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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Conference re War manpower plan in Hawaii in OASW with Major Krim and Mr. J. Ohly. Memo. submitted by Department of Interior inclosing a proposed draft proclamation substituting compliance features under Hawaiian Defense rules for compliance features under General Orders No. 10 was discussed. Major Krim stated that the provisions suggested by the Department of Interior were duplications of provisions which currently existed under War Manpower Commission and War Labor Board. Without any affect the provisions of the proclamations were against the interest of labor. He also expressed his view that General Richardson would not favor such a comprehensive means. He suggested in its place a simple proclamation announcing the war manpower plan and providing that violations of the plan would be considered a misdemeanor punishable under Section 22 of the Hawaiian Defense Act. A third provision punishing absenteeism under the same act might be inserted if deemed favorable.

Major Krim stated that inasmuch as an agreement had been reached by the War and Navy Departments, War Manpower Commission with the exception of a few minor details it would be ideal to promulgate the War Manpower plan on Friday, July 21 or sometime early the following week. He suggested that the Department of the Interior be advised that the plan would be announced and that strong pressure be made by them to Governor Stainback to approve the plan. This would be discussed with Mr. Fortas by Mr. McCloy. Inasmuch as the Department of Interior's objections seemed to be directed at the compliance feature of General Order No. 10 upon which agreement has been reached for continuance of sixty days there should be no reason why Interior should not go along with the plan at the present time. Their indorsement would aid it materially.

On the issue of the abolition of martial law Major Krim pointed out that neither he nor Mr. Meade were authorized to discuss this question or express General Richardson's views. It is his understanding that the sixty days' continuance of General Orders No. 10 promulgation of the plan should not be tied into the abolition of public law. Also it is impression that General Richardson did not desire any strengthening under the Defense rule powers to force compliance with the plan. Mr. Ohly pointed out that under the

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provisions they would exist without any further help from the civil authorities whereby the plan could be made effective. Major Krim agreed to drafting a proposed proclamation under the Hawaiian Defense Act for consideration.

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

I want to express to you our very best thanks for your assistance in the recent move which has resulted in the stabilization of wages and the setting up of the War Labor Board in Hawaii. We felt that one of the most serious threats to our price stabilization program in Hawaii was the pressure of constant increases of wages in private employment and we are, therefore, particularly gratified at the program for wage stabilization.

I am sure that this program will prove of great benefit to all employing agencies, governmental and private, and to the working people themselves. It certainly could not have been possible without the wholehearted cooperation of the Army, Navy and civilian authorities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'James P. Davis'.

James P. Davis
Regional Administrator
Region IX
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