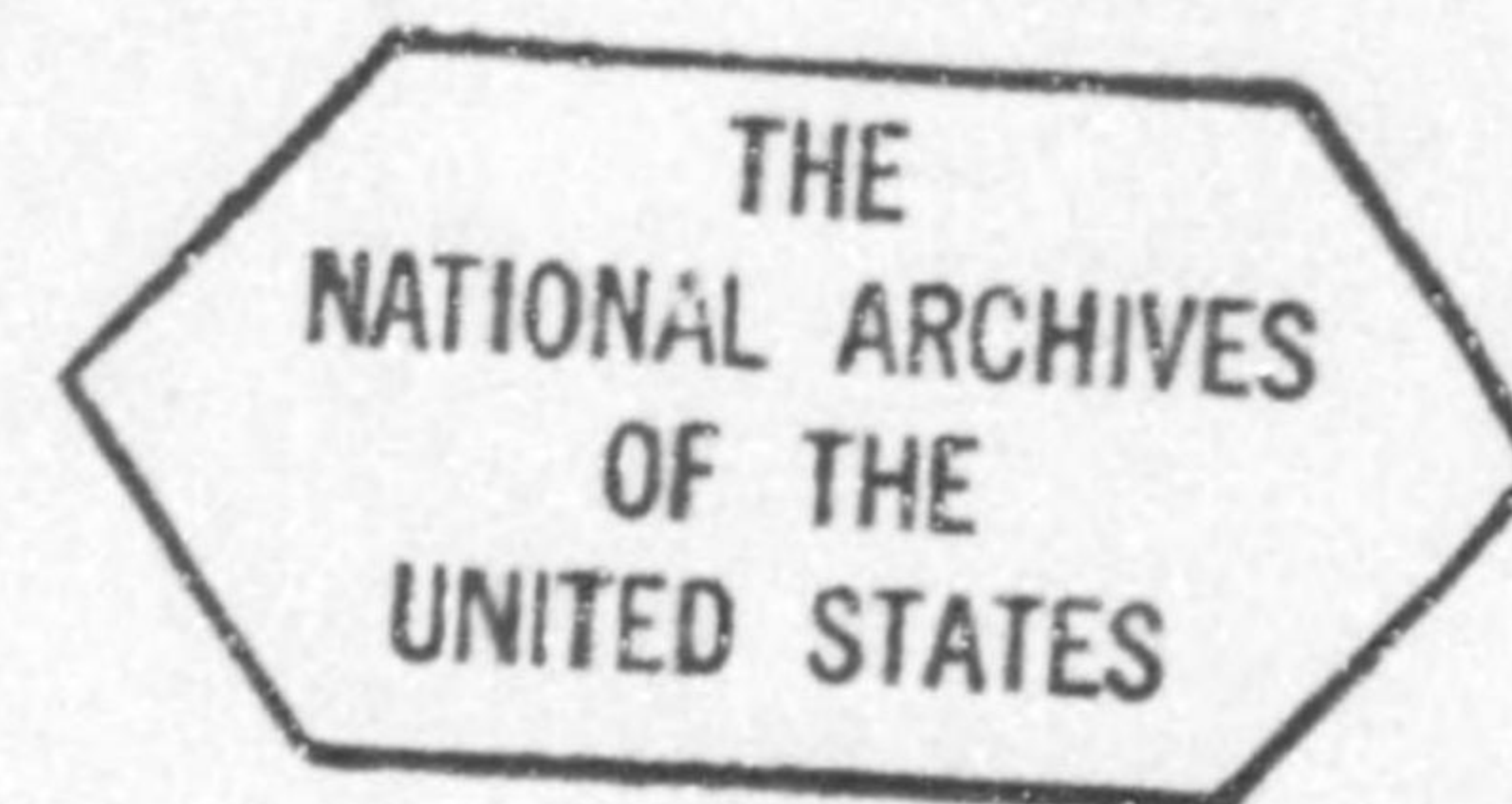


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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT
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June 6, 1950

Office of Information
S.C.A.P.
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sir,

I am trying to collect for the use of myself and my students all available current official materials in the English language concerning Japanese political and economic developments. If the Japanese government is now able to make any such material available--yearbooks, newsletters, economic surveys, etc--I would very much appreciate your handing this request on to the proper officials.

Are the debates (or a summary) of the Japanese Diet available in English translation, and if so where, and at what price? Further, can you suggest any non-governmental publications which would be reliable sources of such information as I am seeking?

Sincerely yours,
J.R. Roach
James R. Roach
Assistant Professor

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NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

N.D.L. (I.A.)
No. 387

June 27, 1950

Mr. James R. Roach
Assistant Professor
University of Texas
Department of Government
Austin 12, Texas
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Roach:

I am transmitted your letter of June 6 addressed to the Office of Information, SCAP from Government Section, GHQ, SCAP, and am very much pleased to assist you in collecting for use of yourself and your students available current official materials in the English language concerning Japanese political and economic developments, the debates of the Japanese Diet (also in English translation), and also some suitable non-governmental publications.

encl/ I have accordingly directed my Director in charge and as there is prepared the check-list of the governmental publications for the year of 1948 and 1949, I am sending it to you under the same cover, for the present. They are mostly in Japanese, however, and I am sending it just for your reference's sake. It may be followed by some selections that are written in English or with English summary.

May I take this opportunity to ask you if your Department or your University Library is in a position to open the exchange relations with this Library, on copy-to-copy basis; our side will send the government and some non-governmental publications along the line of your interest and your side State government and non-governmental publications on political and economic affairs of U. S. A. and State of Texas.

Sincerely yours,

T. Kanamori
Chief Librarian.

CC. to Miss Loeb, Parliamentary & Political Division,
Government Section, GHQ, SCAP.

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NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

N. D. L. (F. A.)
No. 67

May 16, 1950.

Dr. J. Williams
Chief, Parliamentary & Political Div.
Government Section
GHQ, SCAP

Dear Sir:

I am sending you the following publications of our Library by separate mail and shall be glad if you could kindly receive them.

The publications are:

- 1) Annual Report of the National Diet Library
(for the fiscal year, 1948).
- 2) Periodical Indexes.
Part for Natural Science; Vol.I, No.1.
Part for Liberal Science; Vol.III, No.1.
- 3) Current Acquisitions, No.17.
- 4) Development of the Policies for Agricultural Subsidies.
(Nōgyō Hokyūkin Seisaku no Suii)
- 5) Basic Documents concerning the Allied Powers' Policies to Japan. (Rengō-koku no Tainichi Seisaku ni kansuru Kihon Bunsho)
- 6) U. S. Trade Policies after the War.
(Sengo no Beikoku Bōeki Seisaku)
- 7) Dokusho Shunjū, Vol.1, No.1—April Issue.
(Monthly periodical on general culture)
- 8) "America no Keizai Jijo"—January Issue (Translation)

Sincerely yours,

Tokujiro Kanamori

T. Kanamori
Chief Librarian.

NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

N. D. L. (L. A.)
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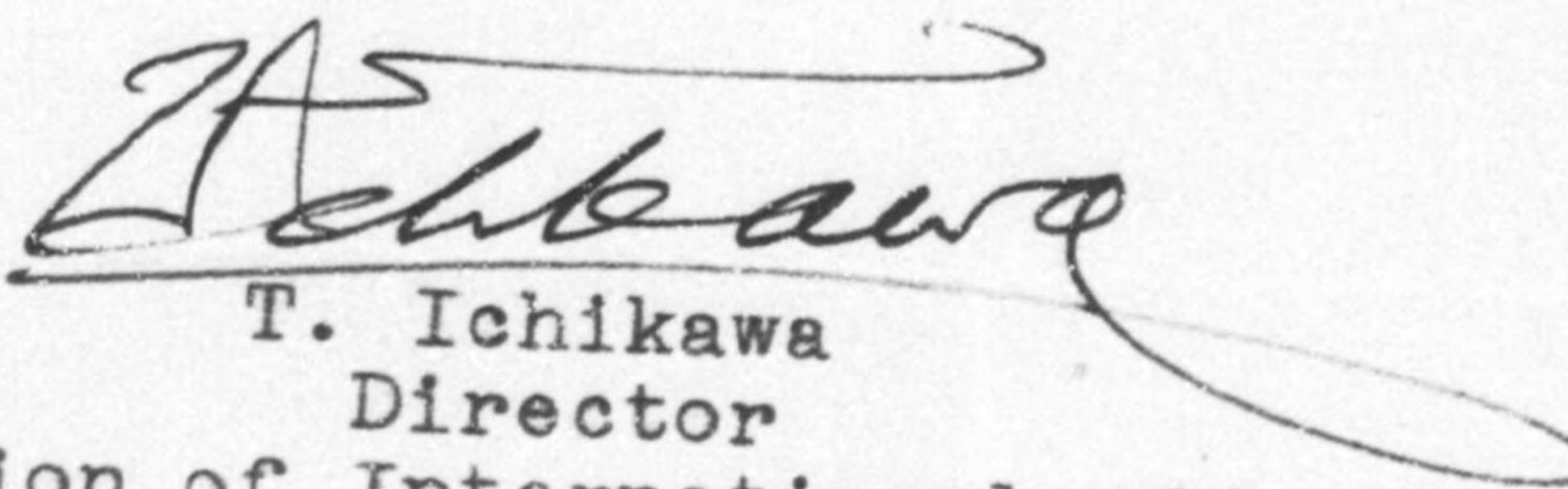
April 25, 1950.

Dr. Justin Williams
Chief, Parliamentary & Political Division
Government Section
G.H.Q.

Sir:

I am directed by my Chief Librarian to submit a copy of English translation of the Report of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Library Management of the House of Representatives made in the plenary session held on April 20, 1950, for your information.

Respectfully yours,


T. Ichikawa
Director
Division of International Affairs

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(Extracted from the Minutes of the Plenary Session of the House of Representatives dated April 20, 1950)

(Mr. TOI Miyotsugu, the Chairman of the Library Management Committee of the House of Representatives)

Mr. TOI: Acting on the provisions of Article 11 of the National Diet Library Law, I should like to report on the process and result of examination by the Library Management Committee on the Affairs on the Diet Library since last report.

In the three days of the 15th, 17th and 19th of December last the Committee examined the Diet Library Budget for the 1950 fiscal year, and then forwarded the Budget to the President of this House together with its recommendations thereon. On the 13th inst., the Committee heard a report on the operation of the Library, and after deliberating on the bill amending in part the Regulations for Regular Personnel of the Library, it approved it.

As regards the Library Budget for the new fiscal year, it has already been passed by the Diet and is actually being executed. It amounts to ¥140,477,000 in the total, showing an increase of about 35 million yen as compared with the previous fiscal year. With an increase to this extent, it will be impossible to start any new work worth mentioning, and the Committee perceiving that it is quite inadequate to meet the essential requirements of the Library, presented through the President of the House strong recommendations to the Authorities concerned that measures be taken to increase the Budget speedily on a large scale.

A letter recently written by Mr. Evans, President of the Congress Library of the United States, to the Chairman of the Library Management Committee, among other, states that our Diet Library has made remarkable progress despite its comparatively recent establishment and that this fact is a credit not only to the Library but to the Diet itself. But our Diet Library, being still in infancy is far from a stage in which it can fully function by completing links with the Legislature as the American Congress Library does. Especially in respect of equipment, there is a great difference between the Congress Library and the Diet Library. Our Library is now housed in the former Akasaka Detached Palace, and its necessary equipment is by no means in an ideal condition. From the first it was planned to erect a new house for the Library in a place near the Diet Building and the site of the former German Embassy at Miyake-zaka adjoining the Diet Building has already been purchased for that purpose. Erection, however, of a building with the floor space of 50,000 tsubo as suggested by an American Mission lately in this country may cost around ¥5 billion at least -- an expenditure, Japan will find it very difficult to meet in view of her present economic condition. A separate appropriation of ¥150 million for construction of a new apartment for the Library was therefore

asked

asked when the 1950 Budget was being compiled but the request was turned down.

In the Committee there was a good deal of argument on this point, and the fervent desire was expressed that if the current national condition would not permit erection of a permanent building, a provisional apartment and other necessary buildings be quickly constructed at the said site chosen for the Diet Library. The problem regarding the construction of a new building for the Diet Library, I think, will never be solved without the deep understanding of its significance and enthusiastic support of any plan likely to contribute towards its settlement by all the members of this House. I, as Chairman of the Library Management Committee, earnestly request all here for assistance to the Committee in this regard.

I shall now report very briefly on the operation of the Diet Library since last report.

As regards the service of the Library rendered to the Diet, cases of investigation into legislative data number 191 and 18 volumes of research materials have been compiled. In connection with this particular work, preparations are actually under way to create what may be termed a law library and the plan is to be executed by a budgetary measure for this year.

As services towards the different branches of the Administration, the branches of the Diet Library in them have begun compiling an over-all catalogue of the books kept by them with a view to increasing their activities through mutual liaison and coordination. Up to date over 60,000 sheets have been completed.

In respect to the collection of books, domestic publications are being collected through the two channels of presentation and purchase, and the collection is steadily on the increase. In collecting foreign books the Library is apparently experiencing a good deal of difficulty in payment and some other matters. Fortunately, CARE supplies and books contributed by the Rockefeller Foundation amount to a considerable quantity and make a foundation for collection of foreign literature in the Diet Library.

With regard to its international business, the Diet Library lately started work connected with UNESCO. At present this particular work consists in exchange of books and literature through UNESCO and display of materials supplied by UNESCO. A plan is now mooted around UNESCO to begin international studies concerning books and Japan has recently been invited to join the movement. And realization of the plan is being hastened.

This is all what I think I have to report today.

NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY
Akasaka, Tokyo

December 14, 1949

Dr. J. Williams
Chief of Political & Parliamentary Div.
G. S., GHQ, SCAP
Tokyo

Dear Dr. Williams;

I should like to appoint Mr. S. Sumikura now holding the position of Senior Specialist of the Library, the Director of the Research and Legislative Reference Department and Mr. S. Nakajima, now the Director of the Research and Legislative Reference Department, Senior Specialist.

This is to confer with you over this appointment and to have your approval to it.

The brief careers of the above two officials concerned are described in separate sheets.

Yours truly,

T. Kanamori
T. Kanamori
Chief Librarian

SUMIKURA Shirō

Age : 48, Senior Specialist (1st Class)

- 1) Position to be appointed :
 - a) Title of Position : Director of Research & Legislative Reference Department
 - b) Class : 1st class
 - c) Decision and Date of Central Screening Committee :
Passed on March 18, 1948 No. 87,671

- 2) Education :
 - a) March, 1927 : Graduated from Law Department, Tokyo Imperial University
 - b) April, 1927 - March 1928 : Studied social policy at the University's Institute

- 3) Occupation :
 - a) April, 1927 - December, 1932 : Local administrative officer, serving Home Affairs Ministry
 - b) December, 1932 - November, 1937 : Secretary of House of Councillors, Chiefs of Stenography and Research Sections, successively
 - c) November, 1937 - March, 1939 : Secretary of Planning Board, making study of parliamentary system
 - d) March, 1939 - December, 1948 : Secretary of Administrative Division of Imperial Household Department, Director of Guard Bureau, Steward to Crown Prince, successively
 - e) December, 1948 - Senior Specialist of National Diet Library

- 4) Visit to foreign countries :
 - a) May - November, 1934 :
Accompanied with legislators attending International Conference of Legislators held at Belgrade and Istanbul; and then in U. S. A, England, France, Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Soviet Russia.

NAKAJIMA Sōichi

Age : 58, Director of Research & Legislative Reference
Department (1st Class)

1) Position to be appointed :

- a) Title of Position : Senior Specialist
- b) Class:: 1st class
- c) Decision and Date of Central Screening Committee :
Passed on March 18, 1948 No. 87,671

2) Education :

- a) April, 1921 : Graduated from English Law Department of
Tokyo Imperial University
- b) December, 1928 - 1931 : Ordered to make study of business
administration for two years in the following countries;

Took Business Administration Graduate Course, Chicago
University for half a year and made inspection trip around
New York for the rest of the year :

Stayed in England and Germany for half a year, respectively :

3) Occupation :

- a) May, 1921 - December, 1928 : Served the office of Research
Sec., Administrative Div., Dairen Main Office of Manchurian
Railway Company.
- b) April, 1931 - March, 1935 : Head researcher on commerce,
trade and industry of the same office.
- c) April, 1937 - January, 1938 : Chief of Managing Section,
Branch Office of Kwan-cheng-tze.
- d) April, 1939 - March, 1943 : Chief of Research Section, Branch
Office of Tokyo and Director of East Asia Economic Research
Bureau (grand 1st class) concurrently.
- d) April, 1946 - February, 1948 : Served the office of Research
& Programs Div., ESS, GHQ, SCAP
- f) March, 1948 - : Appointed Director of Research & Legislative
Reference Department, National Diet Library.