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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Attention: Lt. Colonel G. B. Walker.

Subject: Enlistment of Alien Japanese.

1. Reference is made to the attached memorandum for the Assistant Secretary of War dated 20 November 1943, subject: Enlistment of Alien Japanese.

2. The view of the Personnel Division, G-1, that as a matter of policy Japanese aliens should not be accepted until the available supply of American citizens of Japanese ancestry is exhausted, is noted. This decision does not appear to be sound for the following reasons:

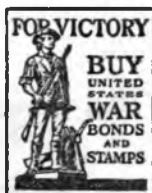
a. Loyalty of persons of Japanese descent to the United States does not automatically follow place of birth. A technical alien, who spent the first two years of his life in Japan, is a far better prospect than a citizen who spent two years in Japan beginning at the age of twelve.

b. There is a substantial number of American citizens of Japanese descent who are far less desirable, from a loyalty point of view, for induction than alien volunteers.

c. The fact of volunteering has proved to be a reliable demonstration of loyalty to the United States.

d. Volunteers make better soldiers than conscriptees.

3. In other words, I feel that the Army would get more out of a given number of alien volunteers than from an equal number of citizen conscriptees. There are still a substantial number of vacancies in the combat team which should be filled as soon as possible. To exclude volunteers, satisfactory to the Military Intelligence Service, merely because of alien birth, does not make sense.



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