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March 12, 1943

Hon. Henry Stimson,  
Sec. of War  
War Dept.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our membership have endorsed a resolution adopted by Pajaro Valley and Watsonville Defense Council. We are enclosing resolution adopted by our membership.

Our members have had experience with the Japanese and feel that our country should not release them either for military or agricultural services, as these Japanese cannot be expected to take up arms against their ancestors and be loyal to the United States.

We, of the Pajaro Valley are getting along fine with the Japanese out of the farming and agricultural field, and feel they should be kept out.

Our members are asking you to help prevent the release of native and foreign born Japanese for either army or agriculture.

Yours truly

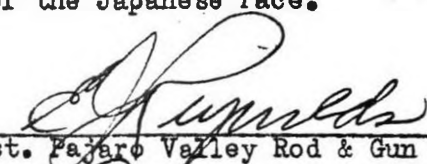
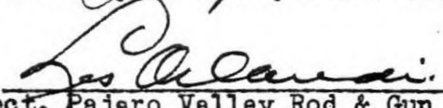
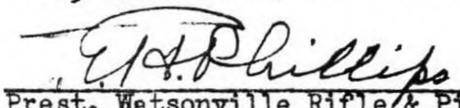
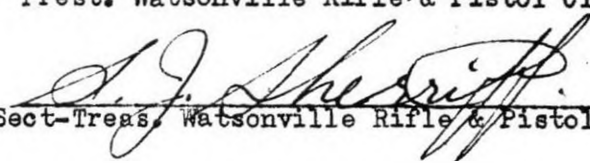
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Sec. Treas. Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club.

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At a joint meeting of the Pajaro Valley Rod and Gun Club and the Watsonville Rifle and Pistol Club held at the Club House on March first, 1943, the following resolution was unanimously adopted;

"Be it resolved that the Pajaro Valley Rod and Gun Club and the Watsonville Rifle and Pistol Club, representing one hundred and fifty citizens of this community, do hereby indorse in every detail the resolutions adopted by the Pajaro Valley and Watsonville Defense Council on February 23rd, 1943, and that we also indorse the recommendations as outlined in a letter written by the Hon. J. E. Gardner and published in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian on February 26th, 1943, covering the disposition of members of the Japanese race!"

ATTEST:

  
Prest. Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club.  
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March 25, 1945

Dear Mr. Orlandi:

Your letter of March 13, 1943, with enclosures, to the Secretary of War, objecting to service by persons of Japanese ancestry either in the Army or in agriculture, has been referred to me for acknowledgment and reply.

I am not particularly concerned over the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry who are not loyal to this country. As to the loyal ones, however, of which there are a great number, there is no reason why they should be denied the privilege of fighting for their country or of contributing to our sorely needed food supply.

The War Department and other Government agencies are exercising care to restrain the activities of all persons of Japanese ancestry suspected of disloyalty to this country. In like manner, the War Department is doing all in its power to enable all loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry to contribute their maximum to the war effort.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

JOHN J. McCLOY  
Assistant Secretary of War

Mr. Les C. Orlandi, Secretary  
Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club  
Watsonville, California

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