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1. Following letters delivered to Foreign Office by Embassy officer noon today:

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A. VERBATIM TEXT

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Dear Mrs. Kuboyama: I wish you to know the deep sorrow and regret felt by the Government and the people of the United States and personally by me over the death of your husband. There are no words of mine which can assuage your grief. While no sum of money can compensate for your loss, it is the desire of the Government of the United States that something be done to make life easier for you and your children in the future. I am therefore enclosing a check for yen one million payable to you as a token of the deep sympathy of the American people. Sincerely yours, John M. Allison.

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END VERBATIM

B. VERBATIM TEXT

Dear Mr. Minister: I am enclosing letter addressed to Mrs. Aikichi Kuboyama containing a check for one million yen made out to her as a token of sympathy of the American Government and people. I appreciate your offer, in our conversation this morning, to have this letter delivered at once to Mrs. Kuboyama. Sincerely yours, John M. Allison.
His Excellency Katsuo Okasaki, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

END VERBATIM TEXT

2. Text letter to Mrs. Kuboyama appeared evening papers and was broadcast by Japanese stations throughout afternoon. Even prior receipt letter, Foreign Minister announced our contribution to Mrs. Kuboyama at his late morning press conference. He and the Foreign Office officials with whom we have talked during day have expressed their personal appreciation this gesture and their belief that it was important, even indispensable, act and

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should appreciably moderate public attitudes here. They expect major morning papers will also feature letters and contribution.

3. Please inform Congressman Cole I have forwarded his message to Ogata and have sent copy to Foreign Minister (Department's 646).

4. Request allotment number for Kuboyama contribution.

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