MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALIENS DIVISION, OPMG:

Subject: Employment of Japanese on Western Railroads.

1. Reference is made to recent discussions between your office and the Military Intelligence Division concerning the employment of Japanese on the Northern Pacific Railroad.

2. Information received by this Division indicated that as of May, 1942, a total of 35 Japanese were employed on four divisions of the line in the following capacities:
   - 23 laborers and section hands
   - 11 maintenance men in round houses
   - 1 porter

3. It has been reported to this Division that an official of the Northern Pacific Railroad has expressed the opinion that because of the labor shortage, the railway would hire anyone possible insofar as allowed by law.

4. It is expected that further information concerning the employment of Japanese on the Northern Pacific and other western railroads will be obtained and will be furnished your office promptly upon receipt.

5. There is attached hereto for your information a copy of the letter dated November 25, 1942, received from Kilsoo E. Haan relating to the alleged employment of Japanese on the Northern Pacific Railway together with a copy of a reply thereto from the Assistant Secretary of War.

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2 Inclosures
   - Copy to S/W 11-22-42
   - Copy to Haan 12-23-42