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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2;
(Attention: Lt. Colonel John Lansdale, MIS)

It is transmitted herewith DSS Form 304A and 165 executed by John Minori Nishiyama, who seeks to volunteer for induction into the Army. It is requested that he be processed in the usual manner.

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WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

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DSS Forms 304A and 165 on John Minori Nishiyama

Lt. Colonel John Lansdale, MIS
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October 11, 1943

Colonel William P. Scooby
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War
Washington D. C.

Re: Voluntary Enlistment.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of October 7th and the enclosed DSS Form 165.

I am sending this Form back to you as a duplicate of the original application which I submitted to my Selective Service Board on the 9th of September, 1943. It was through the sanction of my local board that I wrote to the Honorable J. L. Farrington in order that my enlistment might be accelerated. The explanation of this being that I am the only person of Japanese ancestry on their list and consequently they are unfamiliar with my case.

I have been classified in 2A since my registration, but I no longer feel essential. I offer myself as a volunteer to the United States Armed Forces. I sincerely hope my application is now in order and will be accepted. I thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully yours,

John M. Nishiyama

John M. Nishiyama
287 West College Street
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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Dear Mr. Nishiyama:

The Delegate from Hawaii to Congress, the Honorable J. R. Farrington, has forwarded to this office DSS Form 304A which has been executed by you with a statement that you desire to volunteer for induction in the Army. Form 304A in itself does not constitute an indication that you volunteer. I am forwarding herewith DSS Form 165 which you may execute if you so desire and return to this office.

Upon receipt of this form your case will be handled in the usual manner and if your application is accepted it will be transmitted through the Selective Service to your local board.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBEEY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Mr. John Minori Nishiyama
287 West College Street
Oberlin, Ohio

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DSS Form 165

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2.18 J.A. Volunteers

Nishiyama, John

7 October 1943

Dear Mr. Farrington:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4 with which you transmit DSS Form 304A executed by John Nishiyama. This form constitutes a statement of personal history and a declaration of loyalty. It is not an application for induction into the Army. Since you have referred the matter to me I will attend to it and will send Mr. Nishiyama the form he should execute for volunteering for the Army.

Although Mr. Nishiyama has indicated that he desires to volunteer, there is no assurance at this time that we can take him. The 442d Combat Team, I believe, has received its full quota or strength and there may not be a vacancy for him.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOBAY
Colonel, General Staff
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

Mr. Joseph R. Farrington
Delegate from Hawaii
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

October 4, 1943



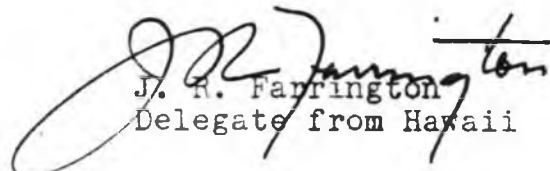
Col. William P. Scobey, Executive Officer
Office of Assistant Secretary of War,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Scobey:

I am attaching an application of an American of Japanese ancestry for admission to the United States Army. Although this young man was born in California and not in Hawaii, it was forwarded to me on the suggestion of a resident of Honolulu, at present in Oberlin, Ohio. I am sending it to you, not being quite sure in my own mind whether it should go direct to the War Department or be returned to John Nishiyama, the young man in question, with instructions to place it with his local draft board.

Can you advise me as to what should be done in this case so that the young man's application can receive proper consideration.

Yours sincerely,


J. R. Farrington
Delegate from Hawaii

JRF:MT