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Dear General:

As to your suggestion for a release as contained in your letter of May 13th:

We have had the view here that a release from this Department might unduly advertise the difficulties we have had with the Department of Justice. As a matter of fact, except locally there has been little if any criticism of the exclusion program. I think but one article has appeared in the Western Defense Command and I think very few have appeared in your Command. The Public Relations people here feel that if the Secretary gives out such a statement it will tend to highlight the controversy and perhaps cause even more resistance to the program.

The release itself seems to be a good one, and if you feel that you would like to put it out locally either in Philadelphia or elsewhere where comment has been expressed against the procedure, there is no reason why you should not do so, but at least until we see the reaction from the direct action that we propose to take in the Kraus and Andriano cases, the War Department itself would prefer not to issue a statement.

The Judge Advocate General is considering the matter now, and I think we will shortly be able to proceed with steps leading to the expulsion of Mrs. Kraus and perhaps of others in your Command.

Sincerely,

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