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Volunteers, etc. Yamaguchi, Jomonosawa

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March 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Yamasaki:

The Secretary of War is in receipt of your letter of March 13 and has transmitted it to me for reply. He asks that you be thanked for your communication and commended for your attitude.

As yet no provisions have been made for enlisting or induction alien Japanese into the Army and no encouragement can be given you at this time. I am very glad to say that there have been a number of Issei who have expressed their loyalty and tendered their services. It is possible that following a comprehensive study on the matter some plan may be worked out whereby those in your class can be utilized. In serving with the Navy Language School you are at least doing something toward the war effort and for this you should be congratulated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. SCONEY
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Dear Mr. Stimson:

I heard from a friend recently that the United States Army is accepting non-citizen Japanese under voluntary enlistment. If this is true, I would like to find out where I can enlist.

I am a Japanese who came to this country at the age of nine. I have lived in this country for twenty-one years, receiving all my education in this country. I feel that I have my obligation to pay to Uncle Sam who has educated me and ^{has} given me my livelihood. So far, only the technicality of citizenship has prevented me from joining the armed forces to express my loyalty and to serve my country - the United States.

At present, I am teaching Japanese at the Navy Language School at the University of Colorado. I feel that I am contributing toward the war effort in the present capacity but feel that I can do more in the uniform of the army as a language expert.

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If there is no provision for enlists citizen Japanese, I sincerely hope this consideration be made in my case. My enlistment will be of some value to the other Japanese and to the American public in indicating that there ^{are} Japanese who are not American citizens by birth, but, who, nevertheless, are loyal to this country, ^{and} are willing to fight for her.

I am fully qualified as a Japanese language expert, as my present position would indicate, and would like to enlist in the language corps at Camp Savage, Minnesota. So far as I know, I have no physical defects.

I shall appreciate it if you can give me your personal attention, although I know you are fully occupied with far more important matters.

Yours for victory over the Axis

Tomomasa Yamazaki