

participate directly in the investigations. It is the desire of My Government to make copies of the findings available to each of these Governments whether or not all participate in the investigations.

I am directed to propose that this joint undertaking be expressed in the following terms:

1. The participating governments will cooperate to initiate and pursue during the months of February to June, 1953, both months included, programs of research in the waters off the coast of Japan and off the coast of North America, designed to develop factual information concerning the distribution, migration and feeding habits of the fur seal of the North Pacific Ocean, in particular:

(a) The number of Pribilof fur seals which inhabit coastal waters of Canada, Japan, and the United States of America and the approximate length of time spent in such waters;

(b) The feeding habits of the fur seals while inhabiting coastal waters of Canada and of Japan, with special reference to the species of fish, and quantities of each species, consumed by the fur seals during their sojourn in such waters;

(c) The commercial value to the several countries of the fish so consumed by fur seals.

2. Approximately 3,000 fur seals may be taken pelagically in coastal waters of Japan and approximately 2,000 fur seals may be taken pelagically in coastal waters of North America, for the purposes set forth in the above paragraph.

3. The fur seal studies shall be conducted in accordance with such measures as mutually agreed by biologists provided by the participating governments, the number of such scientific personnel and their organization to be determined by mutual agreement of the participating governments.

4. Upon the completion of the studies a joint report of the findings shall be made to each participating government.

5. In connection with the fur seal studies to be conducted in the coastal waters of Japan, the Government of Japan will cooperate with the Government of the United States of America in making arrangements for the necessary equipment, supplies, administration of supplies, administrative personnel, and lodging, messing, and transportation facilities for all personnel, and the Government of the United States of America shall defray the following expenses, incidental to such arrangements, as authorized in advance by the United States biologist designated to perform that function:

(a) The charter and operation of not to exceed four fully equipped vessels, including salaries and transportation of their crews;

(b) Specialized equipment such as guns, ammunition, and scientific devices;

(c) Salaries, messing, lodging, and transportation of interpreters and clerks;

(d) Facilities for the storage and transportation of equipment and of specimens collected;

(e) Laboratory facilities for such analytical work as may be done in Japan; and

(f) Joint administrative requirements, such as communications, office space, and office equipment.