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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WILLIAM P. SCOBIE, GENERAL STAFF, EXECUTIVE,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR, WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUBJECT: Employment of Japanese-Americans.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 9, inquiring as to the possibility of employment of Japanese-Americans of known loyalty on work being performed at the Colorado River Reclamation Project.
2. Under existing instructions from the Office of the Secretary of War, this office is without authority to provide for the employment on rolls of the Engineer Department of any persons of Japanese ancestry. It is understood, however, that a change in these instructions is under consideration and that amendatory instructions probably will be issued soon. On receipt of the amendatory instructions, this office will obtain a report from the Division Engineer, Pacific Division, with respect to the question presented in your memorandum.

For the Chief of Engineers:

W. E. Lorense,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch,
Administrative Division.

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