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Dear Jack:

Ed Ennis has told me that you question that clause in the agreement between the two Departments providing that all proclamations, orders, and instructions, should be cleared by the War Department for the approval of the Department of Justice; and have alternatively proposed that such orders would not be issued by either Department which will conflict with the policy of the program established between us.

I do not see why this alternative should be made and I cannot agree to it. I thought that we had always gone on the understanding that proclamations, orders and instructions should be cleared before they are put into effect.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Biddle

Honorable John J. McCloy

Assistant Secretary of War

Washington, D. C.

My objection to this is that we should not be compelled to

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