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In reply refer to
Le 894.5211/11-546

My dear Mr. Rubin:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 5, 1946 concerning property in Kobe, Japan, which belongs to your client's mother, and which she desires to convey to him. You inquire as to the procedure which must be followed in order to have this transfer made effective.

Under United States Treasury Department General Ruling No. 11 and Executive Order no. 8389, business transactions with individuals in Japan are forbidden. Transfers of property such as that contemplated in your letter are therefore not possible at the present time. Moreover, in as much as correspondence with persons in Japan is restricted to mail of a family or personal nature, any communication from you relative to the proposed transfer would appear to be excluded.

The Department regrets that in as much as the owner of this property is not an American citizen, it is not in a position to be of further assistance in this case. It might, however, be helpful for her to address herself to the Office of the Civil Property Custodian, Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Tokyo, for information concerning regulations applicable to this property.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Benedict M. English
Assistant to the
Legal Adviser

Mr. I. Charles Rubin,
1117 Continental Building,
408 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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408 SOUTH SPRING STREET
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November 5, 1946

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Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Secretary of State:

I have a client who is an American citizen and is actively engaged in business in Los Angeles, California. Within the last month, he has arranged to have his mother and aunt brought to this country from Japan. The mother is a Russian subject and owns property in Kobe, Japan, consisting of a hospital located at 73/2 and 73/4 Yamanoto Dori 3 Chome and 18/4 Yamamoto Dori 2 Chome.

My client has further vouched for the support, aid and comfort of his mother for the remainder of her life and stay in the United States. As a result of this guarantee, the mother desires to grant to the son this property of hers in Japan and is desirous further of executing a gift deed to him for that purpose. Further, in view of the prevailing occupational conditions in Japan, we would appreciate your advising us as to what procedure we must follow in order to have this transfer made effective in order to conform to the wishes of the parties hereto.

Any information or aid that you may be able to give us will be greatly appreciated and we trust that this may be forthcoming at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours

I. Charles Rubin
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STANDARD-VACUUM OIL COMPANY
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Room 567

October 15, 1946.

Mr. E. S. Martin,
Division of Economic Affairs for Japan & Korea,
Room 310, 1818 H Street, N.W.,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Upon my return to New York, I made inquiries as to the number of firms who had supplied information regarding their property holdings in Japan to the Civil Affairs Division, Office of Chief of Staff, War Department, through the National Foreign Trade Council during 1943/1944, and have been informed that there were 15 Companies who had done so.

It is felt that this figure will probably represent the maximum number, as there would be some included who would hardly qualify as having "substantial interests," which was the criterion used when this same question was discussed with Mr. Clayton in respect to Germany and other European areas.

I trust that this information may prove beneficial in connection with any discussions which may take place in reference to permitting Companies who have substantial interests in Japan to send a representative to that country for the purpose of reporting on property damage suffered by the respective Companies.

Sincerely yours,

F. D. Tracy

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My dear Mr. Tracy:

Thank you for your letter of October 15 with the information about the number of companies that have reported through the National Foreign Trade Council to the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department on their interests in Japan.

I regret that a reply has been delayed this long but I have been waiting for responses from Japan to inquiries we had made there on this subject. An encouraging cable has just been received. Some further discussions within this Government will be necessary but I hope that in the very near future the State Department will be in a position to discuss with your company and with the other companies with major property interests in Japan a program which will permit them to assume some share of direct responsibility with respect to the protection and the rehabilitation of their property interests in Japan.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Martin
Chief, Division of Japanese and
Korean Economic Affairs

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. F. D. Tracy,
Standard-Vacuum Oil Company,
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New York 4, New York.

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December 19th, 1946.

The Secretary of State,
State Department,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Benedict M. English
Re: Le 894.5211/11-546

Dear Mr. English:

Permit me to thank you for the information and courtesy extended by your Department in answer to my letter of November 5th, 1946. However, in your communication of December 12th, 1946, there seems to be a misunderstanding and I am not quite aware as to whether the rectification of the misunderstanding will alter your answer to my previous communication.

The misunderstanding appears in that from the tenor of your letter I would assume that you have gathered from my communication that the mother of my client is now in Japan. This is not correct. The mother is residing with my client here in Los Angeles, California, and has been permitted to come here in an ordinary course of events. It is only her property which is situated in Japan and which said property she is desirous of transferring to her son.

I am also following your suggestion and writing for further information to the Office of the Civil Property Custodian in Tokyo, Japan.

Again permit me to thank you for your favours and as ever, I remain

Very truly yours,

I. Charles Rubin
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My dear Mr. Rubin:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated December 19, 1946 in further relation to property in Japan belonging to the mother of your client and which she desires to convey to him. You advise that she is at present residing in the United States, and not in Japan as understood in the Department's letter of December 12, 1946.

Under a ruling of the United States Treasury Department pursuant to Executive Order 8389 of April 10, 1940 (Code of Federal Regulations, Cum. Supp., Title 3, p. 645), as amended through December 26, 1941 (6 Federal Register 6785), a Treasury license must be obtained for any transfers between individuals residing in the United States, of property located in a "blocked" country. Application for such a license should be made by you to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

For your information, correspondence of a business nature is again possible with Japan. So far as the formalities requisite to a valid conveyance of this property are concerned, information on this point, which is, of course, governed by Japanese law, should be obtained from an attorney familiar therewith.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Benedict M. English
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Legal Adviser

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April 4, 1947

Mr. Edward M. Martin
Chief of the Division of
Japanese and Korean Economic Affairs
State Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am writing in behalf of one, Mr. Hiroshi Mito, a resident here in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Mito is a citizen of the United States and is married to a girl who also is a citizen of the U.S.

He desires some information concerning some land that he owns in Japan. When his grandfather died, he left Mr. Mito some property, (15 tan), equivalent to approximately our four acres. Upon hearing of the condemnation proceedings by the Japanese government on agricultural property, he is wondering if it will affect him. On his property is a house and the family graveyard besides some farmland. The question is, can the Japanese government confiscate land belonging to an American citizen, although he may be an absentee landlord?

Would you kindly enlighten Mr. Mito on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mas Horiuchi

Mas Horiuchi
Office Manager,
Japanese American Citizens League

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My dear Mr. Horiuchi:

Reference is made to your letter of April 4, 1947, in which you request information on behalf of Mr. Hiroshi Mito in regard to the applicability of the Japanese land reform law to certain property which Mr. Mito owns in Japan.

It is the understanding of this Department that the question of the applicability of the land reform law in effect in Japan to property owned by foreign nationals, is presently before the appropriate Military Government authorities in Japan. In order to facilitate consideration of Mr. Mito's case, it is suggested that the Department be furnished with additional information in regard to Mr. Mito's property. Specifically, Mr. Mito should identify the property by indicating its exact location, the name in which title to the property is registered in Japan, and the name of the grandfather from whom the property was inherited. Upon receipt of such information, this Department will submit the case to the appropriate Military Government authorities in Japan for investigation and disposition.

Sincerely yours,

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Edwin M. Martin, Chief
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Mr. Mas Horiuchi,
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Office of the Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have a client by the name of TOSHIO KUMAKI a resident of the City of Arroyo Grande, County of San Luis Obispo, California. He is a citizen of Japan and claims to own a parcel of land and a home in Japan, located in Funaki-Mura; Toyota Gun; Hiroshima Ken, Japan.

Mr. Kumaki desires to transfer this property to his son, JAMES KATSUYA KUMAKI, a resident of Chicago, Illinois and a citizen of the United States.

I would deeply appreciate being advised of the procedure to follow in order to complete this transaction, if the same can be done under the regulations.

Respectfully yours,

A. H. Brazil
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My dear Mr. Brazil:

Reference is made to your letter of December 1, 1947, in respect to certain property in Japan owned by Toshio Kumaki. I understand from your letter that Mr. Kumaki, a Japanese subject, desires to transfer his property to his son who is a citizen of the United States.

It is not entirely clear from your letter as to the exact nature of transaction contemplated by Mr. Kumaki. If he desires to liquidate the property in Japan and convert the proceeds to dollars for transfer to his son in the United States, such a transaction is not possible at the present time, inasmuch as Japan has no foreign exchange assets available for effecting such transfers. It is not expected that this situation will change substantially in the foreseeable future, since Japanese exports are now inadequate to pay for even the most essential of her import requirements.

In case Mr. Kumaki desires to transfer to his son title to property remaining in Japan, this may be done only with the specific approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan. Since such a transfer to a citizen of the United States would carry with it certain advantages pertaining to the property of United Nations' Nationals in Japan, including immunities from certain Japanese extraordinary tax measures, it is considered that the Supreme Commander would require substantial justification before approving such transfer.

It is, therefore, suggested that Mr. Kumaki furnish further information regarding the exact nature of the transaction which

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Attorney At Law,
National Bank Building,
San Luis Obispo, California.

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is contemplated, as well as the purpose thereof. On receipt of this information, the Department will be glad to take such further action as may be considered appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State:

Roswell H. Whitman
Acting Chief
Division of Occupied Areas
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January 16, 1948

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Office of the Secretary of State
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: OE 894.5211/12-47

Attention: Roswell H. Whitman, Acting Chief
Division of Occupied Areas, Economic Affairs

Gentlemen:

Answering your kind letter of January 2, seeking further information, in connection with the property in Japan owned by Toshio Kumaki, I beg to report as follows.

The son, James Katsuya Kumaki, is a citizen of the United States but Mr. Kumaki, the present owner of the property is a Japanese subject. The father does not want to sell the property, but merely to transfer his interest to his son so the legal and equitable owner would be the boy. There is no consideration passing from the son to the father, as the transfer is intended to be a gift.

Mr. Kumaki wants to appoint his sister, Yayeko Sennichi who resides at Hongo Machi, Toyota Gun, Hiroshima, Japan as trustee or agent for the purpose of collecting the rents or income and for the purpose of managing the property subject to regulations.

It is the intention and desire of Mr. Kumaki to be out of the picture entirely in the event the transfer is approved.

With deep appreciation for such assistance as may be given, I am,

Respectfully yours,

A. H. Brazil
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My dear Mr. Brazil:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 16, 1948, concerning the desire of your client, Mr. Toshio Kumaki, a Japanese subject residing in the United States, to transfer certain property which he owns in Japan to his son, James Katsuya Kumaki, a citizen of the United States.

This is to inform you that the Department of State has raised the matter with the Acting United States Political Adviser for Japan, Tokyo, and will communicate further with you in respect thereto upon the receipt of a reply from him.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell H. Whitman
Acting Associate Chief
Division of Occupied Areas
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Attorney At Law,
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National Bank Building,
San Luis Obispo, California.

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To the

Acting United States Political Adviser for Japan,
Tokyo.

The Secretary of State transmits herewith a copy of a letter dated January 16, 1948, addressed to the Department by Mr. A. H. Brazil, Attorney At Law, National Bank Building, San Luis Obispo, California, representing Mr. Toshio Kumaki, a Japanese subject residing in the United States, who is desirous of transferring certain property which he owns in Japan to his son, James Katsuya Kumaki, a citizen of the United States.

In reply to an earlier letter on the subject from Mr. Brazil, the Department indicated that if Mr. Kumaki desires to transfer to his son title to the property remaining in Japan, this may be done only with the specific approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, and that since a transfer to a citizen of the United States would carry with it certain advantages pertaining to property of United Nations' nationals in Japan, including immunities from certain Japanese extraordinary tax measures, it is considered the Supreme Commander would require substantial justification before approving such transfer.

It will be appreciated if the Acting Political Adviser for Japan will raise the matter with the appropriate section of General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and inform the Department of the position which the Supreme Commander would wish to take with respect thereto.

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Letter from A. H. Brazil, dated January 16, 1948

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FOREIGN SERVICE OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM

June 26, 1948.

TO: UNITED STATES REPARATIONS DELEGATION, TOKYO

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF STATE *J.P.F.*

SUBJECT: AMERICAN PROPERTY: Case of Mr. Toshio Kumaki

There is enclosed a power of attorney executed by Mr. Toshio Kumaki in favor of his sister, Mrs. Yayeko Sennichi, for the purpose of negotiating a transfer of Mr. Kumaki's property to his son, who is an American citizen.

It is requested that the power of attorney be delivered to Mrs. Yayeko Sennichi if no objection is perceived thereto.

Enclosure:

✓ Power of attorney executed by Mr. Toshio Kumaki.

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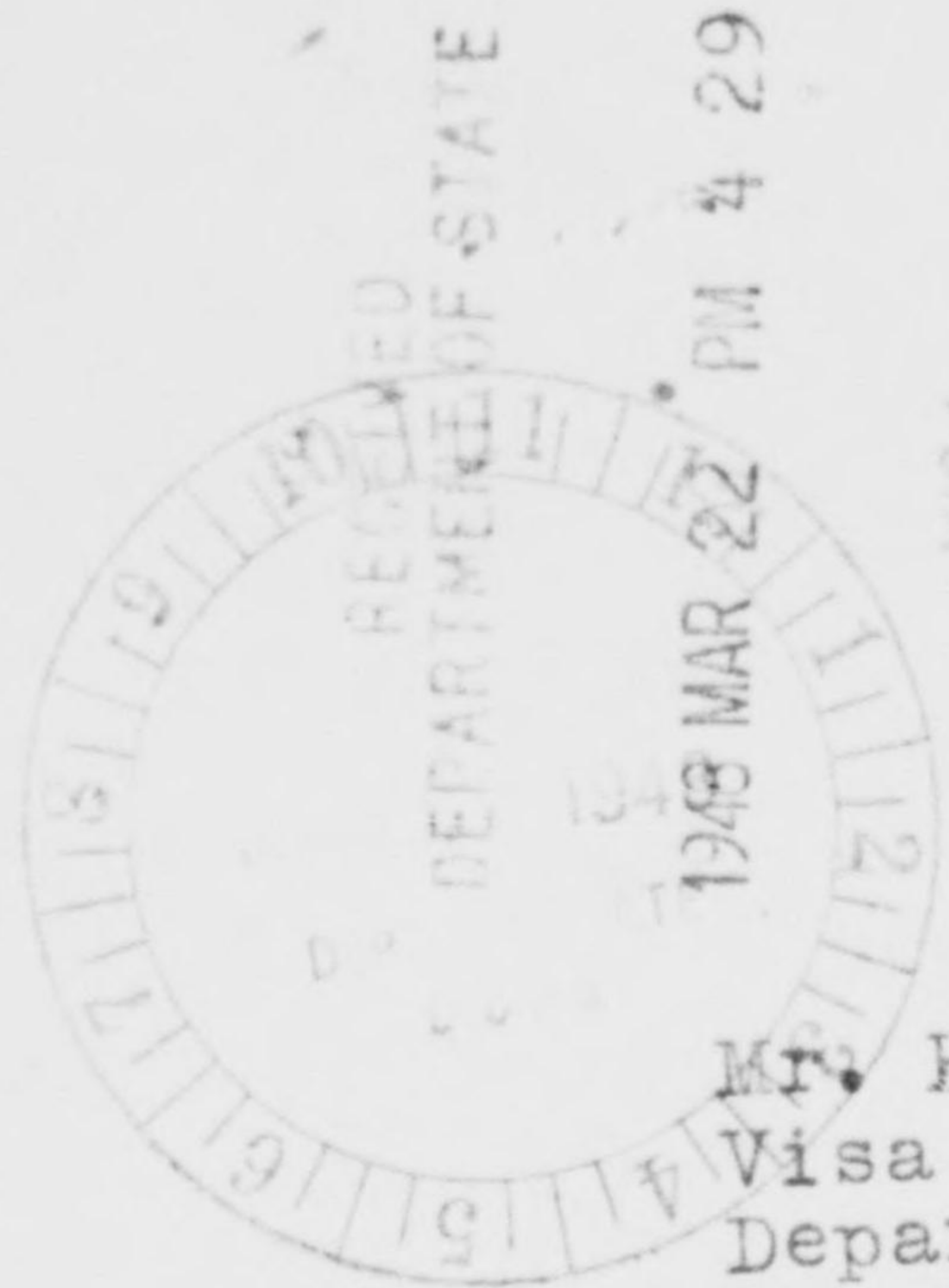
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VISA DIVISION

Kyuji Hozaki
822 East 7th Street
Los Angeles, California
March 18, 1948.

Mr. H. J. L'Heureux, Chief,
Visa Division
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

DIVISION OF OCCUPIED AREAS
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Re: Your File No. V.D.

Dear Mr. L'Heureux:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of March 1, 1948 relative to my my desire to visit my only remaining son, Hisakazu Hozaki, in Japan.

Mrs. Hozaki and I fully understand the contents of your letter. We want to thank you for your sympathetic attitude and kindness in offering your assistance in the future.

May I be permitted to ask you to do me another favor? I have and own a real property consisting of a little over 9 tan (Tan is a measure of land in Japan, about .245 acres) which is equivalent to 2 1/4 acres. Said land is located at Obita, Aza-Inodo, Nakatsu-mura, Miyako-gun, Fukuoka-ken, Japan. My said son, Hisakazu Hozaki, desires to cultivate the whole acreage. However, under the new laws of Japan, I understand, that one is not permitted to cultivate that much land. I wonder you would be kind enough to ask General MacArthur's Headquarters to make a temporary arrangements at least with the Japanese Authorities to have my said son cultivate the all 2 1/4 acres and keep the land for me until such time that I may be able to dispose of the land.

I realize you are very busy. But I reluctantly request you to kindly help me in this matter, because I know no one who can be of any help to me but your gentlemen in the State Department of the United States of America.

Again my wife and I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Kyuji Hozaki
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My dear Mr. Hozaki:

This is in answer to your letter of March 18 to Mr. L'Heureux which has been referred to me for reply.

It is not possible for the Department to make a request of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo concerning the disposition of your land under the Japanese land reform law. The administration of this law is the responsibility of the Japanese Government. It is suggested, therefore, that your son in Japan get in touch with the appropriate agency of that government concerning the disposition of your land.

Sincerely yours,

Roswell H. Whitman
Acting Chief
Division of Occupied Areas
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Mr. Kyuji Hozaki
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My dear Mr. Brazil:

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The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 24, 1948 enclosing a power of attorney executed by Mr. Toshio Kumaki in favor of his sister, Mrs. Yayeko Sennichi, for the purpose of negotiating a transfer of his property in Japan to his son who is an American citizen.

The Department has transmitted the document enclosed with your communication to the United States Reparations Delegation at Tokyo for delivery to Mrs. Yayeko Sennichi in the event that no objection is perceived thereto.

Should subsequent information be received from Tokyo on this subject, the Department will communicate with you further.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Francis E. Flaherty
Acting Assistant Chief
Division of Protective Services

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Mr. A. H. Brazil,
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Roswell H. Whitman,
Acting Associate Chief,
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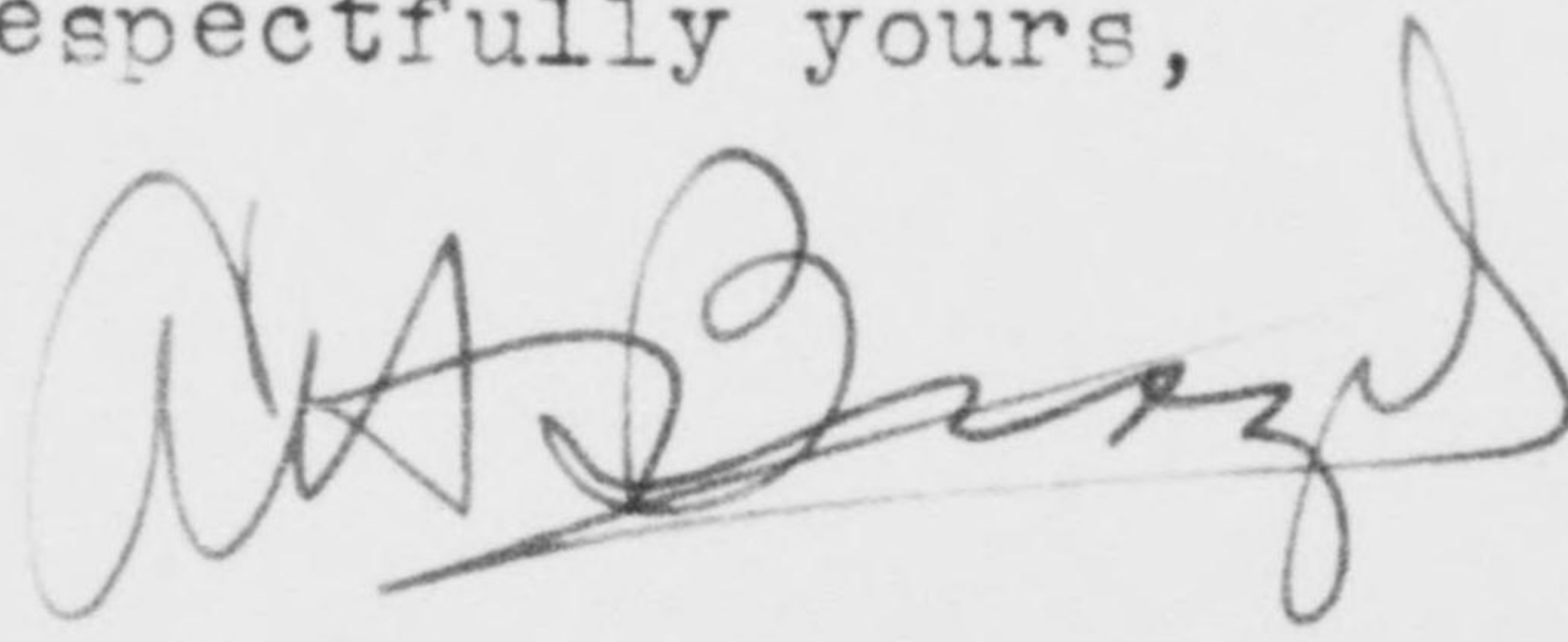
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Dear Mr. Whitman:

Japan
Complying with your suggestion of
May 4, I am enclosing a duly executed Power of
Attorney from Mr. Toshio Kumaki to his sister,
Yayeko Sennichi. *no ed*

I trust that this instrument will be
authority to her so that whatever can be done
concerning the transfer will be accepted.

Respectfully yours,



A. H. Brazil

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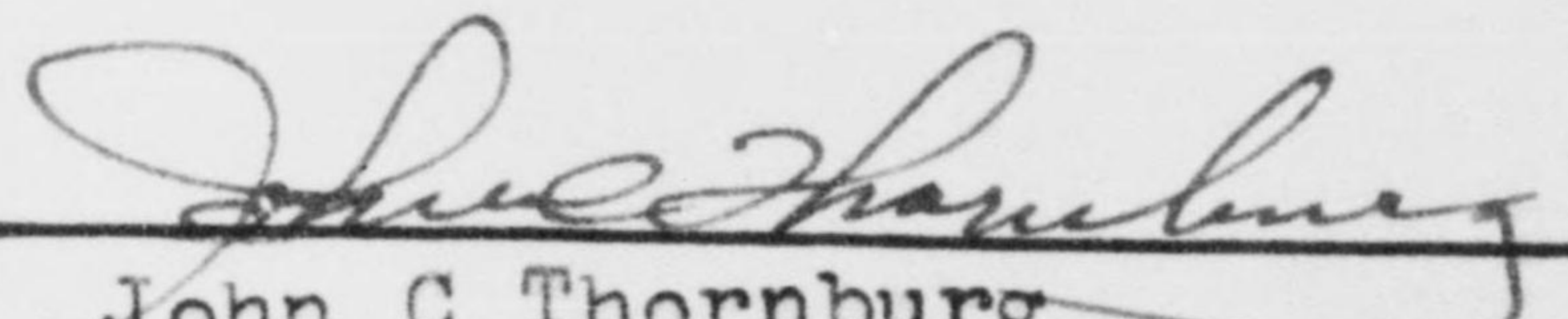
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REMARKS:

The attached letter from Alfred Thunelius re disposal of property in Japan is referred to your division for appropriate action.

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To FN for action
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
8-16-48: NCO

Dear Sir;

In August of 1947 I married a
Japanese girl. My wife and I
left Japan Jan. 5, 1948 and arrived
in Seattle, Washington on Jan. 19, 1948
My wife has money and also property
in Japan. Last week a friend of
mine who also married a Japanese
girl told me his wife had sold

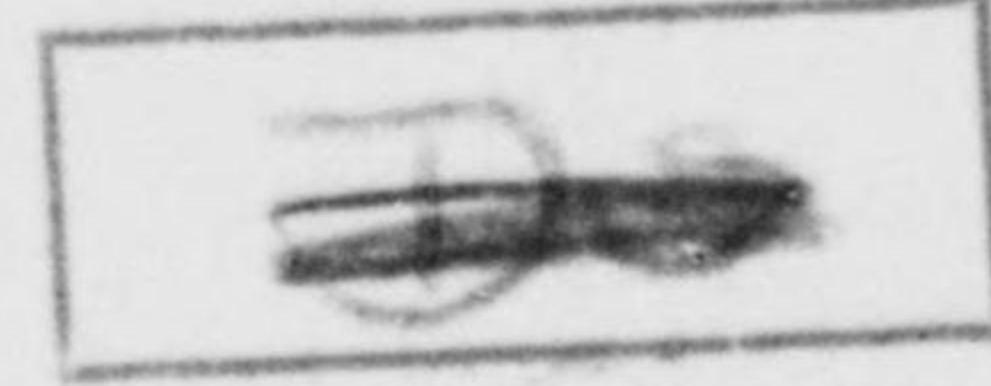
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her property and was allowed to convert all her money into American money.

at this time I would like to know whether it is possible for my wife to sell her property and convert her money into American money. and if it is possible does she have to go back to Japan with me to settle everything.

I would like to receive any information you have pertaining to this inquiry as soon as possible.

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*Thanking you ever so much,
Sincerely,
Alfred E. Thumelind.*

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My dear Mr. Thunelius:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 10, 1948 concerning the possibility of selling property in Japan owned by your wife and converting the Japanese currency proceeds into dollars for transfer to the United States.

Under the regulations of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers and of the Japanese Government, there are no provisions for the conversion of Japanese yen realized from the sale of property into any foreign currency. In fact Japan does not possess any foreign exchange resources which could be used to finance a transfer of capital to any other country, and no prediction is available as to when the Japanese economy may have surplus funds resulting from international trade or other transactions which could conceivably be used for such a purpose. It is likely that no objection would be raised to the sale of your wife's property in Japan but the funds realized from that transaction would have to be spent for certain permitted purposes in Japan or held in Japan as in a bank deposit until ultimate disposition.

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In view of the foregoing, the contradictory report you had heard on the matter would appear to have no foundation in fact. However, the Department will be glad to raise the question with General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Tokyo, Japan, if your informant is in a position to supply you with the details of the transaction in question.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

EWD
Edward W. Doherty
Assistant Chief
Division of Financial Affairs

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Polod's answer was
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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
FOR JAPAN

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Tokyo, Japan, March 16, 1948.

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Subject: Transfer of Property in Japan by Japanese National to American Citizen.

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The Acting Political Adviser has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's instruction No. 22, February 7, 1948, with which was enclosed a copy of a letter of January 10, 1948, from the attorney representing Mr. KUMAKI Toshio, a Japanese subject residing in the United States, who desires to transfer certain property in Japan to his son, a United States citizen. This Mission was requested to raise the matter with the appropriate section of General Headquarters and to inform the Department of the position which the Supreme Commander would wish to take in the matter.

In a communication dated March 10, 1948 from the Natural Resources Section of this Headquarters, attention is invited to an opinion dated May 16, 1947 from the Legal Section of this Headquarters to the effect that the transfer of agricultural land owned by a Japanese national to a non-Japanese national subsequent to the date on which the Owner-Farmer Establishment Special Measures Law was promulgated does not exempt such land from purchase by the Japanese Government in accordance with Japanese law. In this connection, the Department's attention is respectfully invited to despatch No. 411 of June 17, 1947 from the Yokohama Branch of this Mission, with which was forwarded a complete statement of this Headquarters' position in the matter of the applicability of Japanese agrarian reform laws to American citizens.

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My dear Mr. Brazil:

Reference is made to my letter of February 7, 1948, acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 16, 1948, concerning the desire of your client, Mr. Toshio Kumaki, a Japanese subject residing in the United States, to transfer certain property which he owns in Japan to his son, James Katsuya Kumaki, a citizen of the United States. My letter informed you that the Department of State had raised the matter with the Acting United States Political Adviser for Japan in Tokyo.

The Acting Political Adviser reports that an opinion dated May 16, 1947, from the Legal Section of General Headquarters, holds, in effect, that the transfer of agricultural land owned by a Japanese national to a non-Japanese national subsequent to the date on which the Owner-Farmer Establishment Special Measures Law was promulgated does not exempt such land from purchase by the Japanese Government in accordance with Japanese law. The question would seem to arise, therefore, as to whether or not the transfer of title to the property in question to Mr. Kumaki's son would in fact result in an effective and final transfer to the latter. If Mr. Kumaki wishes nonetheless to proceed with the transfer of the title of the property to his son, it is suggested that he designate and grant a power-of-attorney to an agent in Japan to act in his stead in the proceedings. In this connection, I should like to point out again that a transaction such as is contemplated by Mr. Toshio Kumaki, may be effected only with the specific approval of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan and that, in view of the circumstances, it is probable that the Supreme Commander will require substantial justification before approving the transfer.

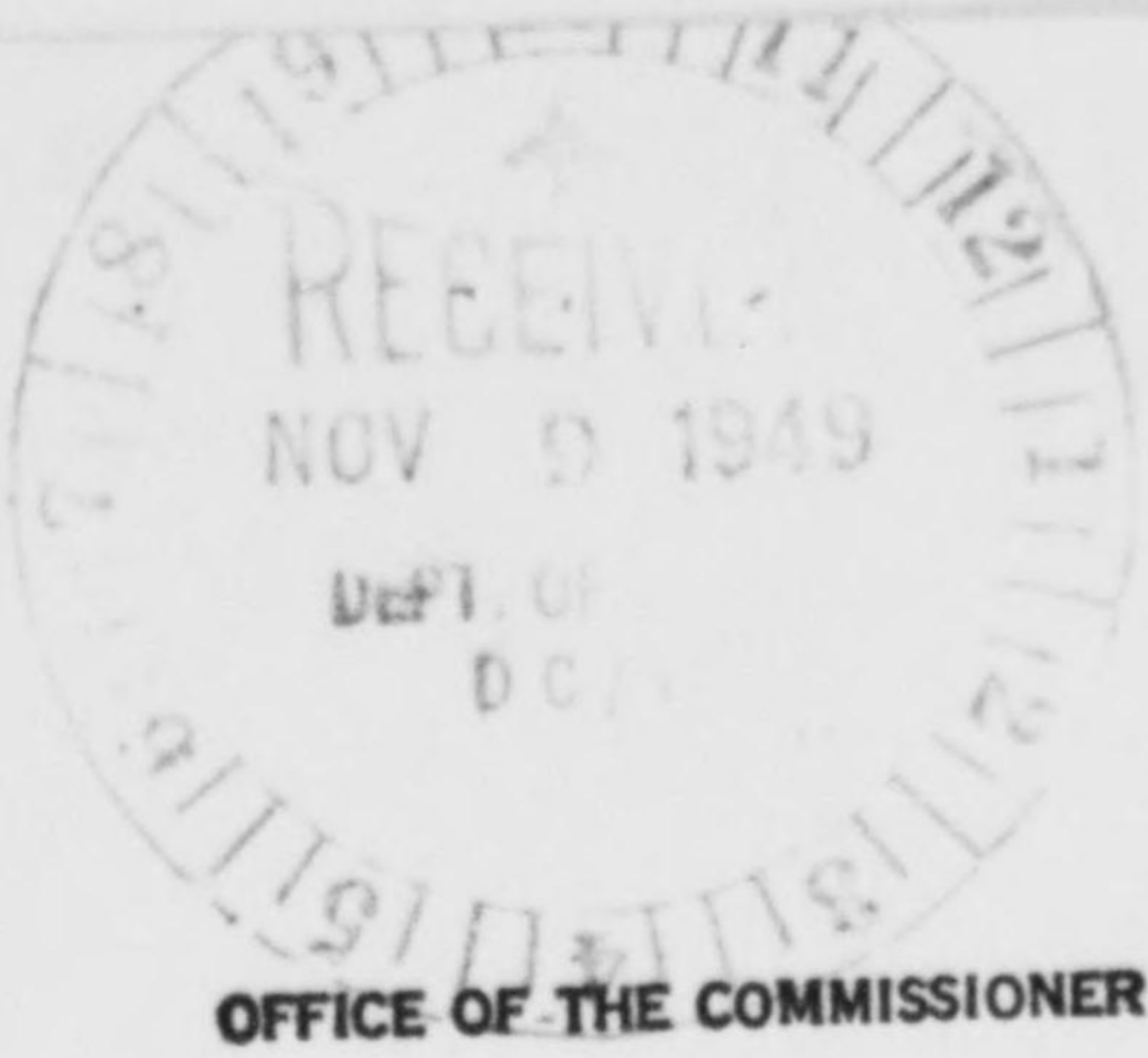
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Acting Associate Chief
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Mr. A. H. Brazil,
Attorney At Law,
Rooms 1 & 2 Security First,
National Bank Building,
San Luis Obispo, California.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
November 4, 1949

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

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Send by this letter to
Acting U.S. POLAD, Tokyo.
VAS 11/14/49

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO. A-2264124

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

This office has received a request from Mrs. Haru Ito, c/o K. Mukaedea, 355 East First Street, Los Angeles, California that verification of the fact that she has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States be furnished to the Agrarian Land Reform Committee, Kusu-cho, Mie-gun, Mie-ken, Japan. Mrs. Ito states that the before-mentioned Committee requires the information to support her objection to public sale of her property as an absentee land owner.

The records show that on August 1, 1947, Haru Ito, born on April 1, 1889 at Kusumura, Miyeken, Japan, filed declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States No. 2015 in the Superior Court, Riverside County, at Riverside, California.

Sincerely,

Presented to Field Group PD
To: Acting U.S. POLAD, Tokyo
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The Honorable
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December 14, 1949.

Wrote to Mr. Watson B. Miller, Commissioner of I + N, giving gist of this OM and requesting clarification VAS 1/10/50 M

To: The Department of State
From: USPOLAD, Tokyo
Subject: AMERICAN PROPERTY: Naturalization of Mrs. Haru ITO; Appropriation of Mrs. Ito's Property in Japan

Reference: Department's transmittal slip DS-4 of November 28, 1949 (File No. 894.5211/11-449), enclosing a copy of Immigration Service letter A-2264124 of November 4, 1949, to the Secretary of State regarding verification of declaration of intention by Mrs. Haru Ito.

Reference transmittal slip contains following additional remarks:

Transmitted herewith verification of naturalization in the name of Haru Ito from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated November 4, 1949. This information is to be used in connection with the Department's circular airgram of May 16, 1947. 300.115/5-1647 SPD 1E PD 6A

Careful search of the files of the Tokyo and the Yokohama offices of USPOLAD fails to show that the Department's circular airgram of May 16, 1947, was ever received. Please provide a copy.

While verification of the fact that Mrs. Haru Ito has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States may not be pertinent to the citizenship work of the American consulate service, Tokyo, it would be informative if it could be explained how Mrs. Haru Ito who was born April 1, 1889, at Kusumura, Mie Ken, Japan, and who is presumably a subject of the Emperor of Japan could lawfully file a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States in the Supreme Court, Riverside County, Riverside, California.

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