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February 25, 1943

Dear Mr. McCloy:

I am taking advantage of Mr. Monnet's courtesy to dispatch this note to you together with a letter from Mrs. Hall to Captain Hall.

There is nothing of importance here to report on. The biggest present job is the Japanese problem. Currently, the situation is as follows: A minority of Japanese are enthusiastic about the entire plan and in support of it. Another minority is opposing it actively. This minority is composed in the most part of Kibei and Issei. Some Nisei, who have come to the firm conclusion that they have no future in this country, have joined with the actively opposing group. In at least two centers we have met with organized resistance to registration. At Gila and Tule Lake we have moved with determination and have arrested about 28 in each place. Indictments for interfering with registration are being considered by the Department of Justice.

In addition to this difficulty there is a lack of cooperation on the part of some military agencies in the west. I have consulted with Mr. Bundy on the entire situation.

Mr. Stucchio is away from the office on a month's leave. Miss Zinsser is back from her trip. I call up Mrs. McCloy occasionally to find out if there is anything I can do for her. They all seem to be well, except that Mrs. McCloy informs me today that she is taking the boy to Baltimore for some tests.

Governor Poletti sat in with the committee on Negro affairs yesterday.

Tell Captain Hall that D. C. had its first black-out under the new regulations last night and the papers referred to it as a "flop". Apparently no one seemed to know what to do when the Blue sounded.

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The weather here is beginning to have the characteristics of approaching spring, which, I suppose, is good because there appears to be some difficulty in the fuel oil situation.

Rationing of food stuffs go into effect on
March 1.

Trust that you are finding your trip interesting
and of value.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

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Executive