SUMMARY

1. A letter dated 31 January 1945, to the Secretary of War, from the Secretary of the Interior, suggests that favorable consideration be given by the Office of The Provost Marshal General to the elimination of what are described as restrictive pre-clearance procedures applied to Japanese-American citizens released from war relocation centers who are seeking employment in war industries.

2. Inclosed draft of reply states the objections to the suggestion that released Japanese internees from WRA centers be accepted without further scrutiny prior to war plant employment. In addition, it states measures recently taken to eliminate pre-clearances on Japanese-American citizens except those to be employed in plants engaged in highly classified work, and other measures taken to expedite pre-clearance of these individuals, including the transfer of the Japanese-American Branch of OPMG to the Presidio of San Francisco, California.

3. It is recommended that the inclosure be signed and dispatched.

COORDINATION


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