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Colonel William P. Scobey
General Staff Corps,
Assistant to Assistant Secretary of War
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Scobey:

I wrote you a personal letter last week but addressed it to San Francisco, California and therefore you may not have received it as yet. I am writing this letter to you since I heard that you are the same person who worked with us in the Medford Civilian Conservation Corps District, Oregon under Colonel Fletcher and Colonel Paul A. Weiland. I wish to ask a favor of you after I have given you my military background and my brief life history since I know you are very much interested in the problems of the Japanese Americans.

I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on February 20, 1906 of Japanese parents, who left me in Hawaii to be brought up in the American Way of Life when I was about 13 years of age. I was given four years of high school R.O.T.C. followed by three years of university R.O.T.C., together with training in three summer R.O.T.C. camps. I received the Infantry Reserve Commission through the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Nebraska in June, 1929. I was transferred to the Medical Reserves in 1935 and was commissioned Captain, Medical Reserves while on active duty with the CCC on June 23, 1939. As you know, I served in the CCC from May 1936 to February, 1942 as camp surgeon and assistant District Surgeon. Colonel Paul A. Weiland and Colonel C.C. McCormack, General Staff Corps Western Defense Command have recommended me highly as to my work in the C.C.C. My record will show that my work has been of a superior quality.

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At the time of the mass evacuation of the people of Japanese ancestry, I was moved to the Leont Mountain Relocation Center with others and there I served as a member of the RA Hospital Staff, Chairman of U.S.C. Executive Committee, Chairman Leont Mountain Boy Scout Council, Member of the Committee for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, and member of the Board of Directors of Y.M.C.A. I was called to active duty on March 1, 1943 (date of rank: Feb 2, 1943). I was sent to the Medical Replacement Pool, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. I attended the 24th Officer's Refresher Course, the Advanced Pool Course, and have just completed the 7th Medical Inspector's Course at this School. The Commandant has repeatedly called Washington for my assignment but although others of Japanese descent are being assigned, I have not been fortunate. I am not complaining as to my assignment since I believe that the War Department surely knows what it is doing.

Finlandita, 1 April 1943

However, my family, consisting of my wife and two children, are now at Hillsboro, Oregon (Eastern Defense Command) awaiting my assignment so that they could move to the neighborhood of my permanent post. Although my wife is a Caucasian citizen, our children will be of "Japanese ancestry" and therefore are excluded from the Eastern Defense Command. Their passes have been extended to July 15, 1943. This problem is indeed causing us considerable worry.

My record in the MCC certainly will have shown that I have been efficient both as a surgeon and also in administrative work. It also should have shown that I was able to "get along" with officers and men of any race. I am enclosing along three letters for your information. Please return them to me so that I may have them in my file.

I will greatly appreciate it if you will kindly favor me by doing whatever you can to hasten my assignment and if possible to let me know as to the approximate date when I may be assigned to a permanent unit or organization.

I am indeed grateful for this opportunity to serve again and I am sure that I will continue to improve my efficiency.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

Robert S. Kinoshita
ROBERT S. KINOSHITA
Captain, M.C.

P.S. I wrote to Colonel Knutson Hall, M.C. at the Surgeon's office last Saturday, but I heard today that he has been transferred.