Hon. John J. McCloy,  
Assistant Secretary of War,  

Dear Jack:

Governor Stainback has called my attention to a statement of General Richardson that the Army is about to take over postal censorship between the Hawaiian Islands and the mainland. Now that restrictions and controls of all sorts are being relaxed and the Hawaiian Islands are not even headquarters of the military and naval forces operating in the Far East, this action seems uncalled for and in direct opposition to the principle of minimum military intervention in civil affairs about which I thought we were in agreement. Won't you look into the matter and see whether there is any real reason for it because the vague statement that the Commanding General considers it "necessary to military security" is hardly convincing in the circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Under Secretary.