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15 June 1943

Dear Mr. Yamaoka:

I have your letter of 14 June 1943 concerning Mr. Joji Takagi's desire to join the Armed Forces. As you no doubt are aware, present plans for the induction of American citizens of Japanese ancestry into the Army are limited to the recently established Combat Team, which consists of a regiment of infantry, a battalion of field artillery, an engineer company and a medical detachment. This Combat Team is presently in training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and the reports that we get back on its progress are splendid. Mr. Takagi will be proud to become a member of this outfit.

I am sending the necessary papers to him at 428 Liberty Road, Englewood, New Jersey, so that he may make application for voluntary induction. This process seems to take considerable time, so that he should not expect to be inducted for at least a month after making application.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCORNY  
Colonel, General Staff  
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Mr. George Yamaoka  
Hunt, Hill & Betts  
120 Broadway  
New York, New York

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16 June 1943

Dear Mr. Takagi:

Mr. George Yamaoka of Hunt, Hill & Betts, 120 Broadway, New York, a friend of your father, recently wrote me stating that you wanted to join the Armed Forces. At the present time, American citizens of Japanese ancestry are not eligible for service in the Air Corps. However, the War Department recently established the Japanese-American Combat Team, composed of elements of infantry, artillery and engineer troops, which is presently in training at Camp Shelby. This unit gives every promise of turning out to be a crack outfit.

In order that you may apply for the Combat Team, I am enclosing a set of papers which should be executed by you in duplicate and returned to me as soon as possible. However, you should not expect to be inducted right away. Usually a month or more elapses after application is made before induction takes place.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBEE  
Colonel, General Staff  
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Mr. Joji Takagi  
428 Liberty Road  
Englewood, New Jersey

Enc.  
Induction Forms.

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W. P. Scobie  
(via Camps)

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Colonel William P. Scobey  
 Office of Assistant Secretary of War  
 Pentagon Building  
 Washington, D.C.

Re: Joji Takagi

Dear Colonel Scobey:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding you herewith enclosed the complete file of Mr. Joji Takagi of 428 Liberty Road, Englewood, New Jersey, consisting of his application papers for enlistment as an aviation cadet, which was filed by him in June 1942. Owing to the regulations then in existence, his application was rejected as you will note from the letter dated July 3, 1942, from the Office of the Adjutant General.

Recently the father of this boy, whom I happen to know, asked me whether it would be possible for his son to apply for enlistment in the armed services and naturally I referred him to the announcements of the War Department.

In view of this the son has sent his papers to me stating that he would like to reapply for enlistment and, seeing that the papers appear to be in order, I forward them to you for whatever suggestions you may have.

This boy is now working in a defense plant in New Jersey but is most anxious to join the armed services.

I should appreciate deeply your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

GY:bc  
 Enc.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TOAG 201 Takagi, Joji  
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July 3, 1942.

Mr. Joji Takagi,  
428 Liberty Road,  
Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your application for aviation cadet appointment in the Army Air Forces.

War Department policies are designed to promote the maximum effectiveness of the Army and to provide thereby complete security for the people of the United States.

Such policies may work hardships in individual cases, which is regrettable. The greater interests of the people as a whole, however, must always be placed first.

Your patriotic spirit is appreciated and the War Department believes that you can well serve your country in other ways than in the armed forces.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. Ulio*  
J. A. ULIO,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By: *J. A. Ulio*

Incl. Appl and allied papers.  
Including birth certificate  
and college transcript.

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