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Dear Mr. Allen:

I was privileged to see the page proof of an article by Carey McWilliams entitled "Moving the West Coast Japanese." As you perhaps know, I followed this matter from the beginning and have been in constant touch with the West Coast military authorities on it.

After reading the article, I felt that I should tell you that I think it is a very fair report of the movement insofar as I am familiar with it and that it states the problems that were involved and that will be involved very well. As for the future, the last sentence in Mr. McWilliams' article states the situation particularly well.

Sincerely,

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## MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SURLES:

I am returning herewith the articles that you sent me on the Japanese evacuation, which I have read with great interest.

McWilliams' article, I thought, was very fair and very good. The article that Neuberger prepared, I do not think so much of. I think it is on the superficial side and does not point out the imperfections of the job nor the very deep effects that a movement of this size involved. The two Harper's articles go into the matter much better and come closer to what I would want to write about it than Neuberger's draft. In view of the pending publication of the Harper's articles, I do not believe that anything would be gained by the Atlantic Monthly article. Nor do I think that the draft is worthy of the Army's connection with it. As I say, the Harper's articles come so much nearer to what I think should be written and what would be appropriate to write at this time that I do not think there is any need to go into it any further. Certainly, I do not think we ought to sponsor the Neuberger draft.

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