

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-9833-234)

DATE: 6/10/64

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (30-6)

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL
POLICE AGENCY OF JAPAN

Remylet 6/5/64.

Enclosed for information of the Bureau are 5 copies of page 16 from "U. S. News and World Report" magazine dated 6/15/64, containing an article partially admitting errors in the previous issue, and clearly stating that Atsuyuki SASSA had no official connection with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Enclosed also for information of the Bureau is duplicated copy of a letter sent by SASSA on 6/6/64 to Inspector Chris Kockos, Dallas City Police Headquarters, Dallas, Texas, expressing his regrets for the erroneous publication. It is noted that on page 3 of the letter SASSA told Kockos that both he and the Legal Attache, American Embassy, Tokyo, had given their word to correspondent TROELSTRUP that the statements signed by TROELSTRUP would not be made public. This inaccuracy was pointed out to SASSA on 6/9/64 when he furnished Legat the copy, and he assured Legat that he would correct the error in a follow-up letter to Dallas Police Headquarters, without calling particular attention to this office, and, of course, without any reference to the FBI. Fact was that Legat has never seen or talked with TROELSTRUP, but just before SASSA got TROELSTRUP to sign the second statement, SASSA telephoned Legat and asked whether this office could give TROELSTRUP a statement in writing that the statement would be kept confidential. Legat told SASSA that this was impossible; that this office could not become involved in any way, but that he could give his own assurances to TROELSTRUP since, as he was aware, statements received officially by the FBI are never used for other than official purposes.

ENCLOSURE SASSA advised on 6/9/64 that the National Police Agency, as well as the Japanese Foreign Office, to whom he is to be temporarily transferred, is completely satisfied with his current handling of this matter; his record remains clear, and he will still receive the special assignment in Hong Kong for which he had been earlier slated.

If there are any further developments in this matter, Bureau will be promptly advised.

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