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General

15 February 1944

Lieutenant General Deles C. Ammons  
Commanding General  
Western Defense Command  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Dear General:

I enclose a letter from Joe Masaoka, whose brother Mike, now at Camp Shelby, is one of the driving forces behind the Japanese-American Citizens League. The letter raises the question whether Japanese-Americans who have been notified that they will be inducted should be permitted to return to the evacuated areas for the purpose of settling their affairs during the period between the pre-induction physical and induction.

At the time of induction of volunteers for the 442nd Combat Team, uniforms were issued to the volunteers immediately upon induction and they were then permitted to go back into the evacuated areas during the 3-week furlough. Under the new system the corresponding period for settlement of personal affairs occurs prior to induction. Since they cannot very well be put in uniform prior to induction, you may think it wise to issue permits only in cases of real necessity, which should be relatively few.

Would you kindly give Masaoka an answer, and send a copy for our files.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. MCCLOY  
John J. McCloy

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Ltr 11 Feb 44 Joe Grant Masaoka to Col. Scooby.

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