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1. CJTF seven press release published here morning papers. Cannot determine from local accounts if textual changes made. Please advise whether original version correct.
2. Despite all efforts here and in Washington, FUKURYU MARU incident continues impose severe strain on US-Japan relations. Bad local press remains, and forces promoting Japanese neutralism and estrangement from US show no sign abating their efforts to exploit affair. Japanese Government has attempted restrain official expressions of animosity but has not exerted itself affirmatively to put incident in better perspective. Echoes of official doctors' original statement (Embassy's 2574) without its disavowal or revision appear to have reached number Far East countries.
3. What appears needed both in Japan and elsewhere is simple dramatic gesture which public can understand. CJTF seven announcement re US patients may provide this occasion and offer opportunity for reversal psychological climate here.
4. Unless major security considerations prevent, we recommend US issue public invitation (communicated privately to Japanese Government in advance) for group official Japanese doctors in charge FUKURYU MARU patients to visit Tripler Hospital at Honolulu to observe therapeutic techniques employed there to treat US enlisted men who suffered from same March 1 detonation. Our invitation could refer to our regret that US doctors in Japan were not permitted examine patients, point out obvious impossibility prescribing treatment at long range, and emphasize that next best assistance we can offer is observation our own treatment methods. We would hope Air Force could make available aircraft for special flight. If it can, we might offer places

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