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To : P. S. P.

From : MATSUMOTO Hideyuki, Chief of Liaison Section, MPD.

Subject : Report on reactions to the apprehension of Korean national for violation of Imperial Ordinance No. 311.

Summary : Around 1655 hrs. on September 14 some 100 Koreans flocked to the front door of Osaki Police Station, asking to see the chief. Deputy-Chief SASAKI got them to pick up 10 representatives from among them, and at the same time had Police Inspector ITO negotiate with these Korean representatives. During this negotiation about 40 members of the police station were placed on alert in and outside the stationhouse for precaution. The interview ended and the crowd broke up at 1830 hrs. without trouble.

Details.

1. The following demands were made by the 10 Korean representatives of whom two were women and who included:

(李明鎮)

LI MEICHIN, aged around 40, No. 126, 2-chome, Osaki Honcho, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo.

(金台鎮)

KIN TAICHIN, aged around 45, No. 3, Kimizuka-machi, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

(高木陽一)

TAKAGI Yoichi, Japanese aged around 42, a JCP member and a member of Shinagawa Ward Assembly.

Demands :

- (1) That the police give them an explanation of reason for apprehension of BOKU MEISHU. (朴明璉)
- (2) That the police permit meeting with and bringing things to BOKU under detention.
- (3) That the police release BOKU.

To these demands were given the following answers by Police Inspector ITO representing the police station.

- (1) BOKU was apprehended for offense prejudicial to Occupation objectives committed in violation of Imperial Ordinance No. 311. More detailed explanation cannot be given on this point because investigation is just getting underway.
- (2) Meeting with and giving things to the detained is permitted during the daytime only. It is banned after 5:00 p.m.

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(3) We reject the demand for release since it is beyond our authority to do that.

2. When directly before the above negotiation the Korean representatives asked for a room within the stationhouse to use for the negotiation instead of using the inquiry office, the police representative declined the request, insisting that there could be no negotiation that could not be made properly at the inquiry office.
 3. Around 5:30 p.m. when BOKU was to be brought back to the police station after going through procuratorial investigation for the day, the ranks of the Koreans gathered in front of the police station were still there waiting for results of the negotiation. There being, under such condition, the danger of these Koreans possibly attempting to take the prisoner back at the time of his removal from the prison van into the cell, BOKU was presently transferred to the custody of MPD. Meanwhile, when after the negotiation the Korean representatives reported its results to the crowd outside and urged them to break up and go home, the latter showed no chance of dispersing, asking instead the reason why BOKU had been placed in the custody of MPD. Thus the fear of their creating unrest finally led the police to call a breakup at 6:20 p.m. Around 6:30 p.m. all the Koreans dispersed without raising any trouble. Osaki Police Station has since been on alert for future moves of the Koreans.
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