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Telephone conversation between Lt. Hughes and Lt. Bogard at *Maryannar*
3:00 P.M. on February 22, 1943.

- B: I have a question on which I would like an answer by wire. If a man, a citizen, answers no to the loyalty question, will he be drafted? What action will the Government take regarding his status?
- H: I am not sure that I can answer that question without talking to Selective Service. The question is, "If a man says no on the loyalty question, what will be his status if he is drafted?"
- B: Yes. We felt that since they are American citizens, they are still subject to the laws of the country.
- (Pause to consult with Colonel)
- H: The real truth is we do not know. We can give you no assurance on that. Any man who wants to take the consequences can answer no, but he had better know and understand what he is doing.
- B: We need a definite answer from you on this.
- H: Do you think that this is the reason,---that there is a large group trying to avoid drafting, hoping that the Army will not take them? I can say this; the consequences might be much worse than being drafted.
- B: Perhaps, if you would take up this point and send a wire to that effect, it would help.
- H: I am not sure that I could say at this time just what would be done, but it will have very serious consequences. It may well go far beyond the question of whether or not they will be drafted.
- B: What would be the effect on dual citizenship?
- H: That too will have very serious consequences.
- B: We have stressed these points strongly.
- H: Do you think this is the general intention that is developing-- a combined effort to avoid service in any capacity?
- B: In many cases, yes. We want this defined so that we can clear up the facts with them. We have been telling them all this in very strong terms.

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- H: They are playing with and determining their entire future in this country. Make it very clear on that point.
- B: We have done that very strongly. If you send me some kind of a run on this by wire, I could use it. We realize that it will have a very serious effect and we are impressing that on the people.
- H: The Government may not be prepared now to say just what they will do. However, we will discuss it and let you know tomorrow. It may be that we will not give any definite answer now. It may be best to give no answer at present.
- B: What is the status of those signed up for registration?
- H: That is still under consideration. How is registration going?
- B: We will be through about the last of this week or the first of next. The 126 reviewed have been completed. We have 1400 interviewed on 304A and there are about 700 left.
- H: When will you be through?
- B: We should be all finished by the beginning of next week, Tuesday at the latest.
- H: Do not leave without clearance from us.
- B: There has been a lot of detailed work on the forms and a shortage of forms in the beginning that slowed us up a bit.
- H: We took strong steps at Tule Lake. You may hear of it tonight. There were difficulties there, but they have been smoothed out because we removed the trouble makers.
- B: Well, we will keep you informed. Mr. Myer wanted me to get cleared up on that difficulty I mentioned.
- H: O.K. Good. Goodbye.

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