MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, GENERAL STAFF:

Attention: Lieutenant Colonel W. E. Thurman.

The attached summary sheet dated 7 February 1945, subject: "War Department Restriction on Employment of Japanese American Citizens in War Plants" prepared by the Office of the Provost Marshal General, and supporting file are returned with the request that consideration be given to revising the proposed letter to the Secretary of the Interior for the signature of the Secretary of War by deleting the second, third and fourth paragraphs. It is believed inadvisable to comment in much detail upon the "black list" and "white list" and to state that the Western Defense Command decision was not a determination of loyalty. It is believed that the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth paragraphs of the letter constitute a sufficient answer.

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