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Tanabe, Frank

3 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WALKER:

In spite of my good resolutions, here is another Japanese alien volunteer whose case seems particularly appealing.

(SIGNED) JOHN M. HALL

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Captain, F. A.  
Assistant Executive

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CC ltr 2 Sept 43 Mr. Frase to Capt. Hall  
Ltr 30 Aug 43 Mr. Shirrell to Mr. Frase  
Ltr (undated) Frank Tanabe to Mr. Shirrell

Re: Frank Tanabe

Lt. Colonel G. B. Walker, G-1  
Room 3-B 913, Pentagon

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Bw 342.18 J.A. TANIGUCHI DR. K.

April 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Attention: Colonel B. S. Gibson

Subject: Effective Use of the Professional Talents of American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry Outside the Recently Established Japanese-American Combat Team.

1. As you will see by the attached letter, there is considerable confusion as to the opportunities for service of Japanese American dentists in the Army of the United States. The same situation exists as to doctors.

2. In procuring volunteers for the recently established Japanese-American combat team it was stated that there would be positions for Japanese Americans in the medical element. I understand from the Surgeon General's Office that these have been largely, if not entirely, filled by calling Japanese-American reserve officers to active duty.

3. The result is that there are a number of presumably talented Japanese Americans in the relocation centers who have volunteered their services but for whom no vacancy remains in the combat team. It is a question of whether the Army wishes to make use of this talent by accepting these individuals (and others endowed with other technical skills and experience), after screening for loyalty, for duty in the Army generally.

4. The decision on this question is necessarily tied in with the question of general reinstatement of Selective Service for persons of Japanese ancestry, which is currently under study in G-1 at the present time.

5. Your comments would be appreciated.

ApprovedJOHN W. MALL  
Captain, P.A.  
Assistant Executive

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Ltr. 3-30-43

K. Taniguchi to Col. W.F. Leobay.

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