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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with my undertaking yesterday there are attached hereto drafts of:

a. A proposed communication to the Japanese Government, notifying them of the steps to be taken in the event they wish to proceed with the surrender.

b. A proclamation to be published by the Emperor of Japan, signed by him and by the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, which accepts the terms set forth in the Potsdam proclamation, and proclaims the unconditional surrender of the Japanese armed forces.

c. A "General Order No. 1" to be issued by the Imperial General Headquarters, upon the direction of the Emperor, which directs Japanese commanders to approach the various allied commanders and surrender their forces. It also directs as to other details of the surrender. This draft of "General Order No. 1" will be given the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers with instructions that he will use it as a comprehensive guide in the formulation of the first order to be issued by the Imperial General Headquarters, but that he will be free to alter its details to make it applicable to the circumstances existing at the time the formal surrender takes place, or to permit proper translation.

d. A proposed directive to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers which it is considered should be issued at the proper time by the President on behalf of the Four Powers.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War

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1. Draft of Instructions to Japanese Emperor
2. Draft Proclamation by Japanese Emperor
3. Draft "General Order No. 1"
4. Draft Directive to Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers

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