

## WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

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OF THE DIRECTOR

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

Dear Mr. McCloy:

It is respectfully requested that further consideration be given to the policies of the Western Defense Command relating to the authorization for residence within evacuated areas of certain persons of Japanese ancestry.

Authorizations for indefinite residence within Military Area No. 1 and that portion of Military Area No. 2 within the State of California are generally limited to the following classes of persons of Japanese ancestry:

1. The wives of citizens who are Caucasian or of a nationality of a friendly power where the husband is in the armed forces, or
2. In the same case where the couple have a child or children of mixed blood who are "unemancipated."
3. Persons of mixed blood when the degree of Japanese blood does not exceed fifty percent and where the environment has been "Caucasian."

There are enclosed several brief case reports of persons of Japanese ancestry which seem to indicate a need for clarification and realignment of these policies.

The War Relocation Authority requests that the Western Defense Command accept for review and for consideration for residence within the evacuated areas cases referred to the Commanding General in the following categories:

1. Female persons of Japanese ancestry who are partners in mixed marriage unions.
2. Persons of mixed blood.



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3. Persons of Japanese ancestry under 17 years of age who are being placed in foster homes.

It would be the plan of this Authority that case referrals would be made to the Commanding General following a record check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other intelligence agencies, and following the authorization for issuance of an indefinite leave to the individual concerned by the Director of the War Relocation Authority, subject to clearance by the Western Defense Command when the destination lies within the evacuated areas.

We would propose the establishment of eligibility for other classes of persons only pursuant to agreement with the War Department.

It is further requested that where the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command shall deny the application for residence within the evacuated areas by reason of military security, the Director of the War Relocation Authority be so notified and of the grounds therefor.

Sincerely,

  
Director

Enclosure