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Dear Francis:

You will recall our recent discussion concerning the possible representation of the Department of Justice on a board the War Department is establishing to review loyalty investigations of American citizens of Japanese ancestry prior to their employment in plants vital to the war effort. You indicated that it probably would not be appropriate for such a representative to come from the Federal Bureau of Investigation but rather from the Department of Justice itself, in view of the fact that the functions of the board are of a reviewing nature.

This will be completely satisfactory to the War Department and I would appreciate your letting me have the name of the Department of Justice' representative when designated.

I do not anticipate that the work on the board will take much more than the equivalent of a day's time per week, and the whole job will probably be accomplished within three or four months.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOSEPH J. McCLOY

Honorable Francis Biddle
The Attorney General
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