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March 13, 1943

Dear ⁿ Mr. Braselton:

Your letter and petition of February 19, to the Secretary of War has been referred to me for reply.

The fact that we are at war with Japan should not blind us to the realization that there are a great number of very loyal Japanese-American citizens in our country. It would be unfair, indeed, to deny these people an opportunity to fight for their country, and I cannot but believe that to do otherwise would be nothing short of racial discrimination, which has no place in our country.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED)

GORDON GRANT, JR.
First Lieutenant, Q40
Assistant Executive

Mr. R. W. Braselton, Secretary
Arrowhead Parlor No. 110
Native Sons of the Golden West
San Bernardino, California

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February 19, 1943

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War,
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Arrowhead Parlor No. 110 of The Native Sons of the Golden West, at its meeting February 17, 1943, unanimously adopted the accompanying petition.

We sincerely hope it will have your careful attention, and that you will endeavor to have enacted legislation that will end for all time the "peaceful invasion" of our country by the Japanese.

Our members are convinced that all Japanese in this country and its possessions should be confined in concentration camps, and the camps placed under strict military control. To do otherwise, is to invite disaster.

Sincerely,

Arrowhead Parlor No. 110, N.S.G.W.

Jack D. McCoy, President

R. W. Brazelton
R. W. Brazelton, Secretary ✓

Arrowhead Parlor No. 110 of The Native Sons of the Golden State is grieved and shocked to learn of the proposal to enroll in the United States Army a unit composed of so-called "citizens of the United States of America of Japanese ancestry."

The members of Arrowhead Parlor are firmly of the opinion that the Constitution of the United States of America does not confer citizenship on any person of Japanese descent born in this country, therefore there are no "citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry"; they also are of the belief that all Japanese, regardless of protestations otherwise, inherently are loyal only to Japan, and they are thoroughly convinced that the enrollment of a United States Army unit composed of Japanese will be inimicable to the welfare of the State of California and the Nation, and will undoubtedly create a dangerous threat to a proper and adequate defense of this country. Therefore,

Resolved, That Arrowhead Parlor is strenuously opposed to the formation of a Japanese unit of the United States Army, and hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America to exercise its prerogative and nullify the declared intention of the War Department to organize and enroll such a unit. And be it further

Resolved, That copies of this petition be sent the Secretary of War, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Military Affairs Committee and others.