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Hon. John J. McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Inspector General's report concerning the Japanese situation in Arizona. It is quite evident that General Peterson's visit was very helpful. The only points in his report with which I differ are numbers one, two, and three under his proposals for alternative courses of action. I note that you have already touched on these points in your memorandum to General McNerney.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

D. S. Myers
Director
3 September 1943

Dear Mr. Myer:

I thought you would be interested in having a copy of the Inspector General's report on the Japanese situation in Arizona. General Peterson seems to have done an excellent job and I hope the matter will stay as quiet as it is now. I also enclose a copy of my memorandum to General McFarney of 31 August 1943, setting forth my reactions to the report.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

John J. McCloy

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CC memo 31 Aug 43 Mr. McCloy to Gen. McFarney.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL McNARNEY:

I have seen General Peterson's report dated 9 August 1943 on his inquiry regarding the Japanese situation in the State of Arizona. This I think is a comprehensive and good report.

I have the feeling that his visit out there in itself has done a good bit to solve the problem by allaying the feelings of the community.

I would not change the boundary back to where it originally was and I know that General DeWitt has consistently refused to do so. The boundary was originally moved at the earnest solicitation of most of the politicians in Arizona and we took the position that there was no military reason why it could not be moved as things then stood. If anything, conditions have improved so far as the war with Japan is concerned and there is no military basis for moving the boundary back. To do so would be pure expediency to meet the threat of locally instigated disorders. I think that unless this situation got into a real extremity the War Department should not be put in this position.

I agree that the War Department should continue to watch the situation carefully and that the War Department urge the WRA to take all possible steps to see that the situation in Arizona is not aggravated by the resettlement in Arizona of Japanese evacuees. It is not within their power, however, to exclude all Japanese from such resettlement.

Unless you have some objection I am going to ask General Peterson to give me a copy of his report without appendices which I can send to the WRA for their information.

JOHN J. McCLOY
Assistant Secretary of War
MEMORANDUM for
Mr. John J. McCloy,
Assistant Secretary of War:

1. I have examined the attached memorandum for General McNarney dated 31 August 1943 and I have no comments or any suggested changes.

2. With regard to the submission of a copy of the report without appendices to the WRA, it is my thought that the furnishing of such a copy would be helpful in the continued maintenance of amicable relations with the WRA and might be of assistance in promoting a cooperative attitude in a settlement of the questions relating to evacuees still under its control.

3. Your comments in the memorandum with regard to the quality of the report and with regard to the effectiveness of my visit to Arizona are noted and I am appreciative of them.

VIRGIL L. PETERSON,
Major General,
The Inspector General.