

March 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL B. M. BRYAN;
(Office of Provost Marshal General)

Subject: Cooperation of Military Police Escort
Guard Companies and War Relocation
Project Officials.

1. In connection with the reply which you propose to make to the Director, Internal Security Division, Ninth Service Command, with reference to his letter of February 19, 1943, subject as above, you may desire to include a statement somewhat along the following lines:

S. 444, 78th Congress, 1st Session, a bill introduced by Senator Wallgren for himself and Senator Holman, provides that all functions of the War Relocation Authority and the Director of the War Relocation Authority which relate to the removal of persons of Japanese ancestry from military areas in the States of California, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona, or to the relocation, maintenance, and supervision of such persons, shall be transferred to the Department of War and shall be administered by the Secretary of War. While the War Department does not favorably regard the bill, it seems desirable that the Commanding Officers of the Escort Guard Companies should, without actively participating as members of the administration of the relocation centers, familiarize themselves with the details of operation of the centers so that if, despite the objections of the War Department, S. 444 should become law the Company Commanders would have the necessary background to enable them to assume the operation of the relocation centers.

2. With the addition of the foregoing, your proposed reply is approved.

SIGNED

Incls:

1. Proposed draft of reply
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