

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
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PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt
Executive to Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Gerhardt:

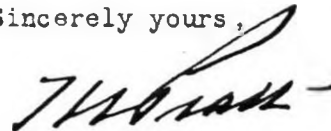
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26 March 1945 in which you inclosed a letter from Mr. Dillon Myer concerning two cases of persons of Japanese ancestry in the armed forces against whom Exclusion Orders of Western Defense Command are outstanding.

These two cases have previously come to the attention of this headquarters. On 19 March 1945 the case of Naoji Tsutsui was considered and the decision was reached to place him in the "cleared" group. Under date of 21 March 1945 a letter was addressed to him advising him that he was authorized to travel and reside within the West Coast Exclusion Zone and requesting that he return the Exclusion Order served on him for cancellation.

In the case of Shoichi James Norisada, although his name was on the list of excludees, an Exclusion Order was never served. A review of his case has now been completed, and effective 2 April 1945 his name was placed on the "cleared" list.

The necessary action has been taken in both cases to place their names on lists of changes, in order that War Relocation Authority may know of the change in status of these two individuals and that they no longer remain in the excluded category.

Sincerely yours,



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Major General, United States Army
Commanding

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