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Buenos Aires

Dated October 25, 1945

Rec'd 5:37 p.m., 25th

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Secretary of State

Washington

2659, October 25, 6 p.m.

Streamer headlines in evening paper announces that MacArthur has required Japan to deliver all diplomatic archives. Story is UP despatch from Tokyo.

Should Argentine authorities impede delivery of archives and property (re department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m.) Department will understand that this grave indiscretion was responsible.

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM

Washington,

OCT 25 1945

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TO ALL AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS *gmg*

The DEPT has sent Joint Chiefs of Staff following for communication to General MacArthur:

"The Department of State has taken the position that the manner in which action will be taken at the various capitals throughout the world to receive Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and property is for decision in the field after consultation with the principal diplomatic representatives of the four powers. In the event all are not represented action will be taken by those present.

"The Department assumes that appropriate arrangements will be made in the light of local conditions and that the United States representative will not in each case act on behalf of the four powers.

"As to General MacArthur's second point the Department feels that access to archives and property will likewise be a matter for negotiation by the representatives of the four powers in the country where the archives are located."

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The above was prepared as a reply to the following query from General MacArthur:

"Requested for my orientation in dealing with representatives of the United Nations here is information concerning arrangements for coordination of action by representatives of the 'Four Allied Powers' in reception of diplomatic and consular property and archives and for access thereto of representatives of other powers at war with Japan, particularly in countries where custody is turned over to the government in which located."

The DEPT assumes that the missions in appropriate instances have kept the consulates within their jurisdictions informed with regard to the steps already taken in the matter of Japanese diplomatic and consular archives, and that the necessary information contained in this circular telegram will likewise be communicated.

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AMEMBASSY,

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URTELS regarding Japanese property.

Note to FONOFF should include offer of access
(YOUR 2651) provided British concur.

Swiss in continuing routine functions, pertaining to protection Japanese nationals, should obtain funds in same manner as previously, presumably from funds supplied by Bern. For the present routine functions mentioned your 2658 will include those contemplated your 2533 as well as handling with FONOFF affairs of internees. Swiss should be encouraged reduce payments to internees. If upon rental office space, Japanese funds can not be found for purpose, Dept prepared to make special authorization to cover expenditures. Dept feels Swiss should pay rental for space required by them. You should endeavor arrange for British share rental storage space expense. Disposal excess property should be held in abeyance temporarily.

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FROM
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
No.: A-272
Date: October 26, 1945.
REC'D: Oct 29, 6 p.m.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

A-272, October 26, 1945.

Reference Department's confidential circular telegram of October 26, 5 p.m. concerning Japanese archives, et cetera.

As this Embassy has reported on several occasions, there are no Japanese archives in Honduras: those in possession of the former Honorary Japanese Consul were transmitted to the Department under cover of despatch No. 1994 of August 18, 1945.

Since no further action on Japanese archives is necessary in Honduras, it is respectfully suggested, in the interests of economy and efficiency, that future circular telegrams regarding the matter need not be sent to this Embassy. If the Department merely wants to have the record complete in each Embassy, an airgram or instruction embodying the material will suffice for such purposes here.

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US URGENT

2651, October 25, Noon.

Request authority in connection with Department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m., to include in note informing Argentine Govt that we have taken over Japanese archives and property an offer to give Argentine authorities access to archives. Ambassador Braden orally agreed to advisability this course when matter first broached by British Embassy. Informal arrangements are being made for Swiss Legation to take over archives immediately upon receipt of instructions from Swiss Govt.

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2658, October 25, 5 p.m.

Swiss Legation consulted informally and confidentially and states Japanese property and archives will be delivered custody American and British Embassies immediately upon receipt instructions. Please define "routine functions", particularly regarding continued handling affairs internment Japanese diplomats. Swiss have been making payments totaling Argentine pesos 15,000 monthly to interned group and if all Japanese funds are relinquished to our custody other arrangements necessary continue such payments. (Re Department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m., also Embassy's telegrams 2533, October 15, 4 p.m. and 2651, October 25, noon).

Swiss terminated Japanese ex-residence lease Sept 30. Property being sold by owner. Swiss agree terminate Belgrano office lease soonest possible and willing move

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downtown offices, one room sufficient storage archives,
two rooms necessary continued Swiss protection work.
Instructions requested regarding arrangements payment rent
such offices.

Swiss prefer internment Chancellor Tani and believe
possible use public translator for exceedingly small
amount routine work requiring knowledge Japanese.

Very little office equipment remains. Authoriza-
tion requested disposal property not needed in new
offices.

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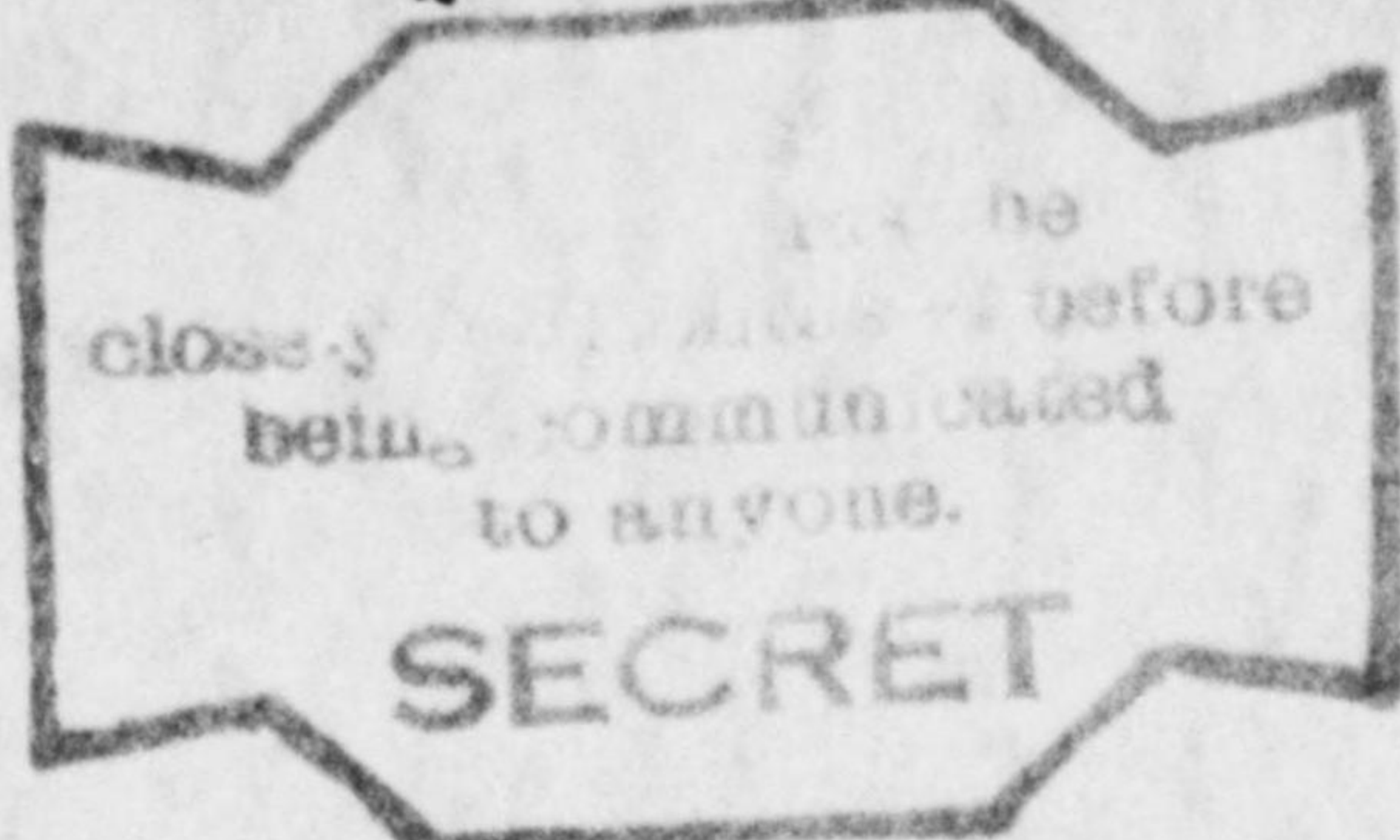
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DEPT not yet informed whether Japanese Govt (URTEL 2165,

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Oct. 26) has implemented directive issued by MacArthur.

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Bogota
Dated October 26, 1945
Rec'd 4:20 p.m., 26th.



Secretary of State
Washington
1321, October 26, 1 p.m.



Conferred with my British and Soviet colleagues whom I acquainted with substance of your circular of October 23, 5 p.m. insofar as it related to Colombia. Soviet Minister reverted to his original position that archives and property be turned over the Foreign Office. I replied that this action did not seem within scope of decisions reached by our governments in the matter. I suggested that keys and custody of property be confided to British Ambassador as senior officer present. (He is leaving almost immediately and I shall then be senior) British Ambassador acquiesced proposing that when archives and property are handed over by Swiss Charge we jointly inspect premises and archives and then seal everything with seals of our 3 Missions until further notice. Then British Ambassador raised question of canceling lease of Japanese legation. In view of great bulk of Japanese

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archives I recommended advisability of continuing lease for the present, paying rent from Japanese funds. These funds amount to some 90,000 pesos and are frozen by the Colombian Government which has been releasing to Swiss Charge only funds sufficient to meet current expense. British Ambassador acquiesced, adding that he was sure that if any one of our Missions were to take over physical possession of archives it might create suspicion. He looked rather pointedly at the Soviet Minister. The Soviet Minister made no objection. It is clear, however, that later will await specific instructions from his government before he agrees officially to anything. I would appreciate the Department's further guidance in the matter.

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2165, October 26, 6 p.m.

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Embassy representative met yesterday with British and Chinese representatives for making plans regarding Japanese interests in Portugal. (REDEPTEL October 23 and EMTTEL 1732 August 15) It would facilitate action here if the Department would confirm whether the Japanese Government has, in fact, sent to its representative at Lisbon the instructions contemplated under paragraphs 1-C and 1-D of General MacArthur's directive.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: October 26, 1945

SUBJECT: Press Announcement of General MacArthur's Order to the Japanese to Direct the Turning Over of Property and Archives Abroad to Representatives of the Four Powers

PARTICIPANTS: Señor Don Arturo Bascuñan, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Chilean Embassy

NWC - Mr. Flack

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 American Embassy, Santiago, Chile.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
 MR. BRADEN
 OCT 29 1945
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The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim showed me the clipping from the press on this subject and asked what information the Department might have with regard to it.

I discussed the matter with Mr. Cherp in FC, who informed me that circulars had been sent to the field, October 23, 5 p.m. and October 25, 8 a.m., which would reach us in due course, informing our officers that representatives of the four powers would consult and take over Japanese property and archives which the protecting powers should turn over to them intact. Mr. Cherp said at the same time the protecting power, that is Switzerland or Sweden as the case may be, would continue protection of individual Japanese.

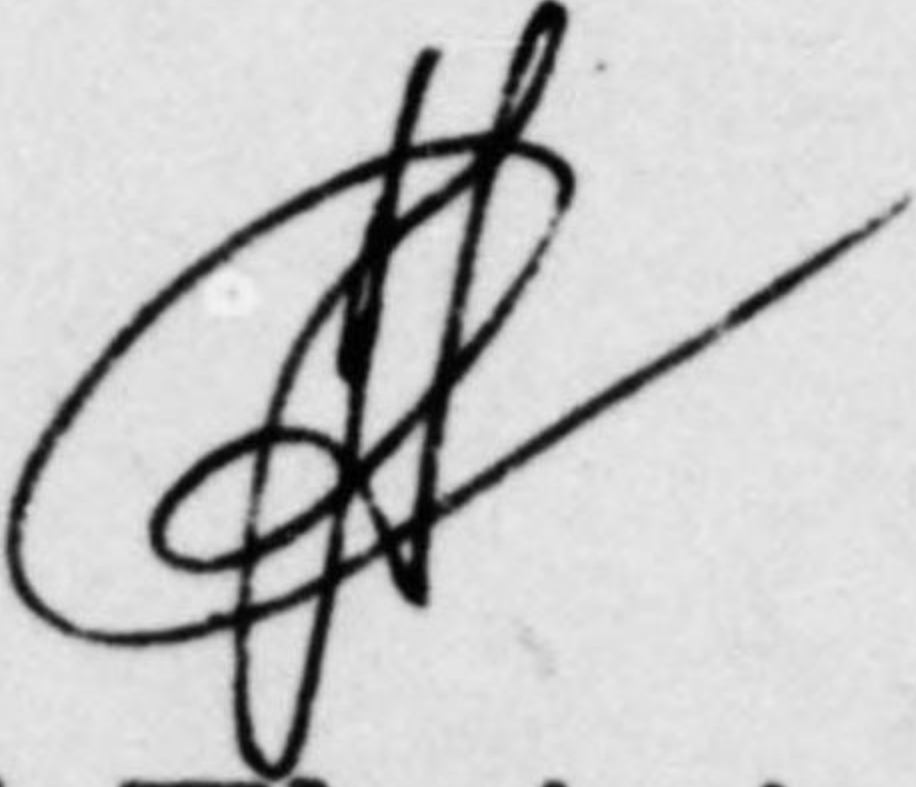
I explained this to the Chargé and in reply to his inquiry as to how the powers might implement this, I said that they would probably set up a committee for the purpose. ~~in the capitals they represented.~~ He said that Soviet Russia had no representative at the present time in Santiago and I mentioned that in that case the three powers would no doubt consult with regard to the necessary steps. I added that on the basis of the information I had, in all probability the archives would remain in the building where they had been previously under the charge of the protecting power and that they would be henceforth at the disposition of the four powers.

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The Chilean Chargé intimated that he would like to have any additional information which I might appropriately give him on this subject and I told him I would be very glad to supplement the foregoing information if I could do so in the near future. He desired this information for communication to his Government but ~~did~~ not raise any objection about the procedure which had been outlined.

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FROM Montevideo
Dated October 26, 1945
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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-358, October 26, 1945.

Department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m.

Embassy has taken no action since there are no Japanese diplomatic and consular property and archives in Uruguay as reported in Embassy's telegram no. 537, August 18, 1 p.m.

Department's attention is invited to Embassy's despatch no. 6240 August 22 reporting certain Japanese accounts blocked in Bank of the Republic in Montevideo, in particular account entitled "Cuenta Convenio Legación del Japon" in the sum of 596,431.85 Uruguayan pesos.

While this account is in name of Japanese Legation, it represents Japanese merchandise shipped to Uruguay under barter arrangement prior to our entry in the war, and funds can be used only for payment of Uruguayan goods exported to Japan. Instructions are requested as to what if any action Embassy should take respecting this blocked account.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 1230

Asuncion, Paraguay, October 27, 1945

Subject: No Action Required in Paraguay Regarding Japanese Government Archives and Property.

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

Sir:

With reference to the Department's circular telegram of October 25, 8 a.m., and previous telegram regarding the action to be taken with respect to Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and official property, and to this Embassy's unrestricted despatch no. 1220 of October 24, 1945, subject: "Japanese Diplomatic and Consular Archives in Paraguay", I have the honor to report that in the Embassy's opinion, since the Ministry of Foreign Relations states that there are no Japanese diplomatic or consular archives or property in Paraguay, it will not be necessary for this Embassy to take any further action in this connection.

Respectfully yours,

Willard L. Beaulac
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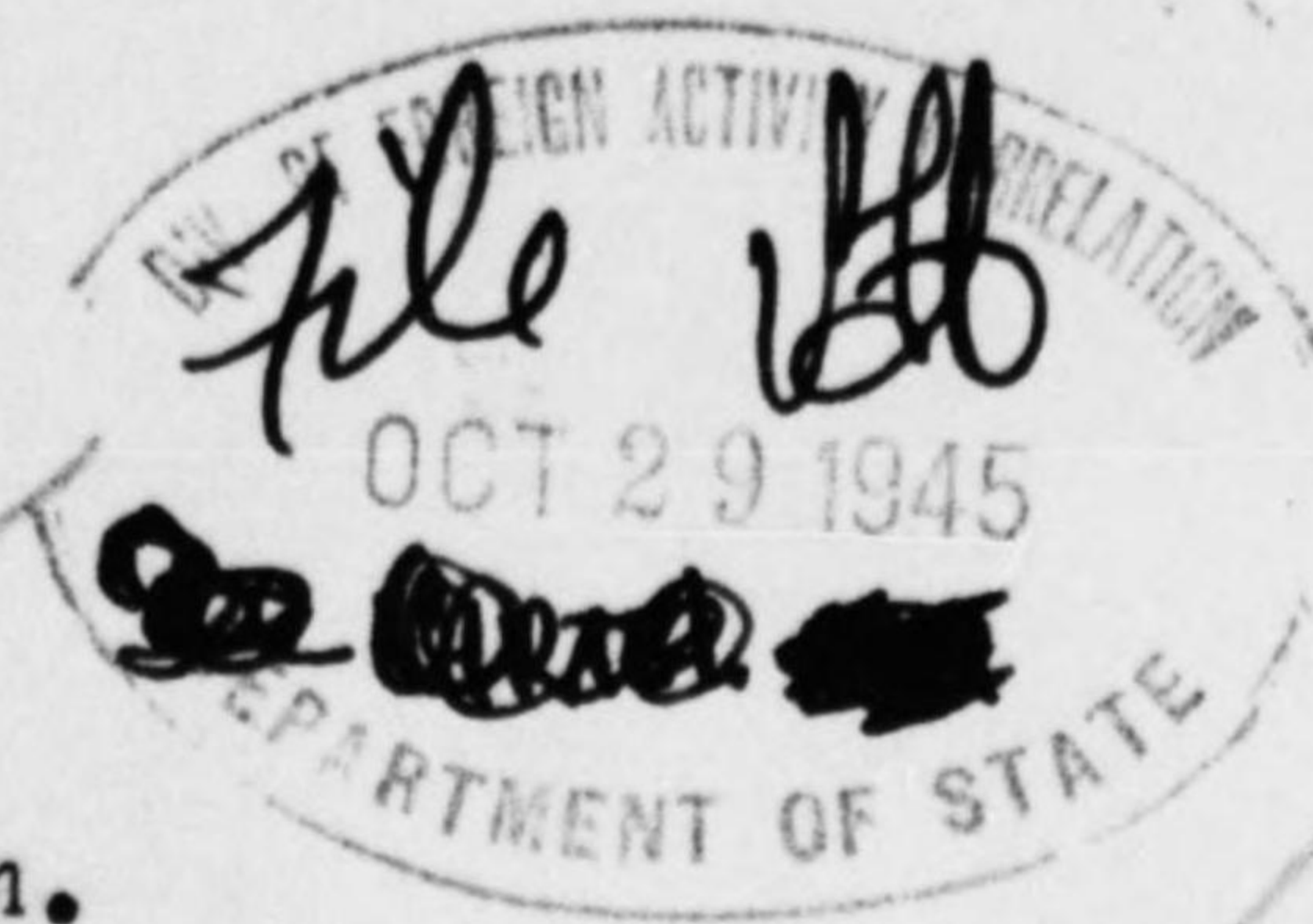
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Secretary of State

Washington

1365, October 27, 2 p.m.

While it could be assumed from DEPCIRTEL October 23, 5 p.m. and preceding telegrams that Swedish Minister Santiago would be instructed by Swedish Government turn over Japanese archives and property to representatives Great Britain, China, and US (no Russian representative here), it is not clear from DEPCIRTEL October 25, 8 a.m. whether Swede will be given discretion deliver archives and property either to three powers or to Chilean Government. Embassy informed by British Embassy that latter has received instructions request delivery to three powers but not to press matter if Chilean Government expresses desire received archives. In absence of instructions from Department re suggestion in last paragraph EMBTEL 1076, August 23 I shall



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-2-#1365, October 27, 2 p.m. from Santiago

follow same line as British in this instance. Embassy
has consulted with British and Chinese Missions and
we are agreed take no action until instructions
received by Swedish Minister.

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3682, October 27, 5 p.m.

Please instruct immediately whether there are any reasons (REDEPTEL circular, October 23, 5 p.m., concerning directive to Japanese Government) why I should not communicate this directive to Soviet Government.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION
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DEPT feels that request for access to property and archives should be made jointly by four representatives. URTEL 6260/Oct. 27.

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If question of reciprocity arises you are authorized to acquiesce since this Government sees no reason why French should not be permitted to inspect archives and property once custody is obtained as contemplated DEPTCIRTEL Oct. 23 5 p.m.

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Your para four. You should not agree to delay pending arrival Soviet representative since other arrangements may be made in meantime. Please report regarding possible methods obtaining inspection in near future.

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Proposed procedure approved, URTEL 139, Oct. 27. Please report

on method devised for examination.

*Inquiry concerning access to Japanese
archives in and when in possession of
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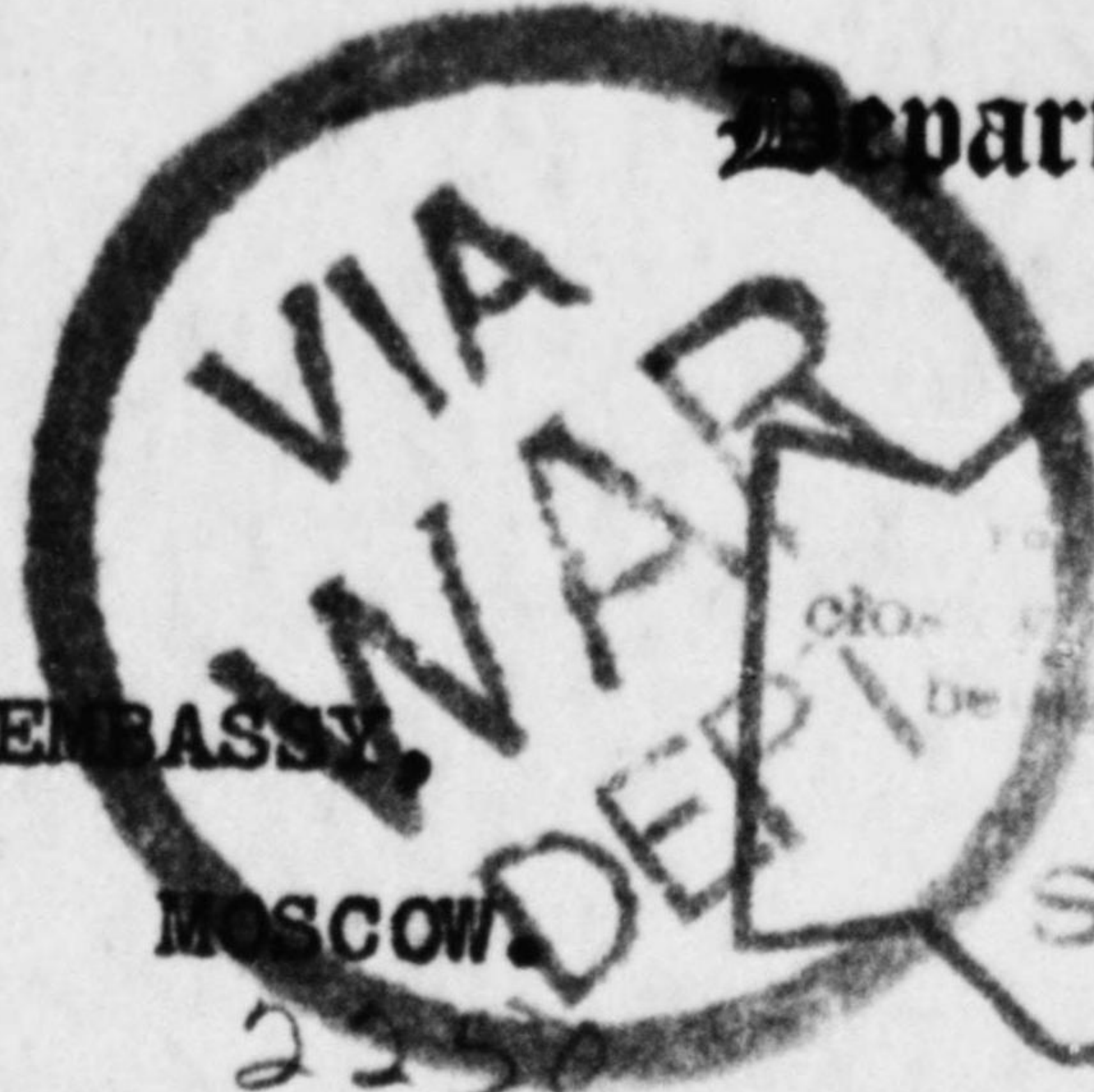
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DEPT feels that directive should be communicated
(URTEL 3682, Oct 27) to Soviet Govt. You may quote
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Managua

Dated October 27, 1945

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Secretary of State,
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638, October 27, 10 a.m.

Reference secret circular telegram Oct 23, 5 p.m.

MYTEL No. 438, Aug 17, 3 p.m, stated there was no Japanese diplomatic or consular mission in Nicaragua.

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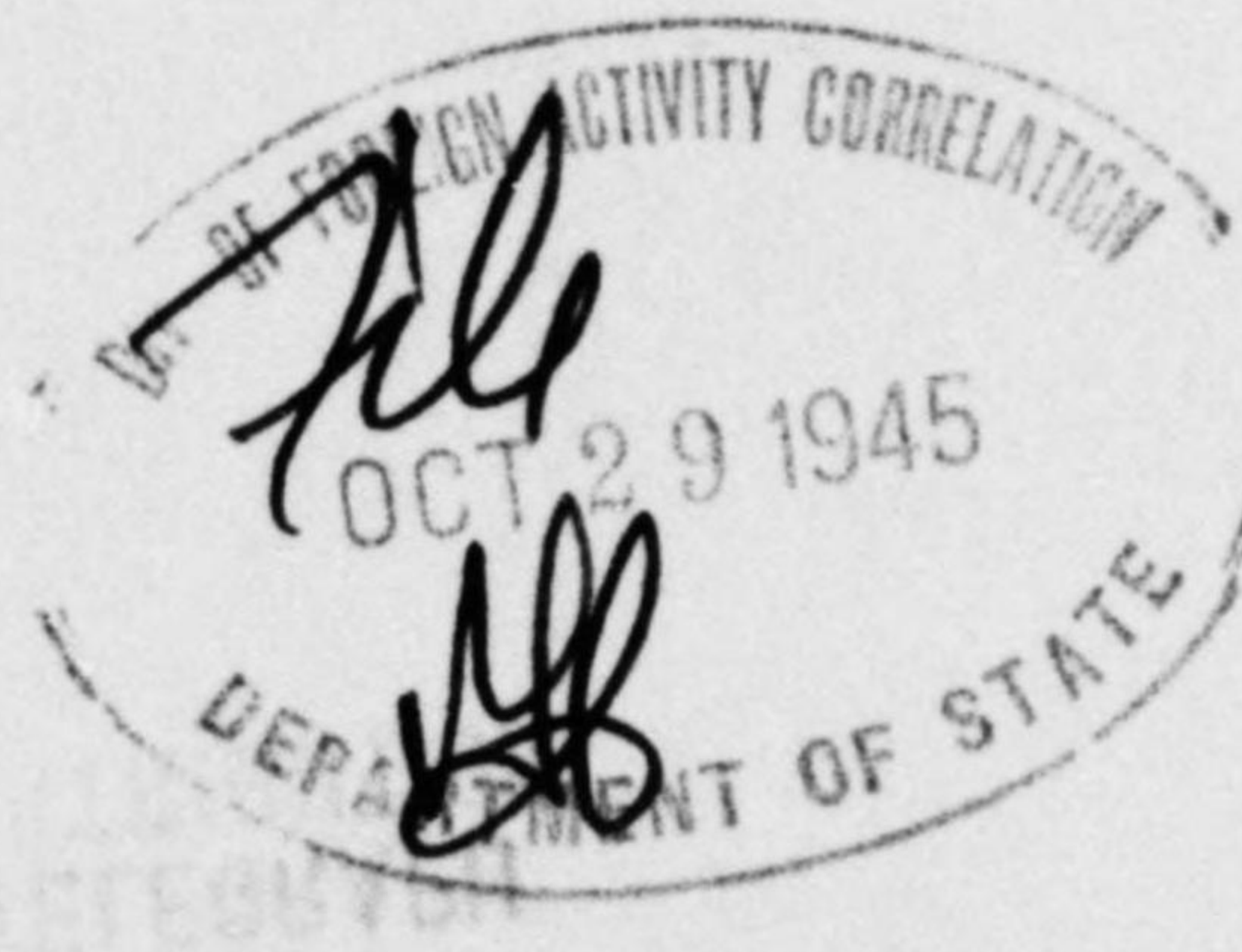
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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION
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139, October 27, 4 p.m.

At a meeting at the British Embassy this morning called by the British Ambassador by invitation issued October 24 attended by British, American, Chinese and Soviet Ambassadors, there were discussed possible methods of addressing the Netherlands Government on the subject of access to Japanese archives if and when in possession of that Government.

Agreement was reached that the four Ambassadors would telegraph to their Governments text of draft note which is self-explanatory, which involves a procedure they recommend, and which reads as follows:

"(to the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs).

I have the honor by direction of His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to

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-2-#139, October 27, 4 p.m. from The Hague
inform you that His Majesty's Government in the
United Kingdom, in concert with the Governments
of the United States, China and the Soviet Union,
are anxious to be given an opportunity for their
representatives to examine any Japanese diplomatic
and consular archives which have come or may in the
future come into the hands of the Netherlands
Government (note: At this point the draft originally
submitted by the British Ambassador contained in
addition a clause, 'whether in the Netherlands
metropolitan territory or in the Netherlands West
Indies.' After considerable discussion that clause
was dropped).

I am accordingly instructed to express the hope
that the Netherlands Government will be good enough
to share the right of access to such archives with
the Governments above mentioned.

I have the honour to add that my United States,
Chinese and Soviet colleagues associate themselves
with me in putting forward this request."

I request authorization to inform British
Ambassador this proposed procedure approved.

Reference Department's Circular telegram October 23, 1945
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NIACT 6260, October 27, 3 p.m.

In course of consultation with representatives of British, Russian and Chinese Embassies (REDEPCIRTEL October 23, 5 p.m.) none of which has received any instructions from his Govt, following points were raised:

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One. Under paragraph B (repeat B) of General Mac Arthur's instructions to Japanese Govt, Swiss Mission in Paris will presumably be requested to turn over to French Govt Japanese diplomatic and consular property and archives in France without any specific mention of right of four Allied powers to have access to property and archives.

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Two. Consequently, any communications which representatives of four Allied powers in Paris will make Foreign Office on this subject should specifically mention right of access and

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Three. Foreign Office may wish to make access to Japanese

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-2- NIACT 6260, October 27, 3 p.m., from Paris

Japanese archives in France conditional upon reciprocal rights for France in other countries.

Four. None of four Embassies has anyone on staffs who can read Japanese and Soviet representative expressed opinion his Govt would probably wish examination of archives in Paris delayed until expert could arrive from Moscow.

It was agreed four Embassies would telegraph their Govt along above lines and request instructions,

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : NE - Mr. Colquitt

FROM : Mr. Wedsworth

SUBJECT:

DATE: October 27, 1945

As stated in Mr. Straus' memorandum to you dated September 28, my action in taking possession of the Japanese consular archives and miscellaneous bits of property left in custody of the protecting power (Argentina and, later, Spain) in Beirut was taken in strict conformity with the Department's instructions.

The latter directed me when taking such action to request my British, Russian, and Chinese colleagues where present to associate themselves with me. There being no Chinese representative in Beirut, I put this request to my British and Russian colleagues, who expressed themselves as happy to permit me to act in their names.

There was, in my instructions, no mention of France as either a "victorious power" or as an ally with whose representative in Beirut it was desired that I act in the matter.

As a matter of courtesy, however, immediately after taking possession of the archives and property in question, I sent Third Secretary Schoellkopf to inform the French Delegation General of my action. I also informed the Lebanese authorities thereof, having already obtained the Prime Minister's informal approval in advance of taking action.

Also, when having Schoellkopf call at the Delegation General, I had him enquire as to whether any Japanese property was held by the French-controlled "Sequestre" (Alien Property Custodian). At the time of my recent departure from Beirut, no reply had been received to that enquiry; nor was I optimistic that such reply would be received, for enquiries in the matter made by my Soviet colleague had also received no reply and the whole matter of the control of the "Sequestre" was under discussion between the French and Lebanese authorities - the French arguing, according to the Lebanese Foreign Minister, that they could not transfer responsibility in this matter because it was one assumed by them as a belligerent power.

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I have gone into this detail because there is a somewhat related matter which you may wish to raise in your reply to the French Embassy's memorandum. It is the matter of the German consular archives and property now held by the Sequestre.

These German archives and property came into the hands of the Sequestre some months ago when the Swiss Consul relinquished representation of German interests. The relinquishment was complicated by the fact that Switzerland does not recognize Lebanese independence; hence the Consul simply informed the Lebanese authorities thereof informally and as an act of courtesy.

As to this matter you will recall an exchange of telegrams and airgrams with me at Beirut. As I read your instructions, you desired that these German archives, etc. be placed under the control or at least made available to the representatives of the United States, U.S.S.R., Great Britain and France.

When taking them, however, the French in Beirut gave no notice to me or to my Russian or British colleagues. I suggested that you consider asking our Embassy in Paris to have appropriate instructions in the matter sent by the Quai d'Orsay to the Delegation General in Beirut. I have not heard what action in the matter was taken.

To recapitulate: (1) I think the French Embassy need only be told that the action taken in Beirut with respect to the Japanese consular archives and property was in full accord with the determined practice of the powers victorious over Japan (United States, U.S.S.R., Great Britain, and China); and (2) that we should welcome information as to whether the French authorities in Beirut have been instructed in the matter of the German consular archives and property to act in accord with the determined practice of the powers victorious over Germany (United States, U.S.S.R., Great Britain, and France).

George Wadsworth

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No. 403

Subject: Request to Netherlands Government for access to Japanese archives.

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

I have the honor to report, with further reference to Embassy's telegram No. 139, of October 27, 4 p.m.

1. There came to me on October 25, a communication from my British colleague which reads as follows:

"My dear Ambassador,

"I have now at length received final instructions from my government about the approach to be made to the Netherland Government on the subject of the inspection of Japanese diplomatic and consular archives. These are to the effect that the Netherland Government should be invited to permit the inspection of them by representatives of the four interested governments. The Netherland West Indies and the metropolitan territory of the Netherlands, but not the Netherland East Indies, are included in this mandate.

"2. May I suggest that we meet to discuss this matter on Saturday next at 11.30 a.m. at this Embassy? Perhaps your Secretary would kindly telephone your reply? (182660).

"3. Meanwhile, I enclose, for your consideration, two tentative, and alternative, drafts, one or the other of which might form our communication to the Netherland Government, according to whether it is decided to make it separately or jointly.

"4. I have written in similar terms to the Chinese and Soviet Ambassadors.

"Believe me, my dear Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

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Page 2 of despatch No. 403, from the American Embassy, The Hague, dated October 28, 1945.

"ALTERNATIVE 1.

"Your Excellency,

"I have the honour by direction of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, in concert with the Governments of the United States, China and the Soviet Union, are anxious to be given an opportunity for their representatives to examine any Japanese Diplomatic and Consular Archives which have, or may in the future, come into the hands of the Netherland Government, whether in the Netherland metropolitan territory or in the Netherland West Indies.

"I should, accordingly, be grateful if Your Excellency would be so good as to inform me whether any such archives are in the possession of the Netherland Government, and whether, if so, the Netherland Government would be willing to grant access to them to the appropriate representative or representatives of His Majesty's Government.

"I understand that a similar note will be addressed to Your Excellency by the United States, Chinese and Soviet Ambassadors.

"ALTERNATIVE 2.

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"I have the honour to add that my United States, Chinese and Soviet colleagues associate themselves with me in putting forward this request."

II. There

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Page 3 of despatch No. 403, from the American Embassy, The Hague, dated October 28, 1945.

II. There took place on October 27 a meeting at the British Embassy as reported in Embassy's telegram No. 139, of October 27, 4 p.m.

At that meeting agreement was readily reached that the four Ambassadors concerned would telegraph to their respective governments recommending action indicated in the second of the alternative tentative drafts which the British Ambassador had suggested for consideration. However, certain phraseologies within the draft were forthwith subjected to discussion. The Soviet Ambassador suggested that the concluding clause of the first paragraph, which reads, whether in the Netherland metropolitan territory or in the Netherland West Indies, be dropped. The British Ambassador stated that under his instructions he had no authority to include the Netherlands East Indies--for the reason that the situation there is in the hands of the South East Asia Command. There ensued a discussion in the course of which the opinion was advanced that from the point of view of the three other participants in the discussion the inclusion of the clause under reference would serve no useful purpose and might have a contrary effect; also, the opinion that termination of the paragraph with the words "Netherlands Government" would have the advantage of elasticity and would obviate the possible disadvantage of giving rise to speculation or suspicion or both. It was finally agreed that the clause should be dropped.

In passing, attention is especially invited to the fact that that clause had appeared in the draft and to the statement made by the British Ambassador in explanation of its appearance.

The second paragraph of the draft was next subjected to discussion, in consequence of the advancing by the Soviet Ambassador of a view that the phrasing was so politely conciliatory as to render easy and almost invite a refusal. The British Ambassador remarked that he had observed over the years of his contact with the Dutch that they are extremely sensitive in regard to anything which may be connected with or be thought to involve the question of their rights in relation to the principles of "sovereignty", and that in his experience he had found that the more conciliatory the terms in which they are approached the less the likelihood of their reacting unfavorably and the greater the chance of their giving assent cheerfully and promptly. The American Ambassador said that he was completely satisfied with the tone of the paragraph, but that as it stood it appeared to advance a request for access only to such Japanese archives as might already have come into the hands of the Dutch, whereas our desire is, of course, as indicated in the first paragraph, to have access to any and all Japanese archives that are in or may come into their hands. There was finally proposed and adopted the phraseology which appears in the text reported in Embassy's telegram No. 139 and which reads (in paraphrase):

"and therefore,

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Page 4 of despatch No. 403, from the American Embassy, The Hague,
dated October 28, 1945.

"and therefore, under instruction, I express the hope that the
Netherlands Government will be so good as to share with the
above-mentioned governments the right of access to such archives."

Respectfully yours,

Stanley K. Hornbeck
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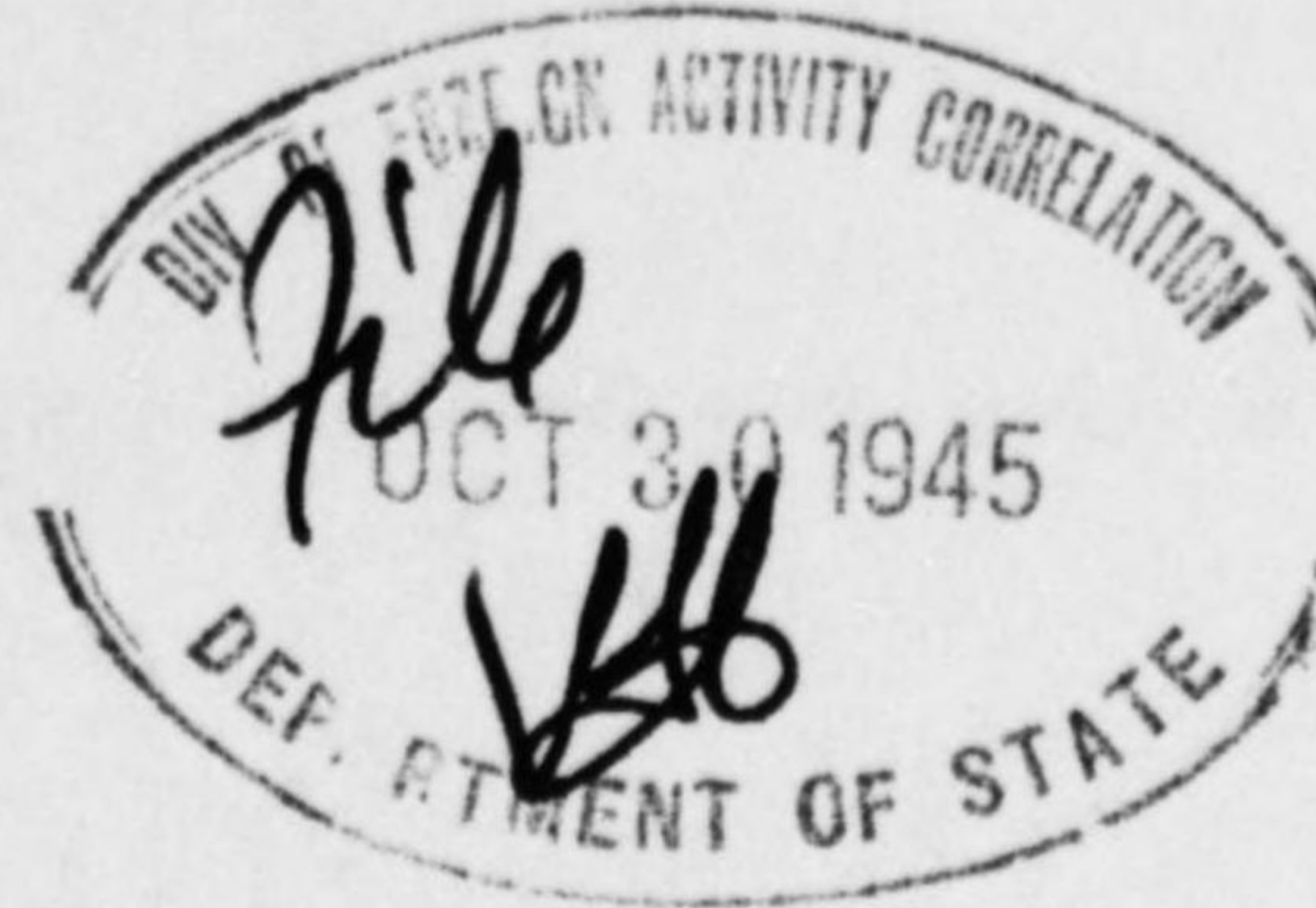
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1089, October 29, 3 p.m.

Swedish Charge d'Affaires here informs me is still without instructions from Stockholm authorizing him to turn over Jap archives and official property. (Reference DEPCIRTEL Oct 23, 5 p.m.).

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Rio de Janeiro, October 30, 1945.

SUBJECT: Japanese Archives and Japanese Intelligence Activities.

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The Secretary of State,
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Sir:

As of interest in connection with the matter the Japanese archives in Brazil, which has been the subject of correspondence between the Department and the Embassy, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a secret memorandum, dated October 26, 1945, prepared by the Legal Attaché of the Embassy, reporting an interview recently had with Suetaka Hayao, formerly a secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Rio de Janeiro.

Apparently the Swedish Legation at Rio has not yet received instructions to turn over the Japanese archives now in its custody. The Embassy is aware of no change in the Brazilian Government's attitude as expressed by the Secretary General of the Foreign Office to the effect that the Swedish Legation would turn over the Japanese archives to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see Embassy's telegrams Nos. 2574 of August 17, 7 PM, and 2588 of August 18, 2 PM). Judging from the Department's recent circular telegram of October 25, 8 AM, the Swedish Legation should receive instructions to turn over the archives in the near future; and at that time the Embassy will be better able to establish a procedure for examining them in cooperation with the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Respectfully yours,

Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
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Sole enclosure to Despatch No. 3341
of October 30, 1945 from the Embassy
at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE AMBASSADOR

Attention: Mr. Daniels

Re: SUETAKA HAYAO

For your information regarding the above Japanese national who formerly was a secretary in the Japanese Embassy in Rio de Janeiro and until recently represented Japanese interests in the Spanish Embassy, it is advised that HAYAO was interviewed recently at the Rio de Janeiro Police Department by a representative of this office regarding his knowledge of Japanese espionage activities in Brazil and South America during the recent world conflict. HAYAO denied categorically having participated in any such activities and expressed his doubts that the Japanese government had set up any organized intelligence system other than that operated by the Embassy and the various Attachés of the Japanese armed forces.

On the basis of an arrangement made at the Police Department, HAYAO called at the Embassy a few days later in order that his assistance could be secured in decoding a message which was known to have been transmitted to him from Buenos Aires through a local Japanese firm shortly after the rupture of diplomatic relations. HAYAO denied being able to decode this document and said that he had not been provided with any coding systems or equipment at the time of the general repatriation of Axis diplomats. He stated that in the event the message in question had come into his possession, he would have communicated with the Japanese Embassy in Buenos Aires through the Spanish Embassy in an open communication in which he would request clarification of the suspect message. Inasmuch as this message was transmitted for HAYAO through a Japanese employee of the firm, "Nipo-Brasileira" (presently under liquidation), one RYOKICHI NAGAI, the latter has been located in São Paulo and will be questioned in an effort to obtain information in his possession regarding the suspect message and Japanese intelligence activities.

As of possible interest to you, HAYAO, who speaks reasonably good English and fluent Portuguese, claimed that the career diplomatic corps of the Japanese government was opposed to the recent war and that he, himself, was convinced from the beginning that Japan would be defeated by the United States. He also mentioned the fact that it had come to his attention through the Swedish Legation, which represented Japanese interests since Spain discontinued

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diplomatic relations with Japan, that the United States Embassy was known to have made representations to the Brazilian Foreign Office toward gaining access to the Japanese Embassy files. HAYAO stated that he understood the Foreign Office had not insisted that the Swedish Legation deliver the files and had stated that the final decision regarding them would be made by the United States Embassy.

HAYAO inquired as to what information the United States Embassy might be seeking in the files and said he thought he might be able to supply such information and thus obviate the necessity of examining the files. It would appear that the possibility of examination of these files caused him some concern, and it was with apparent satisfaction that he remarked that the Swedish Legation had refused thus far to deliver them to the Foreign Office.

No comment was made to HAYAO regarding the Embassy's interest in the files other than the fact that such a procedure has been general as has been announced in the local press.

Respectfully,

Heber M. Clegg
Legal Attaché.

October 26, 1945.

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October 30, 1945.

My dear Mr. Clattenburg,

The substance of the comment contained in your letter to me of 15th October, 1945, regarding the taking over of Japanese diplomatic property and archives in belligerent countries by the Representatives of the Four Powers, signatories of the Potsdam Declaration, was duly conveyed to London.

We are now, however, in receipt of a message from the Foreign Office from which it appears that whilst His Majesty's Government entirely associate themselves with the desire of the United States Government that Japanese official property and archives should be handed over to the Representatives of the Four Powers and whilst it is not their intention to invite belligerent countries to take custody themselves,

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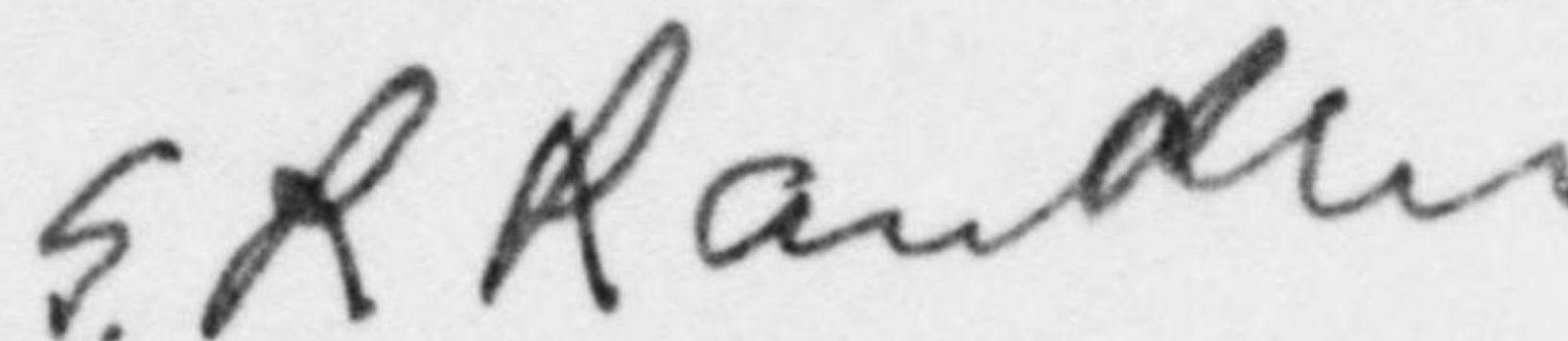
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Instructions on the above lines have been sent to His Majesty's Representatives in countries concerned, who have been instructed that in the event of objection to the transfer of the Japanese premises and archives being raised by any government, they should not press the matter beyond requesting permission to examine Japanese archives.

Thus there is a difference of view between us on this one aspect, and I am of course entirely at your disposal should you wish to discuss it.

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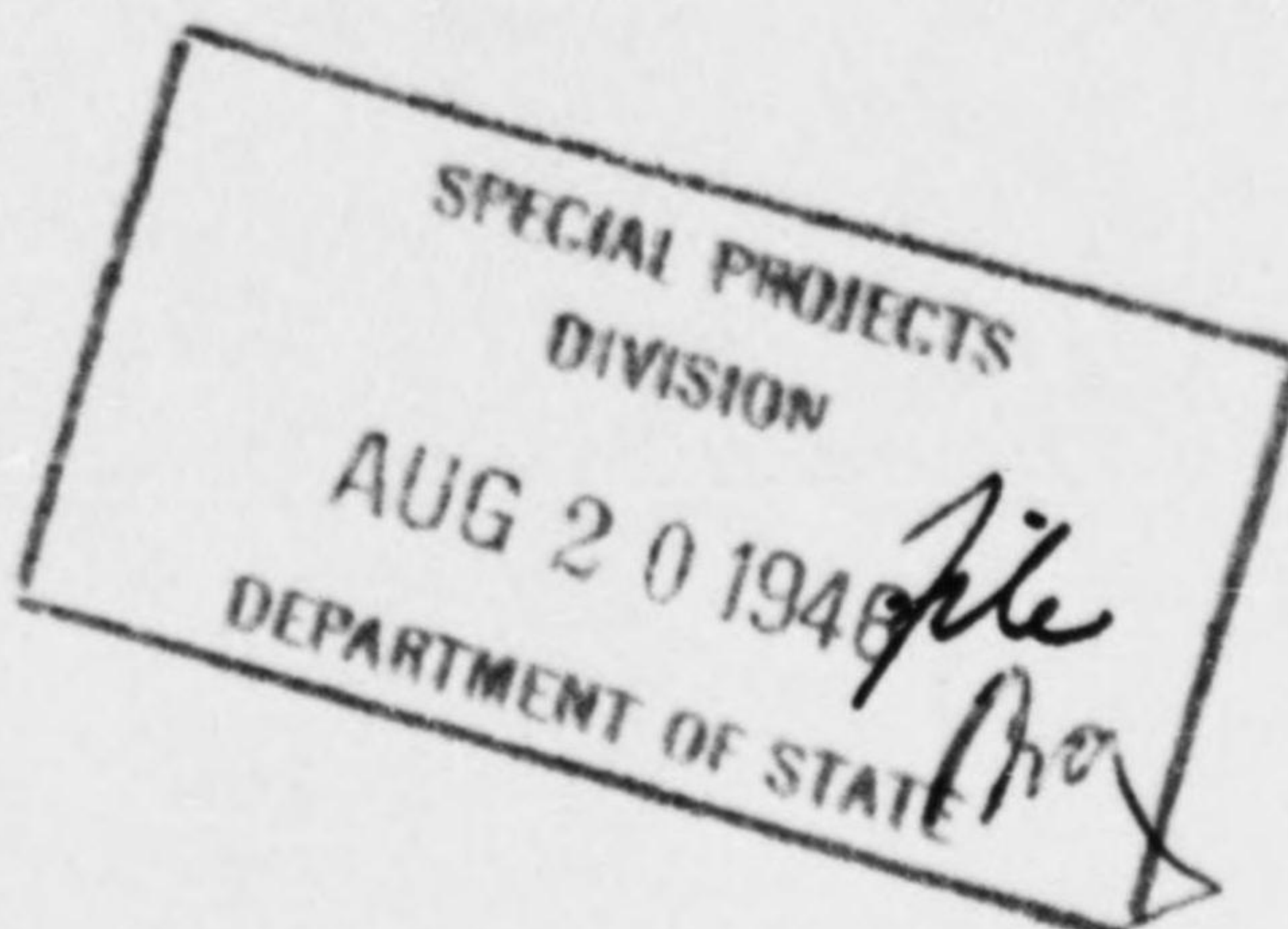
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DATE: August 19, 1946

SUBJECT: Revision of procedure for handling Japanese property and archives.

PARTICIPANTS: Colonel Gross, A-H
Mr. Lory, JA
Mr. Williams, SPD

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64
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Colonel Gross called today to say that he had SPD's draft telegram to London, Nanking and Moscow on this subject and questioned only one point, namely that the Japanese were to be told "by direction of" the Allied Powers of China, UK, US, and USSR that such and such a procedure would be adopted. He pointed out that it was no longer proper for these four governments alone to direct SCAP and suggested substitution of the word "agreement" in place of "direction".

Mr. Williams said that he agreed with Colonel Gross, and said that he would like to clear the change, even though slight, with JA and Fe. Colonel Gross agreed. Mr. Williams then called Mr. Lory of JA who agreed to the change without demur and said that he would also guarantee Fe's concurrence.

Mr. Williams then called Colonel Gross back and told him that the change seemed to be thoroughly approved. The Colonel thanked Mr. Williams and said he would send the paper on to Mr. Russell with the amendment.

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MEMORANDUM

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
 DIVISION

SEP 24 1945

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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To: CON -- Mr. Lyon
 From: FE -- Mr. Ballantine
 Subject: Japanese diplomatic and consular
 archives and property.

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With reference to your memorandum of September 12, 1945, on the subject of Japanese diplomatic and consular archives and property, and especially to questions (A) and (B) propounded in the memorandum appended thereto by Mr. Straus, I would offer suggestions as follows.

With regard to (A), pending the issuance of orders by General MacArthur to the Japanese Government, referred to in the last paragraph under the caption "History" in Mr. Straus' memorandum, I see no alternative to leaving the matter in abeyance until such orders are issued. You might wish to consider, however, sending a circular telegram to all diplomatic missions to which the circular telegram of August 14, 8 p.m. was sent, instructing them to desist from further action on that circular pending action by the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

With regard to (B), so far as I am aware no decision has been reached by this Government as to whether Japan is to have any diplomatic representation abroad. It is my understanding that the British Government is inclined to favor taking steps to remove Japan's diplomatic representation abroad. It may be that there will be a decision to that effect, but on the other hand it may be that we shall ask for the recall of only certain Japanese diplomats abroad. In any case, it is difficult to see what action we can take toward event emporary custody of Japanese archives pending action by the Supreme Allied Commander vis-a-vis the Japanese Government.

OCE Unit

s/s

J.W.B.

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History

On August 13, 1945, Assistant Secretary DUNN requested Assistant Secretary HOLMES to take action regarding the Japanese diplomatic archives and property similar to that taken with respect to German archives and property. After General Holmes despatched the telegrams indicated below, the matter was turned over to FC.

On August 14, 8 pm, a circular telegram (copy attached) was sent to All American Diplomatic Missions instructing them to request FONOFF and protecting powers to give custody of archives and property to all missions acting on behalf of USA, USSR, UK and China.

At the same time instructions were sent to Amembassy Bern (DEPTEL 2535, attached) requesting the Swiss to communicate a note to the Japanese GOVT instructing that GOVT to surrender custody of the property and archives. To the note the Japanese replied that the Potsdam declaration did not provide for such measures.

Thereupon a message was sent to General MacArthur requesting him to cause the Japanese to issue appropriate instructions with regard to this matter. The SAC replied that he did not feel that at that time he had the necessary authority to enforce such an order.

Shortly thereafter instructions were sent to General MacArthur requesting that he issue such orders when the time was propitious.

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Problem

A) Many of our missions have taken action and have written notes to the FONOFFS and protecting powers requesting custody of the archives and property. What is to be done until General MacArthur issues instructions - there may be a delay of a week, a month, or a year before such instructions are issued.

B) Is it contemplated that JAPAN is to have no representation abroad? If so, custody would be in order; if not, it would appear that only temporary custody of archives would be in order as the property would be needed by the Jap missions.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mexico, D. F., October 31, 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL - FIRST PRIORITY No. 27,048

Subject: Disposition of Japanese Diplomatic and Consular Archives in Mexico.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS AFFAIRS DEC 10 1945 SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION DEC 6 1945 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIV. OF FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION NOV 9 1945 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

Sir:

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I have the honor to refer to the Department's circular telegram of October 25, 8 a.m., and to its telegram No. 1679 of October 26, 1 p.m., and to this Embassy's despatch No. 26,916 of October 15, 1945, with reference to the disposition of the Japanese diplomatic and consular archives in Mexico.

As the Department is aware, and in accord with its instructions I have been in consultation with my British, Chinese and Soviet colleagues on this matter. In continuation of this consultation, and in view of the instructions above referred to, a meeting was held on October 29 in this Embassy which was attended by the British Ambassador, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, and the Russian Chargé d'Affaires. I explained to them the purpose of the meeting and indicated the nature of the instructions which I had received from the Department. The British Ambassador stated that his instructions from the British Foreign Office were identical with mine. The Chinese Chargé d'Affaires stated that, according to his instructions, he was to follow the same procedure as that taken by this Embassy under its instructions. The Russian Chargé d'Affaires did not give any indication of the nature of the instructions which he had from his Government.

The British Ambassador, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires and I all expressed the opinion that the Mexican Government would not be agreeable to the Swedish Minister turning over the Japanese diplomatic and consular archives to the four powers, but would insist upon the archives being delivered to it, as it was one of the United Nations, and as the archives were in Mexico. We based this opinion on the attitude of the Mexican Government in the matter of the German archives, in which case it insisted upon the archives being taken over by it and the contents thereof made available to the four powers.

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I expressed the opinion that in the case of the Japanese archives the Mexican Government would be willing not only to make available to us the contents of the archives, but to have access thereto. The British Ambassador and the ~~Russian~~ *Chinese* Chargé were in agreement with this opinion.

I further expressed the opinion that the Swedish Minister here, as accredited to the Mexican Government, would have difficulty on the receipt of the instructions to deliver the archives to the four powers to do so without consulting the Mexican Government. I said that the archives were in Mexico; the Swedish Minister was exercising his duties here as duly accredited Minister of the Swedish Government to the Mexican Government. It was, as I saw it, a difficult thing for him to deliver these archives to us, on receipt of instructions to that effect from his Government, transmitted on behalf of the Japanese Government, without informing the Foreign Office first of the character of these instructions and securing its comment. There was agreement among all of us present at the meeting that the Swedish Minister, for reasons of procedure, would have to follow that course.

The Soviet Chargé took the position that we did not know what the attitude of the Mexican Government would be and that our conversation was based on assumptions. It was obvious that he was inclined to the idea that we should insist on the four powers taking over the archives from the Swedish Minister. He did not say this directly, but it was obvious from his statements.

It was suggested by the Soviet Chargé that I get in touch with the Swedish Minister and ask him whether he had received instructions from his Government with regard to these archives and, if so, what the nature thereof was. I immediately did this and was informed that no instruction with regard to the Japanese archives had been received by the Swedish Legation here.

It was therefore agreed that I should ask the Swedish Minister to keep us informed as soon as he got any instructions from his Government and inform us of the character thereof, and as soon as he so informed us that we would again meet and determine upon the procedure to be followed. The Soviet Chargé indicated that he would not place any difficulties in the way of the archives being delivered to the Mexican Government, provided the four powers had access to them. Even in making this statement, his language was most indirect and noncommittal, but it was entirely clear from the tenor of his statements that he would be willing to agree to this procedure.

The Swedish Minister has informed me that as soon as he will receive instructions from his Government, he will get in touch with me. It is, in my opinion, certain that on receiving instructions the Swedish Minister will

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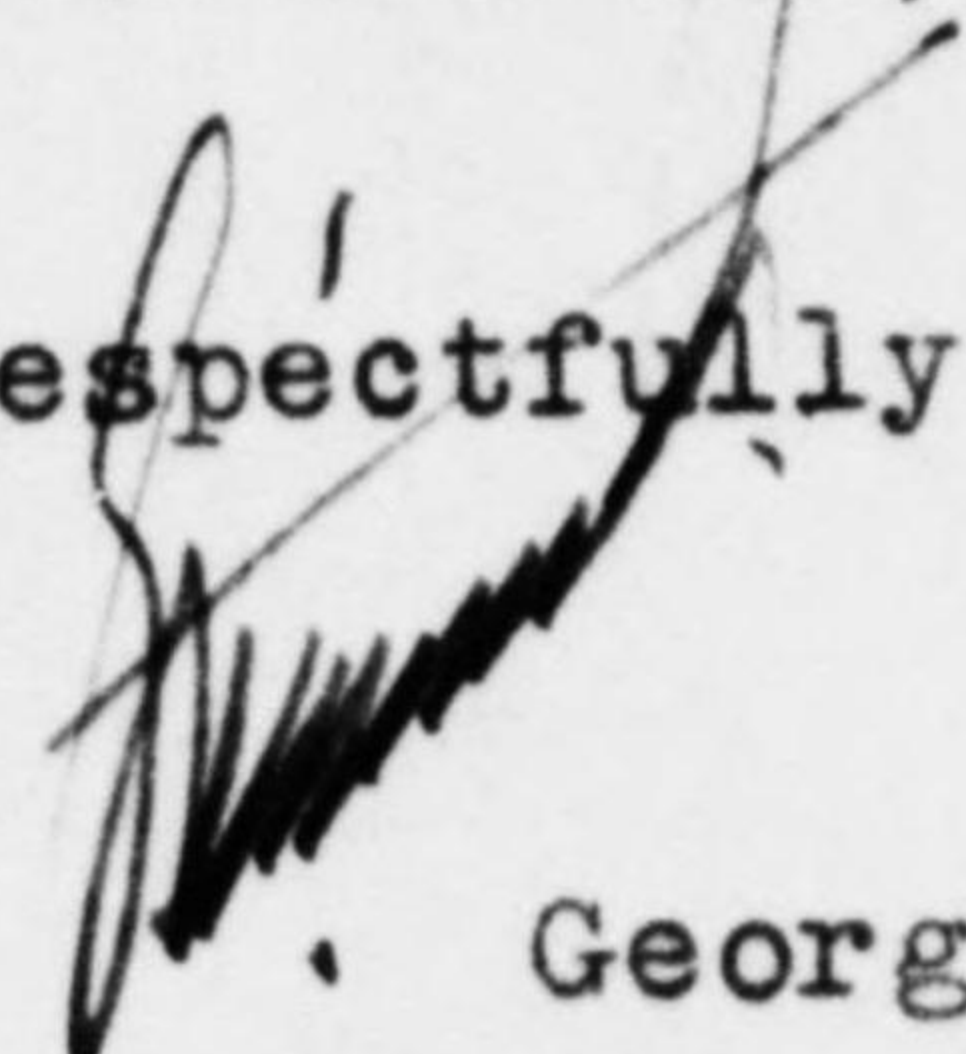
immediately inform the Foreign Office here. If the Foreign Office makes no objection to the turning over of the archives to the four powers, this will be the procedure followed. If the Foreign Office here will insist that the archives be turned over to it by the Swedish Minister, then the representatives of the four powers here will inform the Foreign Office that they are in agreement with this procedure in this case, provided the four powers have access to the documents. I feel confident that the Mexican Government will agree to such direct access in the case of the Japanese archives.

I have gone into this detail with respect to this matter particularly for the purpose of bringing out the fact that in the meeting on October 29, the British Ambassador and the Chinese Chargé were most collaborative in stating fully the attitudes of their Governments and the procedure which they were willing to follow. The attitude of the Soviet Chargé was such as to show distrust of the Mexican Government, and willingness to bring pressures on it, and to make of this in reality inconsequential matter--as the Japanese archives were destroyed before the Japanese representative left here--an issue with the Mexican Government. His attitude was also curious in that he would not indicate what his instructions were, but towards the end of the meeting stated that once we knew what the instructions of the Swedish Minister were, he "was sure that there would be no difficulty in finding an arrangement satisfactory all around".

I felt that the Department would be interested in this attitude of the Soviet Chargé here, as I believe it is characteristic of the procedures generally being followed by the Soviet Government and its representatives in so-called "collaborative" measures among the powers.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in this matter once the Swedish Minister receives his instructions, and I wish to express at this time particularly my appreciation to the Department for its telegram No. 1679 of October 26 1 p.m., which makes it possible for the archives to be delivered to the Mexican Government, provided we shall have access thereto.

Respectfully yours,


George S. Messersmith

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To the Department in Triplicate.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Lt. Commander Robinson (ONI - Br. 63534) came in to see me today on the subject of Japanese records and archives. He desired to get a general idea of the steps that have been taken in this matter, and wanted to know if the Naval Attachés would be permitted access to the archives. After outlining the steps taken in this matter I assured him that the Navy Department and the Naval Attachés would be permitted access; that most likely in the field examination will be done by teams consisting of a Mission officer and representation^{VE} of the Legal, Military and Naval Attachés offices. He telephoned later to ask that he be informed immediately the Tokyo Government implements the directive issued. He added that he assumed this office would notify the field when the directive has been implemented.

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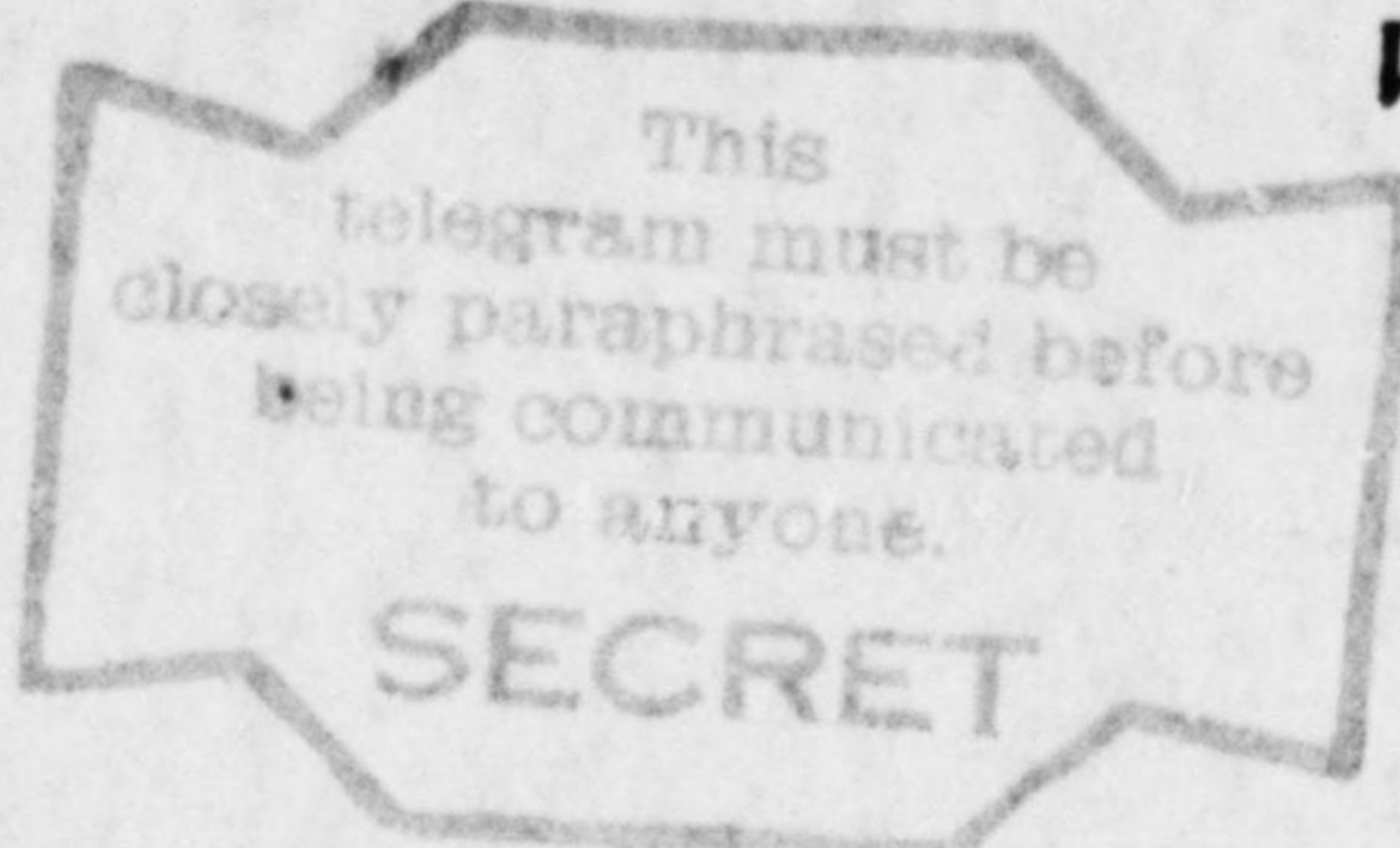
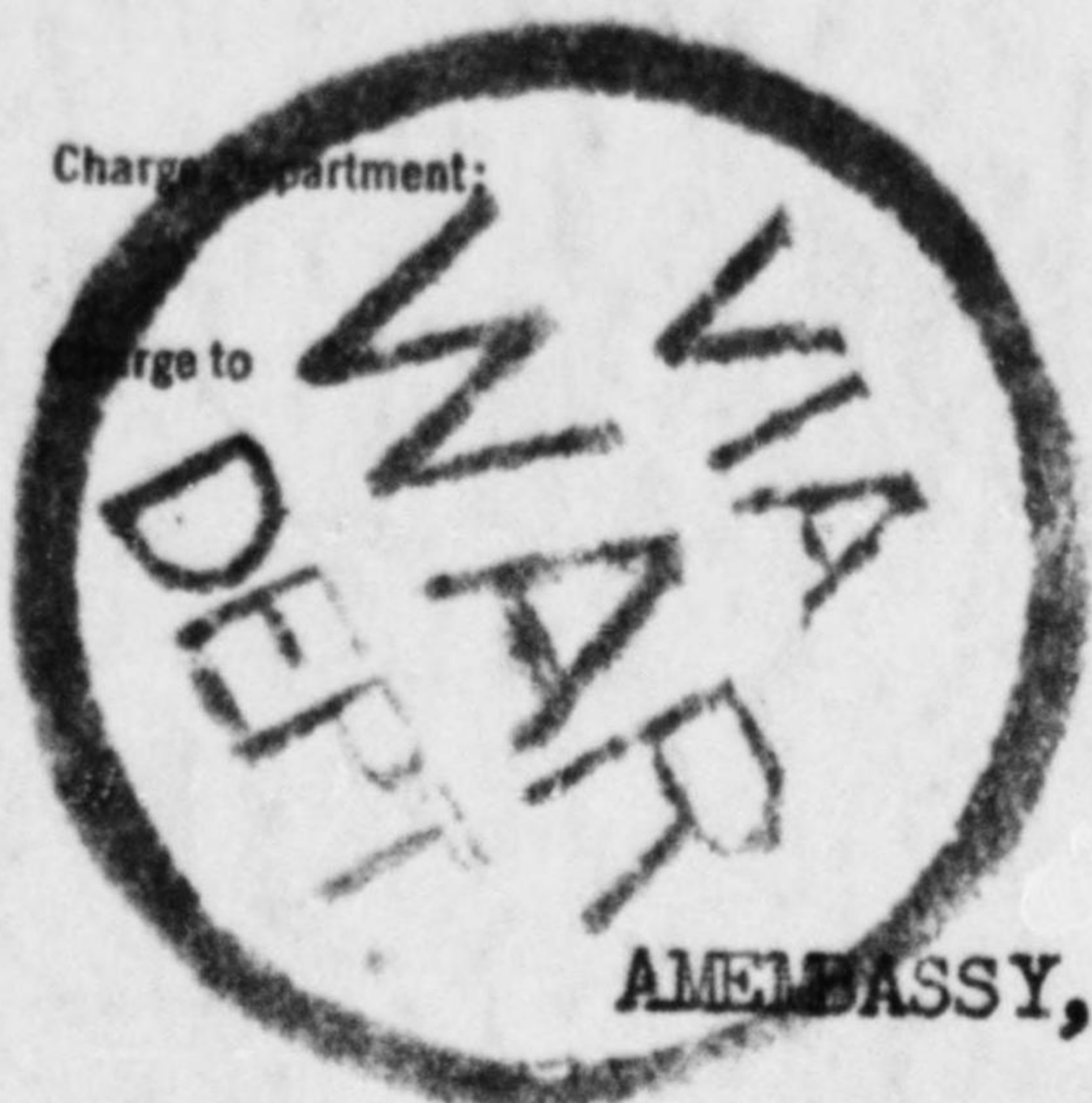
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AMEMBASSY,

Jan 14, 1946

PANAMA.

With reference to the Embassy's despatch no. 3147 of October 31, 1945, it now appears that Japanese funds were in fact disposed of through the action of the former Japanese Minister and his staff. It is evidently necessary that a new translation be made of the memorandum originally referred to as item no. 86 of the inventory attached to the Embassy's despatch no. 2857 of October 1, 1945; will you therefore please furnish the Department with a photostatic copy of the Japanese text.

For your information, the establishment of "custody accounts" in Japanese missions was a common practice, although it was not always clear whether the funds were governmental or belonged to the Yokohama Specie Bank. The Department wishes to make a thorough investigation of the disposition of all such funds.

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

Chungking via War

Dated October 31, 1945

Rec'd 11:45 a.m., 31st.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS DIVISION
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1901, October 31, 3 p.m.

Embassy has received no reply to its 1803, October 16 forwarding request of Chinese FONOFF for information on Jap archives and property in belligerent and neutral countries.

We have now received Department's circulars October 23, 5 p.m. and October 25, 8 a.m. on this subject. Would there be any objection to our communicating substance of these telegrams to FONOFF for its information?

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Panama, R.P., October 31, 1945

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No. 3147

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SUBJECT: Analysis of used Carbon Paper found in Japanese Legation Archives - Legation officials removed \$39,900 (or \$33,900) from Panama.

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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's despatch No. 2857, October 1, 1945, transmitting a detailed inventory of what remains of the Japanese archives in Panama, and to report that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, has completed a study of thirteen pieces of used carbon paper that were discovered among the Japanese Legation archives.

Seven of these thirteen pieces of carbon paper deal with the carrying back to Japan by officers of the Legation of some \$39,900 (or \$33,900) which appears to be private deposits with the Yokohama Specie Bank. A copy of the FBI report (Q1 - Q7 inclusive) on these seven items is attached. The remaining six pieces of carbon paper deal with purely routine Legation matters, but copies of the FBI report (Q8 - Q13 inclusive) are attached for the Department's information.

With regard to the Yokohama Specie Bank deposits, reference is made to item No. 86 of the inventory contained with the Embassy's despatch No. 2857, but it is submitted that item No. 86, which consisted only of a half completed memorandum in several copies was incorrectly translated on the inventory. What actually was involved was the taking of \$33,900 (or \$39,900) out of Panama, not the bringing of a sum of money to Panama.

There has not been any branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Panama or the Canal Zone in the last decade or so. Therefore, what are described as deposits with the Yokohama Specie Bank must have been deposits with either the Legation or some Japanese firm acting as informal agent for the Yokohama Specie Bank. The names of the individual depositors appear to be persons formerly in Panama (see lists contained in inventory forwarded with despatch No. 2857), and it is therefore believed unlikely that these funds came from outside Panama. In any event, it appears that some hidden "bank" for the Japanese residents in Panama was in existence right up until Pearl Harbor.

The facts in this case are respectfully submitted to the Department so that a study by competent officials may be made with a view to deter-

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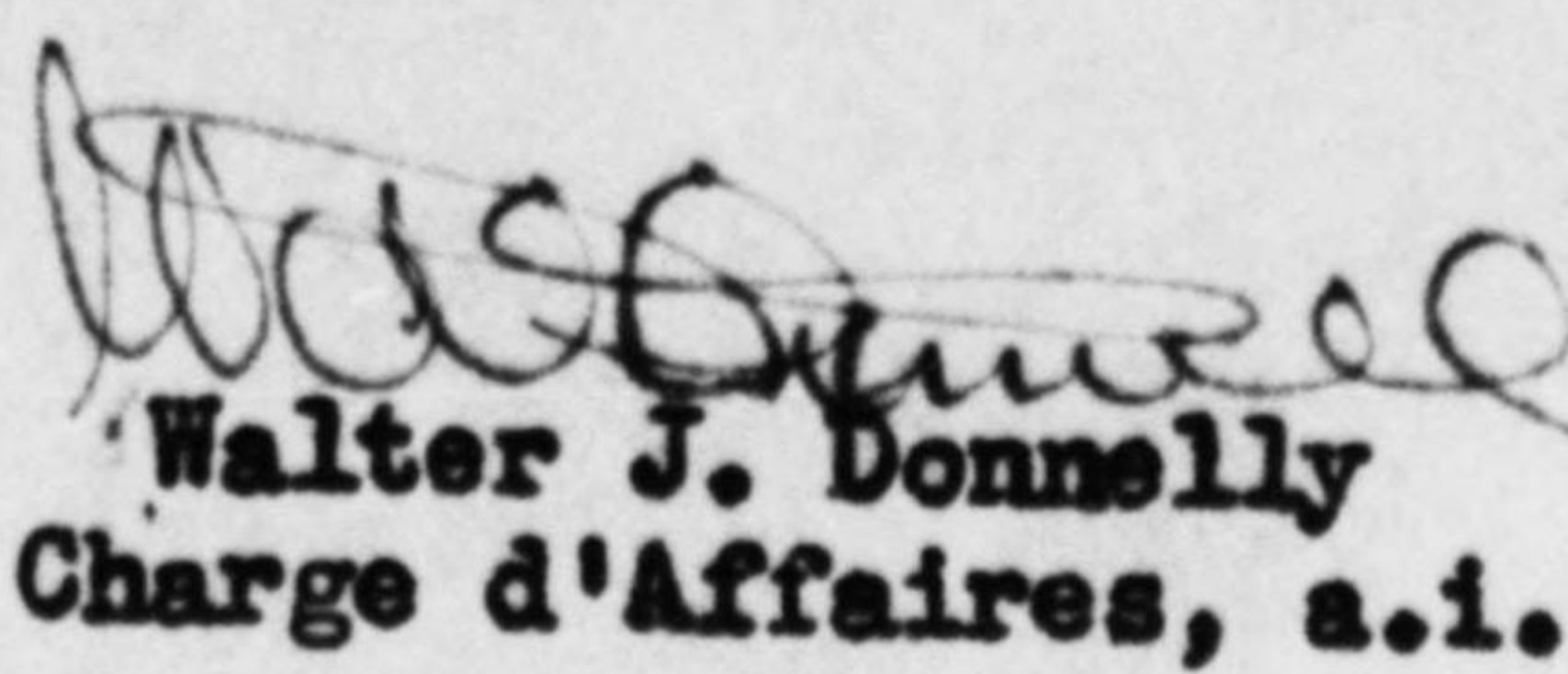
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mining whether the former Minister to Panama, AKIYAMA, and the four members of his staff mentioned willfully violated any financial regulations in illegally taking these funds out of Panama under the cloak of diplomatic immunity.

Respectfully yours,


Walter J. Donnelly
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

Enclosures: *attch*
✓ Copy of FBI Report, Oct. 15, 1945.

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Enclosure No. 1 to Despatch No. 3147, October 31, 1945, from American Embassy, Panama.

REPORT
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LaboratoryFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 15, 1945

To: Legal Attache
American Embassy
Panama City, Republic of Panama

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on September 28, 1945.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: JAPANESE LEGATION
ESPIONAGE - JUSED CARBON PAPER SUBMITTED
TO LABORATORYYour File No.
FBI File No. 65-55939
Lab. No. D-43219 EW

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter September 19, 1945

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:
Q1 through Q13 Thirteen sheets of used carbon paper bearing impressions of Japanese script and/or typewriting.

Q14 and Q15 Two blank sheets of carbon paper, one with sheet of protective tissue.

Result of Examination:

Special photographs were prepared of specimens Q1 through Q13 and translations of the readable text were made. Copies of the translations are attached hereto. Specimens Q14 and Q15 contain no written impressions.

The submitted evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

2 - Legal Attache, American Embassy, Panama City, Republic of Panama - Enclosure
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TRANSLATION FROM THE JAPANESE

Q 7

Item Re Carrying Back Deposits of Yokohama Specie Bank.

\$10,000
6,700
6,600
6,600
10,000

Minister AKIYAMA
Secretary IZAWA
Vice Consul HARA
Chancellor NISHIKAWA
Chancellor ARAI

Total, \$39,900

This is to certify that the Yokohama Specie Bank requested this office, through the agency of the Department of Foreign Affairs, to take charge of the above amount, and since a state of war exists between Japan and Panama, it was divided among the above five persons for conveyance to Japan under the direction of the Legation.

Dec. 8, 1941

Yoshiharu Akiyama (the given name may have other readings)
Envoy Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary.

Minoru Izawa, Councilor and Secretary to the Legation.

Isamu Hara, Vice Consul

Q1, Q 2, Q 6 These give the same information as the above and are identical except that there is the additional heading, "People who are to carry back the sum of \$33,900." Also the first item, i.e. \$10,000, Minister Akiyama" given above is repeated, "10,000, Yoshiharu Akiyama". This seems to indicate that the latter represents the form of the heading and first item as they were originally drawn up, but that at that point they were changed to the form indicated in Q 7, and another sheet of carbon paper inserted for an extra copy.

Q 3, Q 4, Q 5. These have been used too often for accurate translation but the original of all three seems to have been a long, numbered sequence of names, with figures following each name, probably indicating amounts of money. Those that can be deciphered are as follows:

53. Tojiro Suzuki	100.00
24. Ginjiro Kanazawa	100.00
25. Morizo Takane	200.00
26. Masaharu Miwa	350.00
48. Kanichi Doi	100.00
49. (?)	100.00
50. Yoshijiro Takaoka	100.00
51. Shogoro Kubota	370.00
52. Kiyoji Hawguchi	250.00

In addition there seems to have been a document, possibly similar to that described in Q 7, drawn up on these sheets. The only parts that can now be made out for certain are, "Total #13,445", "Those carrying the above sum back," "---under direction of the Japanese Consulate in Panama," and "--this certifies that" (comes at the end of the sentence in the Japanese word order). Then comes the signature of Yoshiharu Akiyama, Japanese Minister to Panama.

Q 8

JAP LEGATION
PANAMA, R.P.
No. 24

Hon. Mr. Fernando Soto Harrison:

I have the honor to inform you that on the date of the 8th of this month there will arrive at Balboa, coming from Yokohama, Japan, on board the _____ Maru, Mr. Riichiro Ochiei, employed as a clerk at this Legation.

For this reason, I request your excellency to be so kind as to, in case you do not find it.....

Mr. Fernando Soto Harrison,
Japanese Consul,
San Jose
Costa Rica.

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Q 9

May 2, 1940

CRISTOBAL

New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Sears Roebuck & Co.
Balboa, C.Z. \$134.85

NAROTO MARU

San Francisco Cal., U.S.A. Nippon Trade Agency

1715 Articles supplied for personal use.... \$ 132.07
Art. 8 Carton trunk..... 2.78

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Q 10

KIMIKAWA MARU

Cristobal

Yokohama, Japan

To the Ministry of Foreign Relations

Japanese Legation, Panama.

PRINTED FORMS

5 boxes 165 220 10 doz. bottles 332 Sake (Jap drink) Yen 124.80

1 box 47 68 2 piece 1244 pictures B/93/75 B/187.50

1 box 11 19 30 " 1295 Porcelain articles for the table..
No..... B. 198/63

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Q 11

1 box 16 23 1 piece SQUARE, WATER COLOR, WITH MARK

The Ministry of Foreign Relations of Japan

Yokohama, Japan
San Jose, Costa Rica
543562Y. Megurikami
without commercial valueJapanese Legation
Panama47 boxes 68 2 piece 1244 Pictures B/ 93.75 B/187.5012
package 12 30 1295 COLLEGE UNIFORMS 11.1313NATIONAL SHIELD OF JAPAN
FOR THE USE OF THE LEGATION

Expenses:

Maritime freight: 13.00
Other: 3.50

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KIMIKAWA MARU
(Via Panair)Cristobal March 30, 1940 50.00
Balboa, C.Z., Japan, April 19, 1940 --

Ministry of Foreign Relations

"OLD PARR" WHISKEY 22. 132.00
Sherry Wine
"LIEBFRAUMILCH" Wine 8.00

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Q 12

Panama, May 15, 1940

I wish to inform you that on the 21st of this month there will arrive at Cristobal, coming from Brazil, Mr. Junzo Sakane, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Japan (named) to the Colombian Republic, and two days before his arrival there will come to Balboa, Mrs. Sakane, and Miss Sakane, his wife and daughter respectively, on board the Japanese boat "Argentina Maru," also coming from Brazil.

Minister Sakane and his family wish to remain in the city until the 23rd of this month, the date on which they will embark on the vessel Santa Elena, of the Grace Line for Buenaventura, Colombia.

For this reason I request you to take the necessary action in order that the competent authorities shall grant the necessary facilities to the aforesaid Minister and his family.

Thanking you in advance for what you shall do in this regard, with the assurances of my highest consideration, etc.

Naoya Nagamine,

Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

His Excellency
Mr. Narciso Garay
Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications.

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Q 13

Panama, May 24, 1940

Mr. Secretary:

Upon returning from Costa Rica to this capital where I am again at your orders, I renew to Your Excellency my profound thanks for the special consideration which you offered us while we were in that enchanting capital. Your Excellency His Excellency

(second message, same photo)

Major General:

I have the honor to bring to your knowledge that I have today renewed my official activity in this nation, having returned here from Costa Rica, along with Jōshichi Otani, First.....

Kosaku Midzusawa

TO: Major General
Daniel van Voorhis,
Commanding General,
Department of the Panama Canal.

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Q 13

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Panama, June 3, 1940

Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to inform you that on Tuesday the 4th of this month, there will arrive in Cristobal by air from Brazil(?).... the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, without headquarters, of Japan, and accompanied by the following persons:

- 1) His Excellency, Mr. ITARO MIZUNO, Secretary of Foreign Relations of Japan.
- 2) The Hon. Mr. KATSUMO ONO, Secretary of the Jap Embassy.
- 3) The Hon. Mr. JASEKUKI HARADA, Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Relations.

For this reason I request Your Excellency very respectfully to please be so kind as to grant the aforesaid gentlemen all possible facilities in this case.

I would like to thank you in advance for the kind attention which Your Excellency will certainly offer them. I take advantage of this occasion to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration.

Kosaku Midzusawa

Japanese Minister

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1945
DIVISION OF JAPANESE AND KOREAN
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The Department of State transmits to the following
the attached information in the hope that it will be of
value:

- ✓ Military Intelligence Division
- ✓ Office of Naval Intelligence
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Enclosure:

Copy of despatch No. 3145 from American Embassy, Panama, dated
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Dear Carrigan:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a despatch which is self-explanatory. I have sent this rather long despatch to the Department on this matter as I think it will be interesting, as it shows the manner in which my Soviet colleague here conceives "collaboration".

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

[Signature]
George S. Messersmith

Enclosure:
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John Willard Carrigan, Esquire,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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I expressed the opinion that in the case of the Japanese archives the Mexican Government would be willing not only to make available to us the contents of the archives, but to have access thereto. The British Ambassador and the ~~Russian~~ Charge were in agreement with this opinion. *China*

I further expressed the opinion that the Swedish Minister here, as accredited to the Mexican Government, would have difficulty on the receipt of the instructions to deliver the archives to the four powers to do so without consulting the Mexican Government. I said that the archives were in Mexico; the Swedish Minister was exercising his duties here as duly accredited Minister of the Swedish Government to the Mexican Government. It was, as I saw it, a difficult thing for him to deliver these archives to us, on receipt of instructions to that effect from his Government, transmitted on behalf of the Japanese Government, without informing the Foreign Office first of the character of these instructions and securing its comment. There was agreement among all of us present at the meeting that the Swedish Minister, for reasons of procedure, would have to follow that course.

The Soviet Charge took the position that we did not know what the attitude of the Mexican Government would be and that our conversation was based on assumptions. It was obvious that he was inclined to the idea that we should insist on the four powers taking over the archives from the Swedish Minister. He did not say this directly, but it was obvious from his statements.

It was suggested by the Soviet Charge that I get in touch with the Swedish Minister and ask him whether he had received instructions from his Government with regard to these archives and, if so, what the nature thereof was. I immediately did this and was informed that no instruction with regard to the Japanese archives had been received by the Swedish Legation here.

It was therefore agreed that I should ask the Swedish Minister to keep us informed as soon as he got any instructions from his Government and inform us of the character thereof, and as soon as he so informed us that we would again meet and determine upon the procedure to be followed. The Soviet Charge indicated that he would not place any difficulties in the way of the archives being delivered to the Mexican Government, provided the four powers had access to them. Even in making this statement, his language was most indirect and noncommittal, but it was entirely clear from the tenor of his statements that he would be willing to agree to this procedure.

The Swedish Minister has informed me that as soon as he will receive instructions from his Government, he will get in touch with me. It is, in my opinion, certain that on receiving instructions the Swedish Minister will

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immediately inform the Foreign Office here. If the Foreign Office makes no objection to the turning over of the archives to the four powers, this will be the procedure followed. If the Foreign Office here will insist that the archives be turned over to it by the Swedish Minister, then the representatives of the four powers here will inform the Foreign Office that they are in agreement with this procedure in this case, provided the four powers have access to the documents. I feel confident that the Mexican Government will agree to such direct access in the case of the Japanese archives.

I have gone into this detail with respect to this matter particularly for the purpose of bringing out the fact that in the meeting on October 29, the British Ambassador and the Chinese Chargé were most collaborative in stating fully the attitudes of their Governments and the procedure which they were willing to follow. The attitude of the Soviet Chargé was such as to show distrust of the Mexican Government, and willingness to bring pressures on it, and to make of this in reality inconsequential matter--as the Japanese archives were destroyed before the Japanese representative left here--an issue with the Mexican Government. His attitude was also curious in that he would not indicate what his instructions were, but towards the end of the meeting stated that once we knew what the instructions of the Swedish Minister were, he "was sure that there would be no difficulty in finding an arrangement satisfactory all around".

I felt that the Department would be interested in this attitude of the Soviet Chargé here, as I believe it is characteristic of the procedures generally being followed by the Soviet Government and its representatives in so-called "collaborative" measures among the powers.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in this matter once the Swedish Minister receives his instructions, and I wish to express at this time particularly my appreciation to the Department for its telegram No. 1679 of October 26 1 p.m., which makes it possible for the archives to be delivered to the Mexican Government, provided we shall have access thereto.

Respectfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

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To the Department in Triplicate.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

329, November 1, 7 p.m.

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Reference Legation's telegram 314 of October 24 regarding Japanese archives and property. During my recent visit to Madrid, I arranged with Embassy whereby it would request Spanish Foreign Office to instruct Spanish Consul in Casablanca to make available Japanese archives and property to American, British and French representatives there.

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FROM:
Cairo Legation
November 1, 1945

REC'D. November 10, 9 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.

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Have discussed with Swiss, British, Russian and Chinese Ministers contents of Department's circular telegram of October 23, 5 p.m. None of these officials have received instructions. However, Swiss Minister is communicating with his Government seeking guidance. I have agreed en principe with the three other Allied representatives that when the Swiss Minister has been ordered to turn over the Japanese Diplomatic and Consular property and archives we will form a committee of representatives of the four Diplomatic Missions concerned to assume custody.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Mexico, D. F., November 1, 1945.

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Dear Carrigan:

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I have your confidential letter of October 26, in which you are good enough to write me about my despatch No. 26,916 of October 15, with regard to the disposition of the Japanese archives, and I appreciate very much the helpful information and background which you give me.

You will, by this time, have received my letter of October 31 with which I send you a copy of my despatch No. 27,048 of October 31, on the disposition of the Japanese diplomatic and consular archives in Mexico and giving the latest information in connection therewith.

You will note that on the basis of the instructions which you mention in your letter of October 26 and which had reached me, I had a meeting with my British, Soviet, and Chinese colleagues and I am sure that on the basis of the instructions which I now have, we can work out this problem here. The important thing was for us to have adequate latitude and permissive authority to let the Mexicans take over the archives if they so wish. This we now have and as for the rest, it is important that we have access thereto and that I think we can arrange.

The instructions from Tokio through Stockholm seem to be slow in coming through to the Swedish Minister here, but I am sure that they will arrive in due course and Geist is fully familiar with this matter, and in case the instructions arrive during my absence will know how to handle it.

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John Willard Carrigan, Esquire,
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I do not know what the situation is in the other American captials but all the information here we can get is to the effect that the Japanese, before leaving here took good care to destroy everything which had any interest or significance.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,


George S. Messersmith

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Dated November 2, 1945

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Secretary of State

Washington

2205, November 2, 6 p.m.

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We have reliable information that as of the beginning of this week the Japanese Mission here had read no instructions in the matter of the MacArthur directive (LEGTEL 2165, October 26). There is also a report based on radio news that the Japanese Govt has requested a modification of the directive.

Can the Dept confirm whether instructions have in fact been sent out to Japanese Missions in neutral countries?

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TO ALL AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS: (EXCEPT AS INDICATED BELOW)

DEPT advised that FONOFF instructions to British missions provide that British representatives associate themselves with US representative in requesting custody on behalf four allied powers but that since Japanese archives and property not (repeat not) of sufficient importance British representatives are not to press belligerent powers objecting to custody by four allied powers. British representatives may content themselves with request for permission to examine archives.

While DEPT for various reasons has desired custody it does not wish to insist on this point in countries where FONOFF raises serious objections and therefore provided steps can be taken to assure access you are authorized to advise FONOFF of this position provided Russian and Chinese representatives concur. In view directive issued by General MacArthur it is possible protecting power will insist on transfer to representatives four powers in which case if you deem situation merits you may concur in subsequent transfer to FONOFF.

DEPT does not desire you to initiate action along above lines but to keep this position in mind if FONOFF or your colleagues have

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10/31/45

TO : FC: Mr. Chrp.

FROM : SP4D: Tibbault

SUBJECT:

Attached is Ranken's letter of Oct. 30 which he left with me yesterday afternoon for you. Perhaps we had better get together when you have had a chance to look it over.

In connection with the letter, Ranken asked for the information which we might have showing the local govt's which have not been approached as per the Circular Telegram of Aug. 14. esp. Does BA stand alone in this regard?

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October 30, 1945.

My dear Mr. Clattenburg,

The substance of the comment contained ^{894.474/10-1545} in your letter to me of 16th October, 1945, regarding the taking over of Japanese diplomatic property and archives in belligerent countries by the Representatives of the Four Powers, signatories of the Potsdam Declaration, was duly conveyed to London.

We are now, however, in receipt of a message from the Foreign Office from which it appears that whilst His Majesty's Government entirely associate themselves with the desire of the United States Government that Japanese official property and archives should be handed over to the Representatives of the Four Powers and whilst it is not their intention to invite belligerent countries to take custody themselves,

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Mr. A. E. Clattenburg, Jr.,
Special War Problems Division,
Department of State,
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(except in the case of the Potsdam Powers, the Governments of the British Commonwealth, France and The Netherlands), they nevertheless do not consider that such Japanese diplomatic and consular archives as still may be available are of sufficient importance to justify any action designed to put pressure on any belligerent country which may object to handing over.

Instructions on the above lines have been sent to His Majesty's Representatives in countries concerned, who have been instructed that in the event of objection to the transfer of the Japanese premises and archives being raised by any government, they should not press the matter beyond requesting permission to examine Japanese archives.

Thus there is a difference of view between us on this one aspect, and I am of course entirely at your disposal should you wish to discuss it.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Ranken.

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Stockholm
Dated November 2, 1945
Rec'd 9:30 a.m.

Secretary of State,
Washington.



3357, November 2, 9 a.m.

Following is reported by Japanese Legation to be substance of telegram received by Japanese Minister from Japanese Government morning of November 1:

"The Imperial Japanese Government, having decided to take the necessary steps in compliance with the order of the Allied Supreme Headquarters, instruct you as follows:
(My 1790, November 2 repeats this to London.)

"One. To request the Royal Swedish Government to hand over without delay and in the present state all Japanese diplomatic and consular properties and archives in the country where Sweden is in charge of the protection of Japanese interests to the respective governments of Great Britain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, British Dominions, France and all their colonies and dominions, and in the cases of other countries, to the

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to the representatives of the Allied Nations who will be appointed for the acceptance of these properties and archives. In the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics such Japanese diplomatic and consular properties and archives are to be handed over through the good offices of Sweden.

Two. To hand over all the properties and archives of the Japanese Legation and Consulate in Sweden without delay and in the present state to the appointed representatives of the Allied Nations.

After that your official relations with the Royal Swedish Government are to cease.

Three. To express to the Royal Swedish Government on behalf of the Japanese Government the sincere appreciation of their kind efforts and assistance they have made in protecting the Japanese interests in so many countries and to request them (one) to continue as before ordinary routine work of protecting Japanese subjects in all countries in which they have hitherto been the protecting power and also (two) to take over the matter of protecting Japanese subjects in Switzerland, adding that the Japanese Government have ascertained that the Allied Nations have no objection to such protection being taken by Swedish Government.

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Four. You are, together with all members of your staff, ordered home. You are to report as soon as the time of departure can possibly be decided."

Representatives of the Protocol Section of Swedish Foreign Office and of the British, Soviet and American Legations called at Japanese Legation 1600 o'clock where they were met by Japanese Minister and his Military and Naval Attaches.

The visitors proceeded to close and seal all entrances into the Japanese Legation, including two other separate offices which serve as annexes of the Legation. During this visit nothing was removed from the Legation and its annexes except for a box containing 520,000 Swedish kronor in currency which was sealed and on which signature of each visiting representative was affixed. The box was then delivered to the representative of the Swedish Foreign Office for temporary safekeeping.

An inter-Allied Committee has been formed consisting of representatives of the British, Soviet, Chinese and American Legations, chairman of which is the American representative. The committee is planning to meet promptly to arrange for the inspection, subject to the approval of the Swedish Government, of all the contents of the

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Japanese Legation and annexes. Available reports indicate, however, that most important documents and records have been destroyed by the Japanese Minister and his officers.

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Please advise DEPT promptly soon as possible ascertain
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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS,
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Please advise DEPT immediately Jap Govt implements
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and consular archives and property.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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722, November 3, Noon

As access to trifling Jap archives now in custody Ministry of State freely granted (DEPCIRTEL November 2, 8 a.m.) and as remaining properties consist of bulky furniture and small cash sum, pending special indication Department desires with respect to these materials, I shall accept custody only on express request of Ministry. British, Russian and Chinese representatives have raised no objections to Ministry's retaining custody.

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Tokyo via War
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Secretary of State,
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88, November 3.

Learned today that Japanese Government issued telegraphic instructions (REDEPTEL 76, November 3) to missions abroad under date October 31.

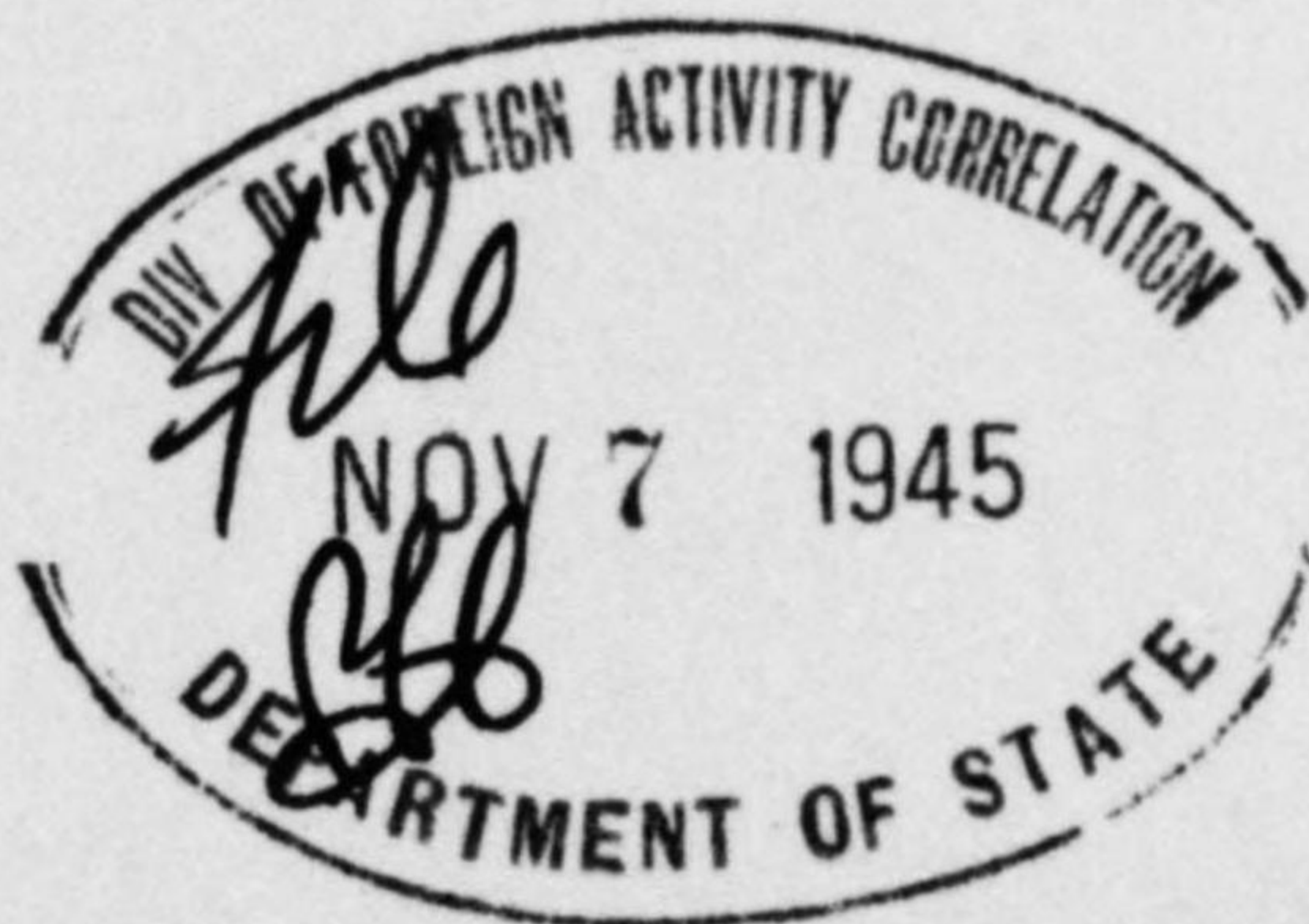
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Mr. Turner:

Responsive to your chit of October 29, 1945 regarding the Aide Memoire received from the British Embassy concerning official and non-official records and archives in Japan, wherein you request FC's comments in regard to paragraph seven thereof, the following is set forth:

1. The British here have apparently made their first bid for permission to examine equally with officials of the United States such records and archives in Japan taken over, or under the control of, United States military authorization. Certainly it is a trifle late to become worried about the preservation of these archives.

2. This opens up a big question with regard to archives in China and elsewhere in the Pacific area since as far as I know no decision in this matter has yet been made.

3. Undoubtedly United States Army authorities at the time of the surrender took the necessary steps to preserve and have access to such records.

4. Perhaps the Aide Memoire might best be kept in a "pending" status for the present, without acknowledgment.

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Panama via War

Dated November 5, 1945

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976, November 5, 3 p.m.

I have consulted the British and Chinese Ministers of Panama (DEPCIRTEL Nov 2, 8 a.m.) regarding the treatment of the official Japanese Archives and property in Panama. The Dept will recall that the Embassy with the concurrence of the British and Chinese Ministers (Soviet Russia is not represented here) has had access to the Japanese Archives since Sept 8 (EMBTel 836, Sept 8, 9 a.m.) and has reported in detail to the Dept (Embassy's despatches 2857, Oct 1, 1945; 2918, Oct 9 and 3147, Oct 31, 1945). The property consisting of furniture, two automobiles and household equipment is being held by the Panamanian Govt; the British and Chinese Ministers and I agree and they will so inform their respective FONOFFS, (Foreign Offices) that we should return the Archives to the Panamanian Govt if they have served our purpose, but with the understanding

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that we may have access to them at any time in the future. In regard to the property we recommend that we be authorized to inform the Panamanian Govt that ~~we relinquish our claim to it.~~

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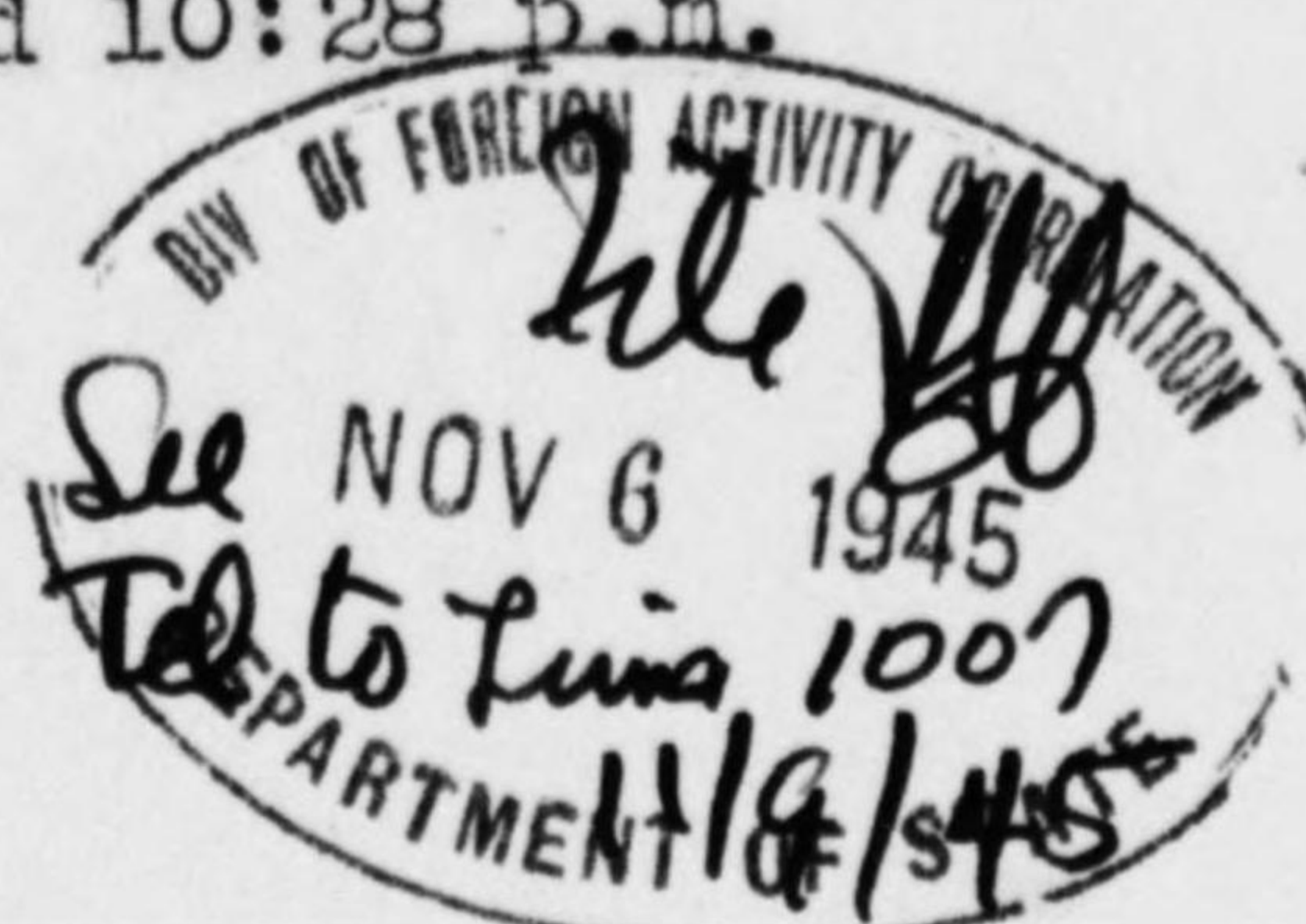
Petri has not yet (nor have Allied powers done so)

advised Peruvian Foreign Office of transfer of Jap archives reported in my 1114, November 5, 6 p.m., but desires to make full report by 5 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday. Chinese Ambassador insistent that Allied powers take physical custody of property so that Petri can notify Foreign Office that transfer of archives and property has been completed. I plan, therefore, unless instructed to contrary, move tomorrow, Tuesday, furniture, boxes, etc., now stored by Swedish Legation in two separate houses and store them temporarily in basement our Embassy residence, which is only space available in any of our Embassies.

Other points: (one) Safes can probably not be opened here, hence would Dept wish send expert soonest;

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(two) Swedish Charge has \$145,000 in US currency as well as fund amounting to about 250,000 soles which wishes to reserve to meet payments on Jap protection work; he considers his instructions do not require him to turn these over to US. Chinese and British representatives insistent that they be turned over and eventual disposition decided jointly. Would appreciate Dept's views.

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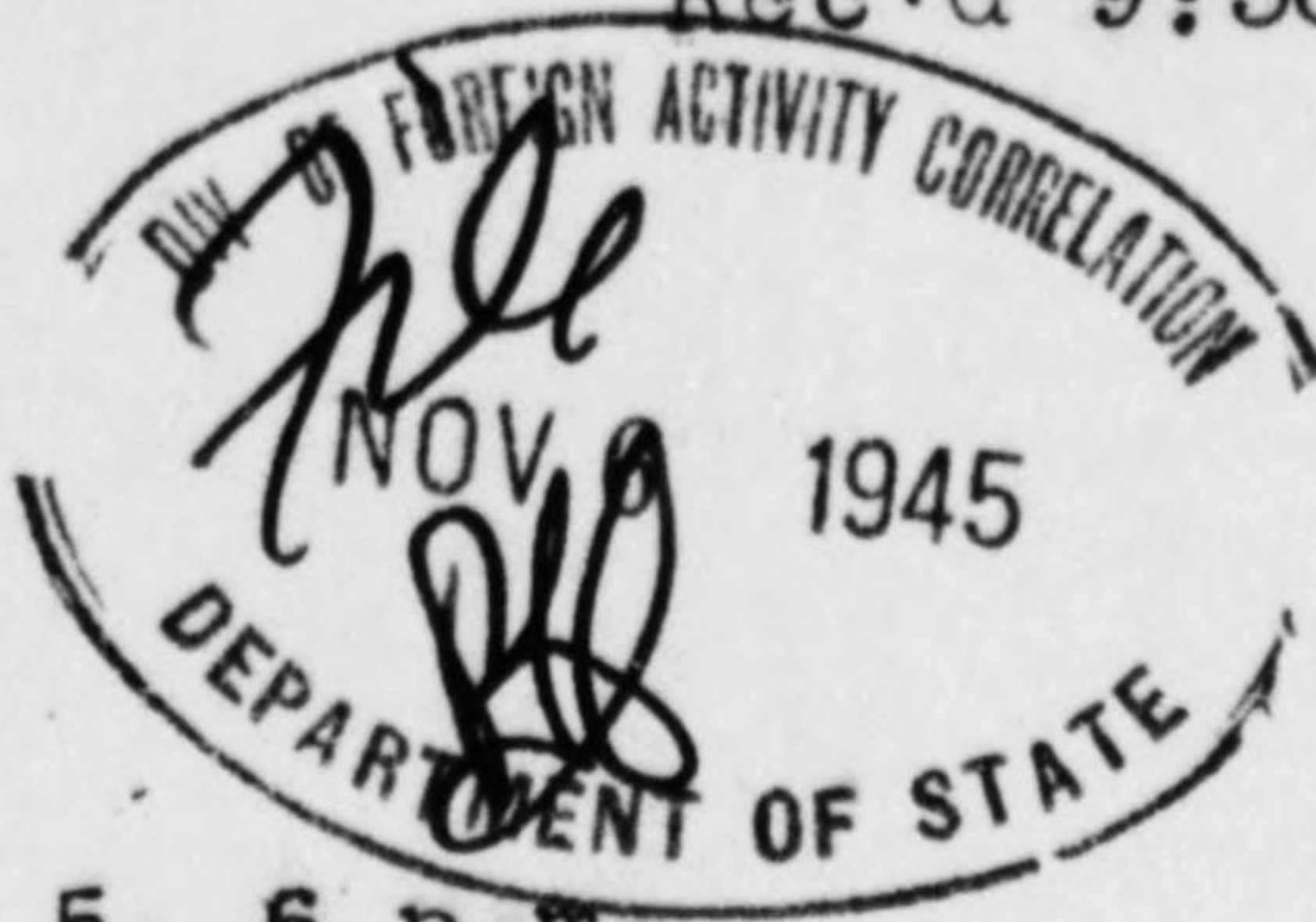
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1114; November 5, 6 p.m.

Swedish Charge d'Affaires has received instructions to turn over Jap official (REDEPTEL November 2, 8 a.m.) archives and property to representatives of British, Chinese and American Governments. In consultation today with the Chinese and British representatives and following instructions worked out by Ambassador Pawley with the British and Chinese Ambassador here, I have arranged this afternoon to receive from Swedish Charge d'Affaires Petri four closed safes and three boxes of papers, all of which are being stored in Embassy office with the exception of safe which is too large to bring up in our elevator. We are therefore storing this safe for the time being in the locked garage at Embassy residence. Will meet later this evening with Chinese and British colleagues to discuss further steps to take rest of property into custody and will report further in this sense to Department.

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The Hague

Dated November 5, 1945

Rec'd 5 p.m., 5th

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Secretary of State

Washington

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171, November 5, Noon

DEPT. OF FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION
T.D. 126, Nov. 6, 1945
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Replied to 139
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
No action required

British Ambassador informs me, November 3, his Govt and Soviet Govt have replied entirely agreeing proposed note and proposed procedure.

(REEMTEL 139, October 27, 4 p.m.).

Early indication Dept's wishes regarding same would be helpful.

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Lima

Dated November 6, 19 45

Rec'd 9:15 p.m.

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1120, November 6, 8 p.m.

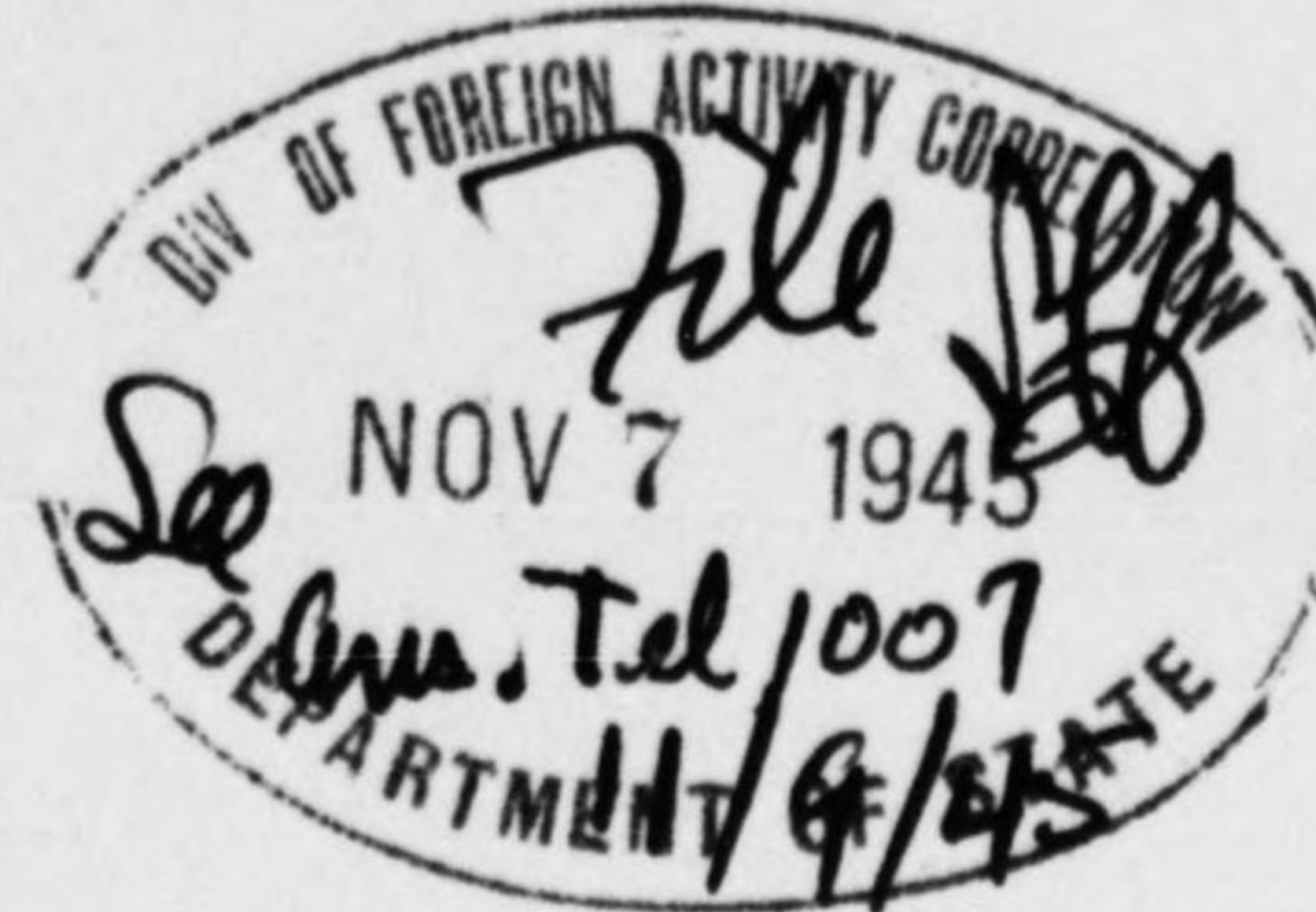
Swedish Charge notified Foreign Office this

afternoon he is proceeding to turn over Jap archives
and property to representatives Allied powers in
accordance his instructions.

Petri also has now agreed to turn over to the
three powers US currency fund mentioned in Embassy's
telegram 1117, Embassy's despatch 80 of August 6, 1945
and earlier correspondence, which he will do tomorrow,
Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

He states Foreign Office does not know about
this fund and he does not propose to tell them any-
thing about it.

He is asking Stockholm for instructions regarding
SOL fund which he does not wish to surrender.



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-2- 1120, November 6, 8 p.m. from Lima

Has Department any views on this matter?

Moving of Jap effects could not be completed today and will require another day's work.

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Athens

Dated November 6, 1945

Rec'd 10:54 a.m., 7th

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Secretary of State

Washington

1256, November 6, 3 p.m.

DEPCIRCTELS re Jap archives need not (repeat not) be sent Athens. Foreign Office states no such archives Greece and no protecting power as Japs withdrew diplomatic Mission Athens 1936.

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Bogota

Dated November 7, 1945

Rec'd 11:22 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington,

1357, November 7, 7 p.m.

Since I will arrive in Washington on November 19 and there is no pressure here for action concerning disposition of Japanese archives in reference to circular telegram of November 2, 8 a.m., suggest action be deferred until I have opportunity of discussing matter with Department.

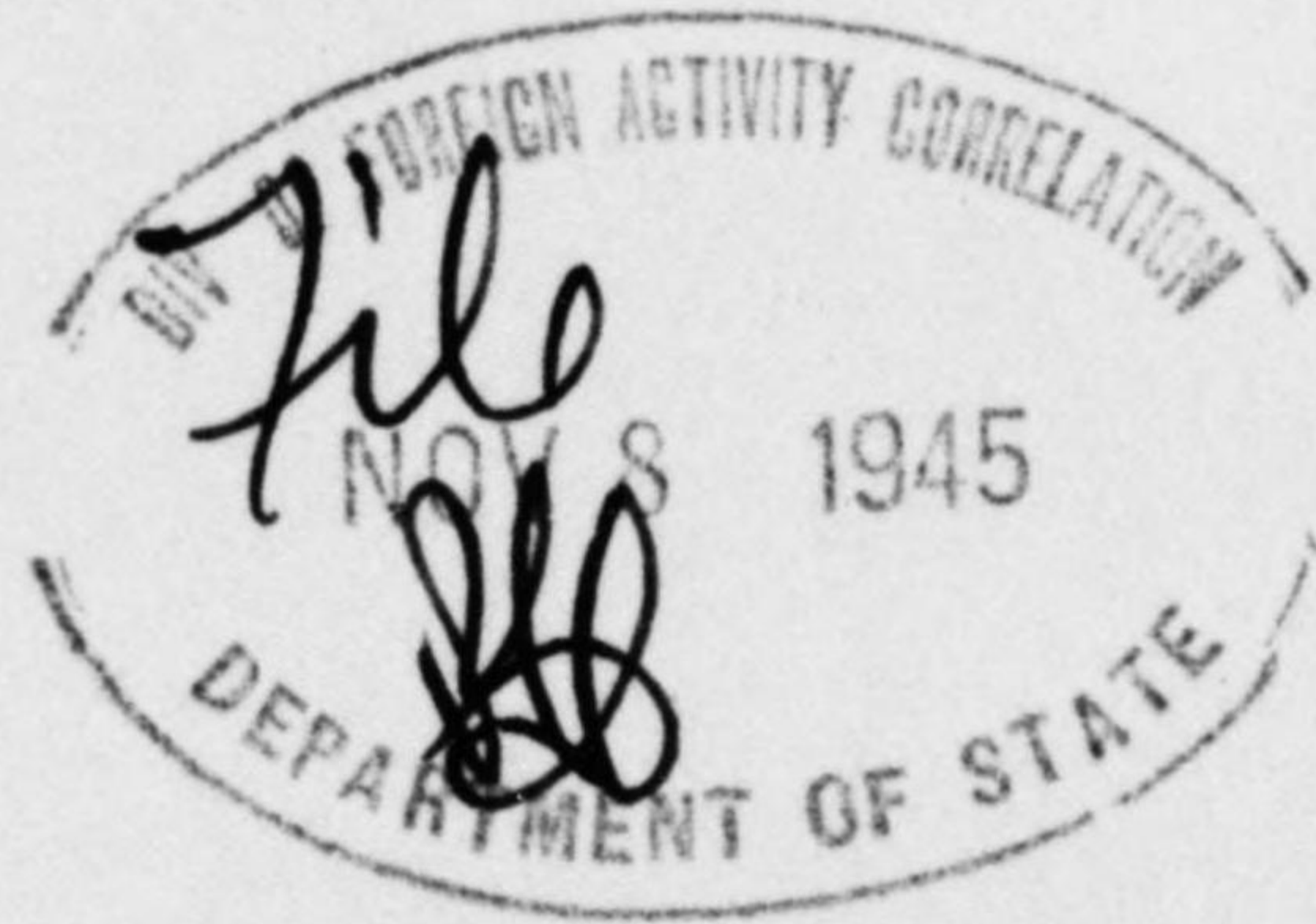
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Santiago

Dated November 7, 1945

Rec'd 8:55 p.m.

Secretary of State

Washington

1401, November 7, 5 p.m.

Swedish Minister received instructions November 3

to deliver Jap archives representatives three powers but he felt that through courtesy he should inform Foreign Office (DEPCIRTEL November 2, 8 a.m.). After consultation with him and British and Chinese colleagues I informed Fernandez November 5 of terms Swedish instructions. Fernandez interposed no objections whatever. I suggested Chilean representative be present at turning over since Chile had declared war on Japan. Having been authorized by British and Chinese colleagues to take custody property and archives as their representative, I formally took delivery from Swedish Minister yesterday afternoon in presence British Ambassador, Chinese Charge and Chilean Foreign Office official. Only archives thus

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-2-#1401, November 7, 5 p.m., from Santiago

far found are chest containing various documents and separate bound volume with list Jap subjects in Chile. These were sent Chinese Legation for examination by Jap language expert who cursorily examined them yesterday. Of possible interest are Jap Minister's diary in Japanese and reports re American war industries. As cursory glance indicates it also covers the period of the rupture. Furniture and effects will remain time being in Swedish Legation. Three million pesos in Chilean bonds and 900,000 pesos cash taken over. Please instruct re disposition these funds. Estimate cost of eventual transfer and storage considerable amount property will be submitted later.

Despatch follows.

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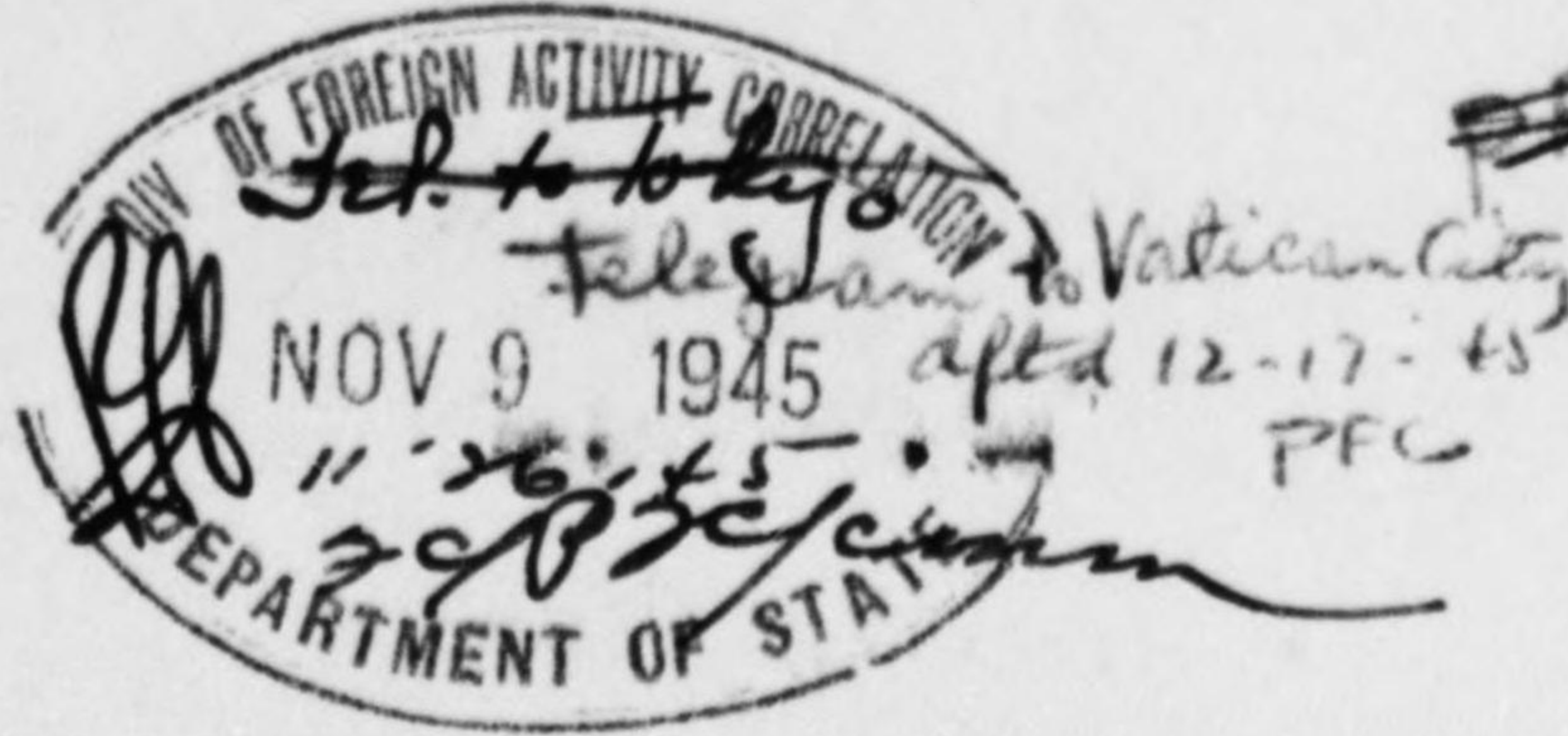
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Vatican City

Dated November 8, 1945

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Secretary of State

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219, November 8, 5 p.m.

Montini tells me that Japanese Ambassador Holy See informed Vatican yesterday that no instructions of any kind had been received from his government (department's circular telegram October 23, 5 p.m.). HOWEVER, some time ago he did receive from his government summary of General MacArthur's directive together with Japanese Government observation that directive considered by it contrary to Potsdam Declaration, but apparently for purpose information only. ^{Ha} Hirada added that he was fully prepared to comply with instructions as soon as received.

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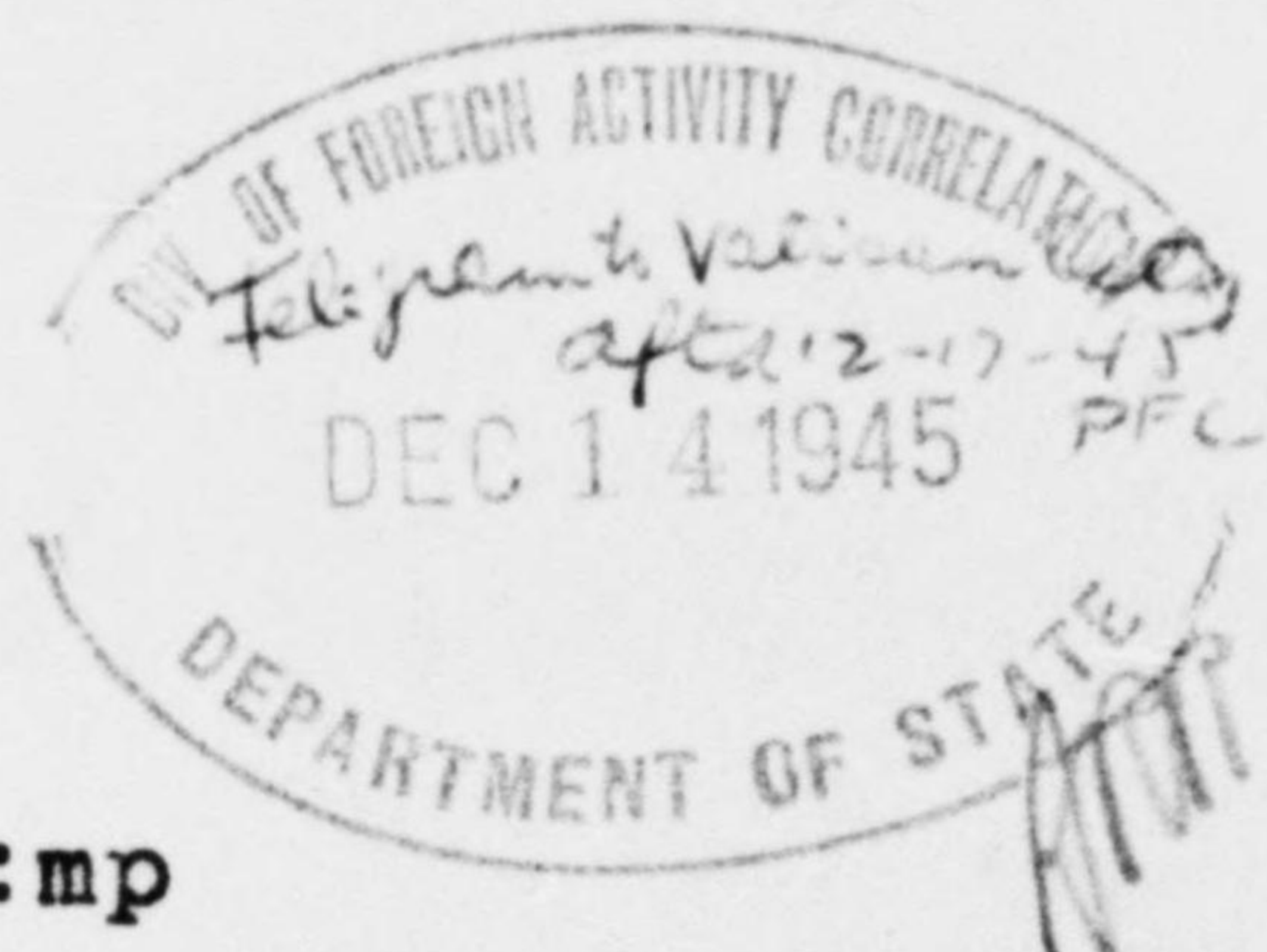
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTDATE: December 13,
1945TO : FC - Mr. Cherp
FROM : JA - Mr. Turner
SUBJECT:

With your permission we have withheld sending this telegram pending clarification of relations between the Japanese Government and the Vatican. On December 11 the War Department informed General MacArthur that his directive of October 25 recalling Japanese diplomatic representatives abroad should be interpreted as applicable to the Japanese representative at the Vatican.

In view of the foregoing, you may wish to inform Mr. Tittmann at the Vatican that the matter has now been clarified and that instructions from Tokyo to Japanese representative at the Holy See should shortly ensue. You might wish to ask him to report further in case no action is apparent within a reasonable period.



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SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS,
TOKYO, JAPAN.

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DEPT advised by Vatican City that Jap Ambassador there
has not (repeat not) received instructions regarding Jap
records and property as provided for in directive of
October 25.

Please take appropriate action and report.

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