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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SOMERVELL

I heard from the West Coast today that the Engineers in charge of construction in order to save time in building the structures necessary for Japanese evacuations wanted to procure locally. They also asked if they could not get AIA priority for construction items. Are these requests practical of attainment? As you know, the great need is to move the Japs as fast as possible.

TO → *JH*

JOHN J. McCLOY  
Assistant Secretary of War

*Yes sir*

*Somervell*  
*4/3/42*

*Allen*  
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