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16 January 1944

Dear Mr. Myer:

In connection with your letter of January 10th in which you suggested the issuance of a pamphlet which would give the general public an idea of the extent of the participation of American citizens of Japanese descent in the Army, I enclose a copy of the memorandum received from General Surles, Director of the War Department Bureau of Public Relations.

The War Department will be glad to help out in the event that you decide to get out such a pamphlet.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN J. McCLOY

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9 EPR press releases - 28 Jan 43, Feb. 1, 43, 3 Feb 43,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR:

Subject: Pamphlet concerning Americans of Japanese ancestry in Army of the United States.

1. With reference to the suggestion of the Director, War Relocation Authority, in his letter of 10 January that a pamphlet be prepared giving information on the activities of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the Army of the United States, I believe that the position may be appropriately taken that, while the War Department does not issue pamphlets of this character, full cooperation within the limits of military security would be furnished should the War Relocation Authority wish to undertake such a project.

2. Inclosed are copies of the several press releases issued by the Bureau of Public Relations on the military participation of Americans of Japanese ancestry which indicate the interest of the War Department in distributing information about this group. Also inclosed is a copy of the War Review of the Secretary of War for 25 November 1943, which, on page 2, contains a marked paragraph giving General Clark's favorable estimate of the 100th Infantry Battalion now serving in Italy.

3. I shall be glad to appoint an officer to discuss this project with the representative of the Director, War Relocation Authority, in the event of his favorable consideration of producing such a pamphlet himself.

A. D. Surles
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