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April 26, 1939

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It is requested that the attached copy of the American Ambassador's report to the State Department, together with copy of the program arranged in connection with the ASTORIA's visit, and the following comment, be considered as my report on subject matter.

COMMENT:

The ASTORIA arrived at the appointed time off Tokyo Bay and rendezvoused with the Japanese destroyers detailed to escort her to Yokohama harbor. The program thereafter including honors, ceremonies and calls was carried out as scheduled, except for the following:

(a) At the suggestion of Captain Turner invitation to dine on the cruiser KISO, the evening the ASTORIA arrived and before funeral ceremonies were held, was regretted as not being in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion.

(b) The American Ambassador, the American Consul in Yokohama and the Naval Attache with their wives dined informally on the ASTORIA the night of its arrival which gave us opportunity to discuss with Captain Turner matters connected with the ASTORIA's visit.

(c) The farewell party April 25th on board the ASTORIA was a formal dinner (47 guests attending in addition to 20 ASTORIA officers) instead of an afternoon reception as originally planned.

(d) Visiting hours on Saturday afternoon, April 22nd, were designated for Americans resident in Japan and particularly for American children.

(e) The Naval Attache gave an informal Sunday afternoon "At Home" for officers of the ASTORIA, Americans resident in Japan and a few British, French and Canadian members of the Diplomatic Corps instead of a dinner.

(f) A Mr. Nedzu, with permission of the American Ambassador, gave a garden party the afternoon of April 24th which was attended by many prominent Japanese and foreigners in both official and private circles together with their wives which gave the ASTORIA officers an opportunity to meet the flower of Japanese womanhood, an opportunity which had not previously been provided to any great extent.

(g) As usual, considerable informal and impromptu entertainment was provided the enlisted men by the larger newspaper offices, Americans resident in Japan, etc. taking the nature of theater parties, small parties in private homes, etc.

At the invitation of the American Ambassador and Mrs. Grew, Captain Turner, Lieutenant Gladney (his Aide) and Commander Theiss lived at the Embassy for a considerable portion of their nine day stay. The American and Tokyo Clubs provided facilities for officers to change their uniforms and clothes, bathe, etc. The Foreign Office put five double rooms at the Imperial Hotel at the disposal of the officers. Motor car, bus, tram and railway transportation was provided by the Foreign Office, Navy and War Departments and the Yokohama and Tokyo municipalities.

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The ASTORIA's visit can be considered as being an exceedingly successful one. The manner in which all matters connected therewith was carried out together with behavior of personnel left nothing to be desired, in fact, can be highly commended. As stated in the attached report of the American Ambassador, Captain Turner acquitted himself with great credit. To the Naval Attache it seemed particularly fortunate that he was selected for the task.



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Tokyo, April 26, 1939.

No. 3843.

SUBJECT: RETURN OF ASHES OF AMBASSADOR SAITO TO JAPAN  
BY THE U.S.S. ASTORIA.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,  
Washington.

S i r :

With the departure from Yokohama today of U.S.S. ASTORIA which bore to Japan at the President's behest the ashes of the late Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito, the story of this historic visit may now be made of permanent record. I use the word "historic" advisedly, because, whatever

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whatever the intentions and expectations of our Government in making this perhaps unprecedented gesture of courtesy to Japan (unprecedented since Ambassador Saito was no longer in office when he died on American soil), the effects of the gesture will mark an important milestone in the record of Japanese-American relations as initiating a new trend in the attitude of the Japanese Government and people towards the United States. This new trend may only gradually register in a practical way but signs of the material effect of our gesture are already evident as I have had occasion to point out in various telegrams to the Department.

The Japanese are fundamentally a sentimental and emotional people; their memories are long; they do not easily forget causes of offense; they never forget gestures of friendship, and it is certain that the wave of emotional but genuine gratitude to the United States which has swept through this country as a result of the ASTORIA's visit will remain permanently in the minds of the Japanese people no matter what future difficulties may arise in the relations between our two nations. It is not too much to anticipate that the feeling thus created will be reflected, at least to some extent, in the future attitude, policy and action of the Japanese Government.

Throughout our handling of this situation I have had constantly in mind the importance of taking no step which might injure this feeling. I believe very strongly that we, for our part, should recognize the opportunities thus presented and, in spite of the fact that the balance of responsibility

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bility for the present difficulties in Japanese-American relations rests heavily if not entirely with Japan, that we should endeavor to render as free as possible from unessential encumbrances the road towards an improvement of those relations, having in mind the long future rather than the immediate present. In other words, if we now find, as a result of our gesture of friendship, a genuine desire on the part of the Japanese Government to implement in a practical if gradual way its protestations of good-will towards the United States, we should keep in mind the fact that the Government itself will have its own battles to fight with certain elements of its own people, notably some of the military, the xenophobes and the ultra-nationalists, and the knowledge that Japan can in no sense of the word be regarded as a unit but rather as a nation of conflicting elements and forces should be kept well to the fore in formulating our own policies and measures towards this country. We should allow reasonable time for the possible implementation of the sentiments now evoked.

The story of the ASTORIA's visit can best be told in the exchanges of telegrams between the Department and the Embassy (hereinafter listed) and the documentation, newspaper 1/ clippings and photographs herewith enclosed. I need not dwell at length on the difficulties experienced in keeping the reception and entertainment program within reasonable bounds. No problem has ever given me greater anxiety nor has any problem ever required more intensive effort. The Foreign Office and the Foreign Office Reception Committee were sympathetic to our views and wishes and as helpful as they were in a position to help, once those views and wishes had been explained to them.

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But the Foreign Office itself was faced with the time-honored Japanese custom of expressing gratitude in the form of gifts, including monetary gifts, entertainments and public demonstrations, and no explanations by the Foreign Office could ward off the flood of such gifts or the demands of influential people for opportunities to join in the general paean of praise. The proposed national mass meeting was tempered if not entirely avoided only by my taking a firm attitude and insisting upon certain conditions listed in paragraph three of my telegram No. 168, April 6, 7 p.m. These conditions were accepted both by the Foreign Office and by the so-called "National Welcome Committee" (as distinguished from the original reception committee under the chairmanship of the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs), and the Foreign Office did issue a statement to the press in reasonable accordance with my condition (b), (text of statement appended in the enclosures), but in spite of such acceptance on the part of the committee, the only limitation actually achieved was in removing the meeting from a public demonstration in a public stadium to a private demonstration, by invitation, in a University auditorium, and in reducing the number of speeches to two. The printed invitations, of which I learned too late to cause rectification, were to a "National Welcome Meeting", and the programs bore the same heading. My immediate intercession brought about a reprinting of the programs with the word "National" omitted but the press had of course already seen the invitations and characterized the meeting accordingly. Some 2500 of the most prominent and influential Japanese were seated in the auditorium and the meeting took place with almost indescribable enthusiasm. The Foreign Minister,

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to my surprise, attended the meeting. I did not know that he would do so, and I myself did not attend as I wished to avoid giving the meeting an official character. The Chief of the American Bureau of the Foreign Office told me later that Mr. Arita had decided at the last moment to attend and had done so in spite of the former's advice to the contrary. I have heard no adverse repercussions to my absence which was generally attributed to my preoccupation with an audience with the Emperor and an early luncheon of the America-Japan Society in the midst of other pressing duties.

But throughout all of our efforts to keep the reception of the ASTORIA within reasonable bounds and to avoid anything in the way of a national demonstration of a character which might fail to accord with our own Government's conception of the purpose of the ASTORIA's visit and cause the American people to feel that there had been a misinterpretation of our country's act of courtesy, our expressed wishes were generally met, outside of the Foreign Office, with the rejoinder "When in Rome....." and that we must avoid giving offense to the Japanese people. My point that Japan was hardly in a proper position to "take offense", that our gesture should be taken in the spirit in which it was offered and that the American people would prefer to see Japan's appreciation expressed in acts rather than in words, fell generally on barren ground. At any rate, so far as the net result in Japan of the past nine days of reception and entertainment is concerned, I can now for the first time draw a sign of relief since no dis-

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cordant note of any description appears to have entered into the carrying out of the program. I heartily trust that the publicity in the United States, which owing to the European crisis may well have been relegated to a minor position in the press, likewise avoided irritating American public opinion.

In closing, it may be said that the reception of the ashes of the late Ambassador Saito and the funeral processions and services were carried out in a spirit of profound solemnity, dignity, and impressiveness, and that both dignity and impressiveness characterized all of the functions on the reception program which I myself attended. Captain Richmond K. Turner, commanding the ASTORIA, and his officers and men, created an impression of which the United States may justly be proud, and Captain Turner's many unavoidable speeches were masterly in their tact and delivery and in his ability to say the same thing over and over again in different words while avoiding any expression which might have created an inaccurate or undesirable impression of the purposes of the ASTORIA's visit. It was also evident to me that he made the best of impressions on the Emperor at the audience which was arranged on Japanese initiative. In fact Viscount Matsudaira, the Grand Master of Ceremonies, who was present, told us on the following day that the Emperor had been "thrilled" by the audience. Incidentally it may be said that at the termination of the audience the Emperor said goodbye to me with a brilliant smile such as I have never seen at those most formally conducted meetings.

This despatch cannot be closed without a word of appreciation of the helpful support and wise advice during this intensive period not only of Mr. Dooman but of Captain Harold M. Bemis, U.S.N., the Naval Attaché of this Embassy,

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whose tour of duty in Tokyo is about to terminate. Their clear perception and sound judgment were at all times of solid assistance. I trust that a copy of this despatch may be sent to the Navy Department in Washington and that my comments concerning Captain Bemis and Captain Turner may be entered on their respective records. They deserve high credit.

Respectfully yours,

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JCG:C

Joseph C. Grew.

Copy to Embassy, Peiping;  
" " " Chungking;  
" " Consulate General, Shanghai.

Enclosures:

1. Delivery of the ashes of the late Ambassador Saito by Captain Turner to Mr. Renzo Sawada, Chairman of the Reception Committee, Yokohama, April 17, 1939.
2. Memorandum of conversation, the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, with the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sawada, April 5, 1939.
3. Statement given out to the press by the Foreign Office as "comment" at the time of release of the program of entertainment during the stay of the U.S.S. ASTORIA, April 10, 1939.
4. Detailed schedule of visit of U.S.S. ASTORIA, April 17 to 26, 1939.
5. Copy of note no. 1250, dated April 14, 1939, from the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Arita, requesting an audience with the Emperor for Captain Turner and Commander Theiss.
6. Copy of letter from the Grand Master of Ceremonies of the Imperial Household, Viscount Matsudaira, to the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, dated April 21, 1939, stating that the audience requested has been granted.
7. Copy of letter dated April 21, 1939, from the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, to the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sawada, relating to the mass meeting to be held on April 24, 1939.

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Enclosures (Continued)

8. Memorandum of conversation between the Emperor and Captain Turner at audience on April 24, 1939.
9. Invitation to the Welcome Meeting for officers and members of the crew of the U.S.S. ASTORIA, April 24, 1939.
10. Printed program of the Welcome Meeting of the officers and men of the U.S.S. ASTORIA, Okuma Auditorium, Waseda University, Tokyo, April 24, 1939, including addresses of Count Kaneko and Mr. Imai.
11. List of photographs illustrating the visit of U.S.S. ASTORIA April 17 to 26, 1939 (One set only enclosed).
12. Editorial from the OKUYAMA NEWS SERVICE, April 19, 1939: "Astoria and its Welcome".
13. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 19, 1939: "Thousands of Mourners turn out to pay homage as Saito's Ashes Arrive."
14. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 18, 1939: "Family Performs Services for Saito."
15. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 19, 1939: "Mourners Throng Services for Saito at Hongan Temple". Includes speeches by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Arita, and by the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew.
16. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 19, 1939: "Officer Pays Respects" (Photograph of Captain Turner and Foreign Minister Arita, on the occasion of Captain Turner's call).
17. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 20, 1939: "ASTORIA Officers toasted by Arita". Foreign Minister's speech and Captain Turner's response at Foreign Minister's luncheon on April 19, 1939; also Navy Minister's speech at his dinner on April 19, 1939.
18. Captain Turner's address at Navy Minister's dinner, April 19, 1939.
19. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 21, 1939: "ASTORIA Officers Guests of Emperor". Includes speech of Mr. Matsudaira (Minister of the Imperial Household) at luncheon tendered to the officers of the ASTORIA by the Speakers of the House of Peers and the House of Representatives in the Diet Building on April 20, 1939.
20. Captain Turner's address at luncheon tendered by the Speakers of the House of Peers and the House of Representatives, April 20, 1939.
21. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 21, 1939: "Japan told to shun Versailles Mistake". Includes article from the SHIUNSO, ("A private foreign policy association") "offering a message to be taken back to America by the officers and crew of the cruiser ASTORIA."

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22. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 22, 1939: "Visitors in Comic Strip".
23. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 23, 1939: "Kasai Broadcasts to U.S. Citizens". Includes radio address by Mr. Juiji Kasai, member of the House of Representatives.
24. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 23, 1939: "Americans throng to inspect ASTORIA".
25. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 24, 1939: "Landing of Perry recalled at Rites". Includes speech of Foreign Minister at Black Ship Festival at Shimoda, April 23, 1939.
26. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 24, 1939: "Americans Meet Turner".
27. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 25, 1939: "ASTORIA's Mission seen Aiding Peace". Quotes from editorial in the Philippines Herald, April 18, 1939.
28. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 25, 1939: "National Meeting Welcomes ASTORIA". Also photograph of the mass meeting on April 24, 1939.
29. Captain Turner's response to toast by Count Kobayama, at the America-Japan Society luncheon at the Tokyo Kaikan, April 24, 1939.
30. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN TIMES, April 25, 1939: "Kaneko Cables Appreciation to Roosevelt". Includes Captain Turner's speech at War Minister's dinner, April 24, 1939.
31. Newspaper clipping, JAPAN ADVERTISER, April 27, 1939: "ASTORIA Ends Visit, Sails for Shanghai". Includes remarks of Captain Turner at dinner on board the ASTORIA on April 26, 1939.
32. Copy of letter dated April 27, 1939, from the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, to the Speakers of the House of Peers and the House of Representatives acknowledging, on behalf of the President, their message conveyed to him through Captain Turner.

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LIST OF TELEGRAMS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY  
IN TOKYO RELATING TO THE VISIT OF U.S.S. ASTORIA TO JAPAN

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From

Department, 60, March 14, 7 p.m.  
Department, 72, March 25, 4 p.m.  
Embassy, 148, March 27, 2 p.m.  
Department, 77, March 28, 6 p.m.  
Embassy, 152, March 30, 10 a.m.  
Embassy, 153, March 30, 11 a.m.  
Embassy, 154, March 30, noon  
Embassy, 155, March 30, 7 p.m.  
Department, 78, March 31, 6 p.m.  
Department, 81, April 3, 8 p.m.  
Embassy, 168, April 6, 7 p.m.  
Department, 86, April 6, 7 p.m.  
Department, 88, April 8, midnight  
Embassy, 171, April 9, 2 p.m.  
Embassy, 172, April 9, 3 p.m.  
Department, 90, April 9, 1 p.m.  
Department, 95, April 15, 1 p.m.  
Embassy, 180, April 15, 1 p.m.  
Embassy, 181, April 18, 3 p.m.  
Embassy, 182, April 18, 5 p.m.  
Department, 98, April 18, 8 p.m.  
Embassy, 187, April 20, 11 a.m.  
Embassy, 191, April 20, 9 p.m.  
Embassy, 192, April 20, 10 p.m.

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DETAILED SCHEDULE OF VISIT OF USS ASTORIA, 17 to 26 April 1939

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17 April. Monday

0830 ASTORIA proceeds up Yokohama Bay escorted by 3 Japanese destroyers, the Guide 1000 yards ahead ASTORIA and 2 destroyers astern.

Naval Attache; Captain Mizuno, liaison officer; Commander Yokoyama, Japanese Navy Department; Reception Committee at Harbor Master's Office to board ASTORIA in Japanese launch when ASTORIA moored at No.10 Buoy.

Twenty-one gun salute fired by ASTORIA and returned by KISO.

0900 ASTORIA moors to No.10 buoy.

0905 KISO Boarding Officer calls on ASTORIA.

0910 ASTORIA boat alongside Harbor Master's landing for American Consul's call. This call to be returned during or after other calls. Otherwise after docking of ASTORIA.

0920 ASTORIA Boarding Officer calls on KISO.

0935 Commanding Officer, KISO, calls on ASTORIA.

0950 Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, calls on KISO.

1015 Japanese Committee to receive Saito's remains calls on ASTORIA.

1035 Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, calls on Governor Omura, Kanagawa Prefecture.

1050 Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, calls on Mayor Aoki, Yokohama City.

1105 Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, calls on Chief Customs Officer

1125 The Governor, Mayor and Chief of Customs return the above calls. A short call will be made due to the afternoon schedule.

1230-1330. Harbor Master suspends all traffic in Yokohama Bay which might interfere.

NOTE: ~~Lunch at the Yokohama New Grand Hotel is planned by the Japanese Navy Department.~~

NOTE: News reporters will not be allowed to call on the ASTORIA until the vessel is docked at Berth D Yamashita Pier bow to beach, port side to. These reporters will be stopped at the Customs Gate until this time.

NOTE: For the information of the Officer of the Deck, ASTORIA, the official list of visitors, prior to the start of open visiting hours, will be equipped with arm bands and badges issued by the Japanese Foreign Office.

NOTE: If fog should delay the arrival of the ASTORIA, the morning program will be deleted and made after mooring to Yamashita Pier.

1245 ASTORIA Guard of Honor leave ASTORIA.

1310 The American Ambassador will probably arrive at Yamashita Pier about this time.

1315 Carried in the ASTORIA's gig (or boat) by ASTORIA personnel, the remains of Ex-Ambassador Saito will be brought to the Temporary landing shown at the end of Yamashita Pier in the Appendix. (NOTE: Appendix: Sketch of Yamashita Pier, Line of March and Dock No.4 where Saito's remains are entrained for Tokyo.)

- a. They will be met by an official party at the bay end of the pier.
- b. They will be carried by ASTORIA personnel up the left side of the dock to the ceremonial hall.
- c. They will be delivered by ASTORIA personnel to the Japanese Receiving Committee.

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- d. The funeral procession will be formed.
- e. The procession will proceed to Pier 4.
- f. The procession will form on Pier 4 railroad platform facing the special train to carry the remains to Tokyo at 1450.

Each of the foregoing steps involves a distinct ceremony and position of personnel outlined below.

1315 - Order of procedure to Yamashita Pier of Astoria gig, etc.

1. Japanese Customs Director in guide boat.
2. Japanese Naval Launch.
3. Astoria's boat with Commanding Officer, remains of Ambassador Saito and enlisted men with Mrs. Roosevelt's wreath. These enlisted men will carry wreath to ceremonial shrine and from there will carry it to the train.
4. Japanese launch with flowers. An additional Japanese launch will collect flowers now on board Astoria (other than Mrs. Roosevelt's wreath) and take them direct to Pier 4.

1320 - ASTORIA, followed by KISO, will fire 19 minute guns when gig (or boat) leaves the ship. The boats proceeding ashore are not to stop during this salute. ASTORIA boat with remains proceeds to side of Yamashita Pier float as shown in Appendix.

The remains are received on the seaboard end of Yamashita Pier with the following groups extending from the seaboard end toward the shore:

GROUP A.

Receiving Committee,  
Saito Family,  
Foreign Minister,  
American Ambassador,  
Japanese Naval Minister,  
Commander-in-Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station,  
American Consul, Yokohama,  
Governor, Kanagawa Prefecture,  
Custom's Director,  
Commander, Japanese Escort Ship,  
Commander, Japanese Destroyer Squadron,  
Mayor of Yokohama,  
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce,  
Representatives of American Residents, Yokohama,  
Commander, Yokohama Gendarmerie,  
Part of the General Committee.

Group B

American Naval Guard of Honor.

Group C

Japanese Naval Band.

Group D

Japanese Naval Guard of Honor.

Group E

Japanese Boy Scouts.

Group F

General Committee, relatives, friends and officials.

1325 - Carried toward shore by Astoria personnel, from the seaboard end of Yamashita Pier, to the left in front of the foregoing groups, the remains arrive at the ceremonial hall. (See Appendix 1).

Order of procession down the Pier:

Customs Director,  
Astoria personnel carrying remains,  
American Guard of Honor,  
Japanese Guard of Honor,  
Commanding Officer, Astoria,  
Receiving Committee,  
Saito Family.

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Foreign Minister  
 American Ambassador  
 Naval Minister  
 Commander-in-Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station  
 American Consul, Yokohama  
 Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture  
 Customs Director  
 Commander, Japanese escort ship  
 Commander, Japanese Destroyer Squadron  
 Mayor of Yokohama  
 Chairman, Chamber of Commerce  
 Representatives of American residents, Yokohama  
 Commander, Yokohama Gendarmerie  
 A part of General Committee

1330 The details of receiving the remains are as noted in Appendix No.2.

When the participants (standing) occupy their respective positions as shown, members of the receiving committee proceed to the ASTORIA personnel carrying the remains and receive them from the Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, and place them in front of the Altar. The dotted lines of Appendix 2 show this procedure.

1330-1340. Priests chant Buddhist scriptures . (About ten minutes).

1340 Respects are paid to the remains in the following order:

Receiving Committee  
 Saito family  
 Commanding Officer, ASTORIA  
 Foreign Minister  
 American Ambassador  
 Naval Minister  
 Commander-in-Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station  
 American Consul, Yokohama  
 Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture  
 Customs Director  
 Commander, Japanese escort ship  
 Commander, Japanese Destroyer Squadron  
 Mayor of Yokohama  
 Chairman, Chamber of Commerce  
 Representatives of American Residents, Yokohama  
 Commander, Yokohama Gendarmerie  
 A part of General Committee

1350 Funeral procession is formed as below:

NOTE: Attending officials not in this procession will proceed to Pier 4 by automobile.

Customs officials  
 Commander, Japanese Guard of Honor  
 Japanese Naval Band  
 Commander, American Guard of Honor  
 American Guard of Honor  
 Japanese Guard of Honor (first half)  
 Wreathes  
 Priests and followers  
 Coffin and attendants

NOTE: These attendants include Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, ASTORIA officers in full dress and members of the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Chief mourner and surviving family (in automobile)  
 Chief Superintendent of Customs; Commander, Japanese escort ship; Commander, Japanese destroyer squadron;  
 Funeral committee; Representative, American residents  
 Yokohama.  
 Japanese Guard of Honor (latter half)

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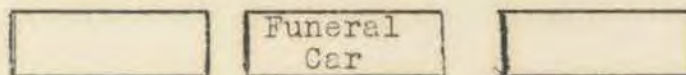
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## DETAILED SCHEDULE OF ASTORIA VISIT - Page 4.

Japanese boy scouts ("Daishi" Scouts)  
 Relatives and friends of the deceased; Customs,  
 Prefectural and City officials

NOTE: Foreign Minister, American Ambassador, representative of Naval Minister, etc. will arrive at the station ahead of the procession.

- 1400 The procession leaves the pier. (Its route is shown in Appendix 1.)
- 1435 The procession arrives at the station, and the remains are transferred to a special train. When the remains are transferred to the special train, their bearers are guided by railroad officials.
- 1450 The special train leaves the station.
- The procession lines up facing the train in the following order:




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- A. Commander-in-Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station (Chief of Staff); Consul, Yokohama; Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture; Superintendent of Customs; Commander, ASTORIA; Commander, Japanese Escort Ship; Commander, Japanese Destroyer Squadron; Mayor of Yokohama; Chairman, Chamber of Commerce; Commander, Yokohama Gendarmerie; Representative, American Residents in Yokohama; Japanese officials.
- B. Japanese Guard of Honor.
- C. American Guard of Honor.
- D. Japanese "Daishi" Boy Scouts.
- E. General Committee; relatives; Customs, Prefectural and City officials (other than those in Group A).
- F. Miscellaneous

~~1900 Commanding Officer of the KISO entertains the Captain of the ASTORIA and nine Ward Room Officers at dinner on board the KISO.~~

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18 April. Tuesday.

- 0830 ASTORIA funeral guard of 100 men and 4 officers and 20 officers in full dress leave ship. Transportation to Sakuragicho station furnished.
- 0858 Train leaves Sakuragicho station.
- 0937 Arrive Shimbashi Station, Tokyo. Officers in full dress furnished transportation to Mannenbashi. Funeral guard march to Mannenbashi (about 15 minutes).
- 1010 Saito's remains leave Foreign Vice Minister's home.
- 1025 Remains arrive at Mannenbashi and funeral procession forms. ASTORIA funeral guard marches in rear of Japanese naval band. Captain Turner and officers in full dress march with members of Japanese Foreign Office alongside or near car carrying the remains.
- 1045 Funeral procession arrives Honganji Temple.
- 1050 Lunch for Captain Turner and aide.
- 1100 Ambassador Grew and Naval Attache arrive Honganji Temple.
- 1120 Funeral services begin.
- 1150 Officers and men under arms salute and then leave through South Gate. They march to the Paymasters' School where lunch will be served, then to Shimbashi Station, taking the 1404 train to Yokohama. Captain Turner and aide are expected to remain at Honganji Temple until about 1330. The remaining 19 officers in full dress will remain at Honganji Temple until after the funeral service is over and will then be taken to the Imperial Hotel for lunch. After lunch they will be taken to Shimbashi station to catch the 1404 train to Yokohama.
- 1400 Captain Turner calls on the American Ambassador.
- 1430 Call on Naval Minister (Navy Department).
- 1445 Received in audience by Prince Fushimi, Chief of General staff(received by Vice Chief if inconvenient for the Prince)
- 1500 Call on Foreign Minister (official residence).
- 1515-1615. Pays respects to Empress Dowager, Princes Chichibu, Takamatsu, Mikasa, Fushimi, Kuni, and Kanin.
- 1630 Call on Army Minister and Vice Chief of Army General Staff.
- 1700 Representative of Naval Minister and Chief of General Staff returns call (at American Embassy)
- 1715 Representative of Foreign Minister returns call (at the Embassy)
- 1730 Representative of Army Minister and Vice Chief of Army General Staff returns call (at the Embassy).
- 1900 American Ambassador's dinner for Commanding Officer, ASTORIA, and officers at Ambassador's official residence. Uniform: Evening full dress A without swords.

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19 April. Wednesday.

- 0845 Half of ASTORIA crew leave ship for sightseeing trip in Tokyo. Officers in Undress Blue without swords.
- 0905 Special train with above party leaves Rinko Station, Yokohama. (Same station as that used to entrain Ex-Ambassador Saito's remains).
- 0940 Arrive Tokyo, to be shown city under auspices of Tokyo City.
- 1230 Luncheon by Foreign Minister for Captain Turner and the ASTORIA officers at Official Residence, Sannen-cho, Kojimachi-ku. Captain Turner and 10 officers. Uniform: Dress Blue.
- 1500 Tea Party by Foreign and Naval Vice Ministers at Mr. Fujiyama's residence for Captain Turner and 35 officers and warrant officers. Uniform: Undress blue without swords.
- 1900 Dinner by Navy Minister at Suikosha (Navy Club), Tokyo, for Captain Turner and 20 officers. Uniform: Evening Full Dress A without swords.

NOTE: Officers on sightseeing tour who are to attend luncheon or Tea Party will leave tour in time to so attend.

20 April. Thursday.

- 0845 Half of ASTORIA crew leave ship for sightseeing trip in Tokyo. Uniform: Undress blue without swords.
- 0905 Special train with above party leaves Rinko Station, Yokohama. (Same station as that used to entrain Ex-Ambassador Saito's remains).
- 0940 Arrive Tokyo to be shown city under auspices of Tokyo City.
- 1200 Luncheon by Speakers of both Houses of the Diet at the Diet Building, Tokyo, for Captain Turner and 24 officers. Uniform: Undress, Blue, without swords.
- 1500 Tea Party at Shinjuku Imperial Garden for Captain Turner and 24 officers. Uniform: Undress Blue.
- 1900 Dinner by Naval Vice Minister and Vice Chief of Naval General Staff at Koyokan, Shiba, Tokyo, for Captain Turner and 24 officers. Civilian clothes.

21 April. Friday.

- 1400 Garden party by Foreign Office, Navy Department, Yokohama City and Kanagawa Prefecture officials at Nogeyama Park, Yokohama, for Captain Turner, 35 officers and warrant officers and 450 men. Service Dress Blue.
- 1700 Theater party (followed by dinner) by Foreign Vice Minister at Kabuki-za, Tokyo; Japanese dinner at Ryukotei, Tokyo, for Captain Turner and 20 officer. Civilian clothes.

22 April. Saturday.

- 0700 (About). Nikko sightseeing party leave for Tokyo. Civilian clothes.
- 0800 (About). Nikko party leaves Tokyo for Nikko. Civilian clothes. Hakone party leave Yokohama for Hakone. " "

These parties are composed of Captain Turner and ASTORIA officers.

Nikko party, under the auspices of the Japanese Foreign office, 15 officers and one U.S. Naval language officer.

Hakone party, under the auspices of the Japanese Navy Department, 15 officers and the Assistant Naval Attache, American Embassy.

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23 April. Sunday.

The Kurobune Kyokai (Black Ship Society) is holding a memorial service in Shimoda (about 5 hours by train from Yokohama) beginning at noon for the sailors of Commodore Perry's squadron who are buried there. A request has been made to have two or three officers and 50 or 60 men participate. The Foreign Office will furnish transportation. No details have as yet been decided but personnel delegated to go will leave Yokohama early in the morning. Uniform: Undress Blue without swords.

1200 Sightseeing parties which went to Nikko and Hakone on Saturday return to ship about noon.

1700 Reception given by the Naval Attache for Officers of ASTORIA and Americans resident in Japan. Captain and 10 to 14 officers: Uniform: Undress Blue without swords.

24 April. Monday.

1000 Athletic exhibition in Count Okuma Memorial Hall. This meeting will feature Japanese fencing, boxing, judo, etc., and it is sponsored by a combination of several Tokyo organizations. Count Kaneko will make a statement conveying the sentiments of the Japanese people and Captain Turner will make a brief acknowledgement. Undress Blue without swords.

All officers and men are invited to attend and after the meeting the enlisted men will be entertained at lunch in a private garden.

1200 Luncheon for all available officers at the Tokyo Kaikan given by the Japan-America Society. Undress Blue without swords.

1830 Captain Turner and 10 officers will be entertained at dinner by the Army Vice Minister and the Vice Chief of the Army General Staff at the Shinkiraku. Civilian clothes.

25 April. Tuesday.

1900 Dinner on board the ASTORIA.

26 April. Wednesday.

0900 ASTORIA leaves Yokohama for Shanghai.

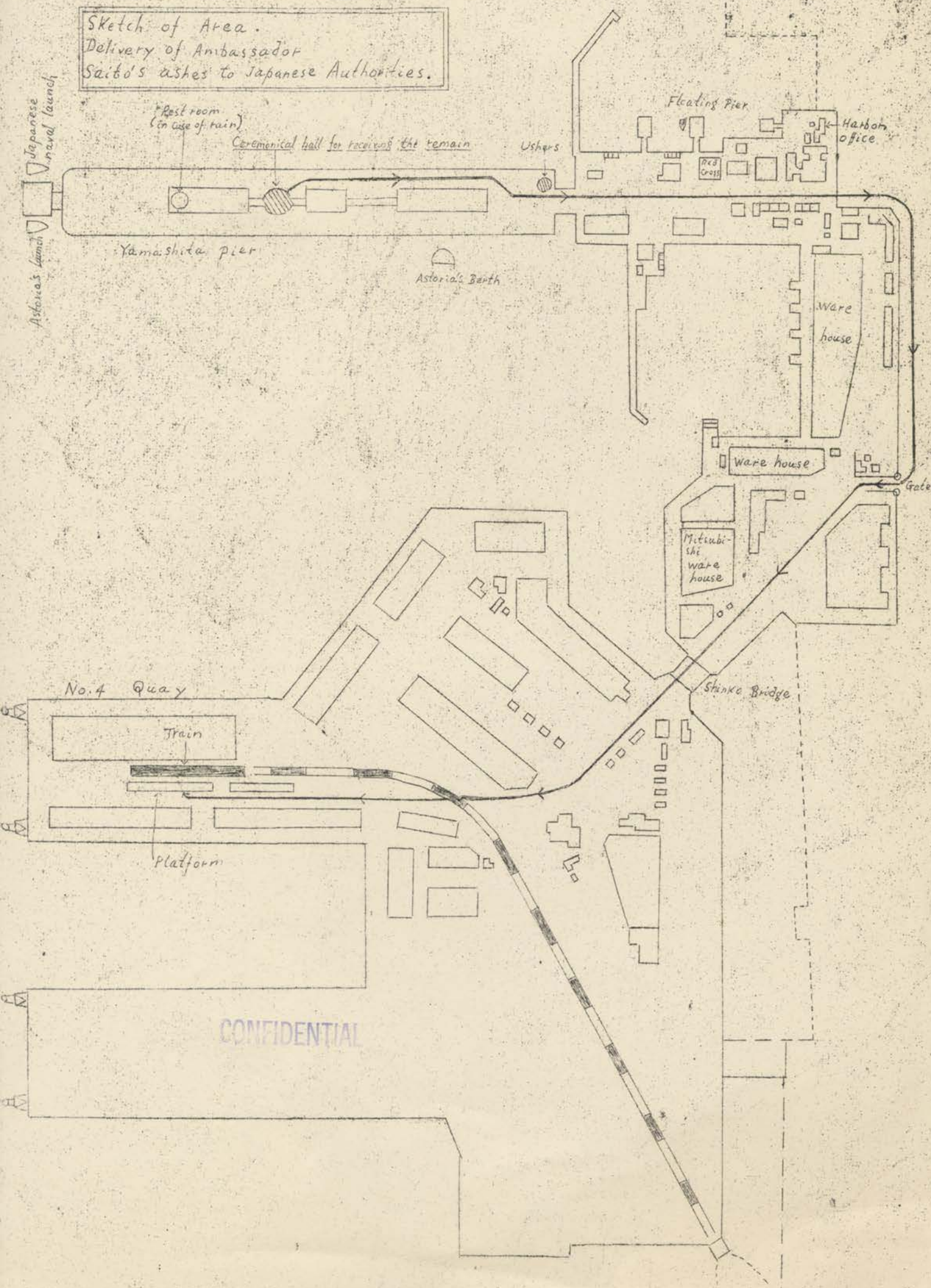
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# Appendix I.

Sketch of Area.  
Delivery of Ambassador  
Saito's ashes to Japanese Authorities.



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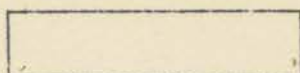


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Bay end of pier

Guards



o Astoria's commander

o Bearer of ashes



o Foreign Minister and Foreign Office officials

o American Ambassador and staff

o Officer acting for Naval Minister (Naval Vice Minister)

o Commander-in-Chief, Yokosuka Naval Station and staff

o Consul General, Yokohama

o Governor, Kanagawa Prefecture and Prefectural officials

o Customs Director and customs officials

o Commander, Japanese escort ship

o Commander, Japanese destroyer division

o Mayor of Yokohama

o Chairman, Chamber of Commerce

o Representative of American residents in Yokohama

o Commander, Yokohama Gendarmerie

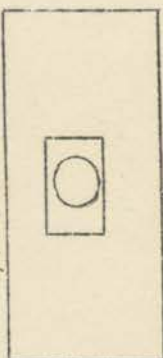
Relatives

and

others

Priests

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Receiving Committee and Surviving family

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Shore end of pier