MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Subject: War Department Attitude Toward the Formation Within the Army of Units Composed of Enemy Aliens.

1. The existing policy toward the use of enemy aliens in the Army may be summarized as follows:

   a. Japanese enemy aliens are not accepted for induction.

   b. Other enemy aliens are acceptable for induction provided they do not formally object or are not liable by reason of their other activities for internment. Those aliens inductable for military service are in practice excluded from certain sensitive arms and services, such as the Air Corps, Armored Force and Signal Corps. To date the War Department policy has been not to send such aliens overseas, but this policy is in process of modification. With the foregoing exceptions, enemy aliens, once accepted for military service, are handled precisely as are other individual inductees and are assigned throughout the Army without reference to their allegiances. There are known to be 6,800 German and Italian Nationals in the Army at the present time, and it is probable that a much larger number of enemy aliens has been enrolled.

2. On several occasions the War Department has considered the desirability of forming units composed exclusively of enemy aliens. Action of this character would probably be effective from the point of view of psychological warfare. However, it has serious drawbacks. In the first place, the formation of such units would militate against the Americanization of the aliens concerned and of their families. Secondly, the formation of such units with accompanying linguistic difficulties and limitations on place of service, on administration and on such matters as the provision of replacements, would throw on the Army a great and unnecessary administrative and planning burden. The primary...
argument, however, against proposals of this character lies in
the fact established throughout our military history that units
composed of homogeneous alien groups, enemy or allied, cannot
acquire the characteristics of American troops and cannot be
used interchangeably with them.

3. Accordingly it is recommended that the War Depart-
ment oppose any proposals for the formation of military units
to be composed of enemy Nationals.

4. The Assistant Chiefs of Staff, G-1 and G-3, have been
consulted informally and concur in the foregoing.

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