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1. Last night in address at America-Japan Society Centennial Kanagawa Treaty banquet, Foreign Minister said Japan cognizant H-bomb tests necessary for security not only US but of other free nations of which Japan is one, Japan will cooperate with other free nations assure success of tests. Added "at same time, however, we are fully aware that our fishing industry should be duly compensated for any loss it may suffer in consequence such experiments."

2. Okazaki's notice emphasized industrial compensation aspect FUKURYU MARU case which seems likely increase in importance. Yesterday Foreign Office delivered personal communication to Embassy officer listing seven ships of 235 returning Japan March 20 to April 5 as radioactive. Memorandum states Ministry Welfare has no legal authority detain vessels and fishermen found radioactive because atomic radiation disease not stipulated in epidemic diseases prevention law, which is sole legal basis this action. Therefore, should Ministry detain boats and fishermen compensation has to be made for which funds are not authorized. Moreover, Ministry Welfare inspectors have to follow radioactive ships wherever they go in order conduct inspection. Memorandum ended this point without further comment. It was dated April 7, redated April 8, and delivered late April 9 after Eisenbud departure.

3. Its enclosures give navigation courses five of these vessels and radiation counts for all seven. Human body counts range from 30 per minute to 500; catch from 40 to 155; ships from 40 to 2443 in one case. None of these vessels or catch seen or examined by US technicians. Unsuccessful attempt to monitor two of them reported Embassy telegram 2387. No data supplied re type monitoring equipment, examination conductions, or normal background radiations. (For comparative purposes background reading taken in Chancery this morning showed 60 counts per minute in US Embassy, and radium-dial wrist watch worn by one officer for number of

years showed

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years showed 17,000 counts per minute.)

4. Visit to ship at Uraga last night by Dr. Lewis, Embassy telegram 2463, went smoothly. Counts hottest part ship were 120 per minute; catch maximum which was intestine one tuna 240; both inclusive background. One tuna obtained for dissection and shipment AEC laboratory New York. As this is being written two more ships reported having returned radioactive.

5. Japanese originally accepted Eisenbud suggestion not to export fish with counts 100 above normal background, although in-point-fact they do not seem to be differentiating between object and background.

6. In view all this and prospects further similar cases, would appreciate comments re: (a) acceptability fish with low level radiation to US markets; (b) any further suggestions as to monitoring criteria, with or without US participation; (c) US liability for compensation of losses to fish industry if catches destroyed as unfit for US markets on US standards or for domestic market on Japanese standards. Is AEC or Food and Drug prepared establish health standard for fish products in terms maximum quantitative counts per minute?

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