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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WHITE:

In connection with the organization of the Japanese-American combat team, quite a few applications for voluntary induction, similar to the attached, were received from aliens. Under present policy, alien volunteers for the combat team are being turned down. If after careful investigation, certain of these individuals appear to be loyal to the United States, I see no particular reason why they should not be admitted to the combat team. As the system works now, it prevents the inclusion in the combat team of quite a few who have spent their entire life in the United States except for a few months following birth.

While I am on the subject, I have received several inquiries concerning the eligibility of Japanese-Americans for ROTC training, and for the A-12 program. Thus far, the issue has been avoided by saying that present plans for inclusion of Japanese-Americans in the Army do not go beyond the combat team. What should the policy be?

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