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TO: MR. FRED R. ZIMMERMAN
MADISON, WISCONSIN

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) FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE FROM GAVIN
W. MCKERRON CMA CHAIRMAN OF FARM CONFERENCE C/N QUOTE WISCONSIN FARMERS
AND FARM COOPERATIVE LEADERS WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS AND
PROGRAM ON OUR PROBLEMS PD UNQUOTE PLEASE CABLE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND
TO PERMIT COMPREHENSIVE REPLY PD

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ZIMMERMAN, Fred R.

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Government Section

Tokyo, Japan.
22 September, 1947.

Dear Governor Zimmerman:

This note is in reply to your recent letter which greatly interested me and which I have delayed answering until I could feel assured of what I might tell you. Mrs. MacArthur also received your letter of September 10th and asked me to thank you so much for what you said and to tell you how greatly she appreciates your attitude.

The following observations do not quote the General but I am certain of their accuracy. You may act upon them with every assurance.

1. General MacArthur would feel a sense of highest honor and distinction were he to be the choice of Wisconsin's voters in the Republican primary. He has an almost legendary loyalty and devotion to the State and would unquestionably accept its mandate.

2. If sufficient strength developed in his behalf he would undoubtedly publicly express his approval of the movement to enter his name. It would very evidently be politically unwise to do so prematurely. To obtain full impact this would probably be delayed until about a month before the primary. Your advice on the timing would be of greatest value as the General has the utmost confidence in your political acumen and judgement.

3. There is little chance of the General's returning home before the primary. He would not leave his duty here until the Japanese peace is settled. It might be that if all goes well he could return before the national convention but even this is open to argument. An actual personal campaign by him might well attract as much Republican opposition as support and do as much harm as good. Certainly it would take the edge off of a later nation-wide campaign which he would undertake if he should be nominated. The decision, however, will be left open and he will be guided by future advice.

ZIMMERMAN, Fred R.

It is needless to say that the contents of this letter should be regarded as secret and protected most zealously from publicity. I am also sending a copy to Mr. Hoyt whom we all hold in high esteem. I would welcome your full and frank views and advice as matters proceed. I cannot tell you how utterly I am in support of the program as I believe our country never faced a more critical period nor ever was in greater need of the leadership of a man of the General's proven calibre and ability. Incidentally, he is in robust health and spirits. I have never known him to be more dynamic and vivid.

With cordial regards.

Hon. Fred R. Zimmerman,
Secretary of State,
Madison, Wisconsin.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MADISON, WISCONSIN

FRED R. ZIMMERMAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

September 10, 1947

Mrs. Douglas MacArthur
Care General Douglas MacArthur
Supreme Commander Allied Powers
Tokyo, Japan
APO, San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. MacArthur:

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of a letter that was addressed to Major General Courtney Whitney on July 28.

While I have no reason to believe that Mr. George Atcheson of the State Department was carrying mail that might have been an answer to that letter, I am sure that the Wisconsin MacArthur boosters would be glad to know what answer might be given to the letter, a copy of which I am enclosing.

You may know Brigadier General Ralph Immell, who lives here in Madison, and I am sure that he, among others, would be enthusiastic for MacArthur, if he decided to become a candidate. You may have no information on the General's political tendencies but I certainly would appreciate any comment.

In the letter enclosed, you will notice that I have agreed that there is to be no publicity until such time that General MacArthur gives us consent, but if we had any indication as to the General's possible political tendencies, we might be in a better position to handle that publicity.

Mr. Lansing Hoyt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has filed with this office a Preliminary Statement of the MacArthur for President Club, of which Mr. Hoyt is the Chairman. Mr. Grant A. Ritter is listed as Secretary and Mrs. Josephine Cudahy Hoyt as Treasurer.

Our Wisconsin newspapers carried the story yesterday that Stassen expects to open his campaign in Wisconsin for delegates on November 24, in Milwaukee.

Any reply to this letter that you are able to make, I shall appreciate.

With my personal regards and good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Fred R. Zimmerman
Secretary of State

Encl.

ZIMMERMAN, Fred R.

C O P Y

July 28, 1947

Major General Courtney Whitney
In Care of General Douglas MacArthur
Tokyo, Japan
APO, San Francisco, California

My dear General Whitney:

There is a growing sentiment in the States that General MacArthur should be a candidate for President of the United States. If he should decide to be a candidate, I believe he will be nominated and elected.

When I visited Washington early this month, my conferences with various party leaders gave rise to the story that I was about to desert Dewey and support MacArthur. I did commit myself to the extent of expressing the opinion that, under present world conditions, MacArthur would make a stronger candidate than anybody else. This comment appears to have surprised those who had taken it for granted that because in 1940 and 1944, I was a Dewey Delegate-at-Large from Wisconsin, my support of his present candidacy was practically a certainty.

To me, at this time, the important thing is the job that must be done. In my opinion, General MacArthur's outstanding success in reconciling the interests of the opposing civil, political, and religious elements in Japan demonstrates the coordinating ability that is needed now. That justifies my thought that MacArthur, "The Great Coordinator", would be the man who can do as much for the United States.

If General MacArthur can come to the United States and give us a chance to set the stage, select the delegates, and get some publicity, his trip from San Francisco or Seattle, with a stop in Denver, Saint Paul, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and several other eastern cities, before reaching New York, would almost complete the campaign. If we can have some statement from the General soon, the preliminary spade work could be started directly thereafter. Naturally, we would be guided by his instructions as to when, how, and where to use the publicity. Should this plan commend itself to the General, a letter will serve as the "GO" signal.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRED R. ZIMMERMAN
Secretary of State



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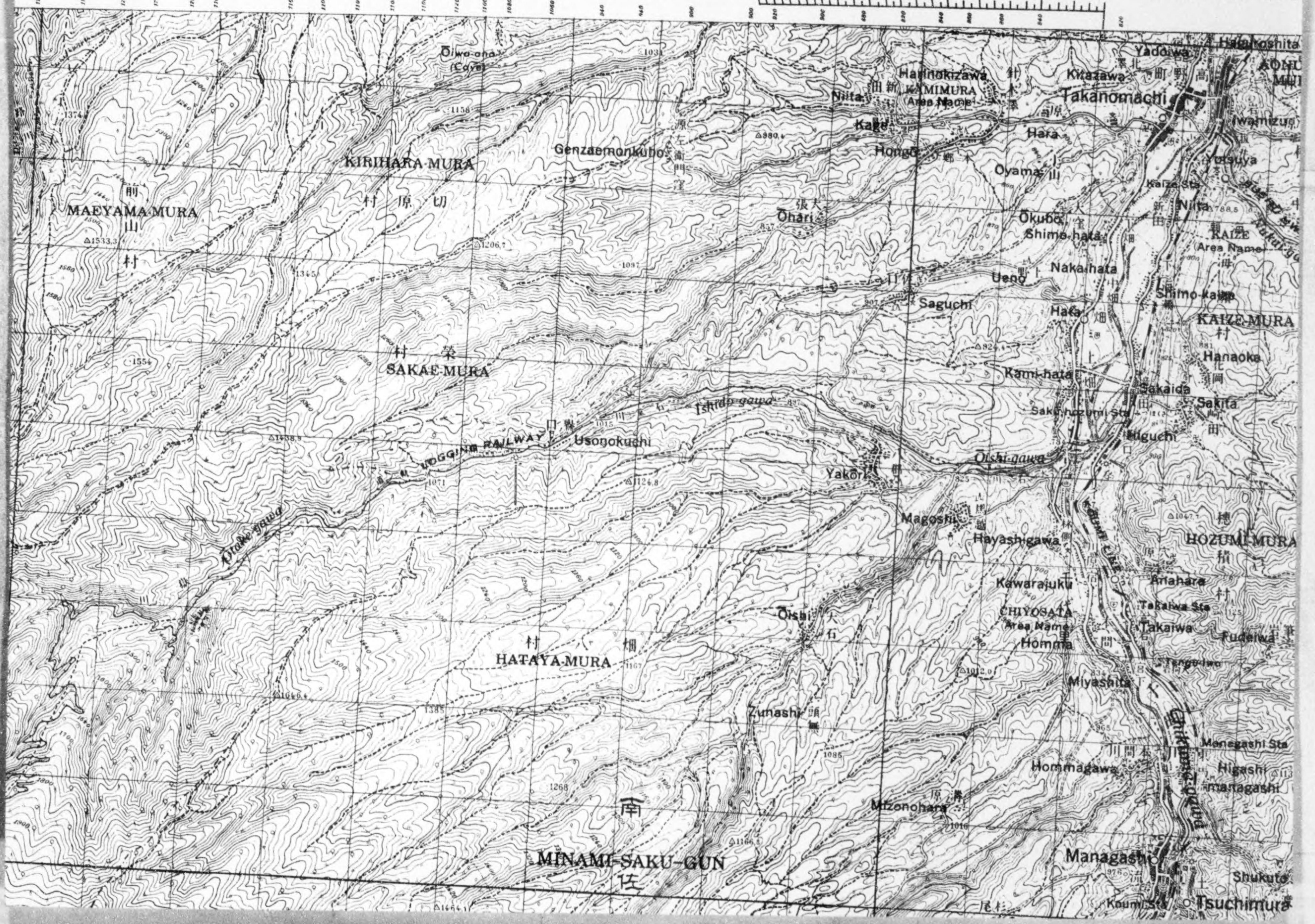
Yours very truly,

Fred R. Zimmerman
Secretary of State

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29 Jan 48

Bill Hirsch, CPC, was informed by telephone call this date that the Domestic Affairs Bureau is intending to draft an ordinance dissolving KGK but not under 548. He asked if he could so inform PH & W since ^{using} they are vitally interested in the Hall for a Social Work School. He was told that he might do so.

GAW

30 Jan 48

Hirsch informed that GS had received from Mr. Kubo

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