

A proposal by the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture to the Minister of Home Affairs to request the erection of territorial markers

No.7 Ko No.1: Inquiry concerning the matter of the uninhabited islands; Kuba and Uotsuri Islands

FY2015/P8

January. 13, 1890

Overview

A copy of a letter of inquiry submitted to the Minister of Home Affairs from the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture. This letter was sent five years after Okinawa Prefecture conducted the on-site investigation of the Senkaku Islands in 1885. The inquiry letter reads as follows: up until now, the jurisdiction over the Senkaku Islands has been left undecided as they were not inhabited, but the Yaeyama Islands Public Office requests the incorporation of the islands into its jurisdiction to control emerging fishing activities there. Taking the request of the Office into consideration, Okinawa Prefecture would like to submit this letter to allow us to put the islands under the jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Public Office. This letter is attached to the application of the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture for the erection of territorial markers (*1).

Written on the lined paper of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

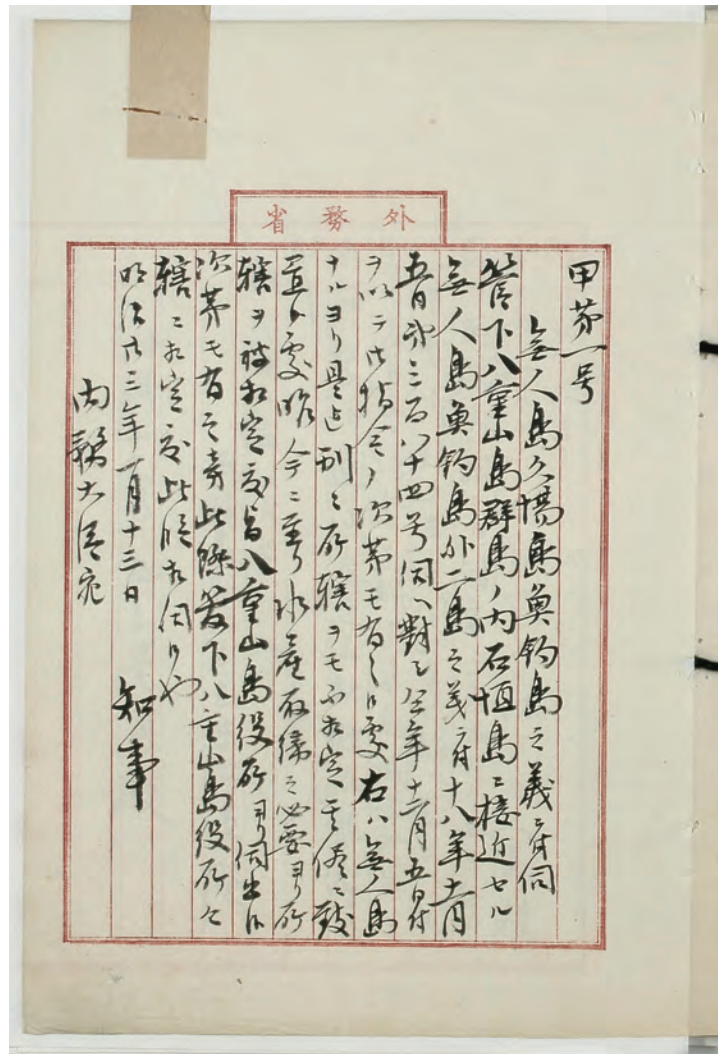
*1 Ko No. 111: Report concerning the matter of erecting territorial markers within the Prefecture's jurisdictional area over Kuba and Uotsuri Islands

Excerpt [English translation]

Inquiry concerning the matter of the uninhabited islands; Kuba and Uotsuri Islands

Concerning the matter of the uninhabited islands of Uotsuri and two other islands near Ishigaki Island of the Yaeyama Islands under the jurisdiction [of Okinawa], while inquiry No. 384 dated November 5, 1885 was responded to by the instruction dated December 5, 1885, jurisdiction over these islands had been left undetermined because they were uninhabited. However, the Yaeyama Islands Public Office requested that jurisdiction of the islands needed to be determined due to the increasing necessity of controlling fishing in recent years. On this basis, we would like to ask to place these islands under the jurisdiction of the Yaeyama Islands Public Office.

January 13, 1890, (Prefectural) Governor
To the Minister of Home Affairs



Repository: Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Date Created	January 13, 1890
Author(s) & Editor(s)	Kanji MARUOKA, Governor of Okinawa Prefecture
Publisher	-
Name of Publication	"On the matter of erecting territorial markers on Kumeaka, Kuba and Uotsuri Islands in Okinawa Prefecture, October 1885" in <i>Teikoku Hanto Kankei Zakken (Miscellaneous Matters Related to the Imperial Territory)</i>
Language	Japanese
Medium	Paper
Public Access	Available to the public
Repository	Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Reference & Information	Follow the instruction at Diplomatic Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan