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May 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Myer:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, with the two enclosures, copy of a letter from Mr. Merritt to Colonel Gould, and copy of a letter from a Nisei soldier to the Manzanar Relocation Center. This office will take necessary action in both cases.

Sincerely,

(SIGNED)

WILLIAM P. SCOSBY
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MAY 20 1943

Mr. John S. McGloy
Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McGloy:

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Ralph Merritt, Project Director at Manzanar, to Colonel Earl Gould of the Military Intelligence Language School concerning the lack of interest among the Nisei for enlistment in the Language School. I would like to call your attention particularly to the situation mentioned in the last paragraph on the first page.

There is also attached a copy of a letter dated April 23, sent to an evanee in one of the projects, by a Japanese American soldier at Fort Riley, Kansas. We have deleted all names and made one or two other deletions, so as not to cause any difficulties for the boy who wrote the letter. He did not know, of course, that we would receive this letter at the time he wrote it. I have also received verbal reports from other centers concerning the incident outlined.

My only reason for sending these letters to you is because reports of this type have such a drastic effect not only on the morale of the soldiers but also on the evanees in the centers. I have not passed this information on elsewhere but naturally I will be interested to know, after you have had an opportunity to check into the matter, whether the facts are as outlined.

Sincerely,

Meyer

Director

Enclosures

