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WAR DEPARTMENT

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(Office of Headquarters)Special Case #32,
IX-O/8410Presidio of San Francisco,
(Place) Calif.January 22, 1943.
(Date)

Subject: HOMER G. WILCOX.

Summary of Information:

1. Subject appeared before the Individual Exclusion Hearing Board in San Diego, on November 3, 1942, and was served with an exclusion order on January 22, 1943. Simultaneously with the service of the exclusion order Subject was served with a letter signed by the Commanding General, WDC and 4th Army, notifying him that the terms of the exclusion order were modified to permit him to remain in the prohibited area pending his trial with fifteen other leaders of MANKIND UNITED on charges of sedition beginning March 16, 1943, at Los Angeles. WILCOX must depart from Military Areas 1 and 2 immediately upon conclusion of his trial unless he is then in confinement by Federal authority, in which case, he must comply with the order immediately upon release from such confinement.

2. Action against Subject was based on information developed by the San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego Field Offices, Federal Bureau of Investigation, supplemented by ONI and G-2 reports, indicating that he was manager of the "Beacon Bureau" for MANKIND UNITED in the San Diego area, and has spread the organization's propaganda against war and has made seditious statements. Subsequent to his hearing on November 3, 1942, WILCOX was apprehended by the FBI together with fifteen other MANKIND UNITED leaders as a result of an indictment for sedition by the Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles.

3. Civil Affairs Division in recommending exclusion of WILCOX commented upon the Board's findings as follows:

a. "MANKIND UNITED contends that its purpose is to seek out and root out the causes of war, to establish universal and everlasting peace on earth, to give to everyone a home, a minimum salary of \$3000 per year, and maximum working hours of four hours per day, four days per week. Although it is believed that the organization may properly be described

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as a 'racket', luring the gullible and the incurable rainbow-chasers to the financial benefit of its promoters, the fact still remains that subject and the other leaders have expressed themselves as violently opposed to the present war efforts of the United States, have ridiculed the President and other Governmental officers, have stated that our present administration is dominated by a group of war-mongers and war lords, have condemned the purchase of war bonds, and have criticized as unjust the rationing regulations, dim-out restrictions, scrap metal drives, and the Selective Service system, stating that such campaigns constitute steps by the war lords to suppress the civil liberties of the people. Such comments, though intrinsically disgraceful and unpatriotic, taken severally do not in and of themselves brand their espousers as individuals potentially dangerous to the military effort of the United States. On the other hand, subject, by his own admission, is a leader of the organization and the individual to whom several hundred active participants are looking for guidance and for instructions as to when and where their scheme shall be placed in motion. Subject gives all of his energy and time to the work of this organization. As one of its most active leaders, he must be charged with the responsibility of and subscription of its programs and policies. In this case the spreading of ill-founded rumor, the distraction of the minds of people from the war effort, and the dissemination of information injurious to the war program may not be directly enemy-inspired but it does nevertheless serve the enemy's purpose by causing dissension and unrest within the ranks of the American people."

b. "Attention is directed to the comments of the United States Attorney, who, in dissenting from the recommendation of the Board that no exclusion order be entered against subject, stated that in his opinion, subject is potentially dangerous."

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