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Induction of Alien Japanese

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**SUMMARY**

1. By WD letter AGPR-I-A 887.51, 11 September 1944, subject as above, (copy attached, incl. 1), The Prevent Marshal General is required to approve or disapprove, prior to induction, all alien Japanese who volunteer for service with the army of the United States.

2. In accordance with the desires of the Commanding General, ASF concerning demobilization following cessation of hostilities with Japan, it is recommended that the attached letter be rescinded, and that clearance requirements be eliminated.

3. It is requested that substantially the material in the attached draft of proposed War Department letter (incl. 2) be published, and distributed as indicated on the draft.

**COORDINATION**

4. None.

**3 Incls**

- 1. Ltr re Alien Japanese
- 2. Proposed draft of rescinding ltr

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Major General, USA  
The Prevent Marshal General

APPROVED FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ASF:

2 - SEP 1945

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

ADPZ-I-4 227,51 (1 Jul 44)

11 September 1944

SUBJECT: Induction of Alien Japanese.

TO: The Provost Marshal General,  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 13d(2)(b)1, AR 615-500, 10 August 1944, and other War Department instructions, the induction of qualified individuals of Japanese nationality who volunteer for induction is authorized, subject to clearance in each case by the Provost Marshal General in the United States, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, and by the Military Intelligence in the Territory of Hawaii.

2. Conclusive evidence that application for service was voluntary on the part of the individual is required and will be made a matter of record. A signed copy of DSS Form 165, Application for Voluntary Induction, which each registrant signs when he volunteers for induction at his local board, will be used for this purpose. The Director of Selective Service has agreed that, after the procedures contemplated in paragraph 5 below have been established, local boards will be instructed to obtain an extra signed copy of DSS Form 165 wherever a registrant of Japanese nationality volunteers for induction, and to forward it to the armed forces induction station with other papers of the individual. Individuals of Japanese nationality will not be accepted for induction without this form, properly executed. The form will be attached to the DSS Form 221 for the registrant and, upon his induction, will be attached to the original DSS Form 221 and forwarded with it through machine records processing to the Adjutant General's Office for filing. The above is in addition to the procedure prescribed in paragraph 13d(2)(b)2, AR 615-500, 10 August 1944.

3. For each Japanese alien who is deemed acceptable by the Provost Marshal General, or by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area, and who is subsequently ordered by his local board to report for induction, there will be included with his papers forwarded to the armed forces induction station a letter properly authenticated by The Provost Marshal General, or by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area, showing that the individual named and

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described therein is, if otherwise qualified, acceptable for service in the Army of the United States. This letter will be inserted in the enlisted man's service record.

4. Current War Department instructions pertaining to the induction, transfer to the Enlisted Reserve Corps, call to active service and assignment of American citizens of Japanese ancestry will be followed in the case of Japanese aliens who volunteer for induction and who are inducted.

5. For the purpose of effecting pre-induction clearance procedures prescribed in paragraph 1 above, The Provost Marshal General will arrange for such conferences as may be necessary between representatives of his office and representatives of the Director of Selective Service for individuals of Japanese nationality in the continental United States, Alaska, and Puerto Rico; for the same purpose, the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area, will arrange for necessary conferences between his Headquarters and representatives of the Selective Service System in Hawaii.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ C. W. Arbery  
Adjutant General.

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The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

SUBJECT: Induction of Alien Japanese

TO: The Provost Marshal General, Washington 26, D. C.

War Department letter AGPR-1-4 827.31 (1 Jul 44), dated 11 September 1944, subject as above, is rescinded.

By order of the Secretary of War:

HOWARD F. WITHELL  
Major General  
Acting The Adjutant General

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