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Reference is made to the Department's press release no. 511, October 24, 1944, announcing that the Japanese Government had agreed to dispatch a Japanese ship to a Soviet port to pick up relief supplies previously sent from the United States and Canada intended for distribution to American, British, Canadian, Dutch, and other Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees held by Japan.

More than 2,000 tons of food, clothing, medicines, comfort articles, and recreational supplies were taken aboard the Japanese ship which arrived in Japan on November 11. En route 150 tons of assorted supplies were unloaded at a Korean port for distribution to Allied nationals held in camps in Manchuria and Korea.

Eight hundred tons of these supplies have been allocated by the International Red Cross Committee delegation in Japan for distribution to Allied nationals in camps located in Japan. The remainder, approximately 1100 tons, has been earmarked for distribution to camps in the Philippines, occupied China, the Netherlands Indies, and other areas to the south where Allied nationals are held.

Recently the Japanese Government offered to transport the supplies allocated for camps outside Japan provided the Allied Governments would grant safe conduct for Japanese ships carrying these supplies as part of their cargo. The Allied military authorities agreed in principle to this proposal. The Japanese Government then made a specific request for safe conduct for a ship to proceed to Shanghai carrying that portion of these supplies earmarked for camps in occupied China. This Government, acting for itself and its Allied Governments, has communicated to the Japanese Government Allied agreement to this request. According to the terms of the safe conduct the Japanese ship, the Hosi Maru, will depart from Japan on January 4 and is scheduled to arrive at Shanghai on January 12.

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DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND RECORDS

PLAIN

Vladivostok

Dated January 2, 1945

Rec'd 1:54 a.m., 3rd.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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Reference Department's 2869, ~~31st~~ 21 to Moscow. By book records but not (repeat not) physical inventory there remain Vladivostok 29904 packages weighing 675557 kilograms American Red Cross supplies, 1469 packages weighing 41075 kilograms British and Dominions Red Cross supplies, all (repeat all) comprising food parcels. Repeated Moscow.

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January 10, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/1-245

My dear Mr. Cotton:

I enclose a copy of telegram no. 1 dated January 2, 1945 from the American Consulate General at Vladivostok containing information with respect to the type and amount of relief supplies remaining at that place after the departure of the Hakusan Maru. This information was given to you by telephone on January 4.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Enclosure:

No. 1 from Vladivostok,
January 2, 1945.

Mr. John Cotton,
Relief to Prisoners of War,
American Red Cross,
Washington, D. C.

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January 3, 1945

Mr. Plitt was consulted for background information in connection with the request of Mr. Martin Taylor to see the Secretary (or the Under Secretary). Mr. Plitt stated that although he himself had never seen Mr. Taylor, the Special War Problems Division had had considerable unpleasant experience with him and that he is believed to be the head of a pressure group from which he undoubtedly obtains some sort of a retaining fee. Mr. Plitt consulted Mr. Clattenburg and the latter's opinion about Mr. Taylor agreed with that of Mr. Plitt but there appeared to be no specific data in the case. Mr. Plitt, however, expressed the opinion that because Mr. Martin Taylor is the kind of a person he is, it would be wiser not to write to him if it could be avoided as he might use the letter in some undesirable way. Mr. Plitt pointed out that if clearance could be obtained from the Bureau of the Budget for the Department's letter to Senator Ellender it would then be a much simpler matter to handle Mr. Taylor and inform him what the Department had actually done. It was suggested that Mr. Merkling, formerly in Mr. Long's office and now in Mr. Acheson's office, might be able to speed up an answer from the Bureau of the Budget.

The question of the clearance by the Bureau of the Budget of the Department's letter to Senator Ellender was taken up with Mr. Merkling and he is attempting to expedite it.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY

January 2, 1945

Mr. Brown, in the Secretary's office, brought to the Under Secretary's office the attached file concerning Mr. Martin Taylor's request to see the Secretary on behalf of American citizens repatriated for the Gripsholm in 1943. His desire is to have the Government provide funds for the cost of the repatriation of those Americans who have already returned from the Philippines and those who were residing in the Philippines on December 7, 1944 and who subsequently may be repatriated.

On December 4 Mr. Taylor telegraphed and requested an appointment to see the Secretary. By delaying tactics he has been put off to date. Mr. Brown saw Mr. Taylor two or three weeks ago and was to let him know when he might see the Secretary. It is now being suggested that in view of the pressure of the Secretary's engagements it would be appreciated if Mr. Grew would see Mr. Taylor.

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RL - Mr. Southworth

S - Mr. Brown

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January 4, 1945

In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Gore-Booth:

I enclose a copy of a recent note from the Department to the Soviet Ambassador concerning the question now pending before the Soviet authorities at Moscow of the continued use of a Soviet Pacific port for the transshipment of additional cargoes of relief supplies intended for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

In view of the British interest in this question your Government may wish to make representations to the Soviet Government along somewhat similar lines with a view to expediting a decision on this question.

Sincerely yours,

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Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

To Soviet Ambassador.

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Mr. Paul H. Gore-Booth,

British Embassy,

Washington, D. C.

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Excellency:

On November 9, following the departure of the Hakusan Maru from Nakhodka carrying relief supplies which had been sent to Vladivostok from the United States intended for distribution to American and other Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japanese custody, the American Embassy at Moscow addressed a note to the Soviet Foreign Office expressing the hope that the Soviet Government would extend permission for the continued use of the port of Nakhodka for additional operations of this nature. It is, of course, necessary that this Government know whether further transfers of relief supplies may be effected at this or an equally conveniently situated Soviet Pacific port before the necessary steps can be taken to arrange with the Japanese Government for the

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His Excellency

Andrei A. Gromyko,

Ambassador of the

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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onward carriage of further shipments of this character.

I am sure that you are aware of the concern felt by the American people for the welfare of American nationals in Japanese custody and their desire that needed supplies be sent regularly to supplement the inadequate Japanese issue of food, clothing, and medicines. The other Allied nations concerned are equally anxious to establish a means by which regular shipments of relief supplies to the Far East may be made. Since the feasibility of operations of this nature seems to have been demonstrated by the apparently satisfactory manner in which the recent transfer was effected at Nakhodka, this Government is confident that the Soviet Government will be willing to permit further operations of the same nature.

Thus far, according to the Department's records, no reply has been received by the Embassy at Moscow to the above-mentioned note of November 9. I should be grateful for such action as you may see fit to take in the matter with a view to expediting a reply to the

Embassy's

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Embassy's request. Since some time must necessarily be consumed in making arrangements for the Japanese Government to pick up further shipments at a Soviet Pacific port and in transporting supplies from this country to the transfer point, it is hoped that your Government will give an early favorable reply to this request in order that the interval between the recent shipment and the next shipment may not be unduly long.

This question is one which is close to the hearts of a large number of the American people. The Soviet Government may be assured of their deep gratitude for its continued cooperation in making possible further shipments to the Far East of relief supplies so desperately needed by Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

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AMLEGATION,

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Department informed Japanese broadcast January 4 indicates safe conduct for Hosi Maru (REDEPTS 1, January 1) not (repeat not) received in time. Please report.

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Subject safe conduct for Hosi Maru which is carrying prisoners war supplies.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: January 4, 1945

SUBJECT: Relief Supplies for Prisoners of War in the Far East.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
JAN 10 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PARTICIPANTS: The Secretary
The Soviet Ambassador

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GPO 1—1493

The Soviet Ambassador called today at my request. I handed him a note requesting clearance for another vessel to carry relief supplies to prisoners of war in Japan. The Ambassador stated that he would give this matter his prompt attention.

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JAN 4 1945

To Mr. Clattenburg

SWP

Note: The ticker has been distributed; but the following has been check (ed) with the ticker and found correct:

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Tokio Radio in Jap language broadcast, beamed to S. A.

After mentioning date of sailing and arrival of Hosi Maru, quotes foreign ministry authorities as follows:

"We sent the Hosi Maru for thetransportation of U. S. relief goods, thus providing a convenience. However we have not received a notice from the government of the U. S. for the guaranteed safety of ship, but we had sufficient time and sent notice quite a while ago. We expect to receive appropriate cooperation from the other side.

Mr. Cliff Adams of OWI, Ext. 71251 called and gave me this information.

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January 10, 1945

Upon receipt today of the FCC daily report of foreign broadcasts for January 8 I telephoned Captain Tonseth and read to him the Tokyo broadcast recorded on page R-3 concerning the revised schedule for the Hosi Maru.

Captain Tonseth said that he would take the necessary steps immediately to bring this revision in schedule to the attention of the Allied forces in the area involved.

I suggested to Captain Tonseth that the seven-day period we had previously set within which we had undertaken to return a reply to the Japanese when they made notifications of this nature seemed to be too short and that it might be well if we were to request additional time within which to return our reply. He agreed and approved of the forwarding of a communication in the sense of the draft telegram to Bern attached hereto.

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AMLEGATION,

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Request Swiss urgently to inform Japanese Government that American Government has taken note of revised schedule for Hosi Maru as announced on Japanese radio broadcast January 8 and that Allied forces in the area concerned have been informed accordingly.

Request Swiss also to inform Japanese Government with reference to communication incorporated in Department's 4105, December 5, that experience has indicated that seven days' clear notice of proposed departure of Japanese ships does not (repeat not) allow sufficient time to guarantee the arrival in Tokyo of American Government's reply prior to announced departure date of vessel. This is due in large measure to time differential between United States and Japan. Therefore, in connection with any subsequent notifications by Japanese Government of proposed sailings of Japanese ships for this purpose, American Government requests that such notifications be sent in time to allow the American Government ten (repeat ten) full days following [redacted] receipt within which time to return its reply to the Japanese Government prior to

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DIVISION OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS JAN 19 1945 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bern

Dated January 10, 1945

Rec'd 5:29 p.m.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

US URGENT

171, tenth

Your No. 1, January 1.

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Foreign Office official telephones according to telephone message from Japanese Legation, Bern, following changes itinerary HOSI MARU:

"Leaves Moji afternoon January 8, arrives Shanghai afternoon January 13, leaves Shanghai forenoon January 17, arrives Tsingtao forenoon January 19, leaves Tsingtao forenoon January 24, arrives Moji afternoon January 29." Balance of schedule as given your No. 1.

All times listed Japanese time, Radio Tokyo broadcast this new itinerary during morning January 7 so that American Government is fully informed.

Foregoing will be confirmed by Swiss this afternoon.

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AMLEGATION,

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Legation's 171, January 10, and 237, January 12.

Request Swiss to confirm to Japanese Government (reference Department's 146, January 10) that Allied forces have been informed of the revised schedule for Hosi Maru.

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DIVISION OF JAPANESE AFFAIRS
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bern,

Dated January 12, 1945.

Received 7:46 p.m.

January 16, 1945

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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US URGENT.

237, Twelfth.

AMERICAN INTERESTS, JAPAN.

Foreign Office note January 11 confirms Legation's 171, tenth regarding itinerary HOSI MARU.

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This vessel is carrying relief supplies to prisoners of war held by the Japanese.

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January 16, 1945

My dear Captain Tonseth:

I enclose, with reference to our telephone conversation on January 13, copies of two telegrams from the American Legation at Bern dated January 10 and January 12, respectively, in confirmation of the revision of the schedule of the Hosi Maru as announced originally on the Japanese radio.

The Swiss Government has already been requested to inform the Japanese Government that the American authorities have taken the necessary action on the basis of the Japanese broadcast.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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1. No. 171 from Bern, January 10, 1945.
2. No. 237 from Bern, January 12, 1945.

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Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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JAN 16 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

12th January, 1945.

Ref: 102/6/45.

Dear Mr. Kuppinger,

I write to thank you for your letter of the 4th January with which you were kind enough to enclose a copy of a note from the Department of State to the Soviet Ambassador concerning the continued use of a Soviet Pacific port for the trans-shipment of relief supplies for Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

The text of the Department's note is being transmitted to the Foreign Office, whose attention has been called to your suggestion that they may wish to make somewhat similar representations to the Soviet Government.

Yours sincerely,

P.H. Gore-Booth.

Mr. Eldred D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
State Department,
Washington, D.C.

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On January 4 Secretary handed the Soviet Ambassador a note (REDEPTS 2886, December 23 and Embassy's 5002, December 26) expressing hope that Soviet Government would give early and favorable reply to request contained in Embassy's note November 9.

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Bern

Dated January 17, 1945

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State,

Washington.

US URGENT

326, Seventeenth

AMERICAN INTERESTS JAPAN

Department's 235, January 15.

Foreign Office note January 16 received January 17 states Japanese Legation Bern communicated January 15 for urgent delivery American Government following modifications HOSI MARU markings:

"Marks a white cross is put up at the rear of the funnel and this cross is electrically illuminated from both sides at night as marks for air a white cross is painted each on the first and the fourth hatches besides a white cross is painted on the central part of each side of the ship sea navigation lamps are lighten at night".

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My dear Captain Tonseth:

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I enclose, in confirmation of our telephone conversation on January 18, a copy of telegram no. 326 dated January 17, 1945 from the American Legation at Bern forwarding a message received through Swiss channels from the Japanese Government concerning modified markings of the Hosi Maru.

It is my understanding that this information has already been communicated to the forces in the area concerned.

Sincerely yours,

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Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 326 from Bern,
January 17, 1945.

A true copy of the signed original.

Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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AMEMBASSY,

MOSCOW.

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While the information conveyed in Embassy's 173, January 18, is a source of some encouragement, it is quite evident that the Soviet reluctance to permit Japanese ships in their waters will preclude the establishment of a regular and continuous means of shipping relief supplies to the Far East via Nakhodka or any other Soviet Pacific port. It seems highly unlikely that shipments can be made in the desired amounts overland via Manchuriya. Therefore, in order to achieve our goal of putting into operation a regular supply line for the benefit of Allied nationals in Japanese custody, it would appear that other possibilities should be explored.

Since Soviet ships proceeding from the American West Coast to Vladivostok pass through La Perouse Strait, the best present solution might be that these ships unload relief cargo at either Odomari or Wakkanai. If the Japanese would not want Soviet ships to enter a Japanese port, the relief shipments could be transferred off shore from the Soviet ships to small Japanese boats. Individual shipments would not need to be large if successive shipments could be made frequently. We visualize shipments of several hundred tons each (which should

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raise no great unloading problem) but frequently enough to result in average monthly total shipments of from 1500 to 2000 metric tons.

A somewhat similar proposal was communicated to the Japanese authorities through Red Cross channels some time ago. No reply was received. Whatever the Japanese attitude may have been at that time, however, it seems possible that they might be willing to consider such a proposal at this time.

Please discuss this matter informally with the Soviet authorities at an appropriate time and inform Department of their reaction. We would not wish to risk offending Soviet sensibilities by approaching the Japanese in this regard without the consent of the Soviet Government. On the other hand we are obliged to make every practicable effort to arrange for a regular and continuing means of forwarding relief supplies to the Far East. It might be the case that the Soviet Government would be willing to present the matter to the Japanese Government thereby obviating any inference on the part of the Japanese that arrangements heretofore made between the American and Soviet Governments in regard to the transfer of these supplies have not been satisfactory to this Government. Such an inference might be drawn by Japanese if this Government made the approach to Japanese Government.

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It should be made clear to the Soviet authorities that this proposal is not to be construed as in any way critical of them. On the contrary we are extremely grateful for the assistance we have received from the Soviet Government in this regard. Without that assistance it is doubtful whether we could have arranged for any relief shipments to the Far East except in the infrequent exchange ships. We fully appreciate the reasons for Soviet reluctance to agree, on a continuing basis, to operations of this nature in its waters. An arrangement such as that proposed would seem to solve the problems confronting the Soviets in this connection.

This proposal should not be taken by the Soviets as superseding arrangements for a second transfer of supplies at Nakhodka and, therefore, Embassy may wish to defer presentation of matter to Soviet authorities until arrangements in that regard have become more definite. It is, however, essential that once the shipment of supplies to the Far East has begun, further shipments be made without interruption. Any prolonged delay in making additional shipments will result in a demand on the Department by the American public for an explanation. Obviously it would be undesirable for the Department to be

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forced to explain that continued Soviet cooperation was not forthcoming. The above proposal, if given effect, would, therefore, spare both the Soviet and American Governments the embarrassment resulting from such an explanation to the American people. In addition, it would be to the Soviet Government's advantage since it would still be in the position of assisting us in the matter (by transporting the supplies) but would be spared the difficulties incident to transfers at a Soviet port. The proposed arrangement would work to the Japanese Government's advantage since, in the eyes of Allied public opinion, it would receive credit for its cooperation in connection with the reception and distribution of supplemental relief supplies sent from abroad without having to send its ships away from Japan to pick up the supplies. From our point of view this proposal would result in the more expeditious and regular shipment of relief supplies to Japan for the benefit of detained Allied nationals.

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Rec'd 5:01 p.m.

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Secretary of State

Washington

393, January 19, 9 p.m.

AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST.

711.94114 Supplies/1-445

Your 65, January 4.

Foreign Office note January 17 states Legations note based upon Department's 1 January 1 not received until January 3 (Legation note: Legation's records disclose delivery this note 1 p.m., January 2) and communicated same day Swiss Legation Tokyo. Latter only received Foreign Office telegram January 8 and contents communicated same day orally to Japanese Government and confirmed following day.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

January 19, 1945.

Reference 102/44/45.

Dear Mr. Kuppinger;

With further reference to your letter of the 4th January regarding the continued use of a Soviet Pacific port for the trans-shipment of relief supplies for Allied nationals in Japanese custody, I am sending you herewith the text of a telegram which the Foreign Office have addressed to His Majesty's Ambassador in Moscow, from which you will see that His Majesty's Ambassador has been instructed to acquaint the Soviet Government of the concern of the United Kingdom and British Dominions in the representations which the United States Ambassador at Moscow has made to the Soviet Government looking towards their consent to further shipments being made through the port of Nakhodka.

Yours sincerely,

P.H. Gore-Booth.

Mr. Eldred D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
State Department,
Washington, D.C.

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TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MOSCOW
REPEATED TO WASHINGTON,
DATED JANUARY 16th, 1945.

The present position with regard to the despatch of relief supplies to Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japanese hands is that for the past two months the State Department have been negotiating for a further shipment of supplies from Nakhodka or a similar accessible port or alternatively for carriage by rail to Vladivostok.

2. The Japanese have stated that they cannot undertake transport by rail but are prepared to send a ship to a convenient port. The Soviet authorities prefer rail but have not yet entirely ruled out a shipment by sea.

3. As further shipment of supplies are of vital interest to our prisoners and civilian internees, you should make known to the Soviet Government the concern of the U. K. and the Dominions in this matter in any way you think fit.

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January 20, 1945

Upon receipt of Moscow's 173, January 18, I asked the American Red Cross to ascertain from the Soviet shipping agents on the West Coast whether the latter had been authorized by Moscow to accept further shipments of supplies for transportation to Vladivostok in Russian ships. The Red Cross made this inquiry by telephone and later informed me that no such instructions had as yet been received.

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Department gratified at Soviet Government's willingness to arrange further transfer of relief supplies at Nakhodka (REEMBS 173, January 18). 711.94114 Supplies/1-1845

Inquiry has revealed that Soviet shipping authorities on Pacific Coast have not as yet been authorized to accept further supplies for shipment to Vladivostok. In view of the time required for such supplies to reach Vladivostok, it would seem necessary that shipment be made immediately. Request Soviet authorities to authorize their shipping agents in the United States to accept a further shipment. Department hopes this authorization will permit shipment of up to 2,000 tons. In this connection and with reference to negotiations now in progress between Soviet and Japanese Governments regarding despatch of Japanese vessel to Nakhodka, convey to Soviet authorities this Government's hope and desire that Japanese ship to be sent will be of sufficient size to take aboard at least as much as did Hakusan Maru and preferably more.

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January 26, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/1-1945

My dear Mr. Gore-Booth:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 1945 (reference 102/14/45) enclosing the text of telegraphic instructions to the British Ambassador at Moscow to acquaint the Soviet Government of the concern of his Government in the matter of the continued use of the port of Nakhodka as a transfer point for the shipment of relief supplies for Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

In a telegram dated January 18 from our Embassy at Moscow we were informed that on January 10 the Soviet Foreign Office transmitted an aide memoire to the Japanese Embassy stating that the Soviet Government found it possible to permit a Japanese vessel to call at Nakhodka Bay a second time since the question of transferring mail and relief supplies for Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees through the station Manchuriya had not been settled by the Japanese Government. The Foreign Office proposed, in the aide memoire, that the Soviet and Japanese Governments come to an agreement concerning the despatch of a Japanese vessel to Nakhodka Bay, the date of its arrival at the approach point, the quantity of cargo to be carried by the vessel, and other details connected with the entry of the vessel into a Soviet port. In the aide memoire the Japanese Government was at the same time reminded of the necessity of an early solution on its part of the question of the further use as a transfer point of Manchuriya.

Inquiry developed that the Soviet shipping agents on the West Coast had not as yet been authorized to

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Mr. Paul H. Gore-Booth,

British Embassy,

Washington 8, D. C.

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accept further supplies for shipment to Vladivostok. Since the supplies now remaining on hand at Vladivostok amount only to some 300 or 400 tons, the Department on January 20 requested the Embassy to obtain Soviet authorization for the immediate shipment of up to 2,000 tons of supplies in order that an adequate amount of supplies may be available for loading into a Japanese ship if the negotiations initiated by the Soviet Government come to fruition.

The Embassy also was requested to inform the Soviet Government of our desire that the ship which the Japanese Government might send to Nakhodka have a cargo capacity not less than that of the Hakusan Maru. It will be recalled that the Hakusan Maru took aboard supplies in excess of 2,000 tons.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM

Bern

Dated January 23, 1945.

Rec'd February 5, 5p.m.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
FEB 9 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State,

Washington.

A-138 January 23, 11 a.m.

American Interests - Hongkong.

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Reference Legation's 7337 November 4 and Intercross's No. 1283 October 27 to Intercross Delegate Washington.

Intercross writes January 19 it instructed its delegate Tokyo endeavor obtain receipts and detailed distribution schedules of Teia Maru relief for Hongkong. Delegate now cables receipts were received October 16 from Japanese P.O.W. Information Bureau, but were returned due discrepancies between receipts and actual deliveries. Japanese P.O.W. Information Bureau has not yet returned corrected receipts.

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January 23, 1945

Mr. Pliitt:

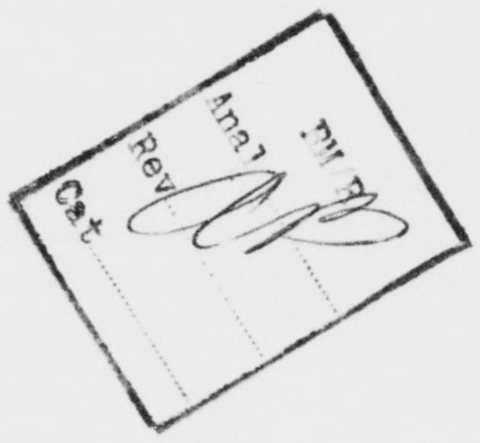
STATUS OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS PENDING IN
RELIEF BRANCH

1. Relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East. By telegram no. 178, January 18, from the Embassy at Moscow we were informed that on January 10 the Soviet Foreign Office sent an aide memoire to the Japanese Embassy at Moscow stating that the Soviet Government was willing to permit a Japanese vessel to call at Nakhodka Bay for a second time to pick up relief supplies for Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

It will be recalled that on January 4 the Secretary delivered a note to the Soviet Ambassador urging that the Soviet Government act affirmatively on the request in this regard which had been pending in Moscow since November 9.

Assuming that the Japanese will cooperate in the matter by agreeing to send another ship to Nakhodka, prospects are now brighter for a further shipment of relief supplies.

In view of the action taken by the Soviet Government, further pressure on that Government, as suggested in the final paragraph of my memorandum of January 11, would not at present be required.



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JAN 27 1945 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Moscow

Dated January 23, 1945

Rec'd 3:25 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington.

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these supplies are for prisoners of war held by the Japanese.

212, January 23, 2 p.m.

I have transmitted the substance of the Department's 128, January 20, 7 p.m. regarding a further transfer of relief supplies at Nakhodka to the Foreign Office in a note dated January 22.

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It is assumed that lack of further word concerning proposed second transfer relief supplies Nakhodka (REEMBS 173, January 18) results from Japanese delay in replying to Soviet aide memoire. Department hopes that Embassy will find it possible to induce Soviet authorities to press for immediate Japanese action on this proposal.

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T To: Secretary of State

From: American Embassy, Moscow

Dated: January 18, 1945

Number: 173

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We have been informed in a note from the Foreign Office dated January 16 that an aide memoire was transmitted on January 10 to the Japanese Embassy, Moscow, stating that the Soviet Government found it possible to permit a Japanese vessel to call at Nakhodka Bay a second time, since the question of transferring mail and relief supplies for Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees through the station Manchuriya had not been settled by the Japanese Government.

The Foreign Office proposed in the aide memoire that the Soviet and Japanese Governments come to an agreement concerning the despatch of a Japanese vessel to Nakhodka Bay, the date of its arrival at the approach point, the quantity of cargo to be carried by the vessel and other details connected with the entry into a Soviet port by the vessel.

In the aide memoire the Japanese Government was at the same time reminded of the necessity for an early solution on its part of the question of the further use as a transfer point of Manchuriya.

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Moscow via War

Dated January 18, 1945

Rec'd 10:30 a.m., 19th.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

173, January 18, 8 p.m.

Foreign Office has informed us in a note dated January 16 (REEMBS 5002 December 26 6 p.m.) that on January 10 an aide memoire was transmitted to the Japanese Embassy in Moscow stating that since the question of transferring relief supplies and mail for Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees through the station Manchuriya had not been settled by the Japanese Government, the Soviet Government found it possible to permit a Japanese vessel to call a second time at Nakhodka Bay.

In the aide memoire, the Foreign Office proposed that the Japanese and Soviet Governments come to an agreement concerning the despatch of a Japanese vessel to Nakhodka Bay, the quantity of cargo to be carried by the vessel, the date of its arrival at the approach point and other details connected with the entry of the vessel into a Soviet port.

At the same time the Japanese Government was reminded in the aide memoire of the necessity for an early solution on its part of the question of the future use of Manchuriya as a transfer point.

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Moscow via Army

Dated January 30, 1945

Rec'd 3:28 p.m.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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TEL. #285, January 30, 3 p.m.

It would be highly advisable in my opinion to defer making the proposal for the transfer of relief supplies to the Japanese in La Perouse Strait, as suggested in the Department's 181, January 27, 8 p.m., until arrangements for the second transfer of supplies at Nakhoda are well advanced.

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NOTE: Telegram number will be sent later.

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In cable from Moscow unnumbered, dated January 30, 3 p.m. reading "It would be highly advisable in my opinion, etc" serial number should be 285.

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NOTE: Correction from Embassy at Moscow.

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CHIEF SPECIAL AGENT

January 31, 1945

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Miss Willis:

Reference is made to your confidential memorandum of January 12 requesting that information be obtained regarding a Mr. Martin Taylor of 63 Wall Street, New York City.

The desired inquiry was made by Special Agent Clare of the New York office whose report dated January 30, 1945, is hereto attached.

T. F. Fitch

Chief Special Agent

Attachment

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MR. Martin Taylor
(Whitehall 4-2062), lawyer
for "Relief for Americans
in the Philippines", telephoned
to renew his request to
see the Secretary. He said
he might be in Washington
next week.

J.E.B. Jr.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS JAPAN.

Foreign Office note January 24 states Department's (HOSEI?)
146, January 10, regarding HOSI MARU delivered Japanese

Government January 18.

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Purport: Revised schedule for Hosi Japan which is covering letter of June supplies (Plan)

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My dear Mr. Magann:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

To Moscow, no. 181,
January 27, 1945.

Mr. George Magann,

Attache, Canadian Embassy,

Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Pate:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mr. Maurice Pate,
Director, Relief to Prisoners of War,
American Red Cross,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Colonel Bernays:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Bernays,
Chief, Special Projects Branch,
Room 3B936 Pentagon,
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My dear Captain Jackson:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
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Room 2549, Navy Department,

Washington, D. C.

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My dear General Bryan:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Brigadier General B. M. Bryan, Jr.,
Director, Aliens Division,
Office of Provost Marshal General,
Room 1068, Munitions Building,
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January 31, 1945

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My dear Mr. Gore-Booth:

I enclose for your confidential information a copy in paraphrase of a telegram dated January 27, 1945 to the American Embassy at Moscow, presenting for consideration by the Soviet authorities a proposal, alternative in nature to the transfer of relief supplies at a Soviet Pacific port, by means of which relief supplies for Allied nationals in the Far East might be forwarded to Japan on a regular and continuing basis.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 181 to Moscow,
January 27, 1945.

Mr. Paul H. Gore-Booth,

British Embassy,

Washington, D. C.

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AMINTERESTS FAR EAST RELIEF SHIP AWA MARU

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Legation's 703, January 31 and previous.

Foreign Office note February 1 encloses text following communication from Japanese Government.

"In accordance with understanding reached between Governments of Japan and United States concerning transmission relief supplies transported by HAKUSAN MARU from Nakhodka to Kobe for POWs and civilian internees in Japanese custody, Japanese Government have decided utilize ship now plying between Japan and southern areas and to transport relief supplies by AWA MARU and distribute to POWs and civilian internees in Taiwan, Hong Kong, French Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, Thailand and Java, Sumatra, Borneo. Features identification marks

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marks routes and sailing dates of AWA MARU are as described below. Japanese Government desires United States Government confirm guarantee that ship on either outward or homeward voyage shall not (repeat not) be subjected any attack visit or any interference whatever by United States and Allied forces.

1. Features

A name of ship AWA MARU B gross tonnage 11249 tons 40 C length of ship 508.4 feet width 41 feet full draught 30.5 feet D masts two E bridge in central part of ship F funnel one in central part of ship G speed 16 knots H international code address JRMR.

2. Sailing dates and routes.

A outward voyage

(1) Leave Moji afternoon 17th February (2) pass 31 degrees 12 minutes north latitude 126 degrees 58 minutes east longitude about noon 18th February (3) pass 26 degrees 17 minutes north latitude 122 degrees 29 minutes east longitude noon 19th February (4) arrive Takao forenoon 20th February (5) leave Takao forenoon 21st February (6) arrive Hong Kong afternoon 22nd

February

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February (7) leave Hong Kong forenoon 23rd February (8) pass 16 degrees 2 minutes north latitude 110 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon 24th February (9) arrive Saigon afternoon 25th February (10) leave Saigon forenoon 28th February (11) pass 4 degrees 10 minutes north latitude 105 degrees 32 minutes east longitude about noon 1st March (12) arrive Syoonan forenoon second March (13) leave Syoonan forenoon 8th March (14) pass 2 degrees 28 minutes south latitude 109 degrees 10 minutes east longitude about noon 9th March (15) arrive Surabaya afternoon 10th March.

B homeward voyage (1) leave Surabaya forenoon 11th March (2) arrive Djakarta afternoon 12th March (3) leave Djakarta forenoon 18th March (4) arrive Muntok afternoon 19th March (5) leave Muntok forenoon 23rd March (6) arrive Syoonan afternoon 24th March (7) leave Syoonan forenoon 28th March (8) pass 7 degrees 52 minutes north latitude 107 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon 29th March (9) pass 12 degrees 11 minutes north latitude 111 degrees 4 minutes east longitude about noon 30th March (10) pass 16 degrees 53 minutes north latitude 114 degrees

37 minutes

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37 minutes east longitude about noon 31st March (11) pass 20 degrees 38 minutes north latitude 119 degrees 32 minutes east longitude about noon 1st April (12) pass 26 degrees four minutes north latitude 122 degrees 63 minutes east longitude about noon 2nd April (13) pass 30 degrees 41 minutes north latitude 126 degrees 36 minutes east longitude about noon 3rd April (14) arrive Miture afternoon 4th April (15) arrive Moji forenoon 5th April.

3 marks A A white cross affixed each side of funnel (these crosses are electrically illuminated at night) B A white cross is printed each on roof of bridge and on second and fifth hatches C two white crosses are affixed on each side of ship D all navigation lamps lighted on night."

Swiss checking minutes longitude 2 B 12 above.

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Legation's 746, February 2.

Request Swiss urgently to communicate following by telegraph to their Legation Tokyo for immediate delivery to Japanese Foreign Office.

QUOTE American Government assures safe conduct on the part of American and Allied Governments for round trip voyage Japanese vessel Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo relief supplies for Allied nationals in Japanese custody from Japan to Formosa, thence to Hong Kong, thence to Saigon, thence to Singapore, thence to Surabaya, thence to Batavia, thence to Muntok, thence to Singapore and return to Japan.

This safe conduct is based on the following schedule: Awa Maru leaves Moji afternoon February 17, passes 31 degrees 12 minutes north latitude 126 degrees 58 minutes east longitude about noon February 18, passes 26 degrees 17 minutes north latitude 122 degrees 29 minutes east longitude noon February 19, arrives Takao forenoon February 20. Leaves Takao forenoon February 21 arrives Hong Kong afternoon

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February 22. Leaves Hong Kong forenoon February 23, passes 16 degrees 2 minutes north latitude 110 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon February 24, arrives Saigon afternoon February 25. Leaves Saigon forenoon February 28, passes 4 degrees 10 minutes north latitude 105 degrees 32 minutes east longitude about noon March 1, arrives Singapore (Syoonan) forenoon March 2. Leaves Singapore forenoon March 8, passes 2 degrees 28 minutes south latitude 109 degrees 10 minutes eastlongitude about noon March 9, arrives Surabaya afternoon March 10.

On homeward voyage leaves Surabaya forenoon March 11 arrives Batavia (Djakarta) afternoon March 12. Leaves Batavia forenoon March 18 arrives Muntok afternoon March 19. Leaves Muntok forenoon March 23 arrives Singapore afternoon March 24. Leaves Singapore forenoon March 28, passes 7 degrees 52 minutes north latitude 107 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon March 29, passes 12 degrees 11 minutes north latitude 111 degrees 4 minutes east longitude about noon March 30, passes 16 degrees 53 minutes north latitude 114 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon March 31, passes 20 degrees 38 minutes north latitude 119 degrees 32 minutes east longitude about noon April 1, passes 26 degrees 4 minutes north latitude

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122 degrees 63 minutes (subject later correction) east longitude about noon April 2, passes 30 degrees 41 minutes north latitude 126 degrees 36 minutes east longitude about noon April 3, arrives Miture afternoon April 4, arrives Moji forenoon April 5.

Note has been taken of the characteristics of this ship and of its special markings and that such markings will be electrically illuminated at night and that all navigation lamps will be lighted at night.

American Government draws attention to necessity for strict adherence to the ship's schedule and course as proposed by Japanese Government and agreed to herein. It is expected that there will be no (repeat no) deviation therefrom except for reasons beyond the vessel's control. In case such deviation becomes necessary, notice of such revision in schedule as may be required should be communicated to this Government by the most expeditious means possible the Japanese Government by the most expeditious means possible UNQUOTE.

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(Read to and approved by Captain Tonseth)

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In the Department's press release No. 2, January 1, 1945, announcement was made of a proposal submitted by the Japanese Government under which those portions of a recent shipment of relief supplies sent to Japan via a Soviet port allocated for distribution to Allied nationals held in camps outside Japan might be delivered in Japanese ships under safe conduct carrying these supplies as part of their cargo.

The first shipment under this arrangement was made in the Japanese ship Hosi Maru, which was scheduled to unload relief supplies at Shanghai and Tsingtao and return to Japan on January 30. While no official information in this regard has been received, it is assumed that this vessel has completed its mission.

The Japanese Government recently submitted to this Government through neutral channels a proposal to transport under a similar arrangement that portion of these supplies allocated to camps in the southern areas. This Government, acting for itself and its Allied Governments, has communicated to the Japanese Government Allied agreement to the requested safe conduct for the Japanese ship to be used in this operation. According to the terms of the safe conduct the Japanese ship, the Awa Maru, will depart from a Japanese port on February 17 and will unload relief supplies at Formosa, Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Surabaya, Batavia, and Muntok, returning to Japan early in April.

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Your 855 February 7.

Department's 598 February 6 evidently garbled in transmission as it stated QUOTE Leaves Singapore forenoon March 28, passes 7 degrees 52 (repeat 52) minutes north latitude 107 degrees 37 minutes east longitude about noon March 29 UNQUOTE.

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US URGENT

855, Seventh.

Your 598, Sixth.

Request verification position AWA MARU for March 29 which in your 598 stated as 7 degrees 2 minutes north latitude and in Legation's 746, 2nd as 7 degrees 52 minutes.

MRM

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Legation's 920, February 9. Correction in position communicated to appropriate authorities.

Position of Swa Maru, vessel carrying relief supplies to Russians in Far East now in

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Your 615, Eighth.

Swiss note February 8 makes correction in position noon March 29 to read 6 (repeat 6) degrees 52 minutes north latitude.

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February 12, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/2-245

My dear Mr. Magann:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

Sincerely yours,

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Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 598 to Bern,
February 6, 1945.

Mr. George Magann,

Attaché, Canadian Embassy,

Washington, D. C.

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February 12, 1945

My dear Colonel Bernays:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern, stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 598 to Bern,
February 6, 1945.

Lt. Col. M. C. Bernays,
Chief, Special Projects Branch,
Room 3B936 Pentagon,
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February 12, 1945

My dear Captain Tonseth:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern, stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 598 to Bern,
February 6, 1945.

Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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February 12, 1945

In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Ranken:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan, allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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Mr. G. R. Ranken,

British Embassy,

Washington 8, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Pate:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern, stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

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Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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No. 598 to Bern,
February 6, 1945.

Mr. Maurice Pate, Director,
Relief to Prisoners of War,
American Red Cross,
Washington 13, D. C.

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My dear Dr. Boon:

There is enclosed a copy of the Department's telegram no. 598 of February 6, 1945 to the American Legation at Bern, stating Allied agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship Awa Maru carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 598 to Bern,
February 6, 1945.

Dr. H. N. Boon,
First Secretary,
Netherlands Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST RELIEF SHIP AWA MARU

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Swiss Foreign Office official telephones that longtitude given under position 2-B(12) should read 122 degrees 54 minutes (not 64 minutes)

this vessel is carrying relief supplies for prisoners of war.

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February 8, 1945

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My dear Captain Tonseth:

There is enclosed a copy of telegram no. 807 dated February 5, 1945 from the American Legation at Bern, giving a correction in one of the positions listed in Bern's telegram 746, February 2, a copy of which was furnished you on February 3.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

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No. 807 from Bern,
February 5, 1945.

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Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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February 5, 1945.

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Dear Mr. Kuppinger,

I write to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 31st January with which you were kind enough to enclose a paraphrase of your telegram No. 181 of January 27th to the American Embassy in Moscow concerning a new proposal for the regular forwarding of relief supplies to Allied nationals in Japanese hands by means of transfers from Soviet ships at or off Wakkanai or Odomari on La Perouse Strait.

I have forwarded the paraphrase of your telegram to the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wright

Mr. Eldred D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
State Department,
Washington, D. C.

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February 5, 1945.

Dear Mr. Kuppinger,

In the absence of Mr. Gore-Booth I write to inform you that the content of your letter SWP 711.94114 Supplies /1 - 1945 of the 26th January regarding a second visit of a Japanese ship to Nakhodka Bay to lift relief supplies for Allied Nationals in Japanese custody was telegraphed at once to the Foreign Office. A copy of the telegram from this Embassy to the Foreign Office is enclosed herein.

The Foreign Office have now asked us to ascertain whether the Department of State propose to publish the information transmitted in this Embassy's telegram, or whether they have any objection to its publication by His /Majesty's

Mr. E. D. Kuppinger,
Assistant Chief,
Special War Problems Division,
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Majesty's Government after consultation with the Soviet Government.

I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as may be possible what views the Department holds as to the publication of information regarding the possibility of a second transfer of relief supplies at Nakhodka Bay.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Ranken

G. R. Ranken.

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Telegram No. 694 To: Foreign Office

State Department inform us that Soviet Government have informed Japanese Government that they will permit a Japanese vessel to call at Nakhodka Bay a second time since question of rail transfer of mail and relief supplies has not yet been settled by Japanese Government. Soviet Government have proposed to Japanese Government that the two Governments come to an agreement concerning despatch of Japanese vessel, date of its arrival, quantity of cargo and other details. Japanese Government was at same time reminded of necessity of early solution on its part of question of use of Manchuria as transfer point.

United States Government are seeking Soviet authorization for immediate despatch of up to 2,000 tons of supplies to Vladivostock, where supplies at present on hand amount only to some 300 or 400 tons. They are also informing Soviet Government of their desire that Japanese ship to be sent to Nakhodka should have a cargo capacity not less than that of Hakusan Maru which carried supplies in excess of 2,000 tons.

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US URGENT

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Legation's 948, February 10. Correction in international code address of Awa Maru communicated to appropriate authorities.

this vessel is carrying relief supplies for prisoners of war held by the Japanese.

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Bern

Dated February 10, 1945

Rec'd 5:40 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST RELIEF SHIP AWA MARU

Legation's 746, February 2.

Swiss Foreign Office today corrected international code address of SS AWA MARU to read JRNR repeat JRNR.

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST

Department's 598, February 6.

Swiss Foreign Office states Swiss Legation Tokyo February 13 delivered notification safe conduct AWA MARU to Japanese Foreign Office.

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February 13, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/2-545

My dear Mr. Ranken:

I have received your letter of February 5, 1945 (Reference 102/22/45) inquiring in behalf of the Foreign Office whether this Government would have any objection to the publication by the British Government, after consultation with the Soviet Government, of the information received from the American Embassy at Moscow that the Soviet Government has informed the Japanese Government that the former is willing to permit a Japanese vessel to call at Nakhodka Bay a second time to pick up relief supplies and mail for Allied nationals in Japanese custody.

We have not considered it advisable to give publicity to this development, preferring to withhold any public announcement until such time as it might be possible to announce that arrangements for a second shipment of supplies had been completed. In our opinion it might be unwise to give any publicity to the matter at this juncture unless forced to do so as the result of a direct inquiry, since publicity at this time might be construed by the Soviet Government as pressure upon it to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion, whereas in fact any delay probably is attributable to the Japanese Government in forwarding a reply to the Soviet Government's proposal.

In the belief, therefore, that a public announcement at this time in this regard might adversely affect the negotiations now in progress, the Department suggests that a public statement be deferred pending further developments.

Sincerely yours,

FEB 12 5 P.M.

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Mr. G. R. Ranken,
British Embassy,
Washington 8, D. C.

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February 5, 1945.

NOE - Mr. Trimble

I called Commander McGovern of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee on the telephone immediately after you came in to see me this morning and inquired whether the Joint Chiefs of Staff in their reply to our letter of December 22, 1944 proposed to take a position against shipments of foodstuffs within the blockaded area as well as against shipments from outside the blockaded area into Norway. He said that he thought that it dealt entirely with shipments from outside the blockade area and had nothing to do with intra shipments. He said that he would check this and call me back. I called him at 4:45 p.m. and he said that he had not had time to run this down but would call me tomorrow. I told Commander McGovern that the State Department would undoubtedly take issue with the Chiefs of Staff if intra shipments were covered. I told him that we had sent out a telegram only Saturday based on the assumption that there is to be no change in our position on relief shipments from inside the blockaded area to Norway with the approval of the United States Government. I said that I would recommend that we not change our telegram in any way.

I will let you know what more I hear from him.

I am returning the file which you handed me.

John Hickerson

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February 22, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/2-844/
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My dear Mrs. Galbraith:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated February 8, 1944 concerning your desire that increased shipments of food parcels be sent to prisoners of war in the Far East and suggesting that such parcels be forwarded by the same means by which mail is sent.

The Department and other interested agencies as well as the American Red Cross have tried unceasingly since early in 1942 to provide for the continuing dispatch to the Far East for United States and other Allied prisoners of war of food to supplement the inadequate diet furnished by the detaining Power as well as needed clothing, medical supplies and comfort articles. It has been possible, however, thus far to forward only three shipments of supplies on behalf of these persons, the first two by the ships engaged in exchanges of official and unofficial personnel between the United States and Japan which took place at Lourenço Marques in 1942 and Goa in 1943 and the third involving the shipment of relief supplies to a Soviet port where they were picked up by a Japanese vessel last Fall. Information in regard to this latter shipment will be found in the enclosed press releases dated October 24, 1944 and January 1 and February 7, 1945.

The interested agencies and the American Red Cross will not relax their efforts to arrange for further and if possible regular shipments of supplies. The International Red Cross Committee and the Swiss Government, which is representing the interests of the United States in enemy territory, are also doing all they can to bring these efforts to a successful conclusion.

Mrs. Charles E. Galbraith,
R. F. D. 14,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

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The dispatch of mail to the Far East has also proved extremely difficult, the only times that any quantity were delivered being the three occasions referred to above when relief supplies were sent. The arrangements recently made for the dispatch of mail via Tehran, the Soviet Union, and Japan are strictly limited by the agreement between the United States, the Soviet Union, and, through the Swiss as our protecting Power, Japan. The interested agencies are however exploring every possibility in this regard and should it become possible to dispatch food parcels by this means announcement to that effect will be made in the public press. In view, however, of the large number of Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East it is feared that such arrangements as might be made for the shipment of supplies by air over this route would be totally inadequate to be of appreciable assistance to them.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosures:

1. Press release, October 24, 1944, no. 511.
2. Press release, January 1, 1945, no. 2.
3. Press release, no. 94, February 7, 1945.

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February 10, 1945

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My dear Captain Tonseth:

In confirmation of the information communicated orally to Captain Ragan on February 10, I enclose a copy of telegram no. 920, February 9, 1945 from the American Legation at Bern communicating a correction in position for the Japanese ship Awa Maru.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 920 from Bern,
February 9, 1945.

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Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

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February 13, 1945

My dear Captain Tonseth:

In confirmation of the information communicated to you orally on February 12, I enclose a copy of telegram no. 948, February 10, 1945 from the American Legation at Bern communicating a correction in the international code address of the Awa Maru.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 948 from Bern,
February 10, 1945.

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Captain T. H. Tonseth,
Central Division,
Naval Operations,
Navy Department,
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Dated February 26, 1945

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST.

Legation's 1081, February 18th.

Swiss Foreign Office official telephones this morning following telegram dated February 23rd just received from Swiss Legation Tokyo.

"Arrival Surabaya afternoon March 10th changed to arrival Djakarta forenoon March 10 (call at Surabaya abandoned) no (repeat no) change in leaving Djakarta as scheduled. Schedule on and after March 29 has been changed as follows: Pass 6 degrees 40 minutes north latitude 107 degrees 48 minutes east longitude at about noon March 29.

Pass 12 degrees 50 minutes north latitude 11[illegible] degrees 05 minutes east longitude at about noon March 30.

Pass 17 degrees 42 minutes north latitude 114 degrees no (repeat no) minutes east longitude at about

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about noon March 31.

Pass 23 degrees 06 minutes north latitude 117 degrees 14 minutes east longitude at about noon April 1.

Pass 27 degrees 05 minutes north latitude 122 degrees 35 minutes east longitude at about noon April 2.

Pass 31 degrees 44 minutes north latitude 127 degrees 14 minutes east longitude at about noon April 3.

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March 2, 1945

In reply refer to
SWP 711.94114 Supplies/2-1245

My dear Mr. Pate:

There is enclosed for your information and records a copy of a despatch dated February 12, 1945 from the American Legation at Bern in regard to the distribution in China of relief supplies transshipped in November at Nakhodka.

Sincerely yours,

Eldred D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division

Enclosure:

No. 10854 from Bern,
February 12, 1945.

Mr. Maurice Pate,
Relief to Prisoners of War,
American Red Cross,
Washington 13, D. C.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Via Airmail Pouch.

AMERICAN LEGATION

Bern, February 12, 1945.

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Subject: American Interests - China
Distribution schedule for relief supplies shipped via Vladivostok and Nakhodka.

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The American Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at Bern has the honor to refer to the Legation's airmail despatch No. 10125 of December 5, 1944, which transmitted to the Department a copy of the schedule for the preliminary distribution of the relief supplies shipped to Japanese-controlled territory in the Far East via the Soviet ports of Vladivostok and Nakhodka.

The Legation now submits, for the Department's information and records, two copies of a supplement to the schedule transmitted with the Legation's despatch under reference. Three copies of this document were received by the Legation under cover of a letter dated January 31, 1945, from the International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva, which added that the information it contains is based on the latest cables received from the Committee's delegation at Tokyo and concerns the consignments shipped by the Japanese authorities on January 4, 1945, for delivery to the civilian assembly centers at Shanghai and Nanking, the prisoner of war and civilian internment camps at Shanghai and the civilian assembly center at Tsingtao.

Enclosure:

Two copies of supplement of schedule - with original of despatch only.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 1085 dated Feb 12/45 from the American Legation, Bern.

RELIEF SHIP

(Covering goods arriving by shipment No.I in Japan vis Soviet Territory).

The present schedule covers consignments shipped by the Japanese Authorities on January 4th,1945, for delivery to:

a) Civilian Assembly Centres Shanghai & Nanking
b) Shanghai Prisoner of War and Civilian Camps
c) Civilian Assembly Centres Tsingtao.

Shipper	Item	No. of packages		
		a Shanghai/Nanking CACentres	b Shanghai POW/IC cps.	c Tsingtao
A American Red Cross	Foodparcels	6423	1300	2000
	IIA Drugs	36	8	12
	IIB "	36	8	12
	III "	152	24	48
	IIIA Vitamins	24	4	8
	IV Surg.instr. & dressings	4	3	2
	VA "	4	3	2
	VB "	4	3	2
	VC "	4	3	2
	VI First Aid kits	12	4	8
	VIII Heavy clothing	44	8	16
	XI Overcoats men	8	4	4
	XII Shoes men	28	4	8
	XIII Shoe repair kits	12	4	4
	XIV Comforts men	56	12	16
	Cigarettes	19	4	6
	Subtotals	6866	1395	2151
B Canadian Red Cross			nil	
C YMCA	Books	24	4	8
	Records	1	1	-
	Theatrical kits	1	1	-
D British Red Cross	Foodparcels	517	-	-
E Unspecified	Shoes	16	4	8
	Totals	7425	1405	2167
	Grandtotal	10.997 packages		

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My dear Mr. Kuppinger:-

I appreciate very much your kindness in sending me copy of the Allied Agreement to the request submitted by the Japanese Government for safe conduct for the Japanese ship AWA MARU carrying as part of its cargo that portion of relief supplies recently brought to Japan allocated for distribution to Allied nationals in Japanese custody in the southern areas.

It will be a source of great satisfaction to the Netherlands Government and the Netherlands Indies Red Cross to see that part of the cargo which was purchased at their expense in the U.S. will benefit the Netherlands prisoners of war and internees in Java and Sumatra.

Sincerely yours,
For the Ambassador

H.N. Boon
First Secretary of Embassy

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Mr. E.D. Kuppinger
Assistant Chief, Special War Problems Division
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Further shipment of food packages and medicines has been assembled by Amcross (REDEPTS 128, January 20) with a view to early shipment to Vladivostok. Since Soviet Government has now agreed in principle to a second transfer of relief supplies at Nakhodka Bay, it is hoped that Embassy will be able soon to obtain Soviet authorization for this shipment to go forward. In view of the time interval since the last shipment, we are desirous that further supplies be ready for transfer to Japanese vessel as soon as possible after agreement in the matter has been reached between Soviet and Japanese Governments.

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This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (SECRET)

Moscow via Army

Dated February 22, 1945

Rec'd 5:18 p.m.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
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FEB 23 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State,

Washington.

512, February 22, 6 p.m.

Clubb reported from Vladivostok on December 27, (REEMBS 4056, October 24, 3 p.m.) that 5 sacks of prisoner of war mail had arrived on Soviet trans-Pacific vessels and that the local representative of the Commissariat for Foreign Trade was without instructions concerning them. We asked the Foreign Office to arrange for the forward transportation of this mail to Japan and Clubb now reports that the 5 bags have been forwarded from Vladivostok.

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FROM: Moscow via Army.

TO: Secretary of State, Washington.

DATED: February 22, 1945.

NUMBER: 512, February 22, 6 p.m.

Reference is made to the Embassy's 4056, October 24.

Five sacks of mail for prisoners of war arrived on December 27 at Vladivostok via Soviet trans-Pacific ships. The Foreign Trade Commissariat representative at Vladivostok had no (repeat no) instructions regarding this mail Clubb reported. The Foreign Office was then requested by us to make the necessary arrangements for the onward transmission to Japan of this mail. All of these sacks have now been shipped forward from Vladivostok according to Clubb.

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FROM: Secretary of State, Washington

TO: AMEMBASSY, MOSCOW

DATED: April 19, 1945

NUMBER: 913

The Department wishes you to approach the Soviet authorities and ascertain whether they will accept and forward to Japanese held American prisoners of war monthly shipments of approximately 100 kilos of medical parcels. These parcels, after preparation by the American Red Cross, would be shipped to Vladivostok aboard Soviet vessels which at present carry mail for prisoners of war. The parcels sent via Tehran would be additional to these. Such parcels would be sent to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau at Tokyo which would accept and distribute them to American prisoners of war held by Japan. These parcels would be sent according to the Embassy's telegram dated September 30, No. 3742.

In regard to the Embassy's telegram dated February 22, No. 512, learn if possible the route or routes which the Soviet authorities use to forward mail to Japan from Vladivostok.

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Via Air Mail Pouch

Bern, February 26, 1945

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Subject: American Interests - China.
Distribution schedule for relief supplies via Vladivostok and Nakhodka to Shanghai.

711.94114 Supplies/2-1245

The American Minister at Bern has the honor to refer to the Legation's despatch No. 10854 of February 12, 1945 which transmitted a supplementary schedule covering consignments of relief supplies shipped by the Japanese authorities on January 4, 1945 to Civilian Assembly Centers and Prisoner of War camps at Shanghai, Nanking and Tsingtao, and to enclose a second supplementary schedule in duplicate of shipments effected to camps and centers in Shanghai.

This schedule was received from the International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva under cover of a letter dated February 20, 1945 which states that the schedule was based on the latest telegram received from the Shanghai Delegation concerning the consignment for delivery to Shanghai, where the relief goods were reported to have arrived safely and to have been distributed to the camps. It is noted that the schedule makes the statement that no details concerning the distribution at Tsingtao are available, but that the Japanese Foreign Ministry has informed the ICRC Delegation at Tokyo that the vessel transporting the supplies to Shanghai and Tsingtao returned to Japan on January 29, 1945 after unloading all relief supplies.

Enclosure:

Two copies of supplementary schedule, attached to original of despatch only.

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Enclosure No. 1 to despatch No. 10957
dated Feb 26, 45 from the American
Legation, Bern.

15.2.1945.

RELIEF SHIPMENTS FROM JAPAN TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS

(Covering goods arriving by shipment No.I in Japan via Soviet Territory)

Addendum to our schedule dated 29.1.1945 consignments shipped by the Japanese Authorities on 4th January, 1945, for delivery to

SHANGHAI.

Distribution effected by the Japanese Authorities to POW camps and CAC in Shanghai. Staff of the I.C.R.C in Shanghai only assisting to expedite delivery to camps.

	Shipper	Item	No. of packages
A	American Red Cross	foodparcels	7723
		IIA Drugs	44 ℔
		IIB "	44 ℔
		III "	129 ℔
		IIIA Vitamins	28 ℔
		IV Surgical instruments & dressings	7 ℔
		VA " "	7 ℔
		VB " "	7 ℔
		VC " "	6 pads
		VI First aid kits	16 ℔
		VIII Wool clothing	54 bales
		XI Overcoats	9 "
		XII Shoes	33 ℔
		XIII Shoe repair material	16 ℔
		XIV Comforts men	68 ℔
		Cigarettes	23 ℔
B	Canadian Red Cross		nil
C	YMCA		nil
D	British Red Cross	Foodparcels	517 bags
E	" " "	Shoes	18 ℔

TSINGTAO

No details covering distribution available. The ICRC Delegation in Tokyo have been informed by the Japanese Foreign Ministry that the vessel transporting the relief to Shanghai & Tsingtao has returned to Japan on 29th January, after offloading all relief supplies.