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Even No. rolls

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31 May 1945

Colonel Buxton:

Attached for your signature are memoranda addressed to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, concerning possible Japanese peace feelers put forth in Portugal.

The Lisbon cables, on which these memoranda are based, are as follows:

#2199 - 7 May
#2249 - 19 May
#2309 - 23 May
#2349 - 28 May.

For General Magruder

C. T., Jr.

per Mr.

Please sign Green
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John Magruder, Brig. Gen.
Deputy Director, OSS -- Intelligence Service

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31 May 1945

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Miss Rose Conway
The White House

Dear Miss Conway:

I believe the President will be inter-
ested in the enclosed report from our representative
in Lisbon.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. R. R. R.

Enclosure.

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31 May 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The following information has been transmitted by the OSS representative in Lisbon:

On 7 May 1945 the OSS representative reported that during a contact with a regular source of varying reliability, source stated that he had been asked by Mametaro Inoue, Counsellor of the Japanese Legation in Portugal, to contact United States representatives. Source quoted Inoue as saying that the Japanese are ready to cease hostilities, provided they are allowed to retain possession of their home islands. Inoue stressed American and Japanese "common interests" against the USSR. He said, however, that unconditional surrender would not be acceptable to Japan.

(The OSS representative believes that Inoue selected this particular source to carry his message to American representatives, because of source's long experience in Portugal and Japan.)

On 19 May, the OSS representative reported that Inoue again had requested to resume his desire to talk with an

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American representative. On this occasion Inoue declared that actual peace terms were unimportant so long as the term "unconditional surrender" was not employed. The Japanese, he asserted, are convinced that within a few weeks all of their wood and paper houses will be destroyed. Inoue insisted, however, that such destruction would not lead to unconditional surrender and that the war would still be prosecuted in China. The destruction of the Iseji Jinja shrines, Inoue added, had strengthened Japanese will to resist.

The information contained in the above messages was given the United States Ambassador by the OSS representative.

The OSS representative on 23 May reported that the United States Ambassador, after consultation with the British and Chinese, instructed that Inoue be told he must show proof that he is authorized to speak for the Japanese Government and that he is prepared to discuss unconditional surrender -- the only basis acceptable to the United States.

Charles A. Johnston

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1 June 1945

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**WASHINGTON
STAFF:**

Available Japanese Peace Feelers.

Information has been transmitted by
Lisbon:

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munist Legation in Portugal, to contact United
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Charles S. Chastan
Acting Director

London Cables

2189 (IN 12424) - 5/7/45
2244 (IN 12525) - 5/19/45
2107 (IN 13434) - 5/23/45
2349 (IN 14240) 5/28/45

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1 June 1945

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Honorable James C. Dunn
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I believe the Secretary will be in-
the enclosed memorandum, containing
forwarded by the CSS representative

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Director

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1 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The following information has been transmitted by the OSS representative in Lisbon:

On 7 May 1945 the OSS representative reported that during a contact with a regular source of varying reliability, source stated that he had been asked by Masutaro Inoue, Counsellor of the Japanese Legation in Portugal, to contact United States representatives. Source quoted Inoue as saying that the Japanese are ready to cease hostilities, provided they are allowed to retain possession of their home islands. Inoue stressed American and Japanese "common interests" against the USSR. He said, however, that unconditional surrender would not be acceptable to Japan.

(The OSS representative believes that Inoue selected this particular source to carry his message to American representatives, because of source's long experience in Portugal and Japan.)

On 19 May, the OSS representative reported that Inoue again had repeated to source his desire to talk with an American representative. On this occasion Inoue declared that actual peace terms were unimportant so long as the term "unconditional surrender" was not employed. The Japanese, he asserted, are convinced that within a few weeks all of their wood and paper houses will be destroyed. Inoue insisted, however that such destruction would not lead to unconditional surrender and that the war would still be prosecuted in China. The destruction of the Meiji Jinja shrine, Inoue added, had

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[The information contained in the above messages was given the United States Ambassador by the OSS representative.]

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Charles S. Cheston
Acting Director

London cables.

- # 2199 (IN 12428) - 5/7/45
- # 2249 (IN 13528) - 5/19/45
- # 2309 (IN 13904) - 5/23/45
- # 2349 (IN 14395) - 5/25/45

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12 May 1945

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Miss Rose Conway
The White House

Dear Miss Conway:

The enclosed memorandum, containing intelligence forwarded by our representative in Bern, will probably be of interest to the President. I will appreciate your seeing that it reaches his desk.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

Enclosure.

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12 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following information, transmitted by the OSS representative in Bern, originates with a German source, an authority on the Far East who is considered anti-Nazi but pro-Japanese:

The source, on 11 May, talked with Shunichi Kase, the Japanese Minister to Switzerland. He reports that Kase expressed a wish to help arrange for a cessation of hostilities between the Japanese and the Allies. Kase reportedly considers direct talks with the Americans and the British preferable to negotiations through the USSR, because the latter eventually would increase Soviet prestige so much that the whole Far East would become Communist.

Kase allegedly believes that one of the few provisions the Japanese would insist upon would be the retention of the Emperor as the only safeguard against Japan's conversion to Communism. Kase feels that Under Secretary of State Clegg, whom he considers the best US authority on Japan, shares this opinion.

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DIRECTOR, OSS

William J. Donovan
Director

Bern #10009 (IN 12600) - 2/11/45

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**MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION
FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF:**

SUBJECT: Allied Japanese Peace Problem.

The following information, transmitted by the OSS representative in Bern, originates with a German source, an authority on the Far East who is considered anti-Nazi but pro-Japanese.

The source, on 11 May, talked with Shunichi Kase, the Japanese Minister to Switzerland. He reports that Kase expressed a wish to help arrange for a cessation of hostilities between the Japanese and the Allies. Kase reportedly considers direct talks with the Americans and the British preferable to negotiations through the USSR, because the latter unsuitably would increase Soviet prestige so much that the whole Far East would become Communist.

Kase allegedly believes that one of the few provisions the Japanese would insist upon could be the retention of the Emperor as the only safeguard against Japan's conversion to Communism. Kase feels that Navy Secretary of State Grew, when he considers the best US authority on Japan, shares this opinion.

**WILLIAM J. Donovan
Director**

Item #10109 (IN 12000) - 5/11/45.

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12 May 1945

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION
FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFFSUBJECT: Alleged Japanese Peace Envoy.

The following information, transmitted by the OSS representative in Bern, originated with a German source, in authority on the Far East who is considered anti-Nazi but pro-Japanese.

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William J. Donovan
Director

Bern #10009 (IN 10006) - 5/11/45.

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12 May 1945

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Honorable James C. Dunn
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State

Dear Jimmy:

I believe the Secretary will be interested
in the enclosed message from our Bern representative.
Will you be good enough to see that it reaches his
desk? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

Enclosure.

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12 May 1945

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

The following information, transmitted by the OSS representative in Bern, originates with a German source, an authority on the Far East who is considered anti-Nazi but pro-Japanese.

The source, on 11 May, talked with Hiroshi Kono, the Japanese Minister to Switzerland. He reports that Kono expressed a wish to help arrange for a cessation of hostilities between the Japanese and the Allies. Kono reportedly considers direct talks with the Americans and the British preferable to negotiations through the USSR, because the latter eventually would increase Soviet prestige so much that the whole Far East would become Communist.

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