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Dear Shunji Ichikawa:

This letter is in response to your August 6, 2020 inquiry to Commissioner Saul concerning Japan's National Pension and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). On behalf of the Commissioner, we are responding to your request and regret the delay in responding.

Section 215(a)(7) of the Social Security Act instructs us to use a modified benefit formula to calculate the benefit amount of certain retired or disabled number holders who receive a pension based in whole or in part on work and earnings from employment not covered under the U.S. Social Security system.

We are reviewing how we apply WEP to Japan's National Pension. This is a complex policy. We appreciate your patience as we work toward resolving this issue within the coming months.

We invite you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to learn what you can do online when you create a secure and easy-to-use *my Social Security* account. You can also get answers to frequently asked questions at www.socialsecurity.gov/faqs.

If you have any other questions or have problems creating a *my Social Security* account, we suggest that you call our National 800 Number, **1-800-772-1213 (1-800-325-0778)**, if you are deaf or hard-of-hearing). Our representatives will be glad to help you.

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