I. DISTRIBUTION OF TELEPHONES AND TELEPHONE OFFICES

2. INTERNATIONAL POSTAL MATTER.

INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS

1. Distribution of Telephones and Telephone Offices

The telephone and telegraph services of Japan are taken care of domestically by the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation and internationally by the Nippon Denki Dorei Co., Ltd. (NDD).

The telephone subscriptions per 100 population, which were registered at 18.6 in 1907 (increased to 39.6 in 1957 and 52.1 as of March 31, 1972). Of the newly installed telephones, household telephones accounted for about 80%, and their percentage in all types of subscribed telephones reached 80%. When the telephones subscribed to by community organizations are included, the rate of telephone distribution in all households exceeds 90%.

Depending on their respective role in the telephone network, telephone offices are essentially classified into the following categories: (i) central offices, (ii) trunk offices, (iii) toll offices, and (iv) exchange offices. The number and arrangement of these offices are determined by the current and projected telecommunication needs.

Central offices are responsible for managing the entire telephone network within a region. They serve as the primary control points for telephone traffic, connecting to other central offices in the surrounding areas.

Toll offices handle long-distance calls between different regions. They act as the backbone of the telephone network, enabling the transfer of calls across vast distances.

Exchange offices are typically located in residential or commercial areas, providing local service to the community. They connect individual subscribers to the larger telephone network.

2. International Postal Matter

From April 1, 1972 to March 31, 1977, 86,646,989 pieces of mail were sent from Japan and 108,949,026 pieces were received in Japan. Of these, surface mail sent from Japan accounted for 0.1% of the total, while surface mail sent to Japan accounted for 85.1%. These percentages have decreased from year to year.

The rates of outgoing and incoming mail by country were as follows: 55.5% for the United States, 19.1% for Canada, 35.7% for Europe, and 31.2% for Asia.

3. International Telephone Calls

The international telephone calls are categorized based on their destinations. The map shows the number of telephone calls received from various countries for the year 1972.


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**CHANGES IN NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL MATTER**

**CHANGES IN NUMBER OF TELEPHONE SUBSCRIPTIONS PER 100 POPULATION**

**PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL POSTAL MATTER**

**CHANGES IN NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS**

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**CHARTS AND GRAPHS DETAILING STATISTICS FOR TELEPHONES AND POSTAL SERVICES**

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**LEGEND**

- **Total number of calls**
- **Incoming calls**
- **Outgoing calls**
- **Percentages**

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**SOURCE**
