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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WHITE:

As to the attached, it is certainly undesirable to let enemy aliens escape the draft merely because they express an unwillingness to serve, as that puts them in a better position than our own citizens. Where there is any indication of subversive tendencies, the problem is easily solved by internment. As to others, I think we should suggest to the Department of Justice that expressed unwillingness to serve in the Army is a conclusive indication of the individual's undesirability as a citizen and should bar naturalization. I think the Department of Justice will be reluctant to extend internment to cover enemy aliens who have merely expressed unwillingness to fight, but it could be suggested to them that they give more emphasis to this fact than they have apparently been willing to give in the past. In cases where it is not possible to intern, the procedure now in force for conscientious objectors should be explored.

I think we should treat the Japanese as a special case, at least for the time being. It certainly would not do as things stand now, to induct aliens and refuse citizens. If the time comes when Selective Service is reinstated for persons of Japanese ancestry, the question can be re-examined again.

Your recommendation that the matter be referred to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, for discussion with the Department of Justice and State Department seems the best way to proceed.

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

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1. Orig. memo 1-20-43 Gen. M. G. White to ASW
2. Orig. memo 1-15-43 Col. Bissell to Gen. White (AC of S, G-1)
3. Cy ltr 1-7-43 Ed Ennis to ASW (returned to us after we sent it to AC of S, G-1 for remark and recommendation - JME)

Re: Induction of Enemy Aliens who object to Service in the Armed Forces.

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