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My dear General Willoughby,

Thank you for your special report, "Japanese Prisoners of War: Life and Death in Soviet PW Camps". The study is absorbing and certainly worthwhile. It will be most interesting to observe the Soviet reaction to the document.

It brings to mind a question which must be the subject of consideration in your offices: What is the Soviet intention in their delay of Japanese repatriation? It hardly seems reasonable that the communistic indoctrination they are able to force into the Japanese prisoners justifies the great and growing animosity of the Japanese people which has been nurtured by the Soviet's inhuman attitude toward repatriation. Also, it does not seem sensible that the Soviets would employ this method of demonstrating to the Japanese the ineffectiveness of American pressures on the U.S.S.R. The entire matter is an interesting and important question. I would be interested in knowing your diagnosis of the situation.

It is good to see this positive step in attempting to force the Soviet hand. I hope it is successful.

With best personal regards, believe me.

Sincerely,

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