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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE AMERICANS
WITHIN YOUR CENTER QUOTE THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS DIRECTED
THAT I REPLY TO YOUR RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY 15 STOP PUBLIC
PRONOUNCEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE SECRETARY OF WAR STOP IT IS
ONLY BY MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION THAT THE LOYAL
JAPANESE AMERICANS CAN BE RESTORED TO THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS STOP THE
PRESENT PROGRAM IS NOT COMPLETE REHABILITATION BUT IT IS THE
FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION STOP THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
HAS EVIDENCED ITS FAITH IN THE LOYAL JAPANESE AMERICANS BY
GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY STOP
THIS IS THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
THAT THEY HAVE FAITH IN AMERICA STOP

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

COLONEL WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY
EXECUTIVE FOR ASST. SEC. OF WAR

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