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to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

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Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this first day of August, 1942.

George C. Marshall
Secretary of State.

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

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June 7, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Hotel for Japanese Diplomats.

Dear Mr. Fitch:

Upon receipt of information from Mr. Clattenburg of SWP, that approximately 160 Japanese diplomatic officials and staff, who were captured in Europe, are to be transported to the United States in the near future, a search for a suitable hotel as a detention center was instituted. A survey of the general eastern area revealed that there were very few hotel facilities suitable and available for this purpose. The most favorable was found to be the Bedford Springs Hotel at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, which is now operated by Mr. Gardner Moore of the Shoreham Hotel.

There is attached a letter dated June 7, 1945 from Gardner Moore, Vice President and Manager of the Bedford Springs Hotel, addressed to the Secretary of State, in which the facilities of this Hotel are offered to the Department as a detention facility.

The Bedford Springs Hotel is located approximately 162 miles from Washington and about two miles from the town of Bedford, Pennsylvania. It consists of a series of buildings located on a 2,500 acre estate which, for the past year and one-half, has been operated by the Navy Department as a highly restricted communications center. The Hotel has been inspected and it is found that the facilities are well suited to our purposes and will provide the Japanese diplomats facilities that are adequate but definitely not luxurious. There will be ample room space to accommodate the Japanese by placing two persons of minor standing in each double room. The principals of the group will have single rooms. The group will have the use of an ample exercise area, both in the rear and front of the Hotel and will have inside the building three huge rooms which will be used as recreation rooms. The Navy Department left intact an extremely complete Navy serving kitchen for a cafeteria style meal. It is proposed that the Japanese diplomats

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will be served cafeteria style in that they will select at a serving counter the food they desire and will carry this food to the various tables in the large dining room. The tables will be cleared by busboys. This will be the most economical method of feeding and it is felt will not in any way affect the dignity or standing of any member of the group.

The group will have the use of two separate buildings. The Annex, located on the top of a hill, contains 69 rooms and 40 baths with ample public toilet facilities on each floor. This building is of stone, fire-proof construction and each room is being newly painted or papered and will have new carpets on the floor. The furniture in each room is adequate and of reasonably good quality. The building will be very comfortable and satisfactory. There are five floors and an elevator.

The Annex Building is connected to the Main Administration Building by a covered walkway. The Administration Building is three stories high and is of frame construction. The first floor contains a large lobby and two huge recreation rooms. There is also on this floor a large swimming pool, which is temporarily boarded up but which can be opened at no extra charge if the Department so desires. On the second floor is the cafeteria, previously mentioned and a large dining-ballroom, which will be turned into a recreation room. On the third floor are 18 double bedrooms.

There is a State highway running in front of the Hotel which will not interfere with the operation or the maintenance of the proper security. The Hotel itself is isolated and is completely surrounded by mountains. The Immigration Service has already been approached and arrangements have been made for the proper guarding and security facilities utilizing Immigration Border Patrol Officers.

The attached letter from the Bedford Springs Hotel specifies a rate of \$3.00 per person per day for the following services:

- Rooms
- Maid service
- Linen service, twice a week
- Elevator operators
- Telephone service
- Desk service
- Other services which make up a complete Hotel operation.

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The Department will pay on a cost basis for the following items pertaining to meal service:

Food
Salaries of kitchen staff
Depreciation of china, glassware
and linens in the cafeteria
Electricity in the kitchen.

The Hotel will assess a 10% fee to the above kitchen operations to care for Hotel management overhead,
Depreciation of the fixed equipment;
Wear and tear on the building.

An estimate of the expenses involved in the operation of this Hotel is as follows:

160 Japanese at \$3.00 per person per day		\$480.00
(Estimate of food cost per person per day \$1.80)		
Food cost, 160 Japanese at \$1.80 per day	\$288.00	
Estimated salaries of cafeteria staff per day	119.34	
Estimated depreciation of linens, glass, etc. per day	2.00	
Estimated cost of electricity per day	2.00	
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Total cafeteria cost per day	\$411.34	
10% to Management	41.14	
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	Total:	\$452.48 \$452.48
Estimated miscellaneous expense for increase in staff and other unforeseen items per day		20.00
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Total cost per day		\$952.48
Cost per person per day based on 160 Japanese		\$ 5.95
Total cost per month		\$28,574.40

The above estimated cost appeared to be reasonable and entirely in keeping with the facilities offered. The Hotel Management is going to considerable expense to put the Hotel in first-class operating condition by a complete painting, papering and carpeting of all rooms used by the detainees. The cottage will be utilized for the CSA representative, the head of the Immigration Border Patrol Officers and a State Department Foreign Service Officer and will serve as a guest house for other officials visiting the Hotel for the purpose of interviewing the detainees. There will also be, in connection with the above, an additional expense for wiring, lights and guard houses necessary for the security control of the Hotel premises. However, this cannot be estimated as it is not known at this time how many guard posts will be required. The cost, however, should not exceed \$500.00 at the very outside.

Inasmuch as the Japanese diplomats are expected to arrive from abroad in the immediate future, it is requested that approval of this contract be expedited. Considerable work is yet to be done and cannot be started until the contract is approved.

The cost of the Hotel operation can be charged to Authorization #5-1944-45.

Respectfully,

R. L. Bannerman

R. L. Bannerman,
Special Agent.