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November 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Myer:

Secretary Stimson received from J. Franklin Carter, a lifelong friend of his in whom he has considerable confidence, the enclosed comments from John C. Bennett. I must say it makes a great deal of sense.

In case you wish to write to Carter, his address is Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

Mr. Dillon Myer
War Relocation Authority
812 Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

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Article: "Dealing with Hapanese Evacuees" --John C. Bennett

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Dear Mr. Carter:

Mr. Stimson has sent me your letter to him of the 24th which enclosed the note by John C. Bennett regarding the segregation of the Japanese.

As you may not realize, the Army control of the Japanese has now been turned over to the War Relocation Authority. Originally the Army moved the Japanese, set them up in Assembly Centers, and eventually passed them on to the War Relocation Authority which installed them in so-called Relocation Centers where they now are. It was never practicable during the short time in which the Army had control to attempt segregation of the loyal from the disloyal or suspicious Japanese, but with the setting up of the permanent establishments this does seem to be more feasible. From time to time we have passed suggestions on to the WRA as to the wisdom of such segregation, but the responsibility for such determination lies entirely with them. Moreover, there are complications connected with segregation which cause the WRA to hesitate.

I have passed on Mr. Bennett's comments, which I think are very good, to Mr. Dillon Myer, who is head of the WRA. Mr. Myer's address is 812 Barr Building, Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOEN J. McCLOY

Mr. J. Franklin Carter
Williamstown,
Massachusetts

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14th. November 1942.

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Harry,

I am enclosing an article by John Bennett about the loyal Japanese Americans interned with the rest of the Japanese. John Bennett is an editor of the little publication entitled "Christianity and Crisis" which was started to counteract ^{the} pacifism of many of the Churches. I have known him personally for several years, and know him to be a man of sound judgment, not easily swayed by emotional surges. So I feel that the condition to which he calls attention is one that should be looked into at once. You hardly need to be told how I and all your classmates rejoice in the wonderful way you have been conducting the war; and I can assure you that you and the affairs of the Country are in our constant thought and prayers.

Congratulations to you and the forces of the *ATW* ^{for} their share in the grand coup which they have pulled off in Africa.

With warm greetings and all good wishes I am ever

Yours

Franklin D. Roosevelt