

Period IV (1)-ii. Documents related to the exchanges of protests between the Japanese and South Korean governments

List of documents showing that the Japanese Government have continued to lodge its protest to the ROK Government
No.55 Intense exchange of notes verbales between the Governments of Japan and ROK regarding the territorial sovereignty over Takeshima

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Overview

A table of the order of events regarding the notes verbales exchanged between Japan and the ROK over the issue of territorial sovereignty over Takeshima. This table presents the dates and summaries of the notes verbales exchanged between the two governments in the years 1952 - 1965 (32 notes from Japan and 24 notes from the ROK).

Excerpt [English translation]

Intense exchange of notes verbales between the Government of Japan and the Government of the ROK regarding the territorial sovereignty over Takeshima (in chronological order)

Notes verbales from Japan

1952.1.28

Japan protested against the declaration of the Syngman Rhee Line (January 18, 1952) and emphasized that Takeshima, which had been incorporated within the Line, is a Japanese territory without any doubt, and therefore, that South Korean argument on the territorial sovereignty over the islands was not acceptable. (*1)

(text omitted)

1952.4.25

Japan refuted the ROK claim to the territorial sovereignty over Takeshima (Japan stated that Takeshima had long been under the control of Japan as part of Shimane Prefecture, and that SCAPIN-677 had not denied the territorial sovereignty of Japan over Takeshima, SCAPIN-2046 (dated September 19, 1949) (*2), which had established the MacArthur Line, had clearly specified that the directive had been not an expression of policies concerning the final [decision] of the allied nations on the territorial rights)".

(text omitted)

1953.7.13

Opinion of the Government of Japan concerning the territorial sovereignty over Takeshima (stating that it is indisputable that Takeshima is an inherent part of the territory of Japan in light of historical facts and under international law) (*3)

(text omitted)

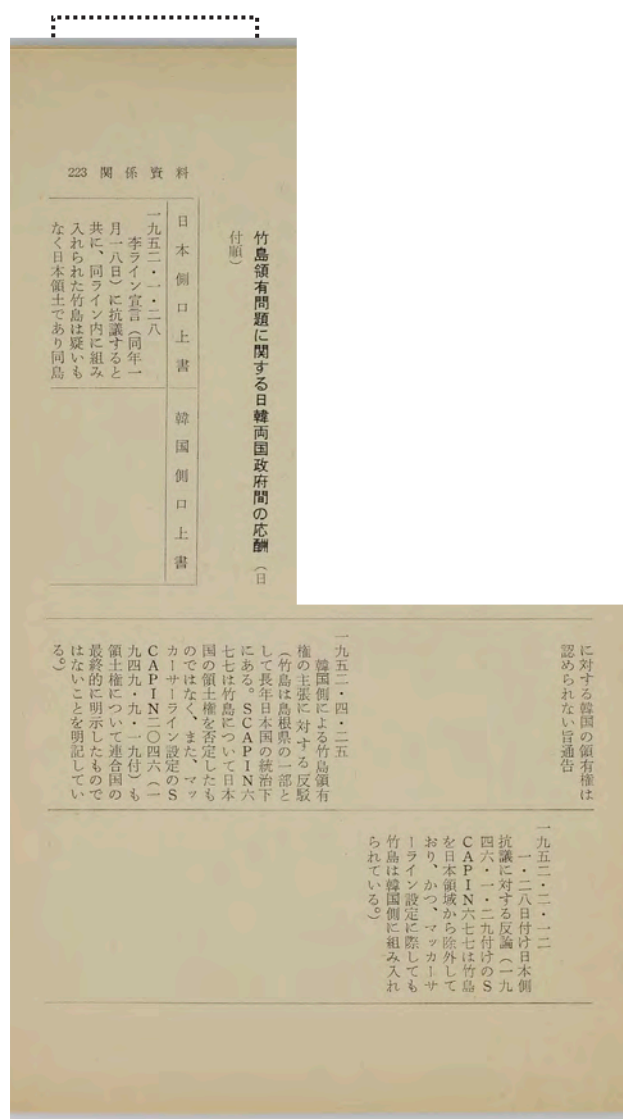
1954.11.29

Protest by Japan against the issuance of Takeshima stamps by the Government of ROK

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Note verbale from the ROK side

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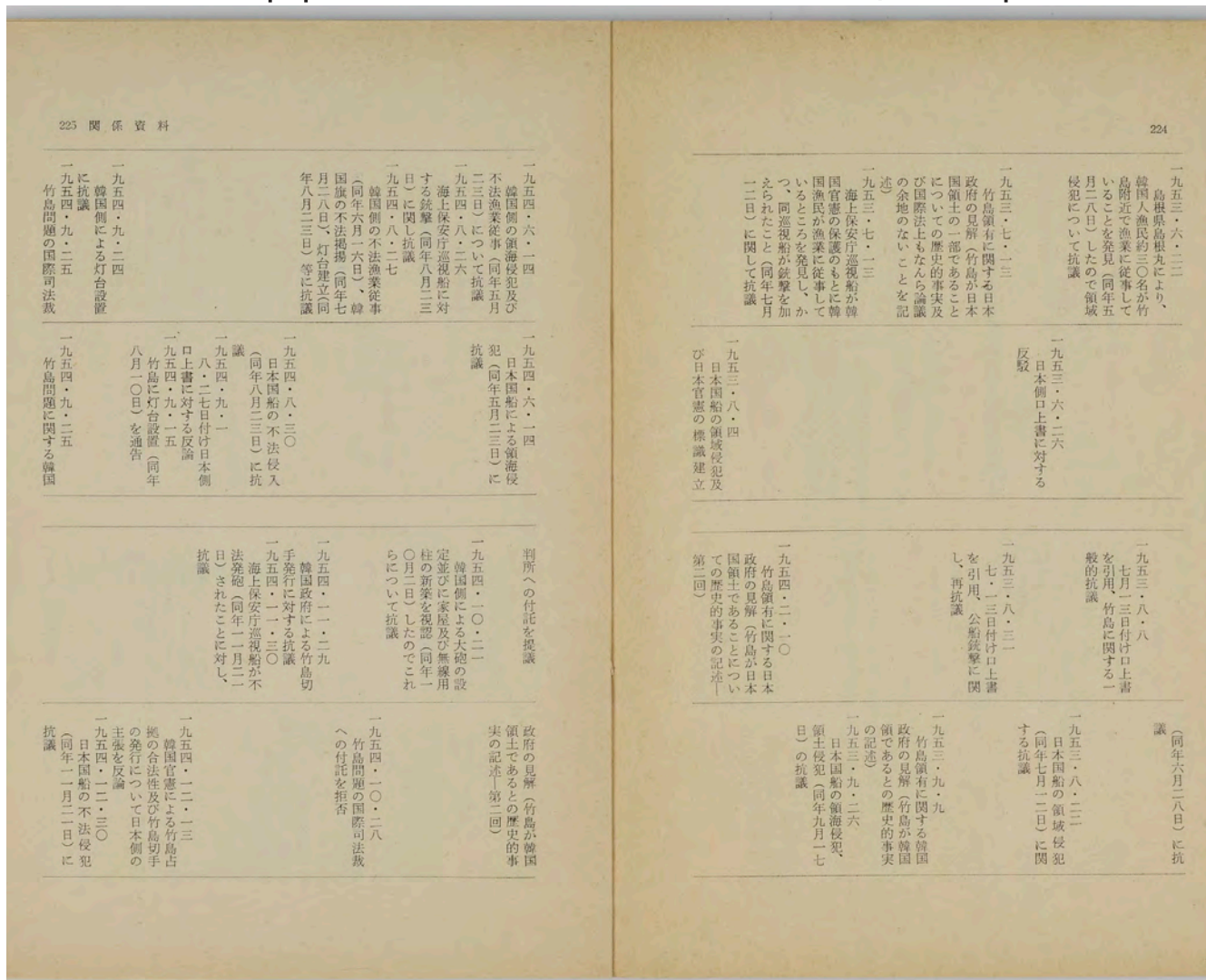


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*1 See Document No.55 of FY 2016 Research Report

*2 Regardless of the use of the word "established" here the MacArthur Line was not established by SCAPIN-2046 for the first time, but some revisions were made to the Line by the Directive. By the issuance of this directive, the accessible distance to Takeshima was reduced from 12 miles to 3 miles.

*3 The official name of the document is the "Takeshima ni kansuru Nihon-Seifu no Kenkai (Opinion of the Government of Japan concerning Takeshima)".



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