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February 8, 1943

Hon. Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:-

I communicate with you as Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West. This Order, a patriotic organization of over sixty-seven years of existence, with a membership of native Californians of the white race, has always taken an active interest in the development of the natural resources of our state, the perpetuation of historical landmarks, and in the commemoration of the memory of the gallant pioneers who built this great state, and we have at all times opposed the migration of Japanese to the Pacific Coast on the theory that they are un-American.

It has been called to our attention, and a few metropolitan newspapers have carried the article, that Japanese are to be inducted into the armed forces of our country.

I am unalterably opposed to the enlisting or inducting of Japanese into the armed forces or armed services of our nation and I feel that if they are inducted or enlisted it would serve as a distinct ~~penalty~~ *penalty* to our nation.

Trusting our opposition may have your favorable consideration, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Lloyd J. Cosgrove*  
Grand President, N.S.G.W.

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