

EXHIBIT NO. 74

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October 6, 1940
2 p.m.

AMEMBASSY

TOKYO (JAPAN) VIA SHANGHAI (CHINA)

INFO: AMEMBASSY, CHUNGKING (CHINA)
AMEMBASSY, PEIPING (CHINA)
AMERICAN CONSUL, HONG KONG

381.

The continuance of an abnormal situation in the Far East which has in widespread areas disturbed and interfered with the legitimate commercial, cultural, and philanthropic activities of American citizens and which has adversely affected conditions of order and general living conditions has impelled the Department to the conclusion that the time has come for it to adopt with reference to China (including Manchuria), to Japan (including Kwantung Leased Territory, Korea, and Formosa), to Hong Kong, and to French Indochina an attitude toward passport control and withdrawal of American citizens therefrom similar to that which has been adopted for some time toward these questions with reference to disturbed areas of Europe. The Department accordingly desires that its diplomatic and consular officers in China, in Japan, in Hong Kong, and in French Indochina quietly repeat quietly inform American citizens in their respective districts of the substance of the preceding

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preceding sentence and suggest withdrawals insofar as is practicable from the areas in question to the United States. This applies especially in regard to women and children and to men whose continued presence in China, in Japan, in Hong Kong, and in French Indochina is not repeat not considered urgently or essentially needed. There should be pointed out to American citizens the advisability of their taking advantage of transportation facilities while such facilities are available, as it goes without saying that no one can guarantee that such facilities will remain available indefinitely.

In order that this instruction be not repeat not misconstrued in any quarter, it is desired that effort be made to avoid publicity in regard thereto and that endeavor be made to preclude the reading into it of sensational implications.

The Department would appreciate receiving from you and from Peiping, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Saigon, and other interested offices an estimate of the number of Americans who will be inclined to heed these suggestions. Tokyo should instruct consuls in Japanese territory and Peiping should instruct those in China.

The Department will expect shortly to issue further instructions embodying various administrative considerations.

Sent to Tokyo via Shanghai. Repeated to Peiping, Chungking, and Hong Kong. Hong Kong repeat to Saigon.

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TOKYO (JAPAN) RECORDS

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Department's 381, October 6, 2 p.m., withdrawal of
American citizens.

It is desired that the Embassy at once instruct
American consulates in Japanese territory to renew, im-
mediately and quietly and with effort to avoid any
sensational publicity, to American citizens, especially
women and children and men whose continued presence in
Japan is not highly essential, this Government's suggestions
that they withdraw to the United States. In so doing, the
Embassy and the consulates are to understand and should
explain to American inquirers that this Government is making
no repeat no assumption that a situation of acute physical
danger to American nationals is imminent, but that this
Government, in the light of obvious trends in the Far
Eastern situation, desires to reduce the risks to which
American nationals and their interests are exposed by
virtue of uncertainties and, through the process of with-
drawal of unessential personnel, to improve its position
in relation to problems which may at any time be presented

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Charge to of affording maximum appropriate protection to those persons

who are not in position to withdraw, those interests which cannot be abandoned, and those principles and those rights to which it is the duty of the American Government to give all appropriate support at all times. This instruction and the advice to be given under it is not repeat not meant to be alarmist, but is a further and necessary precautionary measure. We do not repeat not wish to impose unnecessary hardships upon any American nationals, but we ask that those whom you address shall realize that there are real risks, that we wish to reduce these risks, and that this advice is being given in the interest both of the safety and convenience of the American nationals addressed and in the interest of national security.

The Department is sending similar instructions to Peiping, Hong Kong, and Indochina.

The Department does not repeat not contemplate sending a special vessel or special vessels to assist in the withdrawal and American nationals who make inquiry in this particular connection should be advised to take advantage of such transportation facilities as may be currently available.

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Department of State

Washington,

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC

Reference is made to the letter of February 11, 1900,
and previous telegrams in regard to withdrawal of
American citizens.

The Department desires that the American citizens
and their families, and the property of American citizens
in the Islands of the Pacific, Japan, Korea, and
China, including the advice previously given to them
to withdraw, be in accordance with the policy of the
Government in the Pacific Islands. It is requested
that it be possible to refer to the Department
the present condition.

Very respectfully,
John Hay, Secretary of State

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offices ⁱⁿ the District of Columbia and to Saigon. This is
to be sent to all consular offices in Japanese-occupied
parts of China, and in Manchuria. Best known people
resident in each of these places.

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