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War Department, Army Service Forces, Office of The Provost Marshal General,
Personnel Security Division, Washington, D. C., 9 August 1943.

To: Commanding General, Sixth Service Command, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago,
Illinois. Attention: Director, Internal Security Division.

1. Reference is made to request contained in paragraph 1, basic communica-
tion. The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company, through the Association of
American Railroads, has tentatively agreed to a preclearance program in the
employment of Japanese-Americans from War Relocation Authority Centers.

2. A plan has been presented to the Railroad whereby its recruiting agent
will execute Personnel Security Questionnaires and transmit them directly to
this office to save time. This office has agreed, where adequate records are
available, to grant the clearance within 48 hours, notifying your Headquarters
and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern representative in the field. The representative
has been informed that he can secure a supply of the PSQ's at your Headquarters.
He has also been informed that where records are not available, the customary
investigation will be made.

3. While the Railroad Company has not definitely accepted this program, it
has been informed that the Japanese-Americans may be removed subsequent to employ-
ment. However, the Railroad Company recognizes the potential hazard involved in
such procedure and it is expected that definite acceptance of the proposed program
will be received in this office in a few days. It is believed that the Railroad
Company may consult with your Headquarters and it is suggested that this office
be kept informed of your activities in this matter.

4. If the acceptance of the proposed program is made to this office through
the Association of American Railroads, your headquarters will be informed.

5. It is the belief of this office that the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway
Company will not proceed with its plan to recruit Japanese-American labor without
further reference either to your Headquarters or to this office.

For The Provost Marshal General:

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Alton C. Miller,
Colonel, C.M.F.,
Director, Personnel Security Division.

Copy for Captain Hall

9 Aug 43