



ADMINISTRATOR,
DARWIN, N.T.

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26 July 1961.

Mr. R. Fujita,
Fujita Salvage Co.Ltd.,
c/- Burns, Philp & Co.Ltd.,
P.O. Box 460,
DARWIN. N.T.

Dear Mr. Fujita,

On the eve of the departure of the Fujita Salvage Company's organisation from Darwin, I would like to express my appreciation of the work which has been done to remove wartime wreckage from Darwin, and to clean up scrap from the foreshores and along the North Australian Railway.

I have to thank you for the ready way in which your very fine plant and equipment has time and again been made available for work for the Northern Territory Administration and for private enterprise during your Company's stay.

I recall that many important visitors, including Dame Pattie Menzies, the wife of our Prime Minister, were given hospitality on the "British Motorist" after that vessel was refloated with such skill by your operatives. I recall that the wreck of the U.S.S. "Peary" was removed from the main fairway of our harbour despite the depth and force of the tidal flow, and that this was done not as a matter of business but only when the Administration asked you to do so, without financial transaction and as a gesture of goodwill on your part.

Most of all you are to be congratulated upon the conduct of your men, coming as they did to a place of recent war between our two nations. I believe that their diligence and skill at work, and their good behaviour and friendliness ashore, and your own example of co-operation and goodwill have done much to create good relations. Indeed, my Assistant Administrator, Mr. R. Marsh, who has been in close touch with your work throughout has informed me that he has not heard of any instance to the contrary.

You and your Company leave Darwin with my very good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(ROGER NOTT)
Administrator