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WDGAP 291.2 Japanese (26 Oct 43)

26 August 1944.

Induction of Alien Japanese.

I MPD, ASF

I s/w directs

I Necessary action

1. That instructions be published authorizing acceptance of qualified individuals of Japanese nationality who volunteer for induction, subject to clearance by the Provost Marshal General in the United States, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, and by the Military Intelligence in the Territory of Hawaii. Conclusive evidence that application for service was voluntary on the part of the individual will be made a matter of record.

2. That reply to letter O44.30 (G-2), 1 July 1944, "Induction of Alien Japanese," be based on paragraph 1 above.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

Incls.

DF to G-1 fr
OPD, 9 Aug 44,
with incls.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: CG, CPT, letter O44.30 (G-2), 1 Jul 44, forwards letter from Wallace Hirai and Shigeo Okebe and requests authority to induct those Japanese aliens who volunteer and are exceptionally well qualified on screening by MIB. G-2 by 1st Ind. 18 Jul 44, states, "MIB interposes no objections to accepting alien Japanese for voluntary induction provided this Division has final authority for clearance prior to induction." Par. 3e WDGAP 291.2 Jap (26 Oct 43) 27 Nov 43, subject: "Induction of citizens of Japanese Ancestry and Alien Japanese," reads as follows: "That alien Japanese be not inducted voluntarily or otherwise." Section II, par. 1, WDGAP 127 (13 Jan 44) 10 Feb 44, subject: "Reinstitution of Selective Service in Hawaii," reads: "That Selective Service be reinstated for all registrants in Hawaii except Japanese aliens, beginning 1 April 1944." Restrictions on Japanese are gradually being removed. From a G-2 standpoint clearance of aliens is as satisfactory as of American citizens of alien parentage. The AGCFS, G-3, concurred in compulsory induction of Japanese aliens. The AGCFS, G-2 and OPD concur but on a volunteer basis. MPD, ASF, recommended induction of Japanese aliens not be favorably considered. The Director, WRA (Mr. Dillon Reed) concurs in above. The ASW (Col. Gerhardt) concurs. The State Department (Mr. Keely) concurs.