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From: Secretary of State sgd Lovett (Acting)

To: AMEMBASSY Mexico City, Mexico

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10 December 1948

PERSONAL FOR CHIEF USDEL ITU-HFBC

Re status Amishima, Jap technical adviser to SCAP observer at International Telecommunications Union High Frequency Broadcasting Conference now meeting in Mexico City, your attention is called to fact that under US policy to further gradual participation of Japan in international affairs and organizations, US successfully sponsored FEC policy decision in June 1948 which reads as follows: "The Far Eastern Commission decides as a matter of policy that: (1) Upon receipt of an appropriate invitation SCAP may appoint members of his staff as observers at inter-governmental conferences, attendance at which he deems to be in the interest of the occupation. (2) Members of SCAP's staff attending an inter-governmental conference on invitation as provided in Paragraph 1, may be accompanied by Japanese technical personnel when deemed necessary by SCAP, and when the attendance of Japanese personnel is acceptable to the country acting as host to the conference."

Dept is unable understand validity stand reported taken by USSR DEL to HFBC re status Amishima since above policy decision was adopted by FEC (of which USSR is member) by 10-0 vote without Soviet objection.

SCAP has informed this Dept that he is reluctant to accede to incursion upon principles clearly set forth in FEC policy decision and has asked Dept's comments on his tentative plan to instruct his observer to renew application to Conference for recognition of Mr. Amishima's status. In this connection SCAP calls attention to (1) Japan's current

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adherence to ITU Convention, pursuant to Additional Protocol II adopted by 1947 Conference at Atlantic City and (2) the precedent of admission of SCAP technical adviser accompanying SCAP observer to current session of ITU Provisional Frequency Board in Geneva which expected continue until May 1949. Your attention is also directed to additional precedent CS sponsored invitation extended by ILO Conference June 1948 to SCAP observer accompanied by Jap tech adviser.

Dept considers necessary further effort to implement at Mexico City the stated US position on attendance of Jap technical advisers at international conference (as formalized in above FEC decision). To this end you are instructed to review situation at Conference by canvassing delegations as to feasibility favorable reconsideration admission Amishima stressing purpose and importance of applicable international policy agreement.

Shld views of other govts indicate favorable action expected re status Jap, you shld so advise SCAP observer, to enable him reapply when instructed by SCAP, and thereupon you shld press, preferably in concert with delegates other FEC member countries if possible, for admission Amishima to appropriate meetings of the Conference. Shld your approaches reveal probability adverse majority this issue, or shld you feel upon review situation that pressure this issue would result in risking serious damage to US objectives and other interests at conference, you are requested communicate promptly fully with Dept.

Advise SCAP observer substance this message.

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