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✓ ok (11). A list of all <sup>staff</sup> employees of the consulate.  
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For the American Minister to Eire

For the United Kingdom  
Representative in Eire:

/s/  
Thomas McNelly  
American Consul General

/s/  
Geoffrey F. Braddock  
United Kingdom Trade Com-  
missioner

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, July 15, 1946.

Mr. Setsuya Deppu  
20 Cromore Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin.

Sir:

During our interview this afternoon, at which Mr. Geoffrey F. Braddock for the United Kingdom Representative in Eire was present, you presented a translation of instructions from your government enumerating 10 items for delivery to the Allied Representatives in Dublin. Those 10 items correspond with those contained in the Memorandum of December 4 of the Allied Representatives which you refused to accept.

You are directed to prepare and send to the Allied Representatives in Dublin, in care of this Consulate General, a memorandum in duplicate setting forth your compliance with the 10 items or an explanation of the reason why you cannot comply. The information given should be as of December 4, 1945, the date of the Memorandum you refused to accept.

If the memorandum is considered satisfactory you will be informed as to transportation for yourself and wife and Mr. Ichihashi.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas McEnally,  
American Consul General.

cc: Legation,  
Mr. Braddock

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20, Cromore Park, Glasnevin, Dublin.

17th July, 1946.

Mr. Thomas McEnelly,  
American Consul General  
15, Merrion Sq., Dublin

Sir:

In accordance with the requests made by you and Mr. Geoffrey F. Braddock, as the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin, during our interview of July 15th, in connection with the instructions, enumerating 10 items, from the Japanese Government, and in accordance with directions contained in your letter of the same date, I beg to confirm herewith the statement of facts, as of December 4, 1945, concerning the ten items under instruction, verbally made to you and to Mr. Braddock during the interview:

- 1) The lease of the property, a furnished house, at 21, Milesbury Road, owned by Miss M. A. Dunn, an Irish citizen, rented by the Consulate-General, has since been terminated.
- 2) The owner's solicitors: Messrs. McCann and Murphy, Solicitors, 32, Nassau Street, Dublin.
- 3) In addition to the two officers stated in List B of the Consulate-General's Memorandum of November 12th, 1945, Miss E. Bowles, a shorthand typist and secretary, an Irish citizen, was in employment, but she has since left the Consulate.
- 4) No Japanese subjects reside in Ireland, except those stated in the above quoted List.
- 5) An inventory of official properties controlled by the Consul-General is forwarded by List A of the Consulate-General's Memorandum of November 12th.

Inventories of private properties of Mr. and Mrs. Beppu and of Mr. Ichihashi are forwarded by the separate papers.

Private properties of the domestic staff (Irish citizens) are not under the control of Mr. and Mrs. Beppu, or of Mr. Ichihashi.

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- 6) The registration book of Mr. Beppu's automobile, a private property, is needed at present, but will be open to inspection when necessary. The automobile is registered in his name with No. 2D 2028.
- 7) There is no pass-book.
- 8) Keys attached to some of the Consulate's properties are with the properties which are in storage. All the keys of the premises are in the owner's hands.
- 9) No Japanese subjects reside in Ireland, except those stated in 4). All the private properties are at their addresses stated in 4).

Official properties stated in 5) are now in storage at Messrs. Beverly Smyth and Sons, Dublin. Consul Ichihashi who is directly responsible in the matter is ready to give instructions to the firm to deliver the properties to the British and American Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin.

- 10) English text of all instructions in this matter are now in the hands of the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin.

In the above statement, the names of Irish citizens are given in 1), 2) and 3) according to the verbal assurances given by the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin that neutral nationals will not be embarrassed.

Respectfully yours,

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Private properties of Mr. and Mrs. S. Beppu consist of:-

1. Clothings; trunks, suitcases, etc.
2. Household furniture and kitchen utensils.
3. Goods for culture and recreation, including books.
4. One motor-car (Reg. No. ZD 2026) and two bicycles.

(Fuller inventory can be submitted if necessary).

s/ S. B.

17th July, 1946.

Private properties of Mr. K. Ichikashi, consist of:-

1. Clothings; travelling goods, trunks, suitcases, etc.
2. Sports goods and books and stationery things.
3. Two bicycles, one is a motor-bike.

(Fuller inventory can be submitted if necessary).

s/ K. I.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, July 23, 1946.

Mr. Setsuya Heppel,  
20 Cromore Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin.

Sir:

Your letter of July 17 has been considered by the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers, and I am directed to inform you of the necessity of compliance in the following particulars:

1. You should send this Consulate General the check book and deposit book of the bank with which you did business, either as the Japanese Consul General at Dublin or privately, and the statements of the bank showing your account with it. If you have destroyed the documents you should make that statement in writing and also write the bank with which you had the account instructing it to supply the Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin with any information they desire regarding the account or accounts, sending this Consulate General a copy of your letter.
2. You should write a letter to Messrs. Beverly Fayth & Sons, who have in storage the archives and effects of the former Japanese Consulate General at Dublin, instructing that firm to deliver those archives and effects to the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers on their request, sending a copy of your letter to this Consulate General.
3. You should send this Consulate General the registration book of your automobile which will be returned to you after note has been made of its contents.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas McEnelly,  
American Consul General

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20, Cromore Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

27th July, 1946

Mr. Thomas McEnally,  
American Consul General  
15 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Sir,

I am writing in reply to your letter of July 23rd written on behalf of the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers.

1. It is not clear under the purview of which item of the instructions from my Government the first of the three particulars stated in your letter does fall, since the item 7) has been dealt with both by our interview of July 15th and by my letter of July 17th. However, as your requests in fact concern my private account I comply with your requests on my own personal responsibility, and am forwarding herein enclosed the cheque book and statements. There is neither deposit book nor pass book of the account, which is my only bank account held in this country. Please return the documents to me at your earliest convenience.
2. In accordance with 9) of my letter of July 17th, Consul Ichihashi has written to Messrs. Beverly Smyth & Sons. Copies of his letter are herein enclosed. The firm will appreciate if they receive necessary instructions from you in writing with at least one week's notice. Please send me a receipt when the properties are delivered.
3. In accordance with 6) of my letter of July 17th, the Registration Book of my motor-car is enclosed herein. Please return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

s/ S. NEFFU

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7 Pembroke Road, Dublin,  
27th July, 1946

Dear Sirs,

Please deliver the properties of the Japanese Consulate-General in Dublin now in storage in your warehouse to the British and American representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers on their request, subject to your warehousing and delivery conditions.

The instructions as to the place and time will be given to you by the British and American representatives in Dublin in writing with at least one week's notice.

Please send me the receipt or a copy of the receipt signed by the British and American representatives in Dublin, and also the charges for storage and delivery when the delivery is completed.

Yours faithfully,

s/ K.L.

Messrs. Beverly Smyth & Sons,  
30 South Anne Street,  
Dublin



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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, August 8, 1946.

The Honorable  
David Gray  
American Minister,  
Dublin.

Sir:

I enclose a letter dated August 7, 1946, from Mr. S. Beppu, the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, in reply to the memorandum sent him on August 1. A copy of the letter has been sent to Mr. Braddock, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner.

The memorandum, signed by Mr. Geoffrey F. Braddock, acting for the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, and me, acting for the American Minister to Eire, a copy of which was sent the Legation, reads as follows:

"The British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers have instructed the undersigned, acting for them, to direct you to write a letter to the bank with which you or Mr. Ichihashi did business ordering it to furnish the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers with full information as to transactions of the Japanese Consulate General and yourself and Mr. Ichihashi from the time of your arrival in Eire to date. The letter should be sent the bank and a duplicate, signed, sent to the American Consulate General."

Item 1, in my letter to him of July 23, is quoted below:

"1. You should send this Consulate General the check book and deposit book of the bank with which you did business, either as the Japanese Consul General at Dublin or privately, and the statements of the bank showing your account with it. If you have destroyed the documents you should make that statement in writing and also write the bank with which you had the account instructing it to supply the Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin with any information they desire regarding the account or accounts, sending this Consulate General a copy of your letter."

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The check book and form of account with the Provincial Bank of Ireland Limited, which he sent the Consulate General in reply to that directive, showed checks drawn by him from November, 1945, to July, 1946, and his account with the bank from April 10 to July 26, 1946.

It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Boppa has no intention of complying with the instructions contained in the memorandum of August 1.

Respectfully yours,

s/ McENNELLY

Thomas McEnnelly,  
American Consul General

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20 Cranmore Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

7th August, 1946.

Mr. Thomas McNelly,  
American Consul General,  
15 Merrion Square,  
DUBLIN.

Sir:

I have received my cheque book, the statements and the registration book of my motor-car, which you were good enough to return me by your letter of August 1st.

Regarding your separate letter and its enclosure of the same date, I beg to refer you to the particular 1 of my letter of July 27th by which I have complied with the particular 1 of yours of July 23rd. You will also understand that I am not in a position to interfere in Mr. Ichihashi's personal matters, about which he will be left to his own discretion.

Respectfully yours,

s/ S. Beppu

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20 Grenore Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin,  
August 20, 1946

Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Sir:

As it is clear in our correspondence and interviews that the matter stated in your communication of August 13th is not exigible under the instructions which reached me in the official capacity and which were already executed, I am constrained to protest against your request. Subject to the above, I am sending you herewith on my sole personal responsibility the form of letter which you gave me and is now signed by me, with necessary corrections to make it conform to the fact, to be forwarded to its proper destination. As the bank is an Irish corporation, please treat the matter according to your assurance that neutral nationals will not be embarrassed. Needless to state, both the bank and its customer are not accountable for any matter concerning an account or a similar transaction which has already been terminated.

Regarding my passage home I am forwarding you herewith a separate letter.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ S. Bepko

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Dublin, October 10, 1946

Mr. Setsuya Beppe  
28 Cremore Park  
Glacnevin, Dublin

Sir:

With reference to your letter to me of the 3rd of October, I am instructed by the American and British Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers, to request you to supply me with a statement showing all your transactions and those of the Japanese Consulate General in Dublin with the Munster and Leinster Bank Limited, Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, for the whole period during which you and the Consulate General kept an account at that bank.

In this connection your attention is called to the following instructions received by you from Tokyo:

\*Telegram No. 46 from the Japanese Foreign Minister to the Japanese Consul General at Dublin sent on November 28, 1945:

"The Japanese Government received from the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the following directive under date of November 23. You will immediately carry out the necessary steps along the line of the directive and report the result to me by telegraph.

\*Subject: Urgent Instructions to Former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Ireland.

"The Japanese Government will immediately dispatch urgent instructions to the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Ireland, that the Consul General will at once proceed to the American Consulate there in person and comply forthwith and precisely with the directions given him by Allied representatives for the handing over of Japanese official documents, property, keys, etc. and that he will immediately notify the United States and United Kingdom Missions of the receipt and terms of these instructions from his Government."



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\*Instruction No. 50 - Urgent - 15 December 1945.

\*To Consul General Beppu in Dublin

\*From Foreign Minister Yoshida

\*Instructions pertaining to delivery of inventory  
and others.

\*On 15 December, it was directed by the General Headquarters  
for the Allied Powers to instruct you to deliver articles to  
the Allied representatives, as enumerated in my separate tele-  
gram No. 51 and you are asked to act accordingly.

\*I am advised that the present direction is not issued with  
the intention to seize the property of private individuals but  
to decide on the part of the Allied representatives whether the  
property concerned is private or not after the inventory is sub-  
mitted to them.

\*The General Headquarters also advised the Vice-Minister Mat-  
sushima that if the action on your part is delayed, the Allied  
representatives at Dublin may be obliged to take such steps as  
they deem proper and that the Vice-Minister should telegraph to  
you urgently before such steps are taken by the Allied representa-  
tives.\*

\*Instruction No. 51 - Urgent - 15 December 1945

\*(1) Lessee of all properties in Hire in Government's  
name or the name of Consul General.

\*(2) Name and addresses of solicitors of owners.

\*(3) List of all employees of the Consulate.

\*(4) List of all Japanese subjects with addresses and  
occupations.

\*(5) Inventory of all properties controlled by the  
Consul General and his family and the staff.

\*(6) The Registration book of automobiles used by  
the Consul General and the Consulate and evi-  
dence to ownership.

\*(7) All bank pass books by the Consul General and in  
the name of the Japanese Government.

\*(8) Key to

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- \*(8) Key to Consulate properties and key to premises.
- \*(9) General information as to the location of properties in care of all Japanese subjects including the Consul General.
- \*(10) English text of all instructions the Consul General received concerning this matter."

"Instruction No. 52 - Urgent - 17 December 1945

"Referring to my telegram No. 50.

"I repeat that you will take, under the circumstances immediate steps to meet the requirements of the Allied representatives at Dublin without delay."

When you have complied to the satisfaction of the Allied Powers, it will be in order to discuss arrangements for your return to Japan.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

Thomas McNally  
American Consul General

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Dublin, December 27, 1946

Mr. S. Bopp  
20 Cromore Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 23, in which you inquire whether it is correct to understand from my letter of December 17 that your statement, not a statement from the bank, is required.

In my letter of December 17, I stated that what was required was a statement from you "showing all your transactions and those of the Japanese Consulate General in Dublin with the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd., Upper Saggot Street, Dublin, for the whole period during which you and the Consulate General kept an account at that bank. You were not asked for a statement from the bank."

I do not see how that paragraph could be misconstrued.

Respectfully yours,

/s/

Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General

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20, Cromore Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

27th February, 1947.

Mr. Thomas McEally,  
American Consul General  
15, Merrion Sq., Dublin

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated the 19th instant written by you and the British Trade Commissioner acting on instructions of the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned in reply to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, I beg to state that there is none of the papers which you are now requesting in my possession, not only in connection with the particular account with the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, but also with the other terminated accounts stated previously at your request. In accordance with common practice, the vouchers, if there were any, and the cheque book stubs were not kept after each settlement was discharged. In fact, no voucher was received from the bank and no account was kept with the bank either by myself or by the Consulate, other than the account in question. You will perhaps appreciate the fact that the compliance with your request for a statement as supplied by my letter of the 23rd ultimo was made possible since there was no record in my possession, only with the exceptional favour accorded by the bank who supplied me all the facts regarding the account, which facts were supplied to you without omission. It is, therefore, beyond my power to recall correctly the names of the payees indicated in the statement.

I am, therefore, to request you to be so good as to convey the above stated facts to the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned with my entreatment that the matters stated in your letter under reply will not be placed as impediments in the way of our return home under instruction.

Yours truly,

/s/  
S. BEPPE

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20, Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

2nd April, 1947

Mr. Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15, Morrison Sq., Dublin

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated the 14th ultimo, I should like to state that it is not in my power, or in that of the bank concerned, to supply you with any of the papers which you requested by your letter of February 19th for the reasons and circumstances stated in my letter of February 27th. I believe that the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned will appreciate that the request is one which is physically impossible to comply with and that this inability is not to be construed in such a way as is indicated in your letter under reply. I am myself convinced that everything possible has already been done to execute faithfully every item of the instructions from home and that all my efforts will receive due consideration from the Governments concerned.

In view of the above facts as well as of the hardship being imposed upon us by the unexpectedly long delay of our return home under instruction, I should like to request you, for the last time, to be so good as to use your good offices with the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned to the end that my previous letter of February 27th be duly reviewed and travel facilities be arranged for us as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

/s/

S. KIPP

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, May 9, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable  
David Gray  
American Minister  
Dublin.

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of May 1, the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Mr. Setsuya Beppu, was requested to call at the Consulate General for questioning. He called at the Consulate General on May 8 at 11:00 a.m., and the questions contained in your letter were put to him by me in the presence of Mr. Edward Baynes, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Dublin.

He was, as usual, very evasive, but we managed to pin him down to definite answers on certain of the questions. When it came to the question of his withdrawals from banks, he repeated the same story over and over again; that is, that they were for the expenses of the consular establishment and personnel. We could get nowhere by further questioning in that respect, so we resorted to the expedient of endeavoring to ascertain just what his expenses were while he was in Dublin, with the idea of making a comparison with the withdrawals from the bank. The only definite statement we could get from him as to the expenses was that he paid £30.0.0 a month rent on the premises he occupied which he used for both the consular establishment and as his residence.

Following is a list of the questions put to him and his answers. The answers are not exactly in his words, but contain his statements as best we could record them. As before stated, he was very elusive and went to long explanations, largely irrelevant, to justify some of his statements. I will go into considerable detail in commenting on his reply to Question No. 9. It will be interesting to note that he came to Dublin in June, 1940, opened an office here, and apparently made this his headquarters. Why that should have been done in June, 1940, when Britain was not at war with Japan is certainly a basis for suspicion. Furthermore, he withdrew a sum of money, the amount of which he did not state, when he left Liverpool and brought it with him to Dublin. There were no Japanese interests in Eire at that time. He did not comment on that observation when Question No. 3 was put to him.

1. (a.) When did

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1. (Q.) When did you arrive in Dublin?

(A.) In 1949. I think in the month of June.

2. (Q.) Where did you come from?

(A.) Liverpool.

3. (Q.) What were your reasons for coming here, since there were no Japanese interests in Eire?

(A.) Eire was in my consular district. (He was then asked why he had opened an office here in 1940. He replied that he had got instructions from his Government to do so, and had remained in Eire with the exception of an occasional trip to Liverpool. He further stated that he drew money from a bank in Liverpool when he came to Eire in 1940 and deposited it with the Provincial Bank of Ireland.)

4. (Q.) Was it the German or Italian missions which introduced you and arranged for an office and living quarters?

(A.) He stated that the Germans and Italians had nothing to do with renting his office and living quarters, that he rented them from a Miss Dunn who resides at Booterstown, on Sidney Road, as near as he could remember.

5. (Q.) Who procured Miss Bowles for you as a secretary? What is her full name and permanent address?

(A.) Ishihashi introduced her. (Ishihashi was the Japanese Vice Consul.) I knew her brother, Captain Bowles. I don't know her present address, but think it is in Antioch, near Loughrea. Her name is Elizabeth.

6. (Q.) Who was your Dublin solicitor and by whom was he recommended to you?

(A.) Mr. B. Walsh, Trinity Street. He was engaged quite recently as a personal solicitor, about a year ago. I had no solicitor previously.

7. (Q.) When did you expect Britain to be conquered by the Axis?

(A.) He stated he was not competent to answer.

8. (Q.) The proposed

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8. (Q.) Who proposed you for the Kileroney Golf Club?

(A.) Dr. P. J. Keough. He is now dead. As to any other proposers, he said he believed he was proposed by Messrs. Meares and Charters, solicitors, but he was not sure; he could not remember. (Probably of the firm of White and Meares).

9. (Q.) You tell us that you have destroyed the vouchers and counterfoils which would identify the payees to whom the sums indicated in the bank statement of your account were paid, also the official accounts which should have been rendered to your Government. You should nevertheless complete from memory, the names of the payees in the case of all large or regular amounts shown in the bank statements. You will appreciate that arrangements as to your homeward passage must await the completion and verification of this information. Perhaps Miss Bowles would have a recollection as to the identity of these payees, etc., etc.

(A.) He stated that Miss Bowles had nothing to do with his banking transactions. When questioned about particular withdrawals from banks, his answers were invariably the same, that they were for the expenses of the Consulate and personnel. We then endeavored to elicit more definite information from him as to his expenses but he was very elusive; the only definite statement was that the consular premises, which also contained his residence, was rented for £30.0.0. On that basis we estimated what his expenses must have been per month, judging by the expenses of any married couple, without children, in reasonable circumstances, residing in Dublin during the past seven years. We could also estimate the expenses of his subordinate, Mr. Ishihashi. His expense for clerk hire (one person, Miss Bowles) was £20.0.0 a month, that is £15.0.0 per month, plus a bonus of £5.0.0., more or less, per month; he did not say what the bonus was for or why it varied. His car was registered at Dublin on July 30, 1940. It was a Vauxhall, Chassis Type 15192, 14 H.P., 6 cylinder. It was acquired within a month after he arrived in Dublin and, therefore, was either brought by him from Liverpool or purchased in Dublin with the money he brought with him from that city. His entire expenses from June 1, 1940, to June 1, 1947, are estimated as follows:

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United States Army Forces, Pacific

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File No. # 701.32  
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Subject: Deportation of Japanese Consul-  
General and Party from Dublin, Ireland

Note No. From: DF To: Government Section Date: 6 August 1947  
(General Whitney)

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1. Forwarded for information and appropriate action is a report received from the Department of State concerning former Japanese Consul-General, K. Nagata, and former Japanese Consul, Ichihashi, in Dublin, Ireland.

2. DF will inform G of the expected date of arrival of Nagata and party when such information is received.

3. It is requested that the enclosure be returned to this section when no longer required.

Ingl: As stated \_\_\_\_\_ G. A. Jr. \_\_\_\_\_



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**July 16, 1947**

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Dept concurs recommendation USdepy 2365 June 11, 1947 that Mr. and Mrs. Nagata and Mr. Ichihashi, commi, be returned at once Japan. Dept notes that UK representative is prepared arrange transportation through Brit Ministry of Transport. Copy ref depy will be sent SCAP for appropriate action upon return these Japs to their homeland.

When in position to do so, please submit final report status Jap official property. Inform Tokyo and Dept when Japs depart and their RTA Japan.

**Marshall**



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DUBLIN, June 11, 1947

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**SUBJECT: Final Report on Former Japanese Consul General in Dublin**

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to transmit herewith the final joint report by Lord Rugby, the United Kingdom Representative, and me on the former Japanese Consul General in Dublin, Mr. S. Hoppa. It will be noted from the report that it is now recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Hoppa, and Mr. Ishihashi, the Consul, be returned to Japan, since there would appear to be no useful purpose in keeping them longer in Ireland.

The Office of the United Kingdom Representative is prepared to arrange transportation through the British Ministry of Transport, which is in accordance with the Department's telegram No. 7 of January 15, 1946. The Department's instructions are requested as to whether we should proceed on this basis.

Respectfully yours,

David Gray

Enclosure:

1. Report on Japanese Consul General in Dublin, Mr. S. Hoppa, signed by Lord Rugby and Minister Gray.

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D.Gray/and

Original and teletype to Department

cc: Consulate General, Dublin

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for personal attention of  
the manager

20 Cremona Park  
Dublin

August 13, 1946

manager  
to the ~~management~~ of the St. Stephens Green Branch  
of the Provincial Bank of Ireland.

Dear Sir:

Please ~~we are hereby directed by the undersigned to~~  
make available to the British Trade Commissioner to  
Ireland, Mr. Geoffrey F. Braddock, and to the United  
States Consul General in Dublin, Mr. Thomas McNally,  
~~representing the Allied Powers, in~~  
~~jointly and to either of them separately all accounts~~  
Dublin  
~~and transactions of the Japanese consular establish-~~  
~~ment in Ireland and all my personal accounts and trans-~~  
~~actions.~~ As I have no right to give  
you any direction regarding the Japanese

~~Consulate-General's~~  
Consulate-General's account which has  
already been terminated, please treat  
it accordingly.

Please treat this request in  
accordance with the banking regulations,  
custom and usage binding you and  
customers.

Yours faithfully,  
S. Beppu

(changes made in Mr. Beppu's own handwriting)



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Dublin, Ireland

June 9, 1947

Pursuant to instructions from our respective governments, the undersigned, United States Minister to Ireland and the United Kingdom Representative to Ireland, have endeavored to obtain possession of the property and files of the Japanese Consulate General in Ireland, and to cooperate with the Japanese Consul General in fulfilling the instructions received by him from his Government relative to supplying the British and American Governments with requested data and information. We now transmit herewith as our final joint report copies of pertinent correspondence and memoranda of conversations between the Japanese Consul General and our representatives, the American Consul General in Dublin and the British Trade Commissioner, who, pursuant to our instructions and on our behalf, have conducted the inquiry into the transactions of the Japanese Consulate General.

It will be seen from the enclosures transmitted herewith that at all times Mr. Tetsuya Soppa has adopted an attitude evasive, obstructionist, and often insolent, that he has refused to give information obviously within his power to give, and that we must conclude that no useful purpose can be accomplished by further pursuing the inquiry in Ireland.

We recommend therefore that such measures as our respective Governments may approve be taken for his return to Japan together with his wife and the Consul, Mr. K. Ichibashi, and that upon his arrival he and his Consul be dealt with as the Allied Occupational Government of Japan may recommend to the Japanese Government. It is our conclusion that he should not be allowed to nullify with impunity the instructions which he has received from the Japanese Government at the suggestion of the Allied Occupational Government.

/s/  
David Gray, for the United States

/s/  
Lord Rugby, for the United Kingdom

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American Consulate General  
Dublin, January 18, 1946

The Honorable  
David Gray,  
American Minister,  
Dublin.

Sir:

You informed me by telephone this morning that the Japanese Consul General would no doubt arrange for an interview with me today for the purpose of again discussing the transfer of Japanese property and consequently passage for himself and his wife and the Japanese subordinate in his office. I was instructed that he should comply with the Memorandum submitted to him on November 10, 1945, and which he refused to accept.

The secretary of the Japanese Consulate General called up at 12:15 p.m. and asked when the Japanese Consul could see me. I naturally thought she meant the Consul General. I told her that he could come to the office at once, and I then called up Mr. Braddock, the British Trade Commissioner. We were both in the Consulate General awaiting the Japanese Consul General. At 12:30 his subordinate, Consul Masuo Ichihashi, arrived. He was informed by Mr. Braddock and myself that we would not discuss with him the matter of the transfer of Japanese property and that he should inform Mr. Beppu, the Consul General, that he himself must call on the Consulate General for that purpose.

He called at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Braddock was with me at the time. Mr. Beppu immediately began the conversation by saying he had been advised by the Irish Government that transportation facilities for himself and party had been arranged. I told him that I understood that tentative arrangements had been made for passage on a plane of the Pan American World Airways departing from Pinetown early tomorrow morning and by a vessel leaving Barcelona on January 23; that when I arranged for an interview at 12:30 I naturally thought that he himself would appear and not his subordinate. I then told him that transportation for his party was dependent on his compliance with the instructions contained in our memorandum of November 10 which I again handed to him. He read the memorandum, took out his fountain pen and began to make alterations, presumably to indicate that he would or would not do. I told him that all the provisions would have to be complied with. He told me that he had already complied with them by the Memorandum from his office of November 12 (which, by the way, was signed by his subordinate, Masuo Ichihashi) containing a list of stationary,

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reference books and office furniture of the Japanese Consulate General, and the names of the persons in his party wishing transportation, that is, himself and wife and Mr. Kazuo Ichihashi. I pointed out to him that our memorandum directed him to bring to this Consulate General the articles and documents specified and I indicated by a check in pencil the provisions that he had not complied with. He stated that he had complied with the instructions from his government and that was all he intended to do. I then pointed out to him the paragraph of page 2 of the memorandum from his office dated December 3 reading as follows: "1. (1) Acting upon instructions from the Japanese Government, the Consulate-General in Dublin, to a place to be specified by the Allied Powers. The official archives and property, including keys hereto, of the Consulate-General, stated in the inventory, List A of Annex I, have all been kept ready for immediate delivery." I told him that the "place specified by the Allied Powers" for the delivery of the items in our memorandum of November 10 was this Consulate General and not his office. He then handed me back the memorandum saying that he intended to consult the Irish Government. The memorandum is transmitted herewith that you may see Boppa's handwriting. As he did not accept the memorandum I requested him to indicate on it that it had been altered by him and not me, which he did. Mr. Bradock, of course, concurred in my statements to Mr. Boppa.

Respectfully yours,

*/s/*  
Thomas McNelly  
American Consul General

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*mutilated by  
S. B.*

**MEMORANDUM on Behalf of the Allied Powers,**

**To: The Former Japanese Consul General in Dublin,**

Pursuant to instructions which you have received from your Government recalling you and terminating your representation in Eire and directing you to surrender your archives and property and pursuant to the directions of the Allied Powers, you are hereby informed that arrangements will be made to receive you in person at the American Consulate General, 15 Merrion Square, Dublin, on November 12, 1945, at 1100 a.m.

*See letter of  
7/17/47 from  
Bippu*

In order to facilitate the transfer of your office, you are requested to bring with you to that meeting:

*See letter of  
7/17/47 from Bippu -  
Is that the only lease?*

✓ ok 1. English text of your instructions ordering your recall;

✓ ok 2. Lease or leases on all property held by you in Eire in your name or the name of the Japanese Government; ✓

✓ ok 3. Names and addresses of solicitors or owners of such property; ✓

✓ ok 4. Registration books of all automobiles used by you or your office and evidence as to ownership; ✓

*No passbook?* 5. All bank passbooks relating to any accounts held in Eire by you in the name of the Japanese Government; ✓

*Any more?* 6. Data as to the location of all property and assets in Eire in your name or that of any Japanese subject; ✓

✓ ok 7. Keys to consular premises; ✓

✓ ? more? 8. Keys to consular property (desks, cabinets, etc.); ✓

*Stored at Beverly  
Smith & Son - Hill?*

9. An inventory of all property under control of you, your family and your staff; ✓

✓ ok 10. A list of all Japanese subjects in Eire, giving addresses, ages and occupations; ✓

11. A list of all

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*sk* (11) <sup>*staff*</sup> A list of all employees of the consulate.  
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For the American Minister to Eire,

For the United Kingdom  
Representative in Eire:

        */s/*          
Thomas McNally  
American Consul General

        */s/*          
Geoffrey F. Braddock  
United Kingdom Trade Com-  
missioner

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, July 15, 1946.

Mr. Aleksya Deyga  
20 Grosvenor Park  
Clonsilla, Dublin.

Sir:

During our interview this afternoon, at which Mr. Geoffrey F. Bradock for the United Kingdom Representative in Eire was present, you presented a translation of instructions from your government concerning 10 items for delivery to the Allied Representatives in Dublin. These 10 items correspond with those contained in the Memorandum of December 4 of the Allied Representative which you refused to accept.

You are directed to prepare and send to the Allied Representatives in Dublin, in care of this Consulate General, a memorandum in duplicate setting forth your compliance with the 10 items or an explanation of the reason why you cannot comply. The information given should be as of December 4, 1945, the date of the Memorandum you refused to accept.

If the memorandum is considered satisfactory you will be informed as to transportation for yourself and wife and Mr. Ichihashi.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General.

cc: Legation,  
Mr. Bradock

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20, Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin.

17th July, 1946.

Mr. Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15, Merrion Sq., Dublin

Sir:

In accordance with the requests made by you and Mr. Geoffrey F. Brodick, as the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin, during our interview of July 15th, in connection with the instructions, enumerating 10 items, from the Japanese Government, and in accordance with directions contained in your letter of the same date, I beg to confirm herewith the statement of facts, as of December 4, 1945, concerning the ten items under instruction, verbally made to you and to Mr. Brodick during the interview:-

- 1) The lease of the property, a furnished house, at 22, Alleshbury Road, owned by Miss M. A. Dunn, an Irish citizen, rented by the Consulate-General, has since been terminated.
- 2) The owner's solicitors; Messrs. McEann and Murphy, Solicitors, 32, Nassau Street, Dublin.
- 3) In addition to the two officers stated in List B of the Consulate-General's Memorandum of November 12th, 1945, Miss E. Bowles, a shorthand typist and secretary, an Irish citizen, was in employment, but she has since left the Consulate.
- 4) No Japanese subjects reside in Ireland, except those stated in the above quoted List.
- 5) An inventory of official properties controlled by the Consul-General is forwarded by List A of the Consulate-General's Memorandum of November 12th.

Inventories of private properties of Mr. and Mrs. Beppu and of Mr. Ichihashi are forwarded by the separate papers.

Private properties of the domestic staff (Irish citizens) are not under the control of Mr. and Mrs. Beppu, or of Mr. Ichihashi.

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- 6) The registration book of Mr. Eppu's automobile, a private property, is needed at present, but will be open to inspection when necessary. The automobile is registered in his name with No. 2D 2928.
- 7) There is no pass-book.
- 8) Keys attached to some of the Consulate's properties are with the properties which are in storage. All the keys of the premises are in the owner's hands.
- 9) No Japanese subjects reside in Ireland, except those stated in 4). All the private properties are at their addresses stated in 4).

Official properties stated in 5) are now in storage at Messrs. Beverly Bayth and Sons, Dublin. Consul Ichihashi who is directly responsible in the matter is ready to give instructions to the firm to deliver the properties to the British and American Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin.

- 10) English text of all instructions in this matter are now in the hands of the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin.

In the above statement, the names of Irish citizens are given in 1), 2) and 3) according to the verbal assurances given by the Representatives for the Allied Powers in Dublin that neutral nationals will not be embarrassed.

Respectfully yours,

of \* HIPPU  
(H. Eppu)

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Private properties of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bopp consist of:-

1. Clothings; trunks, suitcases, etc.
2. Household furniture and kitchen utensils.
3. Goods for culture and recreation, including books.
4. One motor-car (Reg. No. ZE 2028) and two bicycles.

(Fuller inventory can be submitted if necessary).

s/ C. B.

17th July, 1946.

Private properties of Mr. K. Iwahashi, consist of:-

1. Clothings; travelling goods, trunks, suitcases, etc.
2. Sports goods and books and stationary things.
3. Two bicycles, one is a motor-bike.

(Fuller inventory can be submitted if necessary).

s/ K. I.

17th July, 1946.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, July 29, 1946.

Mr. Matsuyo Segami,  
29 Grosvenor Park  
Glennview, Dublin.

Sir:

Your letter of July 17 has been considered by the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers, and I am directed to inform you of the necessity of compliance in the following particulars:

1. You should send this Consulate General the check book and deposit book of the bank with which you did business, either at the Japanese Consul General at Dublin or privately, and the statements of the bank showing your account with it. If you have destroyed the documents you should make that statement in writing and also write the bank with which you had the account instructing it to supply the Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin with any information they desire regarding the account or accounts, sending this Consulate General a copy of your letter.

2. You should write a letter to Messrs. Severely & Lynch & Co., who have in storage the archives and effects of the former Japanese Consulate General at Dublin, instructing that firm to deliver these archives and effects to the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers on their request, sending a copy of your letter to this Consulate General.

3. You should send this Consulate General the registration book of your automobile which will be returned to you after note has been made of its contents.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General

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20, Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

27th July, 1946

Mr. Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Sir,

I am writing in reply to your letter of July 23rd written on behalf of the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers.

1. It is not clear under the purview of which item of the instructions from my Government the first of the three particulars stated in your letter does fall, since the item 7) has been dealt with both by our interview of July 15th and by my letter of July 17th. However, as your requests in fact concern my private account I comply with your requests on my own personal responsibility, and am forwarding herein enclosed the cheque book and statements. There is neither deposit book nor pass book of the account, which is my only bank account held in this country. Please return the documents to me at your earliest convenience.
2. In accordance with 9) of my letter of July 17th, Consul Ichihashi has written to Messrs. Beverly Fayth & Sons. Copies of his letter are herein enclosed. The firm will appreciate if they receive necessary instructions from you in writing with at least one week's notice. Please send me a receipt when the properties are delivered.
3. In accordance with 6) of my letter of July 17th, the Registration Book of my motor-car is enclosed herein. Please return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

s/ S. HEPPU

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7 Pembroke Road, Dublin,  
27th July, 1946

Dear Sirs,

Please deliver the properties of the Japanese Consulate-General in Dublin now in storage in your warehouse to the British and American representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers on their request, subject to your warehousing and delivery conditions.

The instructions as to the place and time will be given to you by the British and American representatives in Dublin in writing with at least one week's notice.

Please send me the receipt or a copy of the receipt signed by the British and American representatives in Dublin, and also the charges for storage and delivery when the delivery is completed.

Yours faithfully,

s/ K.L.

Messrs. Beverly Smith & Sons,  
20 South Anne Street,  
Dublin



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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, August 8, 1946.

The Honorable  
David Gray  
American Minister,  
Dublin.

Sir:

I enclose a letter dated August 7, 1946, from Mr. S. Roppa, the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, in reply to the memorandum sent him on August 1. A copy of the letter has been sent to Mr. Braddock, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner.

The memorandum, signed by Mr. Geoffrey F. Braddock, acting for the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, and m., acting for the American Minister to Hiro, a copy of which was sent the Legation, reads as follows:

"The British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers have instructed the undersigned, acting for them, to direct you to write a letter to the bank with which you or Mr. Ichihashi did business ordering it to furnish the British and American Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers with full information as to transactions of the Japanese Consulate General and yourself and Mr. Ichihashi from the time of your arrival in Hiro to date. The letter should be sent the bank and a duplicate, signed, sent to the American Consulate General."

Item 1, in my letter to him of July 23, is quoted below:

"1. You should send this Consulate General the check book and deposit book of the bank with which you did business, either as the Japanese Consul General at Dublin or privately, and the statements of the bank showing your account with it. If you have destroyed the documents you should make that statement in writing and also write the bank with which you had the account instructing it to supply the Representatives of the Allied Powers in Dublin with any information they desire regarding the account or accounts, sending this Consulate General a copy of your letter."

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The check book and form of account with the Provincial Bank of Ireland Limited, which he sent the Consulate General in reply to that directive, showed checks drawn by him from November, 1945, to July, 1946, and his account with the bank from April 10 to July 26, 1946.

It will be seen, therefore, that Mr. Sogya has no intention of complying with the instructions contained in the memorandum of August 1.

Respectfully yours,

s/ McNEELLY

Thomas McNeelly,  
American Consul General

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20 Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

7th August, 1946.

Mr. Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General,  
15 Merrion Square,  
DUBLIN.

Sir,

I have received my cheque book, the statements and the registration book of my motor-car, which you were good enough to return me by your letter of August 1st.

Regarding your separate letter and its enclosure of the same date, I beg to refer you to the particular 1 of my letter of July 27th by which I have complied with the particular 1 of yours of July 23rd. You will also understand that I am not in a position to interfere in Mr. Ishihashi's personal matters, about which he will be left to his own discretion.

Respectfully yours,

s/ S. Happa

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20 Grosvenor Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin,  
August 20, 1946

Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15 Merrion Square, Dublin.

Sir,

As it is clear in our correspondence and interviews that the matter stated in your communication of August 13th is not exigible under the instructions which reached me in the official capacity and which were already executed, I am constrained to protest against your request. Subject to the above, I am sending you herewith on my sole personal responsibility the form of letter which you gave me and is now signed by me, with necessary corrections to make it conform to the rest, to be forwarded to its proper destination. As the bank is an Irish corporation, please treat the matter according to your assurance that neutral nationals will not be embarrassed. Needless to state, both the bank and its customer are not accountable for any matter concerning an account or a similar transaction which has already been terminated.

Regarding my passage home I am forwarding you herewith a separate letter.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ S. Hays

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Dublin, October 10, 1946

Mr. Sobuya Roppa  
25 Grosvenor Park  
Glasnevin, Dublin

Sir:

With reference to your letter to me of the 3rd of October, I am instructed by the American and British Representatives in Dublin of the Allied Powers, to request you to supply me with a statement showing all your transactions and those of the Japanese Consulate General in Dublin with the Munster and Limerick Bank Limited, Upper Bogest Street, Dublin, for the whole period during which you and the Consulate General kept an account at that bank.

In this connection your attention is called to the following instructions received by you from Tokyo:

\*Telegram No. 46 from the Japanese Foreign Minister to the Japanese Consul General at Dublin sent on November 26, 1945:

'The Japanese Government received from the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers the following directive under date of November 23. You will immediately carry out the necessary steps along the line of the directive and report the result to me by telegraph.

\*Subject: Urgent Instructions to Former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Ireland.

'The Japanese Government will immediately dispatch urgent instructions to the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Ireland, that the Consul General will at once proceed to the American Consulate there in person and comply forthwith and precisely with the directions given him by Allied representatives for the handing over of Japanese official documents, property, keys, etc. and that he will immediately notify the United States and United Kingdom Missions of the receipt and terms of these instructions from his Government.'



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\*Instruction No. 50 - Urgent - 15 December 1945.

\*To Consul General Heppu in Dublin

\*From Foreign Minister Yoshida

\*Instructions pertaining to delivery of inventory and others.

\*On 15 December, it was directed by the General Headquarters for the Allied Powers to instruct you to deliver articles to the Allied representatives, as enumerated in my separate telegram No. 51 and you are asked to act accordingly.

\*I am advised that the present direction is not issued with the intention to seize the property of private individuals but to decide on the part of the Allied representatives whether the property concerned is private or not after the inventory is submitted to them.

\*The General Headquarters also advised the Vice-Minister Natsushima that if the action on your part is delayed, the Allied representatives at Dublin may be obliged to take such steps as they deem proper and that the Vice-Minister should telegraph to you urgently before such steps are taken by the Allied representatives."

\*Instruction No. 51 - Urgent - 15 December 1945

\* (1) Names of all properties in Eire in Government's name or the name of Consul General.

\* (2) Name and addresses of solicitors of owners.

\* (3) List of all employees of the Consulate.

\* (4) List of all Japanese subjects with addresses and occupations.

\* (5) Inventory of all properties controlled by the Consul General and his family and the staff.

\* (6) The Registration book of automobiles used by the Consul General and the Consulate and evidence to ownership.

\* (7) All bank pass books by the Consul General and in the name of the Japanese Government.

\* (8) Key to

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- \* (8) Key to Consulate properties and key to premises.
- \* (9) General information as to the location of properties in care of all Japanese subjects including the Consul General.
- \* (10) English text of all instructions the Consul General received concerning this matter. "

Instruction No. 52 - Urgent - 17 December 1945

"Referring to my telegram No. 50.

"I request that you will take, under the circumstances immediate steps to meet the requirements of the Allied representatives at Dublin without delay. "

When you have complied to the satisfaction of the Allied Powers, it will be in order to discuss arrangements for your return to Japan.

Respectfully yours,

/s/  
Thomas McNelly  
American Consul General

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Dublin, December 27, 1946

Mr. W. Blyth  
20 Grosvenor Park  
Clonsilla, Dublin

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 23, in which you inquire whether it is correct to understand from my letter of December 17 that your statement, not a statement from the bank, is required.

In my letter of December 17, I stated that what was required was a statement from you "showing all your transactions and those of the Japanese Consulate General in Dublin with the Hunter and Leinster Bank Ltd., Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, for the whole period during which you and the Consulate General kept an account at that bank. You were not asked for a statement from the bank."

I do not see how that paragraph could be misconstrued.

Respectfully yours,

/s/  
Thomas McNelly,  
American Consul General

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20, Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

27th February, 1947.

Mr. Thomas Donnelly,  
American Consul General  
15, Merrion Sq., Dublin

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 19th instant written by you and the British Trade Commissioner acting on instructions of the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned in reply to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, I beg to state that there is none of the papers which you are now requesting in my possession, not only in connection with the particular account with the Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., Upper Baggot Street, Dublin, but also with the other terminated accounts stated previously at your request. In accordance with common practice, the vouchers, if there were any, and the cheque book stubs were not kept after each settlement was discharged. In fact, no voucher was received from the bank and no account was kept with the bank either by myself or by the Consulate, other than the account in question. You will perhaps appreciate the fact that the compliance with your request for a statement as supplied by my letter of the 23rd ultimo was made possible since there was no record in my possession, only with the exceptional favour accorded by the bank who supplied me all the facts regarding the account, which facts were supplied to you without omission. It is, therefore, beyond my power to recall correctly the names of the payees indicated in the statement.

I am, therefore, to request you to be so good as to convey the above stated facts to the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned with my entreatment that the matters stated in your letter under reply will not be placed as impediments in the way of our return home under instruction.

Yours truly,

/s/  
C. BEPTU

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20, Grosvenor Park, Glasnevin, Dublin

2nd April, 1947

Mr. Thomas McNally,  
American Consul General  
15, Merrion Sq., Dublin

Sir:

In reply to your letter dated the 14th ultimo, I should like to state that it is not in my power, or in that of the bank concerned, to supply you with any of the papers which you requested by your letter of February 19th for the reasons and circumstances stated in my letter of February 27th. I believe that the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned will appreciate that the request is one which is physically impossible to comply with and that the inability is not to be construed in such a way as is indicated in your letter under reply. I am myself convinced that everything possible has already been done to execute faithfully every item of the instructions from home and that all my efforts will receive due consideration from the Governments concerned.

In view of the above facts as well as of the hardship being imposed upon us by the unexpectedly long delay of our return home under instruction, I should like to request you, for the last time, to be so good as to use your good offices with the Governments of the Allied Powers concerned to the end that my previous letter of February 27th be duly reviewed and travel facilities be arranged for us as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

/s/

S. BEPPE

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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Dublin, May 9, 1947

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The Honorable  
David Gray  
American Minister  
Dublin.

Sir:

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of May 1, the former Japanese Consul General at Dublin, Mr. Matsuo Sogata, was requested to call at the Consulate General for questioning. He called at the Consulate General on May 5 at 11:00 a.m., and the questions contained in your letter were put to him by me in the presence of Mr. Edward Payne, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner at Dublin.

He was, as usual, very evasive, but we managed to pin him down to definite answers on certain of the questions. When it came to the question of his withdrawals from banks, he repeated the same story over and over again; that is, that they were for the expenses of the consular establishment and personnel. We could get nowhere by further questioning in that respect, so we resorted to the expedient of endeavoring to ascertain just what his expenses were while he was in Dublin, with the idea of making a comparison with the withdrawals from the bank. The only definite statement we could get from him as to the expenses was that he paid £50.0.0 a month rent on the premises he occupied which he used for both the consular establishment and as his residence.

Following is a list of the questions put to him and his answers. The answers are not exactly in his words, but contain his statements as best we could record them. As before stated, he was very evasive and went to long explanations, largely irrelevant, to justify some of his statements. I will go into considerable detail in commenting on his reply to question No. 9. It will be interesting to note that he came to Dublin in June, 1940, opened an office here, and apparently made this his headquarters. Why that should have been done in June, 1940, when Britain was not at war with Japan is certainly a basis for suspicion. Furthermore, he withdrew a sum of money, the amount of which he did not state, when he left Liverpool and brought it with him to Dublin. There were no Japanese interests in Eire at that time. He did not comment on that observation when question No. 3 was put to him.

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1. (Q.) When did you arrive in Dublin?

(A.) In 1940. I think in the month of June.

2. (Q.) Where did you come from?

(A.) Liverpool.

3. (Q.) What were your reasons for coming here, since there were no Japanese interests in Eire?

(A.) Eire was in my consular district. (He was then asked why he had opened an office here in 1940. He replied that he had got instructions from his Government to do so, and had remained in Eire with the exception of an occasional trip to Liverpool. He further stated that he drew money from a bank in Liverpool when he came to Eire in 1940 and deposited it with the Provincial Bank of Ireland.)

4. (Q.) Was it the German or Italian missions which introduced you and arranged for an office and living quarters?

(A.) He stated that the Germans and Italians had nothing to do with renting his office and living quarters, that he rented them from a Miss Dunn who resides at Rooterstown, on Pidgey Road, as near as he could remember.

5. (Q.) Who procured Miss Bowles for you as a secretary? What is her full name and permanent address?

(A.) Ishihashi introduced her. (Ishihashi was the Japanese Vice Consul.) I knew her brother, Captain Bowles. I don't know her present address, but think it is in Dalgochire. Her name is Elizabeth.

6. (Q.) Who was your Dublin solicitor and by whom was he recommended to you?

(A.) Mr. B. Walsh, Trinity Street. He was engaged quite recently as a personal solicitor, about a year ago. I had no solicitor previously.

7. (Q.) When did you expect Britain to be conquered by the Axis?

(A.) He stated he was not competent to answer.

8. (Q.) Who proposed

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8. (C.) Who proposed you for the Kilmoney Golf Club?

(A.) Mr. P. J. Keogh. He is now dead. As to any other proposers, he said he believed he was proposed by Messrs. Messers and Chartern, solicitors, but he was not sure; he could not remember. (Probably of the firm of White and Messers).

9. (C.) You tell us that you have destroyed the vouchers and counterfoils which would identify the payees to whom the sums indicated in the bank statement of your account were paid, also the official accounts which should have been rendered to your Government. You should nevertheless complete from memory, the names of the payees in the case of all large or regular amounts shown in the bank statements. You will appreciate that arrangements as to your hazardous passage must await the completion and verification of this information. Perhaps Miss Bowles would have a recollection as to the identity of these payees, etc., etc.

(A.) He stated that Miss Bowles had nothing to do with his banking transactions. When questioned about particular withdrawals from banks, his answers were invariably the same, that they were for the expenses of the Consulate and personnel. He then endeavored to elicit more definite information from him as to his expenses but he was very elusive; the only definite statement was that the consular premises, which also contained his residence, was rented for £30.0.0. On that basis we estimated that his expenses must have been per month, judging by the expenses of my married couple, without children, in reasonable circumstances, residing in Dublin during the past seven years. We could also estimate the expenses of his subordinate, Mr. Ishihashi. His expense for slack hire (one person, Miss Bowles) was £20.0.0 a month, that is £15.0.0 per month, plus a bonus of £5.0.0, more or less, per month; he did not say what the bonus was for or why it varied. His car was registered at Dublin on July 30, 1940. It was a Vauxhall, Chassis Type 15192, 14 H.P., 6 cylinder. It was acquired within a month after he arrived in Dublin and, therefore, was either brought by him from Liverpool or purchased in Dublin with the money he brought with him from that city. His entire expenses from June 1, 1940, to June 1, 1947, are estimated as follows:

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<b>Expenses</b>	
Food . . . . .	£30.0.0.
Food . . . . .	50.0.0.
Light, fuel, clothes and sundries . . . . .	22.0.0.
	50.0.0.
<b>Income</b>	
Clark hire (Miss Rowles) . . . . .	£40.0.0.
	22.0.0.
	£110.0.0. per
month, £1650.0.0 per year, £11,760.0.0 for seven years.	

His withdrawals from the two banks in Dublin with which he had accounts total £15,872.11.3 leaving a difference of £4,112.11.3, which cannot be explained by his expenditures for the cost of living. When a superficial examination of the bank statements showed that the withdrawals exceeded considerably what would be required for legitimate expenses, he stated that the two accounts were intricately mixed, that he drew from one bank and often deposited the surplus in the other, which doesn't sound very convincing. It is possible, but not probable, that a surplus from the salaries of both Hagan and Ichihashi was deposited in both banks. Copies of the statements from the Munster and Leinster bank and the Provincial Bank are enclosed. It will be noted that the latter shows only withdrawals and then only those of large amounts. If the total were ascertained it might increase considerably the surplus of £4,112.11.3., before mentioned. It would be interesting to ascertain what the balances are at the present time in the banks. All remittances to him, he said, except the money he brought with him from Liverpool, were received from the Japanese Government via Switzerland.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the United Kingdom Trade Representative, in accordance with our telephone conversation.

Respectfully yours,

/s/  
Thomas McNally  
American Consul General

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To: GS

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AMLEGATION, DUBLIN

No. 7

Jap Govt has requested consent Supreme Allied Commander for return to Jap all Jap diplomatic and consular officials abroad. SCAP has given consent. Jap Govt has further requested arrangements be made and facilities provided for repatriation such officials who are all recalled. After discussion U S and Britain Govts latter has undertaken initiative organize facilities repatriation Jap officials Western Europe.

If any Jap officials Eire refuse obey recall order report names, ranks in order that Jap Govt may be informed.

See Dept reply to London's 419 being repeated to you. If your BRIT colleague deems it necessary notify Eire Govt of plans repatriate Japs on PLUS ULTRA, any part of foregoing which you may deem helpful may previously be communicated FONOFF by you. Repeated as 442 to London.

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