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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy, Tokyo May 21, 1953

No. 2205

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to refer to the memorandum of April 14, 1952, from the Diplomatic Section, SCAP, to the Ministry on the subject of establishment of Japanese Government Liaison Offices in the Ryukyu Islands and the Ministry's note of June 25 in reply thereto.

With reference to the fourth paragraph of the memorandum above mentioned, the Embassy proposes that the functions described below be undertaken by the Japanese Government Liaison Offices in the Ryukyu Islands:

- (1) To issue, renew and extend certificates of identity for residents of Japan traveling or temporarily residing in the Ryukyu Islands.
- (2) To accept and transmit to the Japanese Government applications for provisional entry clearances to Japan from foreign nationals and to deliver to such applicants the provisional entry clearances when received from the Japanese

Government.

Government. To affix to the applicants' travel documents which clearances or certificates as may be required by Japanese immigration laws or regulations.

- (3) To furnish to the Japanese Government and to interested persons information regarding travel between the Ryukyu Islands and Japan.
- (4) To promote trade between the Ryukyu Islands and Japan, including the gathering and interchange of information of market conditions, currency exchange, customs controls and trade data generally. To assist in developing commercial contacts between residents of Japan and the kyukyu Islands and in expediting commercial transactions between the two areas.
- (5) To assist in the development and operation of programs for student, national leader, cultural and educational exchange between the Ryukyu Islands and Japan; in particular, to assist each area in obtaining educational training facilities for students traveling to the other area and in facilitating travel and lodging arrangements for such persons.
- (6) To gather and exchange between the Ryukyu Islands and Japan quarantine and health regulations data, information regarding epidemics and other health information relating to plants, animals and human beings.
- (7) In coordination with the United States administration in the Ryukyu Islands, to take necessary measures relating to

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services to vessels of Japanese registry. To take similar measures as may be required in the case of aircraft of Japanese registry making landings in the Ryukyu Islands.

- (8) To confer with the United States Administration in the Ryukyu Islands in matters concerning the arrest, detention and trial of residents of Japan temporarily in the Ryukyu Islands and concerning customs seizure or detention of goods transported from Japan.
- (9) To assume responsibility for residents of Japan in the following categories, to take custody of their persons and effects when requested by the United States Administration and to arrange for the return of the persons and/or property to Japan:
- (A) Ship-wrecked, removed, distressed or indigent seamen or travelers.
- (B) Persons ordered deported or returned to Japan by a court of Competent jurisdiction or by order of the United States Administration.
- (C) Remains and personal effects of deceased residents of Japan whose deaths occur in the Ryukyu Islands.
- (10) To gather necessary information, receive and transmit to the Japanese Government application forms and data and to carry out procedures relating to the following:
- (A) Payment to residents of the Ryukyu Islands of pensions due them as former employees of the Japanese Government,

as veterans of the military services or as surviving relatives of deceased pensioners or venterans.

- (B) Settlement of claims against the Japanese Government by residents of the Ryukyu Islands in connection with Japanese postal savings accounts, bank deposits, securities or other evidences of indebtedness.
- (11) When requested, to assist in obtaining from appropriate sources and to authenticate certificates relating to personal status and qualification, such as certificates of birth, marriage, death, graduation from educational institutions, admission to the practice of a profession or skill and similar matters.
- (12) To arrange for the execution of any official program for the recovery and disposition, including the return to Japan, of the remains and personal belongings of Japanese war dead in the Ryukyu Islands.
- (13) To advise Japanese firms and individuals doing business in the Ryukyu Islands, and such employees of those firms and individuals who are residents of Japan regarding provisions of Japan's labor and employee compensation laws as may be applicable.

For purposes of clarity the following definitions are applied by the Embassy to the terms used in the foregoing list of functions:

"Residents

"Residents of Japan" shall mean Japanese nationals customarily residing in the Japanese islands north of 29° north latitude.

"Ryukyu Islands" shall comprise only the Nansei Shto or "South-western Islands" south of 290 north latitude and north of 240 north latitude, including the Diato Islands.

"Foreign Nationals" shall mean all persons other than those permanently residing in Japan or the Ryukyu Islands.

"Vessels of Japanese Registry" shall include all vessels flying the Japanese flag and registered with the Japanese Ministry of Transportation but shall not include any vessel with a home port in the Ryukyu Islands and registered with the United States Administration or the Government of the Ryukyu Islands.

Reference is made to the understanding between the Government of the United States and Japan, previously expressed in the exchange of notes on April 14 and June 25, 1952, that contacts between the Japanese Government Liaison Offices and the Government of the Ryukyu Islands or residents of the Ryukyu Islands, except on routine administrative matters involved in the execution performance of the above listed functions, shall be conducted through the office of the United States Administration in the Ryukyu Islands to which the Japanese Government Liaison Offices are accredited. It is understood that any extension or substantial modification of the functions listed above shall be

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accomplished through additional exchanges of notes between the Embassy and the Ministry.

Confirmation of the concurrence by the Japanese Government in the foregoing proposals is hereby requested.

American Embassy Tokyo, May 21, 1953.

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and has the honor to scknowledge the receipt of the Ministry's Note Verbale no. 1395/A5 of September 3, 1953, confirming the Ministry's acceptance of the proposals set forth in the Embassy's Note no. 2205 on the functions of the Japanese Government Liaison Offices in the Ryukyu Islands, with certain modifications requested by the Ministry.

The Embassy has the honor to state its agreement with the understanding of the Ministry that at such time ar an agreement between Governments of the United States and Japan shall come into force implementing the statement on August 8 of Secretary of State John F. Dulles that the United States would relinquish its rights under Article 3 of the Japanese Peace Treaty over the Amami Oshima group subject to necessary arrangements with Japan the terms "residents of Japan" and "the Ryukyu Islands" as defined in the Embassy's Note no. 2205 shall be subject to redefinition to conform with the contents of such agreement.

The Embassy also agrees to the modification requested in the Ministry's note of the wording of function (2) of the Lieison Offices and confirms the Ministry's understanding that the said function (2) be modified to read:

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The Embasey has the honor to agree to the requested modification of function (7) and to suggest that function (7) of the Lisison Offices as expressed in the Embassy's Note no. 2205 be modified to read:

of (7) In coordination with the United States administration in the Ryukyu Islands, to take assessary measures relating to services to vessels of Japanese registry. To take similar measures as may be required in the case of aircraft of Japanese registry making landings in the Ryukyu Islands.

The Embassy believes that no reference to the disposition of remains and personal effects is necessary in this paragraph, as that subject is adequately covered in function (9) (c) of the Embassy's lots no. 2205.

Confirmation of the Kinistry's acceptance of the Embassy's suggested wording for the modified function (7) is requested.

American Embassy.

Tokyo, September 30, 1953.

No. 733

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its concilements to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Ministry's Note Verbale Af, No. 1636 of October 13, 1953 replying to the Embassy's noise no. 491 of September 20, 1953 on the subject of the agreed functions of the Japanese Severment Linisco Offices in the Ryukyu Islands.

The habasey has the honor to confirm the agreement with the Ministry's proposal that performance by the Japanese limited Offices of the functions heretofore agreed upon chall officially commons on Revenber 1, 1953.

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外務省は、在本邦アメリカ合衆国大使館に敬意を設するとともに、仲間にかける日本族航文書の 売給、沖縄よりの移住及び在外沖縄住民の保護に 調し、昭和4/年5月9日に外籍省で開催された 日米協議委員会録9回会合及びその後の日米問題 外交場局間の協議にかいて別述された合意につい ての、次のとかりの門省の了解を何大健館に意報 するの光栄を有する。

1.(1) 設航文階の問題に関し、上記の日米協議委員会会合にかいて、神額住民が神器にかいても日本京都の完給を受けられるようにするため、何原物を申請するいかなる神器住民に対しても、その省が計画している旅行のために

近球路局を出城する許可を有するとの米閣民

設府からの肯定的な通報があるまでは、旅拳 は発給されたいこと、及び何旅等が申請者に 変付されるより向に出戦及び将入域に関する 通達が米國民啟府により旅券面に記入される こと、との米弱により提案され日本制の受酷 した条件のもとに添願の南方避輪等額所及が 日本叙録の発給を行そうことにつき合意され た。

さらに、同論監委員会において上配(1)及び (四の条件が耐たされることを発作に、日本版 府が神館住民の日本本土への旅行に必受な旅 登以外の文書を発品することについても合意 された。

- (2) その後の日来時間外交当周間の路線により 南方連絡等務所にかける旅券及び日本本土へ の設配文書の発給事物は、沖縄に居住し、ま たは旅行している沖縄住民以外の日本協民を もその対象に含むことが含意された。
- 2() 沖縄よりの移住者及び海外旅行者の問題に 関し、上述の日米福島委員会会合にかいて、日

本政府が神機からの移位者を含めて海外にあ る神総住民の保護化ついて部一遠的な責任を 負うこと及び神縄からの移住については、日 本政府及び海外等住事黨団が米國民政府、疏 球技府、筑珍部外移住公社、神调海外協会と 協力して、その計画の作成及び実施にあたる ことが合意された。

- (2) その後の日米両脳外交当局間の協議により、 (1) 南方遠島事務所に移住問題に関する遠路調 整組当官をおくこと、何福外移住事業団件 穩塞務所を那覇に設置し、本土におけると 同様の啓発、調整活動を行なわしめること が合意された。
- 3. 上配の話合意の実施に関する網目は、今後日 米岡園政府の最終的承認を得ることを崇传とし て、南方逐絡事務所と米園民政府との間で影響、 決定せしめることとなった。
- 上配の結合意の結果として、1953年5月 2/日付在本邦アメリカ合衆国大便館口上蓄印

2205号、殷和28年9月3日付外務省口上 智愿五郎/395号、1953年9月30日付 阅大使館口上客館491号、昭和28年10月 19日付同省口上客面五级1686号及び1953 年10月27日付同大使館口上餐前733号を もつて台湾された日本政府南方連絡車動所が所 震する影筋の範囲に、新たに()日本旅祭及び日 本本土への提前文帝の完治に関する事務ならび に個神網からの部外務住に関する退路調整事務 が追加されることになった。

外務省は、さらに、在本邦アメリカ合衆匯大便 態に対し、上記の了解が间大使館の了解でもある ととを確認されるよう製譜するの光彩を有する。