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Yoshida, Masamitsu (Pvt.)

Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt  
War Department  
Room 4E886, Pentagon Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Gerhardt:

I appreciate your letter of 15 May 1945 in reply to mine of April 28 concerning Private Masamitsu Yoshida.

I am glad to know that Private Yoshida has been informed of the cancellation of the exclusion order against him. One circumstance, however, is still not clear; namely that List of Changes No. 21, dated May 7, on the MAU List emanating from the Western Defense Command, changes Private Yoshida's classification from the status of a "special relocated excludee" to Code 5, "undetermined" rather than to Code 6, "clear", as might be expected.

I should like to refer this to your attention for determination whether this may not represent an error in classification in view of his induction into the Armed Services.

Sincerely,

*D.S. Meyer*  
Director



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Yoshida, Masamitsu

15 May 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Room 822, Barr Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

I refer to your letter of April 28, 1945 concerning Private Masamitsu Yoshida. Private Yoshida was excluded from the Western Defense Command based upon (a) his application for repatriation submitted under date of 6 March 1944 to War Relocation Authority; and (b) his signed statement, dated 18 May 1944 to FBI at Salt Lake City, stating in part:

"I will not serve in the Armed Forces of the United States but I would serve in the Japanese Army against the United States. I want to see Japan win this war. I would do anything I could, while here in the United States, to assist Japan in winning the war. I had rather go to the penitentiary for a long time than to fight against Japan."

This young man has evidently reconsidered his previous statement and is willing to become a member of the Armed Forces. Upon notification that Private Yoshida had been inducted into the Army, the Western Defense Command revoked the Exclusion Order.

Private Yoshida was informed on 10 May 1945 by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, of the revocation.

Sincerely,

HARRISON A. GERHARDT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Executive to Ass't Secretary of War

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*Reg mail, etc*

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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
 OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
 PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



CAD 201 Yoshida, Masamitsu

SUBJECT: Exclusion of Masamitsu Yoshida

TO: Assistant Secretary of War  
 War Department  
 Washington 25, D.C.  
 ATTENTION: Executive to the Asst. Secretary of War.

1. Reference, letter dated 30 April 1945 of the Executive to the Assistant Secretary of War to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, requesting information upon which to base reply to the inclosed letter dated 28 April 1945 of the Director, War Relocation Authority, pertaining to the Western Defense Command Exclusion Order against Masamitsu Yoshida, who is reported as having been inducted into the United States Army and is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

2. It is suggested that the Director, War Relocation Authority, be advised that, upon receipt of the information that Masamitsu Yoshida is in the United States Army, the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, revoked Yoshida's Exclusion Order and notified him thereof. Copy of letter to Masamitsu Yoshida is inclosed. Briefly, the basis for Yoshida's exclusion was: (a) application for repatriation submitted under date of 6 March 1944 to War Relocation Authority; and (b) signed statement, dated 18 May 1944 to Federal Bureau of Investigation at Salt Lake City, stating in part:

"I will not serve in the Armed Forces of the United States but I would serve in the Japanese Army against the United States. I want to see Japan win this war. I would do anything I could, while here in the United States, to assist Japan in winning the war. I had rather go to the penitentiary for a long time than to fight against Japan."

This young man is now being given a chance to prove himself worthy of being an American. It may, however, be stated to Mr. Myer that his original classification as an excluder was not in error.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

J. A. ROMANCZUK  
 Major, A. G. D.,  
 Asst Adjutant General

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 1. Ltr fr Director, WRA, 28 Apr 45.  
 2. Ltr to Masamitsu Yoshida, 8 May 45  
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Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt  
War Department  
Room 4E886, Pentagon Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Gerhardt:

It has come to my attention that Masamitsu Yoshida has been inducted into the United States Army and is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. I am also advised that his parents, who reside at the Central Utah Relocation Center, are in receipt of an exclusion order naming Masamitsu as ineligible to return to the West Coast.

We shall appreciate it if you will have this case examined and see if it is not an error in excluding from the West Coast a boy serving in the United States Army.

Sincerely,

*D. S. Myer*  
Director



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Office of the Commanding General  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

CAD 201 Yoshida, Masamitsu

10 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: Revocation of Exclusion Order

THRU: Commanding Officer  
Camp Hood, TexasTO: Pvt Masamitsu Yoshida, ASN 39937808  
Camp Hood, Texas

1. By Provisional Exclusion Order No. 5318 of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, dated 26 December 1944, you were prohibited from entering certain military areas and were advised that a review was being made of the facts in your case that caused the issuance of the Provisional Exclusion Order.

2. The Commanding General has directed me to advise you that your Provisional Exclusion Order has been revoked. It is requested that the Order be returned to Headquarters Western Defense Command for cancellation. A self-addressed envelope requiring no postage is inclosed for your convenience.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Return envelopeJ. A. ROMANCZUK  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Asst Adjutant General