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Subject: Letter of Instructions to the Members of the Advisory Committee on the High Commissioner of the Ryukyu Islands.

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1. As stated in the Terms of Reference approved by the three governments, the purpose of the Committee is to advise and make mutually agreed recommendations to me on economic, social and related matters which are within my powers as High Commissioner in order;

a.

北米局影 診内委员会委员に計する指示書 本日(火月26日)午沿南連幕務的公童註 0 122腹的に本件指示書更ようキストを ()のとまり供覧いたります。 0

a. To provide for the smooth intergration of the Ryukyuan socio-economic structure into that of Japan proper when administrative rights are reverted to Japan;

b. To promote the economic well-being, health, education, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Ryukyu Islands.

- develop recommendations as to how economic and social differences between Japan proper and the Ryukyu Islands may be reduced and eliminated, and how the administrative, organizational, and structual aspects of Ryukyuan economic and social life may be brought into greater identity with Japan proper.
- I want the Committee to perform a continuing review of the state of Ryukyuan economic and social development by means of special studies and surveys and by consultation with appropriate persons and organizations, and to provide me with its recommendations concerning long-range economic planning.
- 4. The Committee should confine its activities to
  major problem areas and tasks which appear to be the
  most fruitful insofar as the furthering of the Committee's
  mission

mission is concerned. The Committee should make maximum utilization of the background and knowledge available to agencies of the three governments. Special investigations and studies beyond the capabilities of the staffs of the Committee and the services and facilities of the three governments should be conducted through contractual arrangements with private consultants or organizations. In this regard, the Committee will be provided as soon as possible copies of the conprehensive Economic Survey, a contract project conducted by the firm of Danniel,

Mann, Johnson and Mandelhall. This survey should constitute excellent base and point of departure further Committee's activities.

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- action are stated in the Terms of Reference as economic development, education and health and welfare. Conversely, matters not within the powers of the High Commissioner and matters of a political nature are not within the purview of the Committee.
- There is a wealth of information presently available in the Committee's areas of interest. As authorized in the Terms of Reference, the Committee should call upon the services and facilities of the three governments

- ment shall provide its Committee members with the appropriate supporting staff and defray the salary allowances and other direct support expenses related to its member representative and staff. All other costs will be included in a budget prepared by the Committee to be approved by either three governments and will be shared by them in a mutually agreed proportion subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
- To permit me to remain current with the Committee's activities and to enable me to carry out my responsibility to keep the Japan-United States Consultative Committee in Tokyo informed of the progress of the work of the Advisory Committee, I would like the Committee to establish a procedure which would provide me with periodic briefings and reports, to include a continuously updated program of subjects, problems, studies and contracts under consideration.
- 9. In the interest of facilitating smooth relationships between the Committee and the general public, all public announcements and comments from the Committee

should be in the form of joint statements prepared through mutual agreement and consideration.

10. Finally, I would like to emphasize that the Advisory Committee has an ideal opportunity to be of real benefit to the people of the Ryukyu Islands. You are not faced with the sometimes frantic activity that besets an organization which functions on a day-to-day operational basis. You will have time to plan, and time to think out those plans in order that the maximum return can be achieved in accomplishing the purposes for which the Committee was established.

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