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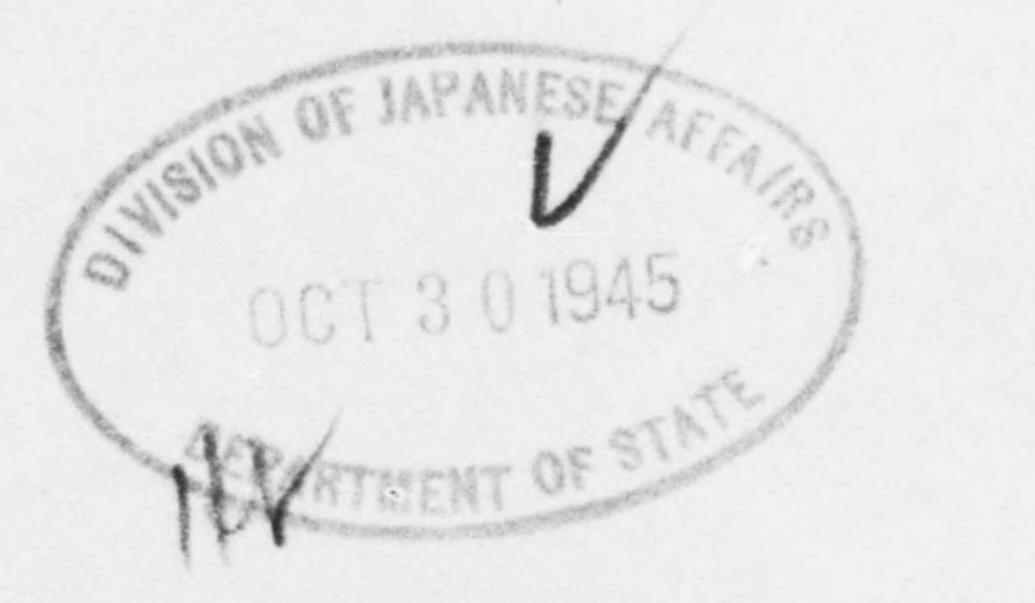
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In reply refer to PL

My dear Miss McHale:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 13, 1945 on behalf of the American Association of University Women with regard to the enfranchisement of the women of Japan. I also acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your similar letter of the same date addressed to the President.

The generous expressions of your group's satisfaction with this aspect of this Government's policy for Japan are much appreciated. You and your associates are assured that all steps will be taken to encourage Japan to adopt a peaceful, democratic government which will respect the rights of other nations and Japan's international obligations.

The Department at all times welcomes expressions of opinion from individuals and organizations on matters appertaining to international affairs. Thank you for your courtesy in making the views of your group available.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Francis H. Russell Acting Director Office of Public Affairs

Miss Kathryn McHale, General Director, American Association of University Women, National Headquarters, 1634 I Street Northwest,

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