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Reattached memorandum for files

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I called Gardner Cowles, OWI, on this and told him of General Marshall's disinclination to exploit the foreign propaganda aspect of the Japanese American combat team until such time as it was ready for use in an active theater; that the War Department had no objection to its eventual use as foreign propaganda; but that that feeling was that at the present time its use was premature, especially because of the possibility that things would not work out as planned.

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Excerpt from Overseas Operations Branch, Office of War Information, for Week Feb. 5-12 - Copy No. 8. Section II, Subjection F. FAR EAST :

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4. In any stories concerning the use of Japanese-Americans by the American Army, we should go into considerable detail on the fact that these Japanese-Americans will be equipped with and trained in the use of all modern weapons, which shows our confidence in the patriotism of our Japanese fellow-citizens. This is a useful contrast to Japan's inability to use non-Japanese troops except as the lowest grade of cannon-fodder sandwiched in with ~~artillery and machine-guns~~ Japanese units and watched over by machine-guns and with artillery in back of them. This story properly told will be effecting to the Axis satellites. Emphasize the voluntary basis of Japanese-American enlistment. The Japanese-Americans have conducted a long campaign in order to be allowed to volunteer.

(For this OWI bulletin see ASW 004.7 OWI Overseas Operations Branch)

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