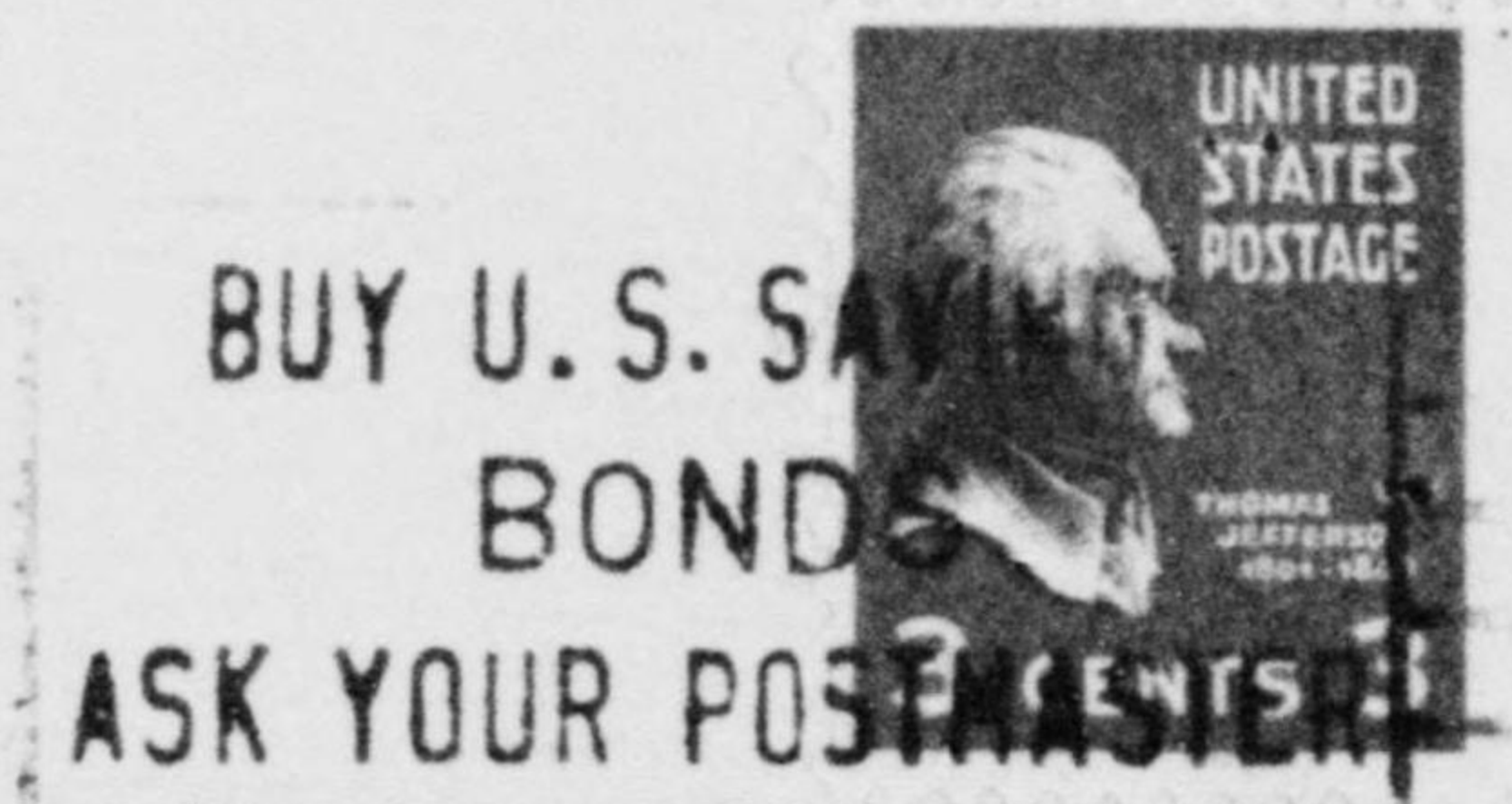
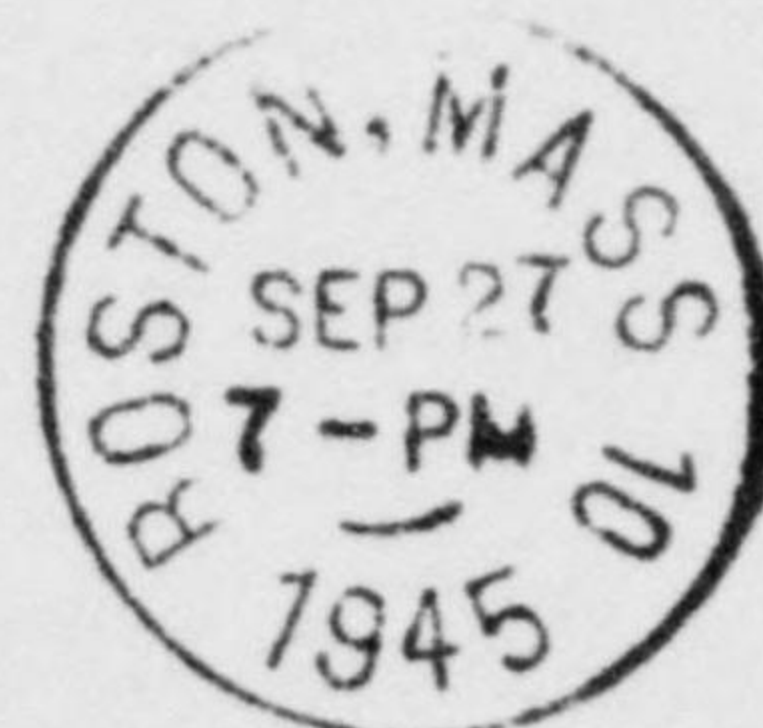


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Bureau,

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From Mrs. Elise T. Putnam
382 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston 15, Mass.



Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Division
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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JEC:

The amount of supplies involved is bound to be very small. It would hardly be worth while to raise any question about distribution to these people.

EDK

It may not be of American origin anyway.

Comité International
de la Croix Rouge à Genève, Suisse
Délégation aux Etats-Unis
d'Amérique



International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland
Delegation to the United States
of America

1645 Connecticut Ave. N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Oct. 6, 1945.

SPECIAL WAR PROBLEMS
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OCT 11 - 1945
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Albert E. Clattenburg
Acting Chief
Special War Problems Division
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

For your information I am herewith enclosing three copied of a cable we have received from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva:

Cable No. N9052 - 1794

Conc. Evacuation of POWs and
CICs and Relief Action administered
to liberated Allied Civilians

THE DELEGATE IN THE UNITED STATES
of the
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

DOB - 07-0-1912
Anal. Dorothea M. Laurion
Rev. MB
Col. BF
Dist.

F. Maurer

OCT 5 1945

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COPY OF INCOMING CABLEGRAM:
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS
DELEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Ref: C/X

Cable received from:

INTERCROIXROUGE
GENEVA

Date sent: Oct. 4, 1945.

Date received: Oct. 6, 1945.

1794 THIRTYFOURTHOUSAND POWS AND APPROXIMATELY TWOFIFTY CICS
JAPAN NOW EVACUATED MAJORITY CICS REMAINING JAPAN STOP ALL DELEGATES
ASSISTING EVACUATION NOW BACK FROM MAINCAMPS STOP JUNODS IDEA OF
ORGANIZING INEXTREMIS SEVEN MISSIONS PROVED EXCELLENT AS WERE ABLE
ORGANIZED EVACUATION IN COLLABORATION WITH CAMP LEADER ALLIED
REPRESENTATIVES AND JAPANESE STOP WILL BE RECEIVING GENEVA LISTS POWS
CICS AND DELEGATES REPORTS ON ALL CAMPS GROUPS EXCEPT TOKYO WHERE
EVACUATION TOO RAPID TO OBTAIN INFORMATION HOWEVER THIS OBTAINBLE FROM
WAR DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON STOP DELEGATION COLLECTED SEVERAL TONS
FOODSTUFFS CLOTHING MEDICINS IN EVACUATED CAMPS WHICH DISTRIBUTING
NOW TO LIBERATED ALLIED CIVILIANS AND ITS FAMILIES TOKYO YOKOHAMA KOBE
STOP DELEGATION ASKED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS PERMISSION EXTEND THIS RELIEF
ACTION TO FRENCH ITALIANS STATELESS FORMERLY IN PRISON WHOM DELEGATION
CONSIDER INDIRECTLY WAR VICTIMS IN VIEW THEIR GREAT INDIGENCE

INTERCROIXROUGE N9052

THE TEXAS COMPANY
TEXACO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



135 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
A. S. ANGUS, ASSISTANT MANAGER

October 11, 1945

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

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Dear Sir:

During the past several days we have received several undated letters from you with reference to the release and repatriation of various crew members of our S. S. CONNECTICUT who have been held as prisoners of war by Japan, and we wish to thank you for your cooperation in forwarding this information to us, and you may be assured that we will keep the families of these men informed as to their status.

Yours very truly

A. S. Angus
A. S. ANGUS

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Anal. *Frank*
Rev. *AM*
Col. *SM*

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In reply refer to
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My dear Colonel Bresee:

I refer to the Department's letter of October 9, 1945, and enclose for your information additional reports received from the American Consul General at Manila containing the names of military personnel and civilians recovered in Japan, including names and addresses of emergency addresses in the United States and messages.

Sincerely yours,

BJ
Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr.
Acting Chief
Special Projects Division

Enclosures:

Mimeographed
lists.

Colonel Howard F. Bresee,
Room 1731 Munitions Building,
Office of the Provost Marshal General
Constitution Avenue and 20th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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T. H. Chapman

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Manila, Philippines, October 12, 1945

No. 473

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SUBJECT: Transmitting Additional Lists of Names of American
Citizens Recovered from the Japanese.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
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Letter to War Dept. 10/23/45
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I have the honor to transmit herewith lists of names of American
citizens recovered from the Japanese which have up to the present been
received by the Consulate General.

Respectfully yours,

Paul P. Steintorf
Paul P. Steintorf
American Consul General

Enclosure:

- 1. Lists of names of American
citizens recovered from the
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FROM

Bern

Dated October 19, 1945.

Rec'd Oct 30, 7 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1159 of October 19.

American Interests - Far East

Your A-569 September 24

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Foreign Office note October 17, states
according undated telegram Gorgé note Japanese
Foreign Office concerning information in question
dated April 14, but only received August 29.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1161 of October 23.

American Interests - Japan

Department's A-521 April 27

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Foreign Office note October 22, states according
telegram Gorge Japanese Foreign Office reports American
pows Carl NORRIS and Rodriguez Basillo LOPEZ died
as result work accident.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1165 of October 24.

American Interests - Japan

Your telegram 2382 July 24 - 6 p.m.

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Foreign Office note October 23, states according to recent telegram from Gorgé he sending by courier list pows killed during bombardments which Japanese Foreign Office has just communicated to him. Gorgé states that only pow Hospital at Kobe was destroyed.

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Draft Off., Please note action.
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To- Mr. Byrnes , dated 10-24-45

From:- ELLIS PATTERSON - MC-

Ref:- Ltr from Mr. DOUGLAS W BOGUE
regarding suit against Japan
by Amer. POW.

Sent to- AEC

Referred to Ja by SIB.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE:

TO : LE
FROM : VA
SUBJECT:

LEGAL ADVISOR
OCT 31 1945
DEPARTMENT
10/31/45
J. B. [unclear]

VA has never announced a letter involving rights under the Geneva Convention - hence we believe that this is an LE matter.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SPECIAL DIVISION

Oct 30.

Ja

I think you
have answered
inquiries of this
kind in the past.

E. Bailey



ELLIS E. PATTERSON
16TH DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEES OF
MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES
LABOR
INDIAN AFFAIRS
WAR CLAIMS
ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT
AND REPRESENTATIVES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary wishes
an answer to be
immediately
submitted to be
answered in three days.

October 24, 1945

The Honorable James F. Byrnes
Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I wish to call to your attention the attached communication
from Mr. Douglas W. Bogue, 1433 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles,
California.

I am in complete sympathy with the attitude revealed in this
letter. Although no reparations demanded of Japan could actually
compensate for the suffering endured by our men held prisoner by
the Japanese, I strongly feel that servicemen who were prisoners
of war should have the right to sue the Japanese Government for
its complete failure to live up to the agreements of the Geneva
Conference pertaining to prisoners of war.

Would you kindly look into this matter and advise me whether
any consideration has been given to this question of bringing
suit against Japan in behalf of our men who were prisoners of
war. Please return the attached letter with your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Ellis E. Patterson
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Sir:

I believe the proper manner in which to go about my problem is to write my Congressman. At least this is what I have been informed so I am hoping you'll at least finish reading this letter and reply in some manner.

I am a discharged marine who while serving with the 4th Regiment and fighting on Bataan and Corregidor I was taken prisoner by the Japanese when Corregidor capitulated to the Japs.

Not a single man asked the General Wainwright or any other officer to give up but General Wainwright thought that by so doing he could save further slaughter. He was wrong which has been proven a thousand times since. I myself came through one of the outstanding Jap POW atrocities of the war after living on starvation rations of slop and working for endless hours building fortifications for the Japs to defend their illgotten gains for 32 months they (the Japs) as a token of their gratitude either shot or burnt alive all the American Pow's at Puert Princessa, Patawan. Nine of these men managed to escape this slaughter which proof is filed in the files of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corp.

I am only briefing this story to place a picture in your mind as I make my request, for I am one of the nine.

It is to my understanding that Japan belong to the Geneva Conference but at no time lived up to it, which has been proven. Then why can't all men who were held as POW's by such a country, now that they have been defeated, openly sue or claim from such country a settlement in cash sufficient enough to overcome the starvation and agony that POW's endured while their prisoners.

If not a claim or suit against Japan why doesn't the United States make some such allowance. Most impressive is a comparisson of back pay to POW's - especially enlisted men - officers always get their allowances. Or are POW's a forgotten lot?

Awaiting your reply,

DOUGLAS W. BOGUE

COPY

In reply refer to
Le 711.94114A/10-2445

NOV 5 1945

My dear Mr. Patterson:

I have received your letter of October 24, 1945 enclosing a communication addressed to you by Mr. Douglas W. Bogue concerning the matter of obtaining compensation on behalf of members of the armed forces of the United States on account of mistreatment while held as prisoners of war by Japanese authorities.

With reference to the suggestion that the aggrieved individuals sue the Japanese Government, I may point out that it is well settled that a foreign government may not be sued in the United States in the absence of an applicable treaty without the expressed consent of such government. Consequently it is not believed that the individuals concerned would be able to obtain compensation by instituting an action against the Japanese Government in the courts.

While the Department is not as yet in a position to indicate what procedure will be adopted to deal with claims against Japan or what classes of claims will be entitled to share in any funds which may become available for the settlement of such claims, it is possible that, in connection with peace negotiations or otherwise, some procedure will be established to deal with claims of this nature. Should the American citizens concerned desire, in the meantime, to file claims with the Department for possible future

consideration

The Honorable
Ellis E. Patterson,
House of Representatives.

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consideration, such claims should be prepared in the form of sworn statements, in duplicate, setting forth all pertinent facts in relation to their detention, with particular reference to any mistreatment to which they may have been subjected during their detention. Such statements should be accompanied by such evidence as may be obtainable in support of allegations made in the statement, and proof of the claimants' American citizenship should also be submitted.

Mr. Bogue's letter is returned herewith, a copy having been made for the Department's files.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Byrnes

Enclosure:

From Mr. Bogue.

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OCT 25 1945

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The Secretary of War presents his compliments to the Honorable, the Secretary of State, and has the honor to make further reference to his communication of July 31, 1945, file SWP 711.94114A/7-1745, inclosing a copy of an airgram received from the American Consulate General at Algiers, requesting on behalf of Mrs. Rose Klein, a resident of Algiers, information regarding the disposition made of any monies left by her son, Private Samuel Jacobson, who perished during the sinking of a Japanese prisoner of war transport on October 24, 1944.

It is expected that Departmental Settlement of the arrears of pay due Private Samuel Jacobson, ASN 19,013,060, will be certified to the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington 25, D. C., in the near future. Departmental Settlement will cover his accrued pay as a private for the period May 7, 1942 thru June 16, 1945, less deductions of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per month for the payment of premiums of National Service Life Insurance. There is no record that deceased soldier had Soldiers Deposits.

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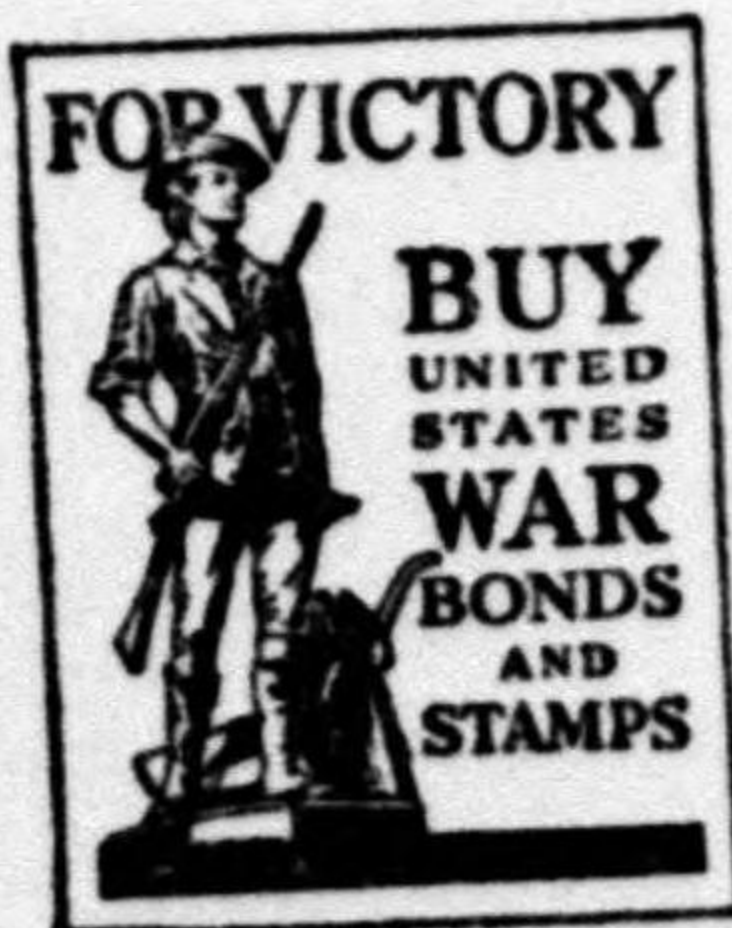
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Dated October 25, 1945.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1168 of October 25.

American Interests - Japan

Department's telegram 1296 March 31 - 6 p.m. and
Legation's 2313 April 20 - 7 p.m.

Foreign Office note October 24, states according
further communication from Swiss Legation Tokyo Japanese
Foreign Office states that following new inquiry it has
been established that Lieutenant Kurita commanded the
unit at Atapú. Since Kurita has probably not returned
to Japan, the Japanese authorities on the spot have
been directed to conduct an immediate inquiry and in
case possible find guilty persons to punish them severely
and forward report.



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Nov 17, 1945

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
ALGIERS.

Consulate General's A-189, July 17.

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To: Mr. Frederick Lyon
Department of State

From: Chairman, Reporting Board

Subject: Treatment of Prisoners of War in Formosa - War Crimes

The following is forwarded to you for your information:

At least two United States flying officers were tortured by the hand of Lance-Corporal (?) KAWAI (川井), an interpreter, under the orders of Major AOKI (青木) and Captain NAKANO (中野). Major AOKI was chief of the intelligence section of the Army and Captain NAKANO is an MP at Taihoku. Lt. Col. SUGIURA (杉浦) conspired to kill the captives so that they should not reveal their being tortured. Lt. Col. SUGIURA is a member of Army intelligence.

Date of Information: 29 September - 3 October 1945
Date of Report: 12 October 1945
Source: Z - Canary Mission
Subsource: Japanese officials
Evaluation: D-3

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Chairman, Reporting Board

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Dated October 29, 1945

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

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AMERICAN INTERESTS FAR EAST

Department's 2565, August 20. Foreign Office

note October 25 states according telegram former Swiss Consulate Batavia no (repeat no) POW of CI has thus far been officially liberated in Netherlands Indies. Note after referring your 2565 / states instructions were given by Swiss Minister Tokyo to Swiss Consulate Batavia.

Swiss Consulate adds rather large number men and women have nevertheless left camps without permission adding under these conditions arrival Allied Forces should be hastened in order expedite liberations POWS and CIS.

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DR. ARDELLA M. ROBERTSON

CHIROPRACTOR
2712 SEMINARY AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. Wilson G. Blake, Asst. Chief
Special War Problems Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Blake:

Referring to file SMP 711.93114A/7-244 of July 9 1944
you will find that I deposited one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
to be used to reimburse the Government for such advances
made to my brother Jesse A. Bower, who was interned at
Camp Osaaka, Japan.

I am happy to say that he is now at home, and reports
that no assistance was rendered him, and no advanced money
was received by him. Therefore would you be kind enough
to return this money to me?

Thanking you in advance I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ardeella M. Robertson D.C.

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of financial assistance loans.

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In reply refer to
SPD 711.94114A/11-545

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My dear Dr. Robertson:

I have received your letter of November 5, 1945 regarding your remittance of \$100 which you forwarded to the Department for the purpose of reimbursing the Government for financial assistance loans to your brother, Jesse A. Bower, formerly interned in Japan, now repatriated. I have also received a letter dated December 8, 1945 from your brother requesting the Department to refund your remittance on his behalf.

Since the Department has received no information or evidence which would indicate that your brother applied for or received financial assistance loans from official funds, no deductions have been made from your deposit. I am, therefore, enclosing a check drawn payable to you on the Treasurer of the United States in the amount of \$100.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

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Gilson G. Blake
Assistant Chief
Special Projects Division

Enclosure:

Check for \$100. ✓

Dr. Ardella M. Robertson,
2712 Seminary Avenue,
Oakland, California.

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\$100.00 - check
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FROM

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Dated November 9, 1945.

Rec'd Nov 15, 7 p.m.

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Secretary of State,
Washington.

A-1125 of November 9.

American Interests - Japan

Department's telegram 2420 July 30

Swiss Foreign Office note November 8, states Minister Gorgé telegraphed Japanese Foreign Office transmitted lists of American pows killed, injured or missing as result aerial attack July 25, of camp No. 2 at Kawasaki.

These lists were forwarded by courier and Foreign Office will deliver them as soon as received to Legation. Gorgé adds names given on lists have been telegraphed to Intercross Geneva through POW Information Bureau.

Only two POW camps at Kawasaki, namely camps Nos. 1 and 2.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: November 28, 1945

SUBJECT: Assistance funds intended for Borneo American prisoners,
through IRCC, Geneva.

PARTICIPANTS: Lieutenant Waller, Navy Department (62976)
(The Bureau of Yards and Docks)

D. W. Corrick, Department of State
(Special Projects Division)

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Lieutenant Waller telephoned Mr. D. W. Corrick
and stated that he would forward correspondence
received by him on the above-mentioned subject
to SPD. (See 711.94114A/11-2845)

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AMERICAN LEGATION,
CANBERRA.

Reference Department's A-163, December 12, 1945.
Request report of Legation's progress in obtaining
information concerning Lieutenant Thomas O. Thompson,
ASN O-353217.

Acheson, Acting
(SAS)

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My dear General Johnson:

I have received your letter dated November 30, 1945, with enclosures, concerning Second Lieutenant Thomas O. Thompson, Jr., USAAF, ASN O-353217, missing in action over Rabaul, New Britain, since January 22, 1944, who has been reported by repatriates to have been held by the Japanese at a camp at Rabaul. You state that your headquarters is desirous of obtaining any information which Mr. Albert Evansen, a former Australian internee at Rabaul, may have concerning Lieutenant Thompson and other American prisoners of war who were held at Rabaul.

The American Legation at Canberra is being asked to endeavor to locate Mr. Evansen through the appropriate Australian authorities and to obtain what information he may have concerning Lieutenant Thompson and other Americans who may have been held at this camp.

Sincerely yours,

PWH
Parmely W. Herrick
Acting Assistant Chief
Special Projects Division

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Brigadier General Leon W. Johnson, USA,
Chief, Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1,
Room 4E-164, Pentagon Building,
War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

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In reply refer to
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My dear Mr. Colley:

This Department has received your letter of November 24, 1945, and its enclosure of a receipt, directed to The Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department for the attention of Lieutenant Waller, with regard to the sum of 173,400 dollars of Japanese military currency which you received at Kuching, Sarawak, on your behalf and that of nine other Americans, and the subsequent loan of 168,660 thereof to the senior British officer, Lieutenant Colonel A. W. Walsh, to use for the mutual benefit of internees at that place.

Your interest in making this information available to the Department is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Albert E. Clattenburg, Jr.
Acting Chief
Special Projects Division

Mr. George S. Colley, Jr.,
Cavite Project Manager,
Care of W. A. Bechtel Company,
155 Sansome Street,
San Francisco,
California.

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WE, the undersigned, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have RECEIVED the several sums of money set out in column 2 and opposite our respective names and signatures below such several sums amounting in the aggregate to One hundred seventy three thousand four hundred (\$173,400.00) DOLLARS being money handed to George S. Colley Jnr. (as the representative of U.S.A. nationals now in the Kuching P.O.W. and Internment Camps Sarawak) by the Japanese authorities of the said Camps and purporting to have been sent through Geneva by the United States Government as and for allowances to U.S.A. nationals in Japanese hands in Borneo.

2. The several sums of money set out in column 3 below represent that part of the sums in column 2 which each of us respectively have agreed to lend to Col. Walsh.

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3. The amounts lent by us to Lt. Col. A. W. Walsh are received by him in his capacity as Senior British Military Officer in the said Camps and are to be applied by him for the use and benefit of sick persons in the said Camps and/or sick prisoners of war and internees in the Camps' hospital and/ or in the Kuching Hospital.

4. The sums of money referred to herein are expressed in Japanese Government dollar currency.

Dated this seventh day of September 1945.

1. Names.	2. Full amount received by each person.	3. Amounts lent to Col. Walsh	4. Signatures.
Carl J. ...	17,340	15,090	...
George S. Colley Jnr	17,340	16,840	<i>George S. Colley</i>
Marjorie Colley	17,340	17,140	<i>Marjorie Colley</i>
Herman A. Nixon	17,340	17,140	
Mary Nixon	17,340	17,240	<i>Mary Nixon</i>
Ashton Laidlaw	17,340	16,840	<i>Ashton Laidlaw</i>
Harold Mottanus	17,340	17,140	<i>Harold Mottanus</i>
Barry H. Stone	17,340	17,140	<i>Barry H. Stone</i>
Barry Webber	17,340	17,090	<i>Barry Webber</i>
Betty Webber	17,340	17,090	<i>Betty Webber</i>
TOTALS	\$173,400	\$168,660	

5. RECEIVED on loan the aggregate sum of one hundred sixty eight ... made up as stated above and for the purposes set out in paragraph 3.

(SIGNATURE) *A. W. WALSH*
 Lt Col ...
 C/O British Troops.
 7th September 1945

A. W. WALSH
 Lt. Col. ...
 C/O Australian Troops
 Senior British Officer
 10th Sep 45.

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ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO
 W. A. BECHTEL CO.
 155 SANSOME STREET
 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

November 24, 1945

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Bureau of Yards & Docks
 Navy Department
 Washington, D. C.

Attention: Lt. Waller

My dear Lieutenant Waller:

About August 18, 1945 the American captives at Kuching, Sarawak, were called into the Japanese Prison Camp Administration Office and they were told by the Japanese that over a period of time sums of money from the American government had been sent to American Nationals in the Far East through Geneva, Switzerland and that the Japanese military authorities in charge of our camp had received allowances for us and that they had been "saving" this money for us.

Due to some error in the Japanese records, money had been received in Borneo for about 1700 Americans and there were only ten Americans in all of Borneo. The Japanese military authorities were going to turn the entire amount over to us. I accepted \$173,400.00 in Japanese military dollar currency and signed the receipt for it.

The Japanese military dollar currency was practically worthless at that time. However, the senior British officers among the prisoners felt that they could make use of this money for the hospital and so we turned the bulk of this money over to the British military.

I am enclosing a copy of the receipt that the British military signed for the money.

I would appreciate it if you would notify the proper people in Washington about this sum of money as they may desire the information in order that their records may be complete. I do not know to whom the report should be made.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
 CONTRACTORS PACIFIC NAVAL AIR BASES

George S. Colley, Jr.
 GEORGE S. COLLEY, JR.,
 Cavite Project Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE *file*PROJECTS
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January 3, 1946

Memorandum

The attached papers relate to relief funds which are perhaps but a very small fraction of those funds which we authorized disbursed for the relief of Americans, for which we will probably never receive an accounting satisfactory from the viewpoint of assurance that a dollar value was received by an American for each dollar spent. The attached letter from George S. Colley, Jr., and the receipt furnished serve as an acknowledgment of his receipt on his behalf and that of nine other Americans of 173,400 Japanese military dollars from the Japanese Prison Camp authorities at Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo. The same receipt is also purported to be a copy of that given to Mr. Colley and signed by the British military when they received on loan 168,660 of those dollars from Mr. Colley for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 3 thereof. In paragraph 3 of his letter Mr. Colley states the currency was practically worthless but that the senior British officers felt they could use it for the hospital. In this instance the original American recipients of the currency did not, within the language of that receipt, obligate themselves to repay it. This was in accord with the instructions issued by the Department for the extension of relief funds by the International Red Cross Committee delegates to Americans without the requirement that notes be taken when it was impossible or undesirable to require them under certain circumstances. It is likely it would be very difficult to establish either the US \$ cost of the currency when it was forwarded for the Americans or the US \$ value of it when the Japanese finally decided to distribute it in August 1945. It is very probable that the currency ultimately served a limited but very meritorious purpose of mutual benefit to a community of nationals including Americans. It is therefore the recommendation of this Division that no action be taken on the matter with the view of seeking reimbursement from either the original recipients of the currency or the British Government. However, it is thought the Department should furnish the British Embassy with the facts available to enable the British Government to ascertain that no individual personally profited in the disposition of the currency.

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It will be recalled that American and British Red Cross supplies were pooled in the Far East so that there is precedent for not demanding British reimbursement in this case.

The attached have been drafted: (1) an acknowledgment to The Bureau of Yards and Docks of its reference (2) an acknowledgment to Mr. Colley (3) a Memorandum to the British Embassy.

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military officer, as a loan and against his receipt,
168,660 of those dollars.

In communicating the foregoing to the British
Embassy, the Department is not prompted by a desire
to seek reimbursement for the currency of
a questionable value which undoubtedly was utilized
for the mutual benefit of a community of nationals
including Americans. It is thought, however, that
the British Government may wish to ascertain that
no individual personally profited in the disposition
of the currency.

Department of State,

Washington, January 23, 1946.

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The Bureau of Yards and Docks,
Navy Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Lieutenant Waller

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged with appreciation of your memorandum A16-2/A7-3 dated December 3, 1945 forwarding a letter received in your Bureau from George S. Colley, Jr., with its enclosure, as a matter coming under the cognizance of this Department. The Department will reply direct to Mr. Colley.

Very truly yours,

Bel
Albert S. Stattenburg, Jr.
Acting Chief
Special Projects Division

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Jesse A. Bower
2719 Seminary Ave.
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Mr. Gilson G. Blake
Assistant Chief
Special War Problems Div.
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Dear Sir:

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Please refer to your file SWP 711.93114A/7-944,
in which you will find that Dr. Ardella M. Robertson
deposited with the State Dept. \$100 in behalf of me,
during my imprisonment in Japanese POW camp, Osaka,
Japan.

As she has previously told you that I have been
returned to the states, and as I did not receive any
benefits from the \$100, will you kindly remit the
money to her?

Your kind cooperation and attention in this matter
will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely

Jesse A. Bower

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Manila via War

Dated December 29, 1945

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Request release to this headquarters of records of
International Red Cross inspections of Japanese POW camp 17-B,
Omuta, Kyushu, Japan, between 1 August 1943 and 31 May 1944, for
use in war criminal trials now pending. This HQS is advised such
records are not available unless so released.

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