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Office Assistant Secretary of War, Room 4-E 886, Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C., 19 September 1944.

TO: Director, Industrial Personnel Division, ASF. Attn: Colonel William J. Brennan, Jr., Chief, Labor Branch, Room 5-C 489, Pentagon Bldg.

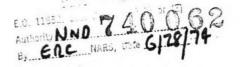
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HARRISON A. GERHARDT Colonel, General Staff Corps Executive to Asst Secretary of War

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Enc. Memorandum 15 Sept 44 Col. A. C. Miller, PMGO, to Director, Industrial Personnel Division, ASF, thru OASW.

Subject: Dismissal of Nine American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry from Employment at the Electronics, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, and General Electronics, Inc., at Patterson, New Jersey.



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MEMORANDUM For Director, Industrial Personnel Division, ASF.
Att: Colonel William J. Brennan, Jr.,
Chief, Labor Branch.

Thru: Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Att: Captain Adrian S. Fisher.

Subject: Dismissal of Nine American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry from Employment at the Electronics, Inc., Clifton, New Jersey, and General Electronics, Inc., at Patterson, New Jersey.

- 1. Reference is made to your memorandum, same subject, dated 12 September 1944, requesting information as to the final decision of subject cases by the Industrial Employment Review Board.
- 2. Final disposition by the Industrial Employment Review Board was as follows:
- a. The Review Board decided that the suspension of the following persons was effected without sufficient cause, and directed that the objections to their employment at the Electronics Mechanics Inc., be withdrawn.

MASUDA, Henry W. Sahada, George Maasaki Sahada, Louise K.

TAKEI, Lawrence Fumio TERUSAKI, Frank F. TERUSAKI, Takei Ina

YASUNABU, Betty Kaoru

b. The Review Board decided that the suspension of the following persons was effected with sufficient cause.

Kanzaal, Lincoln

KahlKOMI, Stanley Y.

For The Provost Marshal General:

Alton C. Miller, Colonel, C.M.P., Director, Personnel Security Division.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL COLLINS:

Attached is a memorandum from Colonel Alton C. Killer which was sent to this office for delivery to you. This memorandum was mislaid in this office and remained here until it was brought to our attention by members of the Personnel Security Division of the Provost Marshel General's Office.

I hope this mistake has not seriously inconvenienced you.

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HARRISON A. GARHARDT Colonel, General Staff Corps Executive to Asst Secretary of War

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Memo 6 May 44 Col, Miller to Col, Collins.

Subject: Dismissal of Nine American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry From Employment at Plants of the Electronics Mechanics, Inc., Clifton, N. Jersey.

Lt. Colonel John K. Collins Chief, Labor Branch, ASF. Rm. 5-C 489, Pentagon Bldg.

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Mr. George E. Rundquist, Executive Secretary Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans 297 Fourth Avenue New York, H. Y.

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, 1944. I note in your letter that you mention that the Western Defense Command is now a service command, which is not exactly true. The Western Defense Command has been removed from the classification as a theater of operations but still retains its designation as a defense command.

I have discussed the matter of the suspension of certain Japanese Americans from employment in the Electronics Mechanics, Inc., Elifton, New Jersey, and have myself reviewed the basis upon which these employees were suspended. Each case was considered individually and the suspension was not based upon any group action. As you also perhaps know, this review did not result in the suspension of all Japanese Americans employed by this plant, but only those against whom degogatory information appeared. For those men relieved of their positions, an appeal to the Industrial Employment Review Board is available and some of the group have already filed such an appeal. Action on this appeal has not as yet been sent to the War Department.

I think that your criticism of the Provost Harshal General's Department is a little over-drawn, since the Personnel Security Section is well known to this office and I can wouch for the fact that they do not consider the Japanese as a group. The fact that representatives of this department sit on the Japanese American Joint Board which has the clearance as some 25,000 citizens for indefinite leave from relocation centers indicates that they do not consider or arrive at group determination.

Tou have expressed confidence in our Military Intelligence, Maval Intelligence, and other protective agencies.

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I must point out that it is through information obtained by these agencies that adverse findings have been made against Japanese American individuals. Her is it fair to these same agencies to state that they have determined that American culture and American democracy have been a failure.

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The War Department, in consultation with other agencies of the government, is constantly studying this problem and will make such changes as are consistent with the needs and development of the military situation.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

HARRISON A. GERHARDT Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps Executive to Ass't Secretary of War