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No. 5896. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAPAN RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNITED STATES-JAPAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. WASHINGTON, 22 JUNE 1961

I

The Secretary of State to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1961

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of Japan concerning the desirability of developing arrangements for consultations between our two Governments on economic matters of mutual concern. In this connection, it was noted that in Article II of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States of America and Japan, signed at Washington, January 19, 1960,² both Parties agreed that "They will seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between them." These discussions revealed a desire on the part of both Governments to establish a committee for periodic consultation between their respective Cabinet members having major responsibility for economic policy.

I have the honor to propose, therefore, that our two Governments agree :

(a) That there shall be established a Joint United States-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs ;

(b) That the Committee shall consist :

for the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, of the Secretaries of State, the Treasury, the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Labor, and,

for JAPAN, of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Finance, Agriculture and

¹ Came into force on 22 June 1961 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 373, p. 179.

Forestry, International Trade and Industry, and Labor, and the Director General of the Economic Planning Agency,

together with such other officials of Cabinet rank as either Government may designate from time to time, as the need arises ;

(c) That the Committee's functions shall be :

- (1) To consider means of promoting economic collaboration between the two countries ;
- (2) In particular, to exchange information and views on matters which might adversely affect the continued expansion of mutually profitable trade and on questions relating to the economic assistance programs of the two countries which require joint consideration ;
- (3) To report to the respective Governments on such discussions in order that consideration may be given to measures deemed appropriate and necessary to eliminate conflict in the international economic policies of the two countries, to provide for a fuller measure of economic collaboration, and to encourage the flow of trade ;

(d) That the Committee shall meet once a year or more often, as may be considered necessary by the two Governments ;

(e) That the Committee shall meet alternately in the United States and Japan, the Chairman to be the United States Secretary of State or another member designated by the United States Government when meetings are held in the United States and the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs or another member designated by the Japanese Government when meetings are held in Japan.

If the Government of Japan is agreeable to the foregoing proposals, I suggest that the present note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect this day and shall remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dean RUSK
Secretary of State of the United States of America

His Excellency Zentaro Kosaka
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

II

The Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of State

June 22, 1961

Excellency :

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's note of today's date in which you propose the establishment of a Joint United States-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Japan concurs in these proposals and agrees that your note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect this day and shall remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Zentaro KOSAKA

The Honourable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State of the United States of America
