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Reference Embassy telegram 2613.

subject to Congressional concurrence

1. Department endorses principle lump sum settlement and sees no objection your communicating this view Foreign Office. Recommend however you make following US positions clear to Foreign Office at same time,

a. Japanese Government should be prepared provide on request specific information re damage suffered and compensation desired. We believe Washington agencies will probably require such information from Japanese sources before they will consider any lump sum settlement. We concerned approach suggested para 6 refertal might serve divorce Japanese Government of responsibility cooperate in assessment of damage and prejudice Department's position in dealing with other agencies concerned, probably including Congress, who will desire know Japanese estimates. **BEST COPY AVAILABLE**

b. Permission should be granted US experts examine evidence including access to injured fishermen. We believe we should emphasize this consistent US position and fact such privilege normal this type of case.

c. Such settlement would finally extinguish all claims arising from Fukuryu Maru incident.

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2. You may also wish advise Foreign Office source of funds for any lump sum settlement not yet clear within US Government and may well involve Congressional

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Congressional action, which would be difficult obtain this session. Reasonableness of compensation figure would therefore be a vital factor in effort obtain necessary funds.

3. Department requests you forward soonest estimates of range of amounts referred to para 6 refal.

4. FYI. We planning request Bureau of Budget explore problem with view to rapid settlement. In any event will require positive statement of importance to US-Japan relations that settlement be made promptly as well as reasonable justification of amount sought.

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