

7 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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SUBJECT:

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1. The other day I sent you some material submitted by  as a result of my conversation with him.

2. He sent this copy of a letter to Mr. Harriman for information. I have acknowledged to  and a copy of my letter is attached.

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3. His letter, I suppose, should go with the material I sent over earlier.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

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Attachment:

cc of ltr to   
fr Mr. Houston, dtd  
7 Feb 1951

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cc of ltr to Mr. Harriman  
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1 Feb 1951

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The interesting material sent down with your letter of 31 January and the copy of your letter to Mr. Harriman of 1 February have been forwarded by me to the office concerned with such matters, with the request that they study the subject and get in touch with you directly if appropriate.

I am not sure whether anyone, while you were down here, asked you to fill out the Personal History Statements which are the long biographic forms on which security clearances are based. If not, and its agreeable to you, I think we should send you the form as whatever the outcome of the subject matter you presented, I think it would be well to start on clearance.

I enjoyed our discussion the other day and hope to see you again soon.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON  
General Counsel

Attach: Personal History Statements

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February 1, 1951

Hon. W. Averell Harriman  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harriman:

I am writing to tell you about a matter of which I think you ought to have knowledge because of your interest in our future relations with Japan. It is a small thing in a way but something for which I feel that our Government owes a great debt to Messrs. Frank L. Boyden and Frank E. Bogues of Deerfield.

As you know, Count Kabayama of Oiso, Japan, has devoted most of his eighty-four years to the development of better cultural and economic relations between our two countries. I believe that he is one of the oldest living graduates of Amherst and his son was also educated in this country. Two years ago last fall his grandson Nori was sent to this country and taken by Mr. Boyden into Deerfield Academy, even though there were no dollars to finance his education or other needs. Summers he worked as a farmhand and gardener and last June was entered as a freshman at Amherst. Nori had little background in English when he arrived in this country and Mr. Bogues spent many long hours in tutoring him. However, in his first year at Amherst he was assigned both English and History courses and in the examinations just completed was not quite able to meet their high scholastic standard in these two subjects and has been dropped from Amherst.

Normally, this, of course, would mean that Nori would have to return to Japan, having failed in his mission. Mr. Boyden, who is familiar with both the affairs and minds of the Oriental people, knew that, through his lifetime efforts, Count Kabayama had become a symbol to the Japanese people of American-Japanese relations. He knew that it was known in Japan that Nori had been sent to this country, without adequate training or financial support, as a sort of offering at the altar of American-Japanese friendship. He knew of the difficult negotiations now being conducted over future American-Japanese relations and he knew, above all other things, what a loss of face and prestige, which a return of the boy, under these circumstances, would mean to a man who is regarded among influential Japanese as being

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identified, perhaps more than any other Japanese, with the United States. He did not know that the very day I am writing this letter Count Kabayama, as President of the American-Japanese Society, is giving a dinner in Tokyo in honor of Mr. Dulles and in furtherance of American-Japanese friendship.

Yesterday I received a telephone call from Mr. Boyden from Deerfield, in which he said that, although he could ill afford it, he would take Nori back to Deerfield for the coming semester and that Mr. Bagues will continue helping him with his study of English and in June they would explore the possibility of obtaining Nori's readmission to Amherst or some other college.

I think we all owe a very great debt to Messrs. Boyden and Bagues of Deerfield Academy.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. May I also commend to your attention Mr. Raymond Moley's article in the current (February 5th) issue of NEWSWEEK, a copy of which I am taking the liberty of enclosing.

F. P. R.

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cc:

Hon. John Foster Dulles  
State Department  
Washington, D. C.

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Unable to locate material mentioned in paragraph 3. Have checked OSO, OPC and OOC.

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