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B: Lt. Hughes?
H: Right.
B: We have ^a the lad here who has volunteered who has a Caucasian wife a baby, and two children whom he wishes to take back to California to place in their home. I have asked him to wire ~~the~~ SW for information. The information has been refused him.
H: It has been refused him?
B: It has been refused so he went to various channels about it and didn't go through otherwise. His name is Arthur Shirikawa.
H: Spell it.
B: Shirikawa. ~~SHIRIKAWA~~ Gen. DeWitt refused it. I was just wondering if there is anything we can do about it.
H: We might. Where does he want to go?
B: He wants to go immediately so that he can see his wife and her family before he goes into the service--he's very sure he is going in.
H: Where does he want to go?
B: Los Angeles
H: Exact address. Do you know that?
B: No, we don't have it right here.
H: All right, send me a telegram on it in the form of a day letter stating where he wants to go, the street address and the reason he wants to go; that he has a Caucasian wife and child. I assume they are there with him aren't they.
B: Yes sir they are here.
H: All right, say that they have volunteered and if Wade Head recommends it say Project Director recommends ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that permission be given--
B: I have the address right here. Mr. Gelvin has it in his little black book, he says. It's 1625 N. ~~(+PAINSETT)~~ Place, Hollywood. Edith Lau is the stepmother.
H: Does she live there?
B: She lives at that address.
H: Is she a Caucasian.
B: She is a Caucasian.
H: All right. Wife's mother?

B: Right. Three children.

H: Three children there with him?

B: With him and the wife here. The wife came from Hollywood here to see him, but he volunteered. She is waiting here and is getting rather bitter because she hasn't been able to take them back.

H: I see, she has been living there permanently hasn't she?

B: She came from Los Angeles here recently to visit him after he told her that he was volunteering; and they have been trying ever since they got here to get back.

H: Does he have funds to travel on?

B: He has funds.

H: We'll do what we can.

B: He's just worried. My instructions are that he wired to you for permission

H: We haven't seen it.

B: n You haven't gotten it yet?

H: No.

B: Righto. Thank you very much Lt.

H: Right., and good luck to you. We'll see you Wednesday when you get back.

B: Right, sir.

H: Good. Give our best to the Project Directors. I think it would be wise for you to - who've you got there - Kinoshita?

B: Yes.

H: I think you should say good-bye to his family and express the WD's Appreciation for his good work and the same is true of the other sergeant if he has relatives there. And also to Wade Head and Ralph Gelvin. Tell them that we appreciate what they have done.

B; Right. I sent a report on a Corporal to you which you will get in due time. The corporal had a remarkable tribute to him which you will get. Don't be surprised when you getit. It is self explanatory. That's all sir.

H: Good luck. See you when you get back. Bye.

B: Good-bye.