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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy between the Government of Japan and the Government of the United States signed at Washington, D.C. on November 14, 1955. As the Ministry is aware, this agreement provides that the United States Atomic Energy Commission will lease to the Government of Japan six kilograms of contained U-235 in uranium enriched up to a maximum of twenty percent (20%) for use as initial and replacement fuel in the operation of research reactors and as required in agreed experiments related thereto.

In recent months, it has become increasingly evident to the Government of the United States that it might be helpful if the text of this research reactor agreement were amended to provide selected scientists under the jurisdiction of Japan with an opportunity to obtain materials of interest in connection with research projects related to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, including gram quantities of highly enriched U-235, plutonium, and U-233. Accordingly, the Government of the United States is taking steps to incorporate in all research agreements now under negotiation a new article which would provide for transfer of such materials for peaceful uses. In view of the fact that the agreement for cooperation now in force between our Governments does not include such an article, the Government of the United States would be prepared to hold

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discussions looking to the negotiation of an amendment to this agreement whenever the Government of Japan believes such an article to be necessary or desirable.

Should the agreement for cooperation thus be reopened for amendment, the Government of the United States would also wish to suggest additional language which would clarify the respective responsibilities of the parties with regard to use of information and materials transferred under the agreement. Provisions covering these matters are now being incorporated in all new agreements under negotiation.

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American Embassy,

Tokyo, May 29, 1956.