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Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of 2 September which enclosed copies of communications which were sent to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swedish Legation and the British and Soviet Embassies regarding the disposition of official Japanese property and archives.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk
The American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, September 2, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I am enclosing for the information of the Allied Commission copies of communications which I have sent today to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swedish Legation, and the British and Soviet Embassies regarding the disposition of official Japanese property and archives.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures: 4.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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NOTE VERBALE

The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to the Honorable the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Japanese capitulation, which has now been confirmed by the signing of the instrument of surrender. Under the terms of surrender the Japanese Government has been instructed to authorize the Government protecting its interests in belligerent countries to relinquish property and archives in those countries.

Consequently, acting under urgent instructions from the Government of the United States, the Ambassador has the honor to request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to acquiesce in the transfer of the custody of all Japanese archives and property, diplomatic and consular, from the custody of the protecting power to this Embassy, acting on behalf of the Governments of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China.

A similar communication has been addressed to the Swedish Legation, in charge of Japanese interests in Italy.

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The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Great Britain and has the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency copies of communications addressed to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Sweden with respect to the disposition of Japanese diplomatic and consular property and archives.

It would be appreciated if the Ambassador of Great Britain would associate himself with this request to the Foreign Ministry and the Swedish Legation. It is understood that the Ambassador of Great Britain has received appropriate instructions from his Government in this regard.

Enclosures: 2.

Rome, September 2, 1945

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