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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Attention: Colonel E. C. Lynch.

Subject: Possibility of Induction of Additional Japanese-Americans from Hawaii.

1. Yesterday, in response to an inquiry from Mr. McCloy, General Emmons gave it as his informal opinion that 4,000 or 5,000 Japanese-Americans could be taken from the Hawaiian Islands into the Army without upsetting the manpower situation, and that it could be done on a voluntary basis.

2. The attached Office of Censorship report for the period 1 - 15 December, 1943 (to be returned) indicates on pages 11 - 13 that the casualties suffered by the 100th Battalion in Italy would probably be a deterrent to a volunteer program at this time.

3. You will note that on page 10 the fact that Japanese-Americans are not subject to the draft is a source of some friction and that there is an indication on page 11 that Japanese-Americans themselves would welcome the draft. If nonvoluntary induction is resumed on the Mainland only, friction on this point will be intensified.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that information be immediately obtained from General Richardson on the following points:

a. His general views as to the desirability of inducting further Japanese-Americans from Hawaii.

b. How many could be inducted without substantially affecting the manpower situation.

c. His recommendation whether induction should be voluntary or involuntary.

5. Upon receipt of this information from General Richardson it can then be determined whether to include Hawaii as part of the Mainland program.

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