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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY
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April 24, 1943.

VIA AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: Return of Hawaiian Residents of Japanese
Extraction to Those Islands.

TO : Commanding General, Hawaiian Department.

1. There is submitted herewith for your recommendation a copy of a letter from the Honorable J. R. Farrington, delegate to Congress from the Territory of Hawaii, transmitting letters, copies inclosed, from certain Hawaiian-born Japanese now employed or attending educational institutions in the United States who desire to return to their homes in Hawaii.

2. Mr. Farrington has been informed that the subject matter of his inquiry is now receiving consideration by the proper authorities.

3. It is believed that the matter of a policy covering the subject of the return of Japanese-Americans to Hawaii should now receive consideration. With a definite policy in effect, applications of persons who meet or do not meet the requirements thereof could be disposed of without further reference to you.

4. Accordingly, it is desired that your remarks and recommendations not only cover the return of persons now under consideration, but also propose a general policy which may be used as a guide for consideration of future requests.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Lester Jensen
Adjutant General.

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fm J. R. Farrington to
Mr. McCloy, w/3 ltrs
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
April 17, 1943.

Hon. John J. McCloy,
The Assistant Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

Requests for permits to return to their homes in Hawaii have been received by me from Americans of Japanese ancestry as follows:

1. Shizue Murashige, who is at the present time living at 1637 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, is a graduate of Santa Barbara State College and desires to return to her home in the Islands to accept a teaching position.
2. Tamie Tsuchiyama, who is at the Poston, Arizona, relocation project, desires to return to her home on Kauai to assist Miss Nell Findley, Chief of Community Services at the Colorado River War Relocation Project, in U.S.O. work on Kauai.
3. Georgia Yemoto, who is now living at 1610 9th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado, and is a student at the Colorado State College of Education and has been since September, 1941, desires to return to her home in the Islands.

These requests are the result of the publication of a letter by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, outlining the policy on the return of local residents to the Islands. Of course it makes no mention of Americans of Japanese ancestry. I am enclosing a copy of his letter.

I am attaching the originals of the letters from these individuals. In accordance with your suggestion, I am submitting them for presentation to the proper authorities of the War Department.

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If my assistance is desired in obtaining further information from these people or to assist the Department in handling these requests, I will be very happy to be so informed.

I hope some procedure can be established in dealing with these people that is in keeping with the enlightened, constructive and sympathetic manner in which the whole problem of Americans of Japanese ancestry has been dealt with by the Army authorities in Hawaii.

I will inform these people that their requests have been brought to the attention of the War Department and they will be advised either by the Department or by me as to the decision. In the event the Department communicates directly with them, will you please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. R. FARRINGTON

J. R. Farrington
Delegate from Hawaii.

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