and Chinese Governments, requesting the Swiss Chargé to turn over everything to the joint custody of the American, British and Soviet Missions. Mr. Wiley added that before sending the note to the Swiss Chargé he would submit it to both the British Embassy and the Soviet Legation for their comments. It was then decided that a committee of three be set up with a representative from each of the three missions which would take care of the question of the transfer of the archives, etc. to the British Embassy where storage space has been made available for the furniture and effects of the Japanese Legation. It was further decided that the five cases marked as personal property would be inspected and if the cases in question indeed contained only personal property, they would be then closed and sealed. It was further decided that prompt notice be given the owner of the Japanese Legation property that the property in question would be made available to the owner on or before January first. Any question of claims the owner might have for rent, damage, etc. as of January 1st would be submitted to our respective governments. Mr. Wiley pointed out that the Swiss Chargé should have a prior right to bid on the piano since it was due to his care and to the repairs for which he paid that the value of the piano had not been completely destroyed. However, Mr. Wiley recalled that certain Japanese prints and pictures in the Legation might have some value and that they should not be included in any sale to furniture dealers here. Mr. Ogden suggested that at least three tenders be received from firms such as Camacho Roldan and that there be no public announcement of the sale and that the sale of the furniture and other property be effected before the end of the year in order to avoid conflict with the owners. Mr. Wiley replied that the committee of three could handle the matter. Mr. Wiley said he would designate Mr. Mokma, First Secretary of the Embassy, to act on the committee and to represent him. The Soviet Minister said he would nominate Mr. Gonionski but that at the initial inspection of the archives he desired to be personally present. Mr. Wiley said he did not desire to be personally present. Mr. Ogden said that because of lack of staff, he would be forced to designate himself.

The Soviet Minister inquired whether the American Ambassador or the British Embassy had any one qualified to examine archives in the Japanese language. Mr. Gonionski then interposed that the Soviet Government had instructed them that if desirable they would send some one qualified to examine the Japanese archives.

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In the course of the conversation it was suggested that the American Ambassador should remind the Foreign Minister of the matter of unblocking the Japanese official funds now in Colombia.

Mr. Wiley suggested that it was not improbable that the Swiss Government would decline to continue the protection of Japanese nationals. The British and the Soviet representative thought this would be only natural.

Enclosure No. 4 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

MEMORANDUM

December 20, 1945

I saw the Swiss Chargé last evening. I told him of my meeting earlier in the day with the Soviet Minister and the British Chargé d'Affaires, and informed him that as rapidly as possible I intended to send him a note in the name of the four powers, i.e. China included, requesting that the archives, property, funds and other assets be turned over to the joint custody of the Soviet Minister, the British Chargé and myself. He expressed entire satisfaction and informed me that some time ago, at the suggestion of Ambassador Snow, he had formally passed on a friendly warning to the owner of the Japanese Legation that the house would revert to him on the first of January. I inquired with regard to the two built-in wall safes. He replied that they were the property of the Japanese Government. He stated that when the archives were delivered to the Swiss Legation a member of the American Embassy, by putting his ear to the lock of one of these wall safes, was successful in opening it but that there was nothing inside. I think Mr. Mokma should look into the question of whether it might not be cheaper to make a present of these two wall safes to the landlord rather than to try to extract them from the building and then make repairs.

The Swiss Chargé also said that there was some property belonging to a Japanese merchant who was here: an American motor car which was stored in the garage of the Legation, a safe and other items. I imagine the best solution to this would be to sell everything and then establish a blocked account to the credit of the Japanese subject in question.

The Swiss Chargé suggested that the personal archives of the Japanese Minister were probably confided to the gardner. It might be well to interrogate the gardner on this subject.

John C. Wiley

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dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.
Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

Bogotá, Colombia, December 27, 1945

The National City Bank of New York,
Bogotá, Colombia.

Sirs:

I am depositing in your bank, the sum of 82,438.42 Pesos, which sum is now under the joint custodianship of the British Embassy, the Soviet Legation and the Embassy of the United States of America. Additional amounts may be deposited to this account and withdrawals will also be made from time to time.

It is requested that no withdrawals be made therefrom, however, without the signatures of three officers - one officer each from the three Missions mentioned above. The names of the officers representing each of the three Missions will be given to you at a later date.

Very truly yours,

For the Ambassador:

Gerald A. Mokma
First Secretary of Embassy

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dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.
Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

BRITISH EMBASSY
BOGOTA

December 14th, 1945

My dear Ambassador and Colleague,

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith, for record, copy of my letter of even date to His Excellency Dr. Londoño y Londoño drafted this afternoon in consultation here. It is my understanding that the senior representative of the three missions on December 16th will notify M. Rossat of his desire that M. Rossat hand over to him, to be held on behalf of the four governments (i.e. including the Chinese), the official Japanese archives, properties and funds.

As you know, I am willing that any archives, as also the five cases which M. Rossat tells me contain the late Japanese Minister's private effects, should be stored in the old Chancery offices at my house in Chapinero.

Please believe me, my dear Ambassador and Colleague,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Thomas M. Snow

His Excellency
Mr. J. C. Wiley
BOGOTA.

Enclosure No. 7 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/18/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

BRITISH EMBASSY,
BOGOTA

December 14th, 1945.

Dear Mr. Minister,

With reference to our conversation yesterday, I have pleasure in confirming that the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires has notified me that he has received instructions from the Swiss Government, in accordance with a request to that effect which was made to the Swiss Government by the Japanese Government, to hand over to a representative of the United States, Soviet and British diplomatic missions at this capital the Japanese official archives, and their other official property and funds.

As I mentioned, my colleagues requested me, as the senior of the three representatives, to inform Your Excellency of the position as above described, adding that our instructions are to sell the official Japanese furniture. May I also confirm that my colleagues and I would be grateful if Your Excellency, in accordance with the conversation I had with you yesterday, would kindly take the necessary steps as soon as possible so that the Japanese funds at present under the protection of M. Rossat may be unblocked when the latter releases them to the senior representative of the three missions. At the same time I have pleasure in confirming to Your Excellency, in accordance with our conversation, that the representative of the three missions will continue to hold at the disposal of the protecting power any portion of the Japanese funds in question which may be required from time to time for the continued protection of Japanese nationals in Colombia.

I am venturing to copy this letter to the United States Ambassador, who will act in the matter after my departure tomorrow as senior representative of the three missions, and also to the Soviet Minister.

Please believe me, dear Mr. Minister,
Yours very sincerely,

(signed) T.M.SNOW.

His Excellency
Doctor Fernando Londoño y Londoño

Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

LEGATION DE SUISSE

Bogotá, Enero 3 de 1946.

a.6.2.5.46/Ab.

Señor Embajador:

Refiriéndome a la última parte de la carta que tuve el honor de dirigir a Vuestra Excelencia el 21 de Diciembre de 1945, con respecto al deseo expresado por los Gobiernos de la China, de Gran Bretaña, de la Unión de las Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas y de los Estados Unidos de América de que mi Legación siguiera encargada de la protección de los súbditos japoneses en Colombia, me permito llevar a su conocimiento lo siguiente.

Según los informes que acabo de recibir, el Gobierno de la Confederación suiza decidió no aceptar seguir protegiendo los intereses japoneses, dadas las condiciones nuevas en las cuales hubiera tenido que cumplir tal misión. Por consiguiente, mi Gobierno me pide que le entregue a Vuestra Excelencia, como también a los representantes de las demás potencias aliadas, no solamente todos los archivos, bienes y fondos, de los cuales ya se encargaron el día 26 de Diciembre de 1945 las Embajadas de Gran Bretaña y de los Estados Unidos de América, así como la Legación de la Unión de las Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas en Bogotá, sino también la entera responsabilidad de la protección de los intereses japoneses en Colombia.

Al llevar lo presente al conocimiento de Vuestra Excelencia, para que lo comunique a los demás representantes diplomáticos interesados, me es grato expresarle mis gracias por la ayuda que me había ofrecido, para el caso de que mi Legación hubiese seguido protegiendo los súbditos japoneses en Colombia.

Vuestra Excelencia seguramente no verá ningún inconveniente, si me permito enviar una copia de lo presente al Honorable Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de la República de Colombia a quien he siempre tenido debidamente informado de lo ocurrido en la protección, por parte de Suiza, de los intereses japoneses en Colombia.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle, Señor Embajador, las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.

El Encargado de Negocios de Suiza
(signed)

Al Excelentísimo Señor
John C. Wiley,
Embajador de los Estados Unidos de América,
E. S. D. -

Enclosure No. 9 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/11/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogotá, Colombia.

C O P Y

LEGATION DE SUISSE
EN COLOMBIE

Bogotá,

PROCES - VERBAL

de entrega de los archivos, bienes y fondos japoneses por parte de la Legación de Suiza en Bogotá a las Embajadas de los Estados Unidos de América y de Gran Bretaña y a la Legación de la Unión de las Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas en Bogotá.

(Ribbon
and seal
"Legation de
Suisse -
Bogota)

El 26 de Diciembre de 1945, a las 4 P.M., el Encargado de Negocios de Suiza, señor Julien Rossat, procedió en presencia de los suscritos testigos a la entrega de los archivos, bienes y fondos de la antigua Legación del Japón en Bogotá a los señores Gerald A. Mokma, Secretario de la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América, Frank Collinge Ogden, Encargado de Negocios de Gran Bretaña y Simeon A. Gonionskii, Primer Secretario de la Legación de la Unión de las Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas.

Los archivos no han podido ser verificados, ni controlados por las siguientes razones:

- a) Habían sido originalmente encerrados y sellados bajo la custodia del cuidadero de la casa, Señor Tadaichi Tada;
- b) Fueron trasladados a la Legación de Suiza, a pedido del Señor Embajador de los Estados Unidos;
- c) Por ser marcados con caracteres japoneses "kanji";
- d) Por no haber asumido la Legación de Suiza ninguna responsabilidad al recibir estos archivos de la Legación de España, según Procés-verbal del tres de Agosto de 1945.

Los tres representantes arriba mencionados, o sean de las Embajadas de los Estados Unidos de América, de Gran Bretaña y de la Legación de la Unión de las Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas recibieron de la Legación de Suiza los siguientes efectos japoneses:

- 1.- Todos los archivos cuya existencia conoce la Legación de Suiza;
- 2.- Los muebles y enseres de la casa, arrendada por la antigua Legación del Japón en Bogotá, según inventario adjunto;
- 3.- Un cheque No. 6 E8558 contra el Banco Francés e Italiano para la América del Sud, fechado del 26 de Diciembre de 1945 por valor de pesos colombianos ochenta y dos mil cuatrocientos treinta y ocho con cuarenta y dos centavos (\$ col. 82.438.42);
- 4.- Las llaves de los "safes" como también las combinaciones secretas de los mismos;
- 5.- El escudo y la bandera oficiales japoneses;
- 6.- Cinco cajones cerrados conteniendo bienes personales del último Ministro del Japón en Colombia;
- 7.- Diversos objetos y documentos de propiedad de súbditos japoneses, depositados en el inmueble de la antigua Legación del Japón.

Además, el Señor

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Además, el Señor Julien Rossat, Encargado de Negocios de Suiza, declara y certifica haber entregado todos los archivos, bienes y fondos de la antigua Legación del Japón y de todas las entidades niponas oficiales or privadas o de individuos japoneses, de los cuales había sido encargado.

(Seal -
Legation
de Suisse-
Bogota.)

Dado en Bogotá, el 26 de Diciembre de 1945.

Por la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de América:

(signed) Gerald A. Mokma

El Encargado de Negocios de Gran Bretaña:

(signed) F. C. Ogden

Por la Legación de la Unión de Repúblicas Socialistas Soviéticas:

(signed) S. Gonionskii

El Encargado de Negocios de Suiza:

(signed) J. Rossat

Testigos:

C. Carrizk (signed)

Enclosure No. 10 to despatch No. 1334
dated 1/24/46 from the American Embassy.

Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

LEGATION DE SUISSE
EN COLOMBIE

Bogota,

INVENTARIO DE LOS INMUEBLES, MUEBLES Y ENSERES
DE PROPIEDAD DEL GOBIERNO JAPONES, ENTREGADOS
POR LA LEGACION DE SUIZA A LAS EMBAJADAS DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA, DE GRAN BRETAÑA Y
A LA LEGACION DE LA UNION DE LAS REPUBLICAS SO-
CIALISTAS SOVIETICAS.

Hall:

tres tapetes grandes
una mesa de centro
un juego de cuatro mesitas
dos sillas
siete cuadros
una pantalla
cuatro candelabros
cuatro visillos y stores
un juego de chimenea

(Ribbon and seal
"Legation De Suisse
Bogota")

Baño para señoras:

dos pantallas
una bomba
dos bombas de luz indirecta
un arbol para sombreros
una silla
un espejo biselado

Baño para hombres:

un visillo

Sala: (mobiliario verde)

dos sofás
cuatro sillas
(mobiliario habano)
seis poltronas
una pantalla
cuatro candelabros
dos pantallas de pata
un juego de chimenea
un tapete grande
dos tapetes pequeños
una mesa larga
una mesa redonda
una mesa de extensión
una mesita para colocar matas
un cuadro grande
dos gobelinos
una vitrina
seis cortinas de terciopelo verde
cuatro stores blancos
dos visillos

Estudio Hall:

un piano
una pantalla
dos cuadros grandes
tres cuadros pequeños
un sofá
seis poltronas

does mesitas

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dos mesitas redondas
un tapete redondo
dos tapetes largos
un juego de chimenea
una mesita para colocar matas
una araña de cristal
cuatro candelabros
cuatro cortinas de terciopelo verde
dos stores color crema
cuatro visillos

(dry seal "Legation
Suisse Bogota")

Comedor:

una mesa de extensión
dieziseis sillas de terciopelo gris
seis cortinas de terciopelo gris
tres stores blancos
un juego de chimenea
una pantalla
cuatro espermas de cristal
ocho visillos
un bufete
una mesa de servicio
un biombo
un tapete

Cocina:

una nevera
dos mesas
una mesa pequeña
dos filtros de agua
cuatro lámparas
tres candelabros
una pantalla
un teléfono

(no se entregaron a la Legación de
(Suiza por estar a cargo del
(Sr. Tomás Tada.

Despacho del Señor Ministro:

un safo contres cojines color fresa
tres poltronas
un escritorio con su bade
una silla giratoria
dos mesitas para máquina
dos mesitas redondas
un juego de chimenea sin malla
dos tapetes
dos cuadros (foto del Fuji y óleo de orquídeas)
una lámpara
seis cortinas color habano
tres stores color crema
un calentador eléctrico

Escalera:

una alfombra
ocho cuadros
dos lámparas

Segundo piso:

Hall:
tres pantallas

una mesa de ping-pong

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una mesa de ping-pong (en dos partes)
tres cuadros (fotos)
tres tapetes
un aspirador para el polvo

(dry seal "Legation
Suisse Bogota")

Sala:

un juego de chimenea
una pantalla
dos esfermas de cristal
cuatro cortinas carmelitas de terciopelo
dos stores de malla
cuatro visillos
un mobiliario de seis piezas de terciopelo azul así:
un sofá, cuatro poltronas
una mesita con vidrio
un tapete azul
un sofá con cojines
dos poltronas con cojines
una mesita larga
tres cuadros
un juego de chimenea
dos mesitas para té
un escritorio con silla

Alcoba del señor Ministro:

una pantalla
dos candelabros
dos camas
dos mesas de noche
un peinador
un escritorio de señora
un armario
un espejo de tres lunas de cuerpo entero
dos tapetes pequeños
un tapete
una caja de hierro inscrustado
un calentador
una mesa de centro
un sofá color fresa
dos poltronas
una silla
seis cortinas de terciopelo
cuatro stores
un ropero grande

Baño:

una esquinera
dos cortinas
un store

Estudio:

Un escritorio
una silla giratoria
una mesa de centro
tres poltronas
un tapete
una mesa para teléfono
dos camas
una mesa de noche
una radiola
un estante

cuatro cortinas

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cuatro cortinas
una pantalla
dos candelabros
dos tapetes chiquitos

Dormitorio de las niñas:

una pantalla
dos candelabros
dos camas
tres mesas de noche
una mesa de centro
una mesa para bridge
un peinador
un sofá
dos cillas
seis cortinas
cuatro stores
Baño:
dos candelabros
una cortina

(dry seal "Legation
de Suisse" Bogota)

Comedor:

una mesa de extensión
ocho sillas de terciopelo gris
una mesita
un tapete
una pantalla con cuatro bombillos
seis cortinas de terciopelo gris
tres stores
un cuadro

Cuarto de servicio del comedor:

dos candelabros
dos cortinas
un bufete
(estudio del Señor Ministro)

Estudio del Señor Ministro:

un tapete
una pantalla
un escritorio
una silla giratoria
tres cortinas
cuatro stores

Segunda pieza:

una pantalla
dos cortinas
un visillo

Tercera pieza:

una pantalla
dos cortinas
un visillo

Oficina general:

cinco escritorios con sus respectivas sillas
una mesa de hierro para máquina de escribir
dos mesas
tres sillas
dos estantes

un reloj de sobremesa

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un reloj de sobremesa
una caja de hierro incrustada en la pared
dos lámparas
dos archivadores
una lámpara de escritorio
tres cortinas de percalina
tres stores
una mesa para caja de hierro

Sala:

una mesa de hierro para máquina de escribir
una mesa de centro
una mesa de centro pequeña
una pantalla
un canapé
dos sillas
un ropero
dos cortinas de percalina
dos visillos
cuatro asientos de hierro para bridge
un estante grande para retratos
un tapete

Corredor:

dos pantallas
un escritorio

(dry seal "Legation
de Suisse Bogota")

Archivo:

dos estantes grandes
una mesa grande
una mesa pequeña
un reloj de pared
un canapé
una mesa de centro
dos sillas
una mesa de noche
una lámpara de pata

Alcoba:

un catre de hierro con su colchón
un ropero
una mesa
cortinas
un cuadro (con vidrio roto entregado al Sr. Tada)
dos stores
un tapete
un tapete grande
un calentador
una caja de hierro incrustada en la pared

Segundo archivo:

seis archivadores metálicos
dos estantes con vidrios
una mesa de bridge
una lámpara
cuatro cuadros grandes
dos cuadros pequeños
una cortina de percalina
un store
dos equipos para esgrima japonesa
una caja fina

Ultima pieza:

Ultima pieza:

- una silla
- una caja de hierro grande
- una mesa
- una lámpara de sobremesa
- una cortina de percalina
- un store
- un estante pequeño de sobremesa

Dado en Bogotá el veintiseis de Diciembre de mil novecientos cuarenta y cinco.

por la Embajada de los Estados Unidos de America:.....
 El Encargado de Negocios de Gran Bretaña:.....
 por la Legación de la U. R. S. S.:.....
 El Encargado de Negocios de Suiza:.....

testigo

(signed)
testigo

Enclosure No. 11 to despatch No. 1334
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Bogota, Colombia.

C O P Y

ARCHIVES OF JAPANESE LEGATION

Box 1 ... Files 1 - 16 ... 14 miscellaneous books
2 ... " 17 - 25 ... A to E Miscellaneous Files,
1 book
3 ... " 26 - 38 ... F to J Miscellaneous Files,
2 books
4 ... " 39 - 46 ...
5 ... " 47 - 58 ... Leather case with
miscellaneous papers
6 ... Miscellaneous Files K to T ... Newspaper
cuttings

24 rolls of films

1 drawer of miscellaneous office equipment

1 Atlas

1 large book, apparently a dictionary

All 6 boxes are sealed with the seals of the United States and British Embassies and of the Soviet Legation.

BOGOTA.
January 11th, 1946.



NO. 13,397

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Santiago, Chile, January 25, 1946

SPECIAL PROJECTS
DIVISION

APR 9 1946

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SECRET

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$304,544.18 (Chilean pesos) from the cash and liquid resources of the former Japanese Legation to the Swedish Legation for the routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's Circular telegram of January 5, 2 p.m., 1946, and Circular Airgram of January 8, 9:05 a.m., 1946, concerning the disposition of the cash and liquid resources of the former Japanese Legation in Santiago. It is noted from the Department's Airgram under reference that the Department recommends that the cash and liquid resources of the former Japanese Legation in Santiago be kept in a Trustee Account with arrangements for access and accountability by the Protecting Power, but that it is not the Department's intention to describe the procedure in minute detail, such procedure to be determined by the individual Missions.

Reference is made to my Secret despatches No. 13,036 of November 15, 1945, and No. 13,047 of November 16, 1945, from which it will be noted that the cash and liquid resources of the former Japanese Legation in Santiago were taken over by me on November 6, 1945, as the representative of the British Ambassador and the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, there being no Russian diplomatic envoy in Chile. These funds are being held in trustee account on behalf of the four Allied Powers, namely, the United States, Great Britain, China, and Russia. As reported in the despatches under reference, the sum of \$304,544.18 (Chilean pesos) was on November 6, 1945, left in the possession of the Swedish Legation for expenditures in connection with the routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile. In accordance with the instructions contained in the last paragraph of the Department's Circular Airgram of January 8, 9:05 a.m., 1946, the Swedish Legation has been requested to furnish a report on expenditures made by that Legation in connection with the routine protection of Japanese interests in Chile from November 6, 1945, the date on which the arrangement above described was made with the Swedish Legation, to December 31, 1945, and also to furnish a similar report, when the time has elapsed, for the period January 1 to March 31, 1946. A copy of the Embassy's letter

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Stamp: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, dated 1946, with handwritten signature 'Jill'.

Stamp: DEPARTMENT OF STATE, dated MAY 6, 1946, with handwritten signature 'Jill'.

Vertical stamp: CONFIDENTIAL FILE