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ライシヤワー大使

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昭和40年2月19日

総理府特別地域連絡局長 殿

那覇日本政府南方連絡事務所長

ライシャワー大使の2月18日那覇空港到着の際の  
ステートメント等の送付について

2月18日付民政府新聞発表下記2件御参考までに別添送付する。

記

- 1 ライシャワー大使の2月18日那覇空港到着の際のステートメント  
(第65-60号)
- 2 ワーナー民政官の2月18日民政府会議室における日本社会党議員  
団に対するステートメント(第65-61号)

なお、ワーナー民政官のステートメントは、社会党議員団が2月18  
日9時から民政府会議室において予定されていた民政府説明会への出席  
を拒否した(原因はワトソン高等弁務官との会見の希望が達せられな  
かつたためといわれる)ため、実際には行われなかつたが、民政府が予定

どおり配布したものである。

本信写送付先 外務省アメリカ局長

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外務省北米局長殿



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ライシヤワ-大使の記者会見テキスト送付について

先般、南ヴェトナムよりの帰途来沖したライシヤワ-在本邦  
米国大使の、嘉手納空港発離沖の際の記者会見テキスト1部別添  
送付する。

本信写送付先 外務省北米局長

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UNITED STATES CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS

Naha, Okinawa  
13 December 1965

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TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN,  
EDWIN O. REISCHAUER, DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE AT KADENA AIR BASE  
AT 3:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1965

COLONEL TOURTELLOTTE: Mr. Ambassador, if you are ready we'll start the conference.

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: My throat's sore from too much talking, so I don't want to compete with a jet. I first want to apologize if I caused any of you any inconvenience yesterday by arriving earlier than I was scheduled to arrive.

I discovered this when I read the newspapers this morning which suggested that I had sneaked into Okinawa! I think the origin of that mistake is that somebody forgot to realize that there's an hour's difference in time between here and Saigon. So somebody who estimated our schedule put it down differently from what it was. I would have been very happy to leave an hour later. They made me leave at 8 o'clock in the morning. I'm ready to answer your questions if you have any. I don't know about the junbi, but I'm ready.

REPORTER (Interpreted): During your stay here I understand that you have met with the high commissioner several times. What subjects have you discussed with the high commissioner?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, I stayed with the High Commissioner and have had chances to talk with him quite a bit during the last 24 hours. My reason for stopping in Okinawa on my way through was in order to try to learn more about the situation here, and he's been telling me about various things just so that in my position as Ambassador in Tokyo I should be as well informed about Okinawa and its problems as possible. So it's for my education that I stopped here.

REPORTER (Interpreted): What was your reason for visiting Saigon?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, my reason for going to Saigon was very much the same sort of reason. The problem of the war in Vietnam is a matter of great

concern to people everywhere -- to Americans -- to Japanese, and naturally there's the matter that it is often in our discussions. And so I thought it was useful for me to learn as much as I could. A three-day stay is not very great, but I had a chance to go to various places in Vietnam and get a visual impression -- to see things -- and I learned a great deal, and this will help me to understand what I read and am told about Vietnam in the future. So again, it is to perform my function as American Ambassador in Tokyo more effectively.

REPORTER (Interpreted): Sometime ago Ambassador Reischauer said that coverage of the Vietnam war by Japanese press is not well balanced. Concerning this do you think that there is any improvement in coverage?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, that's a very hard judgement to make. I think the reporting from Vietnam has often been very good -- all along it's been very good. There's a very active corps of Japanese correspondents in Saigon, and I had a very good evening with them. We talked about a lot of things.

As I say, the reporting I think has been very detailed and very good from there. I felt when I made that remark two months ago that maybe the way it is editorially played in the newspapers, maybe they didn't give quite the balance that was desirable. That was desirable. That was my comment on the reporters.

REPORTER (Interpreted): Even now your way of thinking has not been changed yet?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: I think there's been an effort to get a better balance -- I think there has been, yes.

REPORTER (Interpreted): I understand that Ambassador Reischauer has met with Chief Executive Matsuoka and you have discussed present problems such as the public election of the chief executive. Concerning this would you make a comment?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Mr. Matsuoka mentioned to me the various problems on his mind -- this is part of my education to have him tell me the things that he's thinking about, just as it's part of my education to have a briefing and have a chance to discuss the situation with the High commissioner.

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REPORTER (Interpreted): Concerning the time of public election of the chief executive, what do you think?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, I don't have any particular opinions on things like that. This is not my area of concern. I'm just told by people -- various opinions and so on.

REPORTER (Interpreted): I heard that you have talked with Chief Executive Matsuoka on the matter of economic aid. Can the U.S. - Japan consultative committee talk on political issues such as selection of the Chief Executive?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, in the Consultative Committee we've just had a series of meetings this autumn dealing with the aid problem and I might say that we have been extremely successful in doing it more rapidly and more effectively than in other years. So I think the Committee has operated extremely well. The Committee has authority for other kinds of consultation.

I don't know what the future will bring on that.

REPORTER (Interpreted): Do you think the matter of public election of the chief executive will be an agenda item of the U.S. - Japan Consultative Committee in the future?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: I doubt very much that something like that would become a subject of discussion there because this seems to be a problem -- really a local problem.

REPORTER (Interpreted): Did you have any particular impression in Saigon?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well I have two particular impressions that I came with away from Saigon and all of Vietnam. One is that it's a very complicated mixed up situation because that is a complicated less developed country with difficult problems. Everyone has told me that it's very complicated, and I saw with my own eyes that it's very complicated. The other impression I had was really my impression when I got to Okinawa. And coming from Vietnam, my feeling is "Isn't peace wonderful! And isn't it fine to have this peaceful, prosperous situation! And my further thought on that is, 'Isn't stability and adequate defense a wonderful thing."

REPORTER (Interpreted): During your meeting with high commissioner have you discussed with him on the time of public election of the chief executive?

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AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: The high commissioner naturally discussed with me his view of this whole problem of the chief executive -- his estimate of the situation, and so on.

COLONEL TOURTELLOTTE: Mr. Ambassador, there is time for one more question on your schedule, sir.

REPORTER (Interpreted): You have said the situation in Saigon is very much complicated. Would you tell us / about the complicated situation in more detail?

AMBASSADOR REISCHAUER: Well, it's complicated in the sense that you have an open war -- one aspect of it. Beyond that you have the problem called passification. That is, giving security to the people that are not actually in the fighting area but can be disturbed by it. And, then, another aspect is economic construction, and another aspect is political development. All these become very complicated in a country that has been disturbed by war for many years -- six years of war now/and in a country that is one of the so-called less developed countries -- it doesn't have the technical skills.

I'm leaving a little bit earlier than I originally planned because I have to attend a dinner meeting in Tokyo and change my clothes, and I need a little bit more time so I'm leaving a little early. I want to explain it to you.

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