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All to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

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In testimony whereof, I, GEORGE C. MARSHALL,

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

George C. Marshall
Secretary of State.

By M. R. Chauvin
Authentication Officer, Department of State.

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November 15, 1945

SECRET

TO: Mr. William R. Johnson, Commissioner of Customs, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

FROM: Mr. Albert F. Clattenburg, Jr., Acting Chief, Special Projects Division, Department of State.

I refer to this Division's memoranda of July 9, and August 9, 1945, respectively, concerning customs examination of certain Japanese officials from Europe who are diplomatic prisoners of war. It will be recalled that the customs authorities examined the baggage of these persons upon their arrival in the United States. These Japanese were then placed in the custody of the Department of State.

These people will be repatriated to Japan in the near future aboard a United States Army Transport. The heavy baggage of the group has been forwarded to the west coast and was delivered to the military authorities at Seattle on or about November 14, 1945. The Japanese who number 185 persons will leave the Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, Pennsylvania, on November 16, 1945, in order to arrive at Seattle at 9 a. m. on November 20, 1945. They will have a small amount of hand baggage with them and will be immediately turned over to the military authorities by a representative of the Department of State.

In view of the fact that these persons were searched upon their arrival in the United States and have been strictly controlled while here, it is requested that there be no customs examination of these persons or their baggage upon their departure from the United States.

It is the understanding of the Department of State that the Foreign Funds Control of the Treasury Department has informed the Bureau of Customs that, so far as the Foreign Funds Control is concerned, there is no need for the presence of customs officials at the port of embarkation in connection with the departure of these persons.

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