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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:
(Through the Deputy Chief of Staff, WDGS)

Subject: Training of Soldiers of Japanese Ancestry in West Coast Evacuated Areas Under Army Specialized Training Program.

The Secretary of War directs:

I. That an immediate action confidential radio message reading substantially as follows be sent to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army:

"When your Public Proclamation No. 17 was under discussion, it was felt unnecessary and inappropriate to insert language to exempt American soldiers of Japanese descent who might be in the prohibited areas under competent military orders from the restrictions in force against persons of Japanese descent generally. Certainly there is far more justification for soldiers of Japanese descent to be within the prohibited areas in order to pursue their military training than for mere furlough. The request contained in your numbers 355 and 424 that instructions be issued prohibiting the assignment of American soldiers of Japanese descent for training purposes within the prohibited areas is therefore not approved. You will, however, be kept currently informed of name, serial number, and place of assignment of any soldier of Japanese descent assigned for training within the evacuated areas under the Army Specialized Training Program. If you feel that the situation from the point of view of the public requires clarification, you are authorized to issue a proclamation stating that the restrictions applicable to persons of Japanese descent generally are not applicable to American soldiers of Japanese descent while within the prohibited areas under competent military orders. Authority vested in you under Executive Order 9066 will not be employed to remove American soldiers of Japanese descent while within the evacuated areas under competent military orders."

II. That a copy of Action I be sent to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Military Intelligence and Operations Divisions, WDGS; Director of Personnel, ASF; Director, Army Specialized Training Program, ASF; the Provost Marshal General, and the Assistant Secretary of War, for their information.

By direction of the Assistant Secretary of War:

(SIGNED) JOHN M. HALL
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Captain, F.A.
Assistant Executive

4 Aug.
note: Memo also held in ODCS. Matter taken care of by Tel. conv. between ASW & Gen. DeWitt.

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Western Defense Command

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