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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING, ASF:

Subject: Eligibility of American Citizens of Japanese Descent for Medical and Dental Training under the Army Specialized Training Program.

1. Considerable confusion has developed with reference to the above subject. There is attached proposed reply to Mr. Tatsuo Jimmie Taguchi (Tab A) which not only appears to be unresponsive but is at variance with replies prepared to letters from other individuals on the same subject; e.g. letter dated 31 January 1944 to Richard H. Iwata (Tab B), letter dated 30 January 1944 to Ryo Munekata (Tab C). It is also inconsistent with memorandum from Deputy Director of Military Training, ASF, dated 7 January 1944 (Tab D) concurred in by G-3, WDGS (Tab E).

2. G-1, WDGS, states that American citizens of Japanese descent are eligible for medical and dental training under the Army Specialized Training Program under quotas limited to the requirements of Japanese-American units in the Army. In this connection general Selective Service procedures were recently reinstated for American citizens of Japanese descent considered acceptable, which will result in the induction into the Army of an estimated 4,000 to 6,000 additional Japanese-Americans.

3. Respectively attached to the Tabs A, B, and C are the files in the Taguchi, Iwata, and Munekata cases. It is requested that the files be reviewed and answers prepared to their most recent letters.

By direction of the Assistant Secretary of War.

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