

NARCOTIC DRUGS

Exchange of notes at Tokyo February 16 and July 6, 1928

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Tokyo, February 16, 1928

No. 310

EXCELLENCY:

Under instructions from my Government, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the United States Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain countries. I was further instructed to endeavor to arrange with Your Excellency's Government for—

(1) The direct exchange between the United States Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Japan of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, fingerprints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

(2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern Japan or the United States. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

(3) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, May 18, 1953, p. 721.

² 3 UST 3175; TIAS 2490.

The officer of the United States Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of my Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Should the proposed arrangement meet with the approval of Your Excellency's Government, it would be much appreciated if I might be informed of the name and address of the Japanese official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador:
NORMAN ARMOUR

His Excellency
Baron GIICHI TANAKA
*His Imperial Japanese Majesty's
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
etc., etc., etc.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

[TRANSLATION]

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Tokio, July 6th, 1928

No. 71/T3

MONSIEUR LE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES,

I have the honour to refer to His Excellency the United States Ambassador's Note No. 310 of February 16th, 1928, informing me that, in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the United States Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain countries, and transmitting the following proposals:

[For text of proposals, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

I beg to state in reply that, inasmuch as the modes of evidence enumerated in the paragraph (1) are not necessarily adopted in this country with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Japanese Government may possibly find themselves unable to conform to the proposal with respect to those modes of evidence, but that they agree to practice, within the provisions of the existing Japanese laws and regulations and, as far as feasible, in accordance with the methods of procedure mentioned in the

preceding paragraphs, a closer direct cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and Japan respectively.

The Japanese official who is to communicate with Colonel L. G. Nutt, the officer of the United States Treasury Department, who is to have charge, on behalf of the United States Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics, is the Director of the Bureau of Treaties and Conventions in the Department of Foreign Affairs, whose

Telegraph address is: Jooyaku Kyokuchoo
Gaimudaijin Tokio

And mail address is: Director of Bureau of Treaties and Conventions,
Department of Foreign Affairs.

I beg you, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, to accept the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

BARON GIICHI TANAKA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

EDWIN L. NEVILLE, Esq.,
Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America.