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December 26, 1942.

SUBJECT: CONDITIONS IN JAPANESE WAR RELOCATION CAMPS.

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Anti-Japanese feeling, intense on the Coast since the war, soared as an aftermath of the Manzanar riot. Press and public continued to demand segregation of disloyal and trouble-making Japanese in the War Relocation Authority camps. The Los Angeles Water and Power Commission urged immediate removal of all disloyal and alien Japanese from Manzanar on grounds that their presence constituted a menace to Los Angeles' water and power supply. The press generally favored good treatment for Japanese who behave themselves.

Informant states that recent acts of violence and rioting at Manzanar and at the Colorado River Relocation Project, reports of unrest and defiance of authority at other centers, revival of the Kibel Shimin Club with apparent approval of the War Relocation Authority at Central Utah, abandoning by the Chief Engineer of camouflage net projects in the centers, and other signs indicate that conditions in the relocation camps and projects are not improving and may be expected to deteriorate until the lawless, pro-Japanese agitators and paroled aliens are weeded out in a program of segregation.

Reports continue to be received that some Japanese remain in the Pacific Coast states through the connivance of Mexican officials. One is reportedly located at Snata Ana, Sonora, and one operating a dental office in Mazatlan, Sinaloa. Until recent two Japanese nationals, a doctor and a druggist, were living in El Fuerte, Sinaloa. Attention was attracted to the latter when it was discovered that they were buying large quantities of gasoline. According to the informants, these men had not been removed earlier because each had paid a thousand pesos, presumably to minor officials, for the privilege of remaining. As soon as Emanuel Echove, Presidente Municipal of El Fuerte, Sinaloa, discovered the fact that a bribe had been paid he moved the Japanese into a concentration area and reportedly punished the officials who had been guilty of accepting bribes.

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Copy CONFIDENTIAL memo. 12-8-42 fr. District Intelligence Officer (signed Dwight Douglas) to Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Japanese Relocation Centers, Activities of Inmates.

Re

"as to the serious anti-American and pro-Japanese activities carried out within the relocation camps at Poston, Arizona, and Manzanar, California."

also -

"Any Japanese guilty of anti-American activities in a relocation center should be immediately transferred to an internment camp. It is also recommended that as soon as practicable the ISSEIS and KIBEIS be separated from the NISEIS, except <sup>those NISEIS</sup> who prefer to live with the ISSEIS and KIBEIS should be permitted to do so."

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