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6 February 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN

(Reference: SC-033,-033/4,-033/7; C1-007 Series; FEC-094 Series)

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a proposed policy regarding the Delivery of Reparations Goods, as amended by the Far Eastern Commission at its forty-fourth meeting, 6 February 1947, is circulated herewith for the consideration of the Far Eastern Commission.

2. The Chinese position was reserved in the absence of final instructions.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN

1. In delivering reparations goods in Japan to claimant countries, the Japanese Government should bear all costs connected with [redacted] dismantling, packing, transporting to a port in Japan for waterborne craft or for airborne craft, handling, and loading on board the craft at that port. The port should be designated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers after consultation with the claimant country. None of the above-mentioned costs should be paid by the recipient country; however, all those costs involved in the delivery of reparations goods should in the future be appropriately charged toward the reparations accounts of the recipient countries in the same proportions as their respective national shares of reparations from Japan. The charging of these costs to the reparations accounts of recipient countries should not affect the distribution of reparations received by claimant countries.

2. When particular reparations goods have been designated for delivery to a particular country, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will afford claimant countries the opportunity to be consulted prior to and represented at the dismantling and packing of such goods and to make such constructional plans and drawings as may be necessary for the purpose of re-erection, provided the making of such plans and drawings shall not be permitted to delay unduly the process of dismantling and removal. Before proceeding with the removal of designated goods from their location, the Supreme Commander will require the recipient country to provide him with a written undertaking to accept such goods, provided they are delivered on board at the designated port free form any major damage sustained in the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading. The Japanese Government will be required to make good any damage or shortage resulting from the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading if such damage or shortage occured prior to delivery on board the carrying craft.

3. The goods in question should become the property of the recipient country when they have been delivered on board at the designated port and thereafter they become the entire responsibility of such recipient country. Receipt for the goods shall be given by the recipient country when they have been delivered on board the carrying craft at the designated port.

4. Each recipient country will be responsible for arranging for the waterborne or airborne craft necessary to transport its reparations goods from the designated port in Japan.

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14 February 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN
(References: SC-033, -033/4, -033/7; CJ-007 Series; FEC-094 Series

Note by the Secretary General

1. Enclosure "A" policy decision relative to the Delivery of Reparations Goods, was approved by the Far Eastern Commission at its forty-fifth meeting, 13 February 1947.

2. The letter of transmittal of the Secretary General, forwarding this decision on behalf of the Far Eastern Commission to the Secretary of State of the United States Government in accordance with the Terms of Reference, is circulated herewith as enclosure "B".

3. The Far Eastern Commission recommended that enclosure "A" be released to the press in the normal procedure.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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ENCLOSURE "A"

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN

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2. When particular reparations goods have been designated for delivery to a particular country, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will afford claimant countries the opportunity to be consulted prior to and represented at the dismantling and packing of such goods and to make such constructional plans and drawings as may be necessary for the purpose of re-erection, provided the making of such plans and drawings shall not be permitted to delay unduly the process of dismantling and removal. Before proceeding with the removal of designated goods from their location, the Supreme Commander will require the recipient country to provide him with a written undertaking to accept such goods, provided they are delivered on board at the designated port free from any major damage sustained in the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading. The Japanese Government will be required to make good any damage or shortage resulting from the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading if such damage or shortage occured prior to delivery on board the carrying craft.

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ENCLOSURE "B"

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

13 February 1947

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

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Terms of Reference of the Far Eastern Commission provide that one of the functions of the Commission should be to "formulate the policies, principles and standards in conformity with which the fulfillment by Japan of its obligations under the Terms of Surrender may be accomplished."

It is further provided that when such decisions are made by the Far Eastern Commission, "The United States Government shall prepare directives in accordance with the policy decisions of the Commission and shall transmit them to the Supreme Commander through the appropriate United States Government agency."

At the forty-fifth meeting of the Far Eastern Commission held at 2516 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on 13 February 1947, the enclosed policy decision relative to Delivery of Reparations Goods in Japan was unanimously approved

As Secretary General of the Far Eastern Commission, I have been instructed to forward this decision to you on behalf of the Commission, in order that the appropriate directives may be prepared and transmitted to the Supreme Commander in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

In adopting the enclosed policy decision the Commission agreed that it should be released to the press. In accordance with our normal procedure I would appreciate it if you could make arrangements to notify me when the enclosed policy decision has been received in Tokyo.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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3 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN
(Reference: FEC-094/3)

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a United States directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers forwarding a statement of policy of the Far Eastern Commission on the delivery of reparations goods in Japan, is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission.

2. This directive was forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers on 19 February 1947.

3. A certified copy of the United States directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers has been filed with the Commission in accordance with Section III, paragraph 4, of the Terms of Reference.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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Serial No. 69

19 February 1947

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN

The following directive, prepared by the State Department to implement the policy adopted by the Far Eastern Commission on 13 February 1947, under the provisions of paragraph II.A, 1, of its terms of reference, has been received from the State, War and Navy Departments for transmission to you for your guidance in accordance with paragraph III, 1, of those terms of reference:

"1. In delivering reparations goods in Japan to claimant countries, the Japanese Government should bear all costs connected with dismantling, packing, transporting to a port in Japan for waterborne craft or for airborne craft, handling, and loading on board the craft at that port. The port should be designated by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers after consultation with the claimant country. None of the above mentioned costs should be paid by the recipient country; however, all those costs involved in the delivery of reparations goods should in the future be appropriately charged toward the reparations accounts of the recipient countries in the same proportions as their respective national shares of reparations from Japan. The charging of these costs to the reparations accounts of recipient countries should not affect the distribution of reparations received by claimant countries.

"2. When particular reparations goods have been designated for delivery to a particular country, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers will afford claimant countries the opportunity to be consulted prior to and represented at the dismantling and packing of such goods and to make such constructional plans and drawings as may be necessary for the purpose of re-erection, provided the making of such plans and drawings shall not be permitted to delay unduly the process of dismantling and removal. Before proceeding with the removal of designated goods from their location, the Supreme Commander will require the recipient country to provide him with a written undertaking to accept such goods, provided they are delivered on board at the designated port free from any major damage sustained in the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading. The Japanese Government will be required to make good any damage or shortage resulting from the processes of dismantling, packing, transporting, handling, and loading if such damage or shortage occurred prior to delivery on board the carrying craft.

"3. The goods in question would become the property of the recipient country when they have been delivered on board at the designated port and thereafter they become the entire responsibility of such recipient country.

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Receipt for the goods shall be given by the recipient country when they have been delivered on board the carrying craft at the designated port.

"4. Each recipient country will be responsible for arranging for the waterborne or airborne craft necessary to transport its reparations goods from the designated port in Japan."

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24 April 1951

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DELIVERY OF REPARATIONS GOODS IN JAPAN
Directive Serial No. 69
(Reference: FEC-094/4)

Note by the Secretary General

1. In order to facilitate handling of records FEC-094/4 (3 March 1947), a U. S. directive to SCAP regarding delivery of reparations goods in Japan, is from this date graded to UNCLASSIFIED.

2. FEC-094/3, the Far Eastern Commission policy decision upon which this directive was based, was declassified and released to the press 24 February 1947.

3. All holders of FEC-094/4 are requested to make the appropriate change in their copies of this document.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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FEC-095

25 October 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

CABLE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a cable from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic requesting a share in reparations from Japan, has been received by the Chairman, and is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

CABLE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

OULANBATOR VIA MOSCOW 18 OCT 1946

MR. MCCOY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

YOUR EXCELLENCY: DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE MONOGLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, I.E. SINCE 1921, JAPANESE MILITARISTS HAD THREATENED THE LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE MONGOL PEOPLE AND OF ITS TERRITORY BY DISTURBING ITS QUIET AND PEACEFUL LIFE AND AIMING AT THE EXTENSION OF THEIR AGGRESSION WESTWARDS IN ORDER TO ATTACK NORTH AND WEST CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION. SINCE JANUARY 1935 THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OF JAPAN AGAINST THE MONOGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAD BEGUN TO TAKE THE FORM OF ARMED ATTACKS ON THE EASTERN BORDERS OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND OF FRONTIER INCIDENTS WITH CASUALTIES. ON JANUARY 24 1935 JAPANESE TROOPS ATTACKED A MONGOLIAN BORDER POST IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAKE BUIR-NUR-KHALKHIN SUME. ALL FRONTIER GUARDS WERE KILLED AND ALL BUILDINGS BURNED DOWN. ON FEBRUARY 17 OF THE SAME YEAR THE JAPANESE ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN BORDER POSTS ON THE PORTION OF MONGOLIAN LAND OCCUPIED BY THEM. IN THE NEXT YEAR 1936 IN THE SAME AREA NEAR BULUN-DERSU THERE TOOK PLACE AN ARMED ATTACK ON BROADER SCALE, AVIATION AND MECHANIZED FORCES HAVING BEEN USED. BESIDES THAT, DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 24 1935 TO MARCH 31 1936 JAPANESE TROOPS NUMBERING FROM A PLATOON TO A BATTALION EIGHT TIMES PENETRATED INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, AND THIS WITHOUT COUNTING NUMEROUS ATTACKS OF SAMLLER GROUPS OF 10 OR 15 MEN. BETWEEN 1935-1936 THE MONGOLIAN ARMY LOST MEN IN ADDITION TO THE LOSSES AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND THE MATERIAL DAMAGES SUFFERED BY THE WAR MINISTRY OF THE M.P.R. AMOUNT TO OVER ELEVEN MILLION TUGRICKS. IN 1939, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE OFFENSIVE OF THE JAPANESE ARMY AGAINST MONGOLIA, THE COMMAND OF THE KWANTUNG ARMY ORGANIZED ARMED ATTACKS IN THE AREA OF KHALKHIN GOL. IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY 11 1939 AN ARMY GROUP UNDER THE COMMAND OF JAPANESE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL KAMATSUBARA CROSSED THE FRONTIER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

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IN THE AREA OF THE KHALKHIN GOL RIVER DRIVING BACK THE FRONTIER GUARDS AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF MECHANIZED AND AIR UNITS UNDERTOOK THE OFFENSIVE. ON MAY 22 OF THE SAME YEAR HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE IN THE KHALKHIN GOL REGION AS THE RESULT OF WHICH THE JAPANESE TOOK POSSESSION OF A LOCALITY NAMED HOMON-HAN-BURD-OBA. ON JUNE 22 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY JAPANESE PLANES CROSSED THE MONGOLIAN FRONTIER AND STARTED BOMBING THE INLAND AREAS OF MONGOLIA INCLUDING BAIN-TUMEN A PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND THE TOWN OF TAMZAK. ON JUNE 24 SIXTY PLANES FLEW OVER THE TERRITORY OF MONGOLIA FOLLOWING THE ORDER OF GENERAL UEDA COMMANDER OF THE KWANTUNG ARMY OF JULY 20 AND THE ORDER OF GENERAL KAMATSUBARA COMMANDER OF THE 23 DIVISION. ON JULY 30 1939 JAPANESE TROOPS STARTED A GENERAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. ONLY AFTER TWO MONTHS OF SEVERE FIGHTING ON THE LAND AND IN THE AIR TOWARDS THE END OF AUGUST 1939 DID MONGOLIAN TROOPS WITH THE HELD OF THE SOVIET ARMY UNITS INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE OF MARCH 12 1936 SUCCEED IN SMASHING JAPANESE TROOPS AND FINALLY DRIVING THEM AWAY FROM THE MONGOLIAN TERRITORY. AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING AT THE KHALKHIN-GOL THE MONGOLIAN ARMY LOST 1131 MEN. MATERIAL DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC BY THE JAPANESE ARMY AMOUNTS TO OVER 60 MILLION TUGRIKS. THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC MADE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON CAUSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS BY DECLARING WAR AGAINST JAPAN ON AUGUST 10, 1945 AND PARTICIAPTED WITH ITS OWN ARMED FORCES IN THE FINAL DEFEAT OF JAPAN. IN THIS FINAL STAGE OF JAPANESE DEFEAT THE MONGOLIAN ARMY LOST 675 MEN AND ITS MATERIAL DAMAGE AMOUNTED TO OVER 249 MILLION TUGRIKS. THUS, AS A RESULT OF THE JAPANESE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE MONGOLIAN ARMY LOST A TOTAL OF 2039 MEN DURING THE PERIOD OF 1935-1946. MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC BY THE JAPANESE AGGRESSION AMOUNTS TO 321,983,000 TUGRIKS. PROCEEDING FROM THE FACT THAT THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAS ALWAYS STEADFASTLY STOOD ON THE GUARD OF THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS MADE A WORTHY CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE JAPANESE AGGRESSION IN THE FAR EAST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC DECLARES THAT IT HAS A RIGHT TO AN APPROPRIATE SHARE IN THE

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REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN AS A COMPENSATION OF THE MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY JAPAN TO THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT IT WILL RECEIVE IT. TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY I ASK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND MYSELF TO ACCEPT ASSURANCE OF HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

CHOIBALSAN

PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

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13 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DRAFT REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a draft reply to a cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparations from Japan, has been prepared by the Secretariat and is circulated herewith for the consideration of COMMITTEE NO. 1: REPARATIONS.

2. At its 70th meeting on 12 March 1947, Committee No. 1 instructed the Secretary to draft a reply to the cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparations from Japan.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

DRAFT REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

13 March 1947

His Excellency
B. S. Choibalsan
The Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mongolian People's Republic
Oulanbator, Mongolian People's Republic

My dear Mr. Choibalsan:

Your cable of 18 October 1946 relative to reparations from Japan and addressed to General McCoy as Chairman, has been referred to the Far Eastern Commission.

The Far Eastern Commission has instructed me, as Secretary General, to acknowledge receipt of the cable and to inform you that no decisions have been reached by the Commission regarding countries eligible to make reparations claims.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary Johnson

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14 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

DRAFT REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a draft reply to a cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparations from Japan, prepared by Committee 1 at its seventy-first meeting on 14 March 1947, is circulated herewith for the consideration of COMMITTEE NO. 1: REPARATIONS.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

DRAFT REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

14 March 1947

His Excellency
B. S. Choibalsan
The Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mongolian People's Republic
Oulanbator, Mongolian People's Republic

My dear Mr. Choibalsan:

Your cable of 18 October 1946 relative to reparations from Japan, and addressed to General McCoy as Chairman, has been referred to the Far Eastern Commission.

The Far Eastern Commission has instructed me, as Secretary General, to acknowledge receipt of the cable and to inform you that no decisions have been reached by the Commission regarding countries eligible to make reparatinns claims, or regarding the manner in which claims should be lodged by eligible countries. However, before reaching these decisions, the Commission will be pleased to give due consideration to your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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14 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a draft reply to a cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparation from Japan, approved by Committee No. 1: Reparations at its seventy-first meeting on 14 March 1947, is circulated herewith for the consideration of the STEERING COMMITTEE.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

14 March 1947

His Excellency
B. S. Choibalsan
The Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mongolian People's Republic
Oulanbator, Mongolian People's Republic

My dear Mr. Choibalsan:

Your cable of 18 October 1946 relative to reparations from Japan, and addressed to General McCoy as Chairman, has been referred to the Far Eastern Commission.

The Far Eastern Commission has instructed me, as Secretary General, to acknowledge receipt of the cable and to inform you that no decisions have been reached by the Commission regarding countries eligible to make reparations claims, or regarding the manner in which claims should be lodged by eligible countries. However, before reaching these decisions the Commission will be pleased to give due consideration to your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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18 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

(Reference: FEC-096)

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a draft reply to a cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparations from Japan, was unanimously approved by the Steering Committee at its fifty-sixth meeting, 18 March 1947, and is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Far Eastern Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

20 March 1947

His Excellency
B. S. Choibalsan
The Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mongolian People's Republic
Oulanbator, Mongolian People's Republic

My dear Mr. Choibalsan:

Your cable of 18 October 1946 relative to reparations from Japan, and addressed to General McCoy as Chairman, has been referred to the Far Eastern Commission.

The Far Eastern Commission has instructed me, as Secretary General, to acknowledge receipt of the cable and to inform you that no decisions have been reached by the Commission regarding countries eligible to make reparations claims, or regarding the manner in which claims should be lodged by eligible countries. However, before reaching these decisions the Commission will be pleased to give due consideration to your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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21 March 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

(Reference: FEC-096)

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, the reply to a cable from the Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic relative to reparations from Japan, was unanimously approved by the Far Eastern Commission at its fiftieth meeting, 20 March 1947, and is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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REPLY TO CABLE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC RELATIVE TO REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

20 March 1947

His Excellency
B. S. Choibalsan
The Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mongolian People's Republic
Oulanbator, Mongolian People's Republic

My dear Mr. Choibalsan:

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The Far Eastern Commission has instructed me, as Secretary General, to acknowledge receipt of the cable and to inform you that no decisions have been reached by the Commission regarding countries eligible to make reparations claims, or regarding the manner in which claims should be lodged by eligible countries. However, before reaching these decisions the Commission will be pleased to give due consideration to your communication.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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FEC-095/6

5 May 1947

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPARATIONS CLAIM OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
(Reference: FEC-095 series)

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a communication to the Chairman from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic, setting forth the claim of the Mongolian People's Republic for a share in reparations from Japan is circulated herewith for the consideration of the Far Eastern Commission and is referred to COMMITTEE NO. 1: REPARATIONS.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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REPARATIONS CLAIM OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

CULANBATOR 3 MAY 1947

MAJ. GEN. FRANK R. MCCOY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

YOUR EXCELLENCY: ON OCTOBER 18 1946 I SENT YOU AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION A DECLARATION WHEREIN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC STATED THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED TO THIS COUNTRY BY THE JAPANESE AGGRESSION, AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHT TO AN APPROPRIATE SHARE IN REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN AS A COMPENSATION FOR THIS DAMAGE. IN HIS CABLE REPLY OF MARCH 20 1947 TO THIS DECLARATION MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION, INFORMED ME THAT THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION WOULD BE GLAD TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE SAID DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC BEFORE DECISION ON PROCEDURE OF SUBMITTING REPARATIONS CLAIMS TO JAPAN WOULD BE TAKEN. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION IS GOING TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DETERMINING SHARES OF REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN FOR EACH OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC DECLARES THAT THEY CLAIM 2 TO 3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SUM OF REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC IS SURE THAT THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC TO THE CAUSE OF DEFEAT OF JAPANESE AGGRESSOR AND THE MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED TO THIS COUNTRY WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND LAWFUL CLAIMS OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC TO JAPAN WILL BE SATISFIED. AVAILING MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, I ASK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

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PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES REPUBLIC.

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23 October 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION FOR JAPAN

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a statement relative to international civil aviation for Japan made by the United States member of Committee No. 2 at the 32nd meeting of Committee No. 2, 22 October 1946, is circulated herewith, at the request of the United States member of the Far Eastern Commission, for the information of the Commission.

2. The enclosed statement was made in response to a suggestion originally offered by the Soviet member of the Steering Committee at the thirty-second meeting on 1 October 1946, to the effect that the work of the Far Eastern Commission might be expedited if the United States member, in so far as possible, were to inform the Commission when important subjects relative to the occupation of Japan were under consideration by the United States Government with view to proposing definite policies for the consideration and approval of the Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION FOR JAPAN

Methods for expediting Commission business have been discussed in the Steering Committee and it has been suggested that the work of the Commission might be speeded up if it were known by the other delegations in advance what policy issues were under consideration in the U. S. Government for submission to the Far Eastern Commission. Therefore, the Committee is informed that the U. S. Government is preparing a policy paper on International Civil Aviation in Japan. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers has approved Civil Aviation to operate into Japan for the purpose of handling passenger cargo and mail for the occupation forces. The U. S. policy probably will provide that the privilege of Civil Aviation into Japan should be available equally to all United Nations which do not deny similar equality of treatment in areas under their military occupation.

In the meantime two United States airlines have been granted the privilege of Tokyo as a terminal by the Civil Aeronautical Board, subject of course, to appropriate approval at the Tokyo end. The Pan American and Northwestern airlines are now arranging to send one or two people to Tokyo to discuss various technical questions with the Supreme Commander. I have been authorized to tell the Commission that the United States Government would be happy to allow the same privilege of preliminary technical discussions for airlines of other nations that might want to participate.

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FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

STATEMENT BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ON REPORT ON PURGE OF PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS (C4-007/3)

(Reference: C4-007 series, C4-010)

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a statement by the Soviet representative with respect to the carrying out of the purge directive of 4 January 1946, is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission and referred to COMMITTEE NO. 4: STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES for consideration.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

STATEMENT BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE ON REPORT ON PURGE OF PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS (C4-007/3)

The Soviet group, having carefully considered the material on the purge of public office holders under purge directive of January 4, 1946, which was submitted by the American delegation to Committee 4 for discussion, feels that in spite of the fact that much work has been done in this direction, up to the present the Japanese Government has not fully carried out the directive of the Supreme Commander on this question, in spite of the fact that according to the plans of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the purge had to be completed in the course of 6 months, beginning from January 4, 1946, the day of the issue of this directive - as it was officially stated by General Whiteny, a representative of the Supreme Commander, at the second meeting of the Allied Council for Japan, which took place on April 7, 1946 (C4-010, May 16, 1946, page 2).

1. In a report submitted by the United States representative it is admitted that "as of 29 July 1946 remained to be screened about 1000 officials of 165 corporations, in various fields". These corporations, as it was further pointed out, are to be purged "because their largest stockholders are national policy companies" (Section I, item d, of the U.S. document - C4-007/3).

2. Further it is stated that: "In the Demobilization Board are about 4,000 officials who have not been screened. These are all former Army and Navy officers subject to mandatory removal under Category 'B' of Appendix 'A'". Further it is explained that these were retained in office because of formal requests of the Japanese Government to continue their employment, as for this period they were "irreplaceable", as provided in paragraph 8 of SCAPIN 550 (Section 1, item e).

3. The Soviet delegation is in possession of some data that up to now in the Diet there are 18 members of the House of Representatives, who were elected with the means of bribery and other

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violations of law. Among them are members of the Liberal party: Jida Tomohei, Arasuke Seijiro, Makino Konsaku, Hiraoki Riojo; members of the Progressive party: Sekine Kujio and Abe Djundji, representative of the non-party group Jushi Yasumassa and others. The results of inquest of these Diet members are not known up to the present time.

4. Among the members of the House of Representatives there remain up to now certain persons who compromised their names because of ties with militarists and because of their activity in the Imperial Rule Assistance Association during the war. Among such persons are the following:

Matsda Siichi, former adviser to the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, in 1942 he was elected to the Diet on the recommendation of the IRAA.

Inukai Ken, former economic adviser in the Van Tsin-Wei government, one of the leaders of "House for Development of Asia".

Tahara Horuji - the administrator on New Guinea during the war, was the chief of the second section of the department of South Seas in the Navy Department. In 1942 he was recommended by the Imperial Rule Political Association to the Diet, was the follower of ideology for the alliance of the Axis powers and for the undermining of the relations with the Allied Powers.

In connection with the above-mentioned facts the Soviet delegation proposes to put this question for consideration in the Far Eastern Commission and to accept the following policy decision:

1. To consider the fulfillment of the SCAP's purge directive of January 4, 1946 by the Japanese government as unsatisfactory.
2. To formulate a policy decision according to which the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers could issue a directive to the Japanese government to accelerate the

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complete fulfillment of the purge directive in the nearest future.

3. To recommend that the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers delete paragraph 8 of his directive 550 of January 4, which permits the Japanese government under the pretext of "irreplaceability" to keep in public office persons which who fall undoubtedly under the purge directive of January 4.

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15 November 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

JAPANESE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTION

(Reference: FEC-087/9)

Note by the Secretary General

1. The Australian Representative has informed the Secretary General that at the meeting of the Far Eastern Commission on 21 November 1946 he intends to raise the question of the procedure whereby the Commission can discharge its function in regard to legislation to implement the Japanese constitution in accordance with the Commission's decision of policy of 25 September 1946 (FEC-087/9).

2. The Commission's decision on this matter (FEC-087/9) is as follows:

> "The Far Eastern Commission reaffirms its previous decision, taken in FEC-031/19, Basic Principles for a New Japanese Constitution, that all cabinet ministers should be civilians, and further decides as a matter of policy that th House of Councillors should not have any predominance over the House of Representatives. The Commission considers essential its continuing right to scrutinize the implementing legislation very carefully to insure that such predominance is not established."

3. With the consent of the Australian member the matter has also been placed on the agenda of the Steering Committee for preliminary consideration.

4. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

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Secretary General

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FEC-099/1

22 November 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

(References: FEC-031/45; FEC-031/42; FEC-031/41; FEC-099)

Note by the Secretary General

1. The Far Eastern Commission at its thirty-fifth meeting, 21 November 1946, referred FEC-031/45, Provisions for the Review of a New Japanese Constitution and FEC-099, Issuance of the Policy Decision on Review of the Japanese Constitution, to the STEERING COMMITTEE for further consideration in the light of discussion.

2. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

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Secretary General

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FEC-099/2

26 November 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a proposed policy decision relative to the Issuance of the Policy Decision on Review of the Japanese Constitution, submitted by the Australian member, was considered by the Steering Committee at its forty-first meeting, 26 November 1946.

2. In the light of the reservations of the Philippine, Soviet and United States members the committee agreed to retain the enclosure on its agenda.

3. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

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Secretary General

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ENCLOSURE

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

a. The terms of the policy decision contained in FEC-031/41 should be formally communicated to the Government of Japan.

b. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers should be informed that the time and manner of public announcement of this policy decision are still being considered by the Far Eastern Commission.

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FEC-099/3

10 December 1946

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a proposed policy decision relative to the Issuance of the Policy Decision on Review of the Japanese Constitution, unanimously approved by the Steering Committee at its forty-third meeting, 10 December 1946, is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Far Eastern Commission.

2. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

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Secretary General

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ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

a. The terms of the policy decision contained in FEC-031/41 (Provisions for the Review of a New Japanese Constitution, approved on 17 October 1946 and forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers on 28 October 1946, Serial #62) should be formally communicated to the Government of Japan.

b. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers should be informed that the time and manner of public announcement of this policy decision are still being considered by the Far Eastern Commission.

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13 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON
REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION
(References: FEC-031/45; FEC-031/42; FEC-031/41;
FEC-099; FEC-099/1; FEC-099/2;
FEC-099/3; SC-045)

Note by the Secretary General

1. FEC-099/3, a policy decision relating to the issuance of the policy decision on review of the Japanese Constitution, was unanimously approved by the Far Eastern Commission at its thirty-seventh meeting, 12 December 1946.

2. The letter of transmittal of the Secretary General, forwarding this policy decision on behalf of the Far Eastern Commission to the Secretary of State of the United States Government in accordance with the Terms of Reference, is circulated herewith as an enclosure.

3. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

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Secretary General

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

12 December 1946

The Honorable Dean Acheson
Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Terms of Reference of the Far Eastern Commission provide that one of the functions of the Commission should be to "formulate the policies, principles and standards in conformity with which the fulfillment by Japan of its obligations under the Terms of Surrender may be accomplished."

It is further provided that when such decisions are made by the Far Eastern Commission, "The United States Government shall prepare directives in accordance with the policy decisions of the Commission and shall transmit them to the Supreme Commander through the appropriate United States Government agency."

At the thirty-seventh meeting of the Far Eastern Commission held at 2516 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on 12 December 1946, the enclosed policy decision relative to Issuance of the Policy Decision on Review of the Japanese Constitution was unanimously approved.

As Secretary General of the Far Eastern Commission, I have been instructed to forward this decision to you on behalf of the Commission, in order that the appropriate directives may be prepared and transmitted to the Supreme Commander in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Sincerely yours,

Nelson T. Johnson
Secretary General

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FEC-099/6

24 April 1951

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION
Directive Serial No. 66
(Reference: FEC-099/5)

Note by the Secretary General

1. In order to facilitate handling of records FEC-099/5 (30 December 1946), a U. S. directive to SCAP regarding issuance of the policy decision on review of the Japanese constitution, is from this date graded to UNCLASSIFILD.

2. FEC-099/3, the Far Eastern Commission policy decision upon which this directive was based, was declassified and released to the press 18 April 1947.

3. All holders of FEC-099/5 are requested to make the appropriate change in their copies of this document.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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FEC-099/5

30 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION
ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION
(Reference: FEC-099/3)

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a United States directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers forwarding the statement of policy of the Far Eastern Commission on the issuance of the policy decision on the review of the Japanese Constitution, is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission:

2. This directive was forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers on 18 December 1946.

3. A certified copy of the United States directive to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers has been filed with the Commission in accordance with Section III, paragraph 4, of the Terms of Reference.

4. The attention of all concerned is invited to the classification of this document which prohibits the dissemination of the information contained therein to unauthorized persons or to the press.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

Serial No. 66

18 December 1946

ISSUANCE OF THE POLICY DECISION
ON REVIEW OF THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION

The following directive, prepared by the State Department to implement the policy adopted by the Far Eastern Commission on 6 December 1946 under the provisions of paragraph II, A, 1, of its terms of reference, has been received from the State, War and Navy Departments for transmission to you for your guidance in accordance with paragraph III, 1, of those terms of reference:

"1. The terms of the policy decision contained in FEC-034/41 (Provisions for the Review of a New Japanese Constitution, approved on 17 October 1946 and forwarded to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers on 28 October 1946),* should be formally communicated to the Government of Japan.

"2. The time and manner of public announcement of this policy decision are still being considered by the Far Eastern Commission."

* Serial No. 62 (FEC-031/43)

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FEC-100

17 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

Note by the Secretary General

1. The enclosure, a request for Consultation with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers relative to the time-table of legislation implementing the new Japanese Constitution, was approved by the Steering Committee at its forty-fourth meeting, 17 December 1946, and is forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Far Eastern Commission.

2. The Philippine and United States members reserved their positions on the enclosure.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

The Far Eastern Commission requests the Chairman to consult urgently with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers with a view to ascertaining the estimated dates of passage in the Japanese House of Representatives and House of Peers of all bills intended to implement the new Japanese Constitution. The Commission would appreciate the receipt of this information, if possible, not later than 23 December 1946.

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FEC-100/1

19 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS RELATIVE TO TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a request for Consultation with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers relative to the timetable of legislation implementing the new Japanese Constitution, was unanimously approved as amended, by the Far Eastern Commission at its thirty-eighth meeting, 19 December 1946, and is circulated herewith for the information of the Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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E N C L O S U R E

CONSULTATION WITH THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS RELATIVE TO TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

The Far Eastern Commission requests the Chairman to consult urgently with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers with a view to ascertaining the estimated dates of passage in the Japanese House of Representatives and House of Peers of all bills intended to implement the new Japanese Constitution. The Commission would appreciate the receipt of this information, if possible, in time for presentation to the Steering Committee at its next meeting on 24 December 1946.

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FEC-100/2

19 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IN THE JAPANESE DIET

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, a statement relative to the status of implementing legislation in the Japanese Diet, made by the United States Representative at the thirty-eighth meeting of the Far Eastern Commission, 19 December 1946, is circulated herewith for the information of the Far Eastern Commission.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IN THE JAPANESE DIET

I. I am much pleased to state that a radiogram has been received from the Supreme Commander which informs us that bills for four of the important laws to implement the new Japanese Constitution have already been forwarded by courier at various dates, and that the bill for the Diet Law will be forwarded when it is introduced into the Diet, which will probably be tomorrow, or next day. The bills which are now on the way are for the Cabinet Law, the Imperial Household Law, House of Councillors Law and the Imperial Household Economic Law.

The first of these bills, according to the time normally required for courier service from Japan, may be expected about the end of this week. These bills will be distributed to the Commission as soon as they are received.

II. (As of 18 December 1946, Tokyo time)

1. The House of Councillors Law was passed by the House of Peers on 16 December.

2. Imperial Household Law is under consideration by the House of Peers (introduced there 16 December). It passed the House of Representatives 14 December.

3. It was reported that the Imperial Household Economic Law was approved by the Privy Council on 10 December. It was submitted to the House of Representatives on 12 December.

4. Latest available information on Cabinet Law (11 December) indicated it was in committee in House of Representatives.

5. No additional information on any other bills.

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FEC-100/3

23 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPLY OF SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TO COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO TIME TABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

(References: FEC-100, FEC-100/1, -100/2)

Note by the Secretary General

The enclosure, the reply of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, to the Commission's consultation relative to the time table of the legislation implementing the new Japanese Constitution, received by the Chairman on 23 December 1946, is circulated herewith for the information of the Commission, and is referred to the STEERING COMMITTEE.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General

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REPLY OF SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TO COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO TIME TABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

FIVE BILLS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DIET. EXPECT PASSAGE WITH LITTLE CHANGE BY CLOSE OF SESSION DECEMBER 25.

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31 December 1946

FAR EASTERN COMMISSION

REPLY OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS TO COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION RELATIVE TO TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION

(References: FEC-100, -100/1, -100/2, -100/3)

Note by the Secretary General

The Steering Committee, at its forty-fifth meeting, 31 December 1946, unanimously agreed to forward FEC-100/1, Consultation with the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers Relative to Timetable of Implementing Legislation, and FEC-100/3, Reply of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to Commission's Consultation Relative to Timetable of Implementing Legislation, to the Far Eastern Commission for consideration.

NELSON T. JOHNSON
Secretary General