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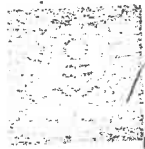
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Jan. 15th 1953.

Dear Admiral Stark.

Thank you very very much for your note of Dec. 20. 52. It is indeed a most pleasant memory for me to remind your friendliness and generous fellowship extended to me, when I was in Washington. Ofcourse, I have had high respect for you personally and always best wishes. I heard of you often from Admiral MacManes. Every thing went against my will at Washington but no use now to resent it. Our well-known proverb says that "After rain ground become more solid"

yesterday (Jan ¹⁴ ~~15~~) I attended the ceremony held at Yokosuka of transferring N.S frigates and etc to our coast security force. It was very happy occasion for our ex-navy men. We are indebted to your country and your navy very much. I think this day is the birth-day of new Japanese sea defence which will be exclusively used for defensive purpose only. Dear Admiral, our ex-navy men are in very intimate terms with your navy men. I mean they are friendly mentally and I think that they will be really mutually trusted partners if the day comes, which I hope that such day will not come. With personal high regards and best wishes



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Monday.

Dear Admiral,

Thank you ever so much for
^{most warm}
your and Mrs. Stark's reception
extended to me particularly.

I never forget your many kindnesses
extended to me before the war and
your particular kind words in dinner
given by you. I remind that there
were present such big figures as Admirals
Nimitz, Turner, Ingersol and Sexton (if
I ^{re-}collect correctly).

Japan made great mistakes and blunders
but I think majority are disillusioned
and I believe that the people should be
rightly informed under good leadership
in order not to repeat past mistakes.

I feel very happy to have met with
you and wish to thank you again and again.
Kindly convey my best thanks to Mrs. Stark.
With highest respect and best wishes
Yours very sincerely K. Nomura

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