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Up to present our experience has been that every pretext has been utilized keep Bikini incident alive in press. Extreme political sensitivity of Japanese public opinion to nuclear questions is so evident that I would like to suggest in future, if possible, direct correspondence from AEC to Japanese be channeled through Embassy so as to avoid placing us at disadvantage when incidents such as this occur. Believe also that our knowledge of local scene can be of use to you by making it possible for us to advise you when timing or substance of a communication is undesirable from standpoint our national interest here.

6. Transmittal through Embassy channels of Doctor Boss' recent letter to Doctor Kaya re autumn JSC-AEC conference was most helpful and appreciated. I am convinced that similar collaboration in case of other correspondence and requests from Japanese scientists with clearance for political content by Department or Embassy will help to prevent aftermath of Fukuryu Maru case from plaguing us periodically.

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