

15 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF:

Subject: Pre-induction Screening of Japanese  
Americans

I am convinced that we are no longer justified in continuing special pre-induction screening of U.S. citizens of Japanese descent, men or women. As to aliens, however, I think screening may well be continued, in line with our policy towards other enemy aliens. Since the attached G-1 summary sheet dated October 24, 1945 indicates that the screening applicable to Japanese aliens is the same as the screening applicable to other enemy aliens, though carried on by a different agency, and since the Provost Marshal General is presumably able to do a better and fairer job on the Japanese than the Service Commands could do, I think the present situation as to Japanese aliens should continue.

My view as to the action that should be taken is:

1. Disapprove the recommendation in paragraph 4a of the attached G-1 summary sheet.
2. Approve the recommendation in paragraph 4b.

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J. J. McC.