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Nakamura, Noboru

13 September 1943

Dear Mr. Nakamura:

I have your letter of 8 September 1943. Selective Service Headquarters in Washington have instructed State Headquarters to waive the fact of your alien birth should you present yourself for induction. I therefore suggest that you get in touch with your local board immediately.

If you run into any further difficulty, let me know.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED) JOHN M. HALL

JOHN M. HALL
Captain, F.A.
Assistant Executive

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Mr. Noboru Nakamura
1431 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WHITE:

Subject: Induction of Japanese Aliens Having Brothers in the Army.

1. In your memorandum to Mr. McCloy of May 22, 1943 (WDGAP 291.2 Japanese (3-12-43)), you stated that in your opinion the induction into the Army of Japanese aliens loyal to the United States should be predicated on the Army's success with citizens of Japanese ancestry. Although a recent inspection by Colonel Phillips of the G-3 Section of the Ground Forces indicates that the Japanese-American Combat Team now in training at Camp Shelby has already established a remarkable record for itself; i.e. high morale, superior discipline, no AWOL, no venereal, it is doubtless too early to come to any definite conclusions. Moreover, the present furor on the Japanese question incited by the Dies Committee and certain elements in California would probably make any pronounced change inadvisable from a public relations point of view.

2. On the other hand, I certainly would like to do something for this boy Noboru Nakamura, whose file is attached hereto. Although all of his brothers and sisters were apparently born in the United States, he was born in Japan and spent the first five years of his life there. Upon coming to the United States he made an outstanding record for himself, receiving very high marks in his courses as well as being elected vice president of his class, freshman and junior years, and president in his sophomore year. More significant, however, is the fact that he has a brother, two cousins, and a brother-in-law already in the Army.

3. Would it be possible to make an exception in his particular case, or conceivably adopt a rule which would permit the induction, after careful investigation, of alien volunteers of Japanese ancestry who already have citizen brothers in the Army?

(SIGNED) JOHN M. HALL

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Captain, U.S.A.
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

June 16, 1943



Col. William F. Scobey
Office of Secretary of War
Pentagon Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Col. Scobey:

Enclosed a copy of a letter by Mr. Noboru Nakamura to Capt. John M. Hall, J. A., Assistant Executive, War Department, Washington, D. C.

I believe this letter will be self-explanatory as to his loyalty and no doubt assist him in some way to be of service to the United States.

Please give this letter your highest support and consideration.

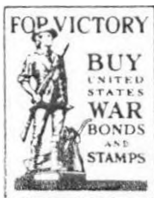
Yours very truly,

Gerald S. Wumino
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Assistant Administrator
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 Poston, Arizona
 June 15, 1943

John M. Hall
 Captain, F. A.
 Assistant Executive
 War Department
 Office of the Assistant Secretary
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your prompt attention. This is in reply to your letter dated June 9.

In October of 1924 my mother with my brothers and sisters went to Japan to visit my grandmother before they were to start school in America. Expecting to return before the spring term, illness came to my mother so she was confined to stay in Japan; there I was born on March 19, 1925. My mother's illness did not permit her to travel so for four and a half years we stayed in Japan. Then in October 30, 1930 we came to America, arriving at Angels Island my brothers and sisters had little trouble in entering but I who was foreign born took a little while to enter. Here in America my father was waiting for us on a ranch in Reedley. My brothers and sisters enrolled in school but I not of age waited a year. My first six years of school were spent in Lincoln Grammar School in Reedley, California. The next two years were spent in General Grant Junior High School also in Reedley, California. From this school I graduated with high honors and was chosen the speaker for the commencement exercises. After graduating from grammar school, I went to Reedley High School which has a population of about 1,000. In my Freshman year I was voted Vice President of the Freshman class and also the Student Body Yell Leader. In my Sophomore year I was voted President of the Sophomore Class and was voted into club "Semper Fidelis", a Christian service club at school. In my Junior year I was voted Vice President of the class and also was up for Vice

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President of the Student Body. All my term in school I have been on the California Scholarship Federation and obtained an "A" average in school. My major in school was Architectural Engineering. Terminating my Junior year in Reedley High School, I evacuated to Poston, Arizona. Here in Poston I enrolled in my Senior year where the past three years I had enough credits to graduate in a half year. I am enclosing a summary of grades received in high school.

Around February Lt. Bolton came to Poston to enroll volunteers for the Combat team. Since I had graduated I thought it best to enter the Army, so I volunteered with the rest of my friends. Now I am working in the Transportation Department here in Poston.

For reference about my first part of the letter I refer you to Angel Island, c/o Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Lanley. Concerning my school career I refer you to Dr. J. C. MacCloughn, Principal of Reedley High School and J. C., also Miss Evans, Advisor of Freshman Class and J. A. Strain, Vice President of the Reedley High School.

I have a brother, T/5 George Nakamura who is in Camp Savage and also two cousins, Sergeant Tech. who is somewhere in Alaska and a private just entering the Army; also, I have a brother-in-law who is a 2nd Lt. Kiyoshi Kitagawa in Fort Benning, Georgia, who is taking a refreshment course.

I hope you can give special consideration as I am most desirous of entering the Army.

Yours very truly,

Noboru Nakamura