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Following verbatim text telegram contains proposed Japanese revision of third paragraph draft US note (EMBTET 1257 as modified by DEPTEL 1101). Foreign Office accepts draft notes in all other respects, and states its revisions not intended affect substance US proposals.

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2. Japanese now willing accept concept re "act of grace" and language on "question of legal liability". They prefer, however, term "ex gratia" for "act of grace", since latter when translated into Japanese implies degree of US superiority, whereas "ex gratia"; following precedent in administrative agreement, will not be translated into comparable Japanese expression.

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- 3. Foreign Office also points out that its phrase "compensation to Japanese nationals" is consistent with our second paragraph where US avers it prepared make "compensation".
- 4. Appears Japanese have accepted substance US position and therefore recommend approval.

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