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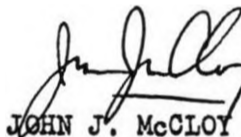
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:

This is to remind you that when you go to the West Coast next week you talk with General DeWitt about the problem of the liquor curfew in the Western Defense Command.

Briefly, the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has restricted the sale of intoxicating liquors to members of his Command except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. This curfew is in general effect, and the General has obtained the cooperation of the Governors of the eight states in the Western Defense Command as well as the cooperation of the railroads operating in the area. When General DeWitt requested the Navy to take steps in the same direction, the Commandants of the 11th, 12th, and 13th Naval Districts informed him that the Navy Department would take no action in this regard.

General DeWitt is very anxious if possible to work out a common system that will apply both to the Navy personnel and the Army personnel. It causes some comment on the Coast that the two services are not together, and I think that your visit may be a good opportunity to discuss with both the Navy and the Army Commanders the propriety of some common regulation.



JOHN J. McCLOY
Assistant Secretary of War

Capt. Beatty

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