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EARL WARREN, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SFO
LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY ALIENS AND AMERICAN BORN PERSONS WHO MAY BE
ENEMY SYMPATHIZERS KNOWN TO LIVE HERE. DANGER FROM THEIR PRESENCE
WELL GREATLY ENHANCED BY THIS BEING CENTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION
AND OTHER WAR INDUSTRIES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NOT ONLY IN
DETERMINED COMBAT ZONE BUT RECOGNIZED BY WAR DEPT. AS SPECIAL TARGET
AREA. THEREFORE THINK DANGER OF SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE IN THIS
DISTRICT IS ESPECIALLY GREAT. YNMMXXHMM
THINK HANDLING OF SITUATION SHOULD BE PROBLEM FOR WAR DEPT. WHICH
SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT POWER, EVEN TO EXTENT OF PARTIAL MARTIAL LAW.
SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO MOVE FROM VITAL AREAS ANY OR ALL PERSONS
REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY OR CITIZENSHIP, WHO MAY HAMPER PRODUCTION
EFFORT OR ENDANGER COMMUNITY.

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OFFICE OF
VERN SMITH
CHIEF OF POLICE

February 19, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren
Attorney General
State of California
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

Answering your letter of February 18 regarding sabotage and fifth column activities, it is my opinion that there is much more danger of sabotage and fifth column work from the second generation male Japanese than from the older ones who have been deported.

I would be in favor of interning or at least evacuating to the interior all male members of the Japanese race over 12 or 14 years of age. I believe that the remainder of the citizen Japanese might be left here with little if any danger.

Concerning the German and Italian aliens, I believe a Board of Appeals should be set up as soon as possible to handle the cases of those who have been here for 30 or 40 years and who, in a great many cases at least, are unquestionably loyal to this Country.

I do not think of any better means of protection against German and Italian aliens than are now being taken by the F. B. I.

Assuring you of my wholehearted support in any policy that you may determine upon, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Vern Smith

Vern Smith
Chief of Police
Alameda, California

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February 20, 1942.

Earl Warren, Attorney General,
State of California,
State Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear General:

In answer to your request by teletype 14 SFO, 2-17-42, may I point out to you a matter I have heard no discussion on but seems of grave importance to me:

To be sure the enemy aliens will be sent from the Prohibited Areas, but their only means of identification as enemy aliens to set them apart from others is a registration card which they must carry on their person. One of these who has sabotage at heart can drive his car into Prohibited Areas with the normal flow of traffic and commit his sabotage and leave, there being no outward or visible means of setting that person aside as an alien. The enforcement problem here is going to present a terrific amount of checking and double checking to give positive assurance to the prohibited areas that alien enemies will not come into or pass through that area.

Another problem is the matter of naturalized citizens, who are more dangerous than some enemy aliens. I know in my jurisdiction here we have a Federal Laboratory and a Depot for war supplies. I have organized for the Government a nineteen man police department to protect the war supply depot. Yet, there are certain citizens in our city whom I wouldn't trust around that area because I know their feelings or with the mother country. I also appreciate the fact that we cannot send all people of foreign birth from this area because of the attitude or the doubt we have of one or two.

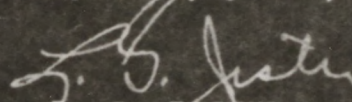
The biggest problem I face with an estimated four to five hundred enemy aliens in this city is a lack of information furnished by the governmental agency which has the

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information as to who these people are. It seems that aliens were fingerprinted in both registrations at the Post Office in Berkeley and they have no listings telling us who did voluntarily have their fingerprints taken.

Should the East Bay be attacked and sabotage be carried on by these persons, this Police Department, on whom falls the responsibility of the protection of the city, would be in total ignorance as to who our enemy aliens are and would have to depend on our personal knowledge as to who they are.

Very truly yours,


L. G. JESTER
Chief of Police

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February 18th 1942

Honorable Earl Warren
Attorney General
State Building
San Francisco, California

Re: Disposition of Enemy Aliens

My dear General Warren:

Immediately upon receipt of your teletype of February 17th, 1942, I endeavored to arrive at the opinion of the Peace Officers to whom that teletype was addressed.

Because the time was short it was impossible to get them all together but Sheriff, G. M. Hogin, Chief of Police of Modesto E. E. Arington, Chief of Police of Turlock, E. W. Gaddy and myself met together this morning and discussed the questions propounded in the teletype.

I was authorized by this small group to transmit to you our thoughts on the subject in question and I believe they may be stated as follows:

1. We believe that there is immediate and grave danger of sabotage in this county and throughout the state as a whole from the presence of enemy aliens, and the complete lack of any authority on the part of local Peace Officers to take any steps for the purpose of minimizing the threat that exists.

2. It is our opinion that all enemy aliens should be treated alike but in our judgment the threat from Japanese enemy aliens is greater than from others. This does not necessarily result from the fact that Japanese enemy aliens, as individuals, are any more dangerous than German or Italian enemy aliens, but it results in a large measure from the fact that there are so many Japanese aliens and we find them located in areas throughout the county

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where it would be relatively easy for them to cause serious destruction to important objectives within a minimum length of time.

3. It is our opinion that all enemy aliens and in addition thereto all Japanese whether aliens or not should be removed from the Pacific Coast, and if not removed entirely from the State of California should be removed at least a distance of 200 miles from the Coast, and by all means should be placed in definite areas where they can be properly guarded and properly taken care of by the Federal Government.

We believe that the necessity of placing those persons, who are removed from their present habitations, within a definitely guarded area controlled by the Federal Government is essential not only for the protection of America, but also in order that persons so removed may receive equal and reasonable treatment to the end and that they will not suffer unnecessarily.

I may say that in addition to the above recommendations we believe that if the Federal Government would establish an appropriate area under proper guard and with proper facilities, where aliens who desire to remove themselves voluntarily may reside, there would be a considerable number who would be willing to go to such a place of internment at the present time. I personally arrived at this conclusion through our efforts to enforce the Alien Land Law. We have asked that the Japanese aliens who may be violating this law cooperate with us to eliminate the violation, and we find that it is quite difficult to put a great deal of force behind this request due to the fact that we cannot tell them that they may go to a certain spot where they will be given an opportunity to continue their lives in some reasonable but restricted way.

I may say also that from all over the county we have reports that Japanese are moving into our area very rapidly due to the threat of exclusion from certain designated areas in the state. This is one of the strongest arguments that I know of for our position that enemy aliens should be removed from the entire area within 200 miles of the Coast and placed in some definite concentration center.

Honorable Earl Warren

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The present procedure merely thrusts a large number of these aliens into areas where they have not formerly lived and may create a very dangerous situation.

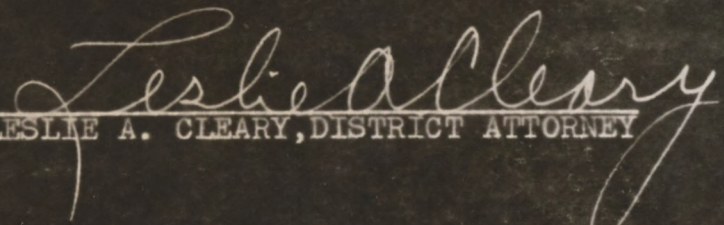
We desire to state further that we believe action to carry out these plans should be taken immediately, and that if either the Army or the FBI do not have the man power to enforce the regulations relative to aliens local police officers should be given some authority to act.

For example, the so-called curfew restriction with reference to aliens affects part of our county but local peace officers have no authority whatever to enforce it and there are no federal authorities available.

We fail to see how results can be affective unless enforcement is placed in the hands of some personnel, presently available, in the affected areas. We believe this same situation exists as to enforcement of regulations concerning the possession of firearms, cameras, short-wave radios, flash lights and other articles by enemy aliens.

While this letter is signed by me personally I desire that you understand that it expresses the views of Sheriff G. M. Hogin and the two chiefs of police above mentioned, and that I have communicated with other chiefs of police by telephone and find that it meets with their approval.

Sincerely,


LESLIE A. CLEARY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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HON EARL WARREN:

ATTORNEY GENERAL CIVIC CENTER SFRAN:

ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM BELIEVE FOR PRESENT AM LINED UP
SATISFACTORILY TO HANDLE POSSIBLE SABOTAGE AND FIFTH COLUMN
ACTIVITIES IN MY JURISDICTION. BELIEVE SPECIAL CAUTION
SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR STATE AS A WHOLE WITH ENEMY ALIENS FOR
PROTECTION OF NAVAL BASES AIR FIELDS OIL CENTERS AND WAR
PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES AND OUR FORESTS. BELIEVE SHOULD TREAT
ALL ENEMY ALIENS ALIKE FOR OUR BEST PROTECTION:

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ATTY GENERAL STATE OF CALIF STATE BLDG SFRAN=

ANSWERING YOURS OF 17TH MY VIEWS ARE; DANGER GREAT IN THIS COMMUNITY AND I BELIEVE IN STATE GENERALLY FROM SABOTAGE AND FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES. IF PRESENCE OF ENEMY ALIENS PERMITTED PARTICULARLY TO FORESTS IN THIS JURISDICTION ALTHOUGH NO IMMEDIATE DANGER IN THIS PARTICULAR JURISDICTION DUE TO PRECAUTIONS TAKEN. BELIEVE ALL ENEMY ALIENS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM ALL OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA PARTICULARLY OUT OF COMBAT AREA. **TREATING ALL ENEMY ALIENS ALIKE** WHO HAVE BEEN HERE MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT SIGNIFYING THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES=

CHARLES LEDERER DISTRICT ATTORNEY MODOC COUNTY.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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EARL WARREN, ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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February 19, 1942.

Mr. Earl S. Warren,
Attorney General,
State of Calif.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 18, 1942, and your teletype of same date, I beg to state that in my opinion I think we have another Pearl Harbor situation in the making, and that there is plenty danger of sabotage in this district and in the State as a whole, there being many Japanese, Germans and and a few Italians in my jurisdiction. In answer to your second question I believe that all aliens should be treated alike, also I am in favor of including American born Japanese in this category. In reply to your third question, I believe they should all be moved back to the interior so that they are well away from any chance to do any sabotage or fifth-column activity on the coast which we all know is so vulnerable to attack by these methods.

I have no other problem of law enforcement to take up with you at this time, and trusting this will give you an interpretation of my views of the matter, I remain.

Yours truly,

J. S. Bouldin
J. S. Bouldin,
Chief of Police,
Anaheim, Calif.

ADDRESS ALL
CORRESPONDENCE
TO
CHIEF OF POLICE

Department of Police
City of Arcadia, California

D. G. Ott, Chief

February 19, 1942

Earl Warren, Attorney General
State of California
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated February 18th just received, the following is my opinions of questiones enumerated:

(1) As to the extent of the danger by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities within the jurisdiction of the police department of the City of Arcadia arising from the presence of enemy aliens, I believe is very small due to the lack of vital defense activities within the limits of the City and its nearby environs, however, I believe the vigilance of all law enforcement bodies should not be relaxed and each and everyone of us should be ever alert for any possible enemy alien activity of any kind whatsoever.

Insofar as the State is concerned I believe the extent of the danger of sabotage and fifth-column acitivity is very prevalent, especially in the central and southern sections of the state, due to the extremely heavy concentration of Japanese, a good portion of which are no doubt born in Japan, near vital defense plants and Army camps.

(2) I believe all enemy aliens should be treated alike, regardless of nationality, and that no differentiation should be made among them.

(3) It is the firm opinion of the undersigned that each and every enemy alien should be put into a concentration camp and should not be released until such time as his activities and his loyalty to the United States has been thoroughly checked and even when released should be under surveillance for the duration of the present crisis.

Trust this is the information desired and will be of benefit to your office, I am

Very truly yours,

Donald G. Ott

Donald G. Ott

Chief of Police

R. C. McKELLIPS
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

C. E. TINDALL
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

OFFICE OF

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF PLACER COUNTY

AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

LOWELL L. SPARKS

District Attorney

February 19, 1942

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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Hon. Earl Warren
Attorney General
State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear General Warren:

Your telegram of yesterday is before me, and I will immediately proceed to answer the questions in reference to the nature and extent of law enforcement problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens in this State.

Replying specifically to your first point as to the extent of danger by way of sabotage and fifth column activities in my jurisdiction and in the State as a whole, caused by the presence of enemy aliens -- although there have been no incidents in Placer County of either sabotage or Fifth column activities to date, nevertheless this may be attributed to several factors.

One is undoubtedly, the fact that you called the attention of law enforcement officers to these dangers more than a year ago, and from your office instituted studies of our particular problems, such as guarding the railroad, highways, hydroelectric generating plants and communication lines. Under your leadership, the Placer County Defense Council followed through on all of those matters, and for some six months prior to the war made extensive plans for guarding these vital facilities. Consequently on December 7th, these previously arranged plans were carried into execution, and practically every vital spot in the County was covered with armed guards. These guards were maintained in these positions until permanent methods of guarding were worked out, such as the Army taking over the railroads and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company assuming their own guard duty. We are still guarding other points at county expense. This does not mean that all the facilities of the county are guarded for the reason that it would require an army of men to cover every mile of communication lines etc. We do believe that the vital spots have been well guarded. These precautions may have been a very definite factor in preventing acts of sabotage.

However, it is my opinion that in spite of every reasonable precaution that could be taken, that a very definite danger exists from organized sabotage by the presence of enemy aliens in our midst. For example, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company is not guarding all of their units in this county, due to the fact that they say that some are not vital to their system even if they were destroyed. These

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These unguarded units could be sabotaged without any trouble at all. In addition to this, it must be remembered that guards can be overpowered by superior numbers in any organized, pre-arranged plan of sabotage which might strike all over the State at the same time and do irreparable damage. Remembering that California has been designated by the Army as a combat zone, and has so many important military objectives, and that no one can tell when a surprise attack by air might come, it would seem to me very obvious that the presence of these aliens in this coastal area could constitute a grave menace.

In answer to question two, it is my belief that all of the enemy aliens are not in the same category and that on the basis of whether or not they have assimilated into our American way of life, that there could be a distinction made between them, as well as in the method of handling them.

Your third question is as follows: What measures do you believe should be taken in reference to each nationality or enemy alien as a whole in order to eliminate danger, sabotage and Fifth column activities?

The answer to this question seems interwoven with military considerations. On the west coast any danger of attack would undoubtedly come from Japan. In the event of bombing attacks, nightly blackouts or invasion on behalf of the Empire of Japan, the presence of a great number of unrestricted Japanese people in this area would constitute a most serious problem, as it is extremely difficult to segregate the loyal from the disloyal. It is my belief that no similar problem exists with the Italians, as it is not likely that their own countrymen would be engaged in any direct combat against our coast and besides these people have to a great extent assimilated into our American way of life. In addition to this, any of the Italians are not in sympathy with the form of Government now controlling Italy. As there are a very few German people in this vicinity, I am not prepared to give an opinion on them.

If there is actual danger now existing of military operations such as mentioned above, it is my belief that the Japanese should be removed at once, and not wait until the harvest season, as there would then result a most serious dislocation in agriculture in this State.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

Louise L. Sparks
LOUISE L. SPARKS

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OFFICE OF
CHAS. H. SILVA
SHERIFF OF PLACER COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

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Chas. H. Silva

Auburn, California
Feb. 19, 1942.

Hon. Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
San Francisco, California.

My Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram under date of February 17th and your letter of February 18th, 1942, regarding enemy aliens.

Please be advised that on account of the large number of aliens, enemy aliens, in this county and the strategic position Placer County lays in, being on the main line of the railroad, main highway, U. S. #40, going right through the county, Pacific Telephone and telegraph lines, Western Union and Postal Telegraph, also with many plants of public utilities, Placer County is in constant danger of sabotage. The number of enemy aliens circulating in the county greatly increases this danger.

It is my opinion that all enemy aliens should be treated alike, regardless of nationality, that we should not pick on any one enemy alien, as I consider them all equally dangerous.

In regard to protective measures against sabotage and Fifth-column activities I would recommend that they be placed in concentration camps for the duration and if this is impossible a strict curfew law should be enacted and strictly enforced by the officers of the law.

Yours very truly,

Chas. H. Silva

CHAS. H. SILVA,
Sheriff of Placer County

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COUNTY OF KERN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

February 19, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren
Attorney General
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have your letter of February 18th referring to your teletype of February 17th, asking for my views on law enforcement problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens in this State. This letter was the first word I had from you on the subject, as I did not receive the teletype.

(1) In my opinion the danger of sabotage in Kern County and in the State is very great. I can best make this clear by mentioning some of the vital points and structures open to attack.

The Los Angeles Aqueduct passes through Kern County, for the most part through desert areas, for a distance of over seventy-five miles. I do not know whether adequate patrols have been provided. In East Bakersfield the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific systems join tracks, and use the same track crossing the Tehachapi mountains. Damage at this junction point, or at the Mojave junction point, or at any one of the seventeen or eighteen tunnels between the two junctions would cause a tremendous dislocation of vital rail traffic. U. S. Highway 99 is the principal artery of motor traffic between Northern and Southern California. Except for the detour by Tehachapi it is the only means of access from the San Joaquin Valley to Southern California. It could be blocked by a single explosion at any one of a number of points. Scattered throughout large districts of this County are oil refineries, storage tanks, absorption plants, high pressure wells and other vulnerable installations. Gas pipe lines to Los Angeles and oil pipe lines to the Coast could easily be blasted at any one of a number of isolated spots. The El Tejon Refinery south of Bakersfield

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adjoins a ranch occupied by Japanese aliens, which ranch is also located immediately beneath the Edison high tension power line. Other Japanese holdings are located along the route of this line. Japanese aliens hold quite a large area near the town of Rosamond and the Muroc Bombing Base. A tract in the fork between the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe lines as they separate south of Mojave is held by a Japanese. A Japanese commercial establishment is located immediately across Highway 99 from an auxiliary landing field close to the Minter (Lerdo) Air Base. North of Bakersfield three bridges across the Kern river, all easily accessible, link the Valley with Southern California. More examples could be cited.

We (2) I see no reason for any difference in our treatment of aliens regardless of nationality *except the Japanese* should not permit our fears of activities by Japanese to cause us to overlook equally great dangers from other aliens, *all Japanese should be removed from California.*

(3) I do not believe that adequate protective measures against sabotage and Fifth Column activities are possible unless martial law is declared throughout the State. Or it might be possible to create more and larger restricted areas forbidden to enemy aliens, similar to the area now established and stretching along the Coast line. From a glance at a map of this area, it is at once evident that it fails to include many vital points in Kern County. This is not intended as a criticism of the boundaries chosen, but merely to suggest that additional protection is still required. If statewide martial law is impractical, some other system of restrictions should certainly be adopted. The Federal Government should be compelled to file with the County Clerk of each County a list of all alien registration, that said list be open to the inspection of all Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Police Chiefs, Constables and Marshals on demand.

I shall be most interested to learn of the suggestions made at the conference you have called.

Very truly yours,

Tom Scott
TOM SCOTT
District Attorney of Kern County

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD
CALIFORNIA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
AND DISTRICT

MR. EARL WARREN, Attorney General
State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

This is in reply to your letter of February 18 concerning enemy aliens.

(1) Within the City of Bakersfield I consider danger of sabotage is slight. In the State as a whole, I believe the danger to be great. It is suggested that the absence of isolated acts of sabotage might indicate that the enemy's organization is good and that agents are being restrained from activity until something of military importance can be accomplished.

(2) I believe that all enemy aliens should be treated as dangerous, but it would be absurd to treat them all alike. We should not differentiate among them as to nationality.

(3) I believe that all enemy aliens should be taken into protective custody immediately and without further delay, and that they later be segregated.

Very truly yours


Robert B. Powers

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REPLYING YOUR WIRE 17TH MY OPINION IS THAT ALL JAPANESE AND
ENEMY ALIENS SHOULD AT THIS TIME BE TREATED WITHOUT
DIFFERENTIATION REGARDING NATIONALITY CONDITIONS ARE SUCH
NOW THAT KID GLOVE HANDLING OF ENEMY ALIENS SHOULD
ABSOLUTELY BE DONE AWAY WITH=

CECIL R THORINGTON SHERIFF.

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To the Honorable Earl Warren
Attorney General
State of California

In my opinion there is grave danger to Imperial Co from fifth column activities, Japanese aliens and their German allies; but most especially, the Japs. The Mexicans have sent all of their Japs inland; and they wonder why we don't do the same. If we don't soon the Mexicans will say "What the H_ " and will lose all respect for us; and if we can't keep the wholehearted cooperation of the Countries to the South of us we are up against it for sure. We are praying here in this town that action will be taken - and soon. Every Japanese should be taken inland at least five hundred miles or more; and every alien German and Italian also. If this is not done we will rue the day that we failed to do it. The Japs are working fast and the sooner this is done the better. I am strongly in favor of excluding all Japanese from the entire Coastal area whether alien or native born. The native born are more dangerous than the others. And don't let anyone kid you every one of Jap blood is purely Japanese and will never be anything else. We are in danger here on account of our great water system and power plants; which could be put out of commission with one raid. Let's move them back and quickly

Yours Truly

C. G. Echols

Chief Of Police

Calexico California

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EARL WARREN, ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
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Olney
February 19, 1942

The Honorable Earl Warren,
Attorney General State of Calif.,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of
February 18, 1942 concerning law enforcement
problems arising from the presence of enemy
aliens in our district.

Our experience in investigating
enemy aliens, indicates the present method is
not satisfactory as far as efficient prevention
of sabotage and fifth column activities are con-
cerned.

1. In answer to question one, I
would say the danger from all enemy aliens is
serious.
2. I believe the danger can be
more effectively controlled by treating all
enemy aliens alike, regardless of their nation-
ality.
3. Removal of all enemy aliens from
important defense zones to places where they
can be kept under constant and adequate surveillance.

In reference to other problems, in
connection with Japanese born in the U.S.A., we
find in many instances a Japanese is always a Jap,
regardless of where they are born.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Tovee
C. E. Tovee,
Chief of Police.

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City of Coalinga, California

Police Department

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
FRANK MECHALIS, CHIEF OF POLICE



IN REPLY
REFER TO

February 19, 1942

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Earl Warren
Attorney General
Legal Department
600 State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of February 18, 1942, I am sorry we did not receive your All Point Bulletin, due to the fact that we do not have teletype facilities in this department, but my suggestions are:

1. I find with the number of enemy aliens in the State of California that there is a good chance of sabotage and Fifth Columnists activities.

In my immediate jurisdiction there is no military objectives of importance. We have only two oil company warehouses in the City, but within the immediate vicinity of Coalinga we have some of the largest producing oil wells in the State of California which will be important as military objective.

2. I believe that all enemy aliens should be treated alike regardless of nationality. Seventy-five per cent out of a hundred of the enemy aliens may try to be good citizens but we are unable to segregate the twenty-five per cent that are not.

3. I think they should be moved to a concentrated area where they should be under supervision or observation at all times for the duration of our emergency.

I think it creates a problem for law enforcement bodies to keep check on all aliens where they are allowed to move about freely, especially in communities where they have districts that are made up of different nationalities, to be able to segregate and know, on sight, which is an alien and which isn't.

Yours very truly

Frank Mechalis
Frank Mechalis
Chief of Police

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OFFICE OF
District Attorney
COUNTY OF COLUSA
COLUSA, CALIFORNIA

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO:

February 19, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren
Attorney General of the
State of California
State Building
SAN FRANCISCO, California

Dear General Warren:

Your wire of February 17, and your letter of February 18, on hand, in which you request an answer to your three questions set forth in your letter:

1. (a) Local: The only military objectives that we have in Colusa County are two bridges over the Sacramento River, a bridge between Williams and Colusa over a drainage canal, Southern Pacific railroad, and two main highways, the Tahoe-Ukiah and 99W. It is the opinion of Sheriff Houx, of this County, and myself that the danger, by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities, is practically nil in this County. We have about two hundred Japanese, about one-third of which are aliens, most of whom have lived in this County for many years. We believe that we can handle the situation in this County without any help and can protect ourselves from any adverse activities.

(b) It is our opinion as to the state as a whole that Japanese should be evacuated from areas in which military objectives are located.

2. (a) Local: We believe that the danger can be adequately controlled in this County by treating all enemy aliens alike, regardless of nationality. We have practically no Germans, about fifty Italian aliens, and approximately seventy-five Japanese aliens. The Italians are all old people who have raised families in this County. We believe they are loyal.

(b) Our opinion, as to aliens all over the State, is that the German and Japanese aliens are dangerous.

Honorable Earl Warren

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February 19, 1942

3. (a) The protective measures that we advise for our County is that all enemy aliens be forced to remain within the County limits; and to report to the Sheriff any change of address within the County. Because our County is small and our alien population is small, we believe that we can adequately control the situation locally.

(b) We again reiterate that all enemy aliens be definitely removed from localities in which military objectives are located.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo R. Hony

Sheriff of Colusa County.

Hudson Ford

District Attorney of Colusa County

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P. S. We believe that although we may be able to handle our present alien population, we do not by any means desire any more aliens within this County.

H. F.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
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February, 19th.

Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
State of Calif.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Feb. 18, 1942 received but would like to advise that I did not receive a teletype as mentioned in your letter therefore the delay in answering same until your letter of this date.

Answering your questions in order, (1) I do not believe there is as much danger in this jurisdiction (City of Compton) as elsewhere as we have very little manufacturing within this City.

(2) I believe some consideration such be given aliens as to concentration however I do believe they should be moved from the zones which are vital to various defense programs such as auto, aircraft and various other industries.

(3) Concentration of those giving or showing signs of trouble and guarded by responsible persons under military regulation.

Very truly yours,


THOS. J. POTTER,
Chief of Police.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
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RE YOUR LETTER 18 INST OUR OPINION NO DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN
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AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILE RADIUS FROM THE COAST
SHOULD BE CLOSED TO THEM STOP EARLY EVACUATION FROM THIS
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Chief of Police



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CITY OF CORONADO CALIFORNIA

EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO

Clary

Feb. 19th, 1942

Hon. Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18, 1942 regarding subversive elements in California.

I consider our jurisdiction to be a most vital spot with reference to the defense of our coast, for the following reasons:

1. Coronado is largely a naval colony, consisting primarily of officer personnell, both in the Marine Corps and the Navy.
2. By consulting a map of this area, you will readily see that Coronado is the only means of ingress and egress to the U. S. Naval Air Station. There are only two ways in and out of Coronado, namely the Silver Strand Highway, and by ferry boat across San Diego Bay. It is of utmost importance that these routes be kept free at all times.
3. Coronado is linked to the U. S. Naval Air Station by a narrow strip of beach, and by a causeway. The Naval Air Station is within one quarter mile of Coronado.
4. We are directly across San Diego bay from the San Diego waterfront, which I understand has been declared a restricted area for aliens. The Consolidated Aircraft factory on this waterfront would no doubt be a major military objective for enemy aircraft.
5. Any person residing in Coronado is afforded an excellent opportunity to observe type and number of troop and military movements to and from the Naval Air Station, aircraft movements both as to number and activities, as well as naval movements in San Diego Bay.
6. Any enemy alien so inclined, residing in Coronado would be in excellent position under cover of darkness to furnish guiding beacons not seen by persons on the ground, but readily visible to enemy aircraft. This would probably also apply to water borne enemy troops. Such beacons would also be of invaluable assistance to the enemy in locating such major military objectives in our area such as the U. S. Naval Air Station, the Consolidated Aircraft factory, U. S. Destroyer Base, Fort Rosecrans, the U. S. Naval Training Station and the U. S. Marine Base. All the latter form a semi-circle around the City of Coronado.

Feb. 19th, 1942

7. Coronado's main source of water supply is a pipe line laid along the Silver Strand which has already been mentioned. This to my knowledge is not patrolled, and would be vulnerable to sabotage. There are Army outposts scattered along the Strand, but they are so far apart that adequate protection to this line is not maintained. If this line should be blown up at several points, at the right time, it would be a distinct advantage to the enemy. Water pollution also possible.
8. By the same token it is possible that this same Silver Strand highway could be destroyed at several points. I realize of course that this could be repaired in time, but the delay in so doing might be sufficient to swing the balance to the enemy.
9. If the four ferry boats now maintained by the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Co. were put out of commission at the same time, it would seriously hamper the activities of the Naval Air Station and the Army as well, as the two means of ingress and egress would be at least temporarily eliminated.

We have 15 Japanese families residing within the City of Coronado, and an unknown number of German and Italian aliens. Coronado has not yet been declared a restricted area for aliens. Our population is estimated at around 9,000. There are 12 members with the Police Department, and it is therefor impossible as a result of routine work and defense work to watch all or any of these aliens. Possibilities therefor for any subversive activities on their part are many.

I believe that there is probably no way in which we can differentiate between nationalities, for we are not in position to definitely state that certain nationalities would be loyal. It would be unfortunate if all aliens were removed, at least for some of them, but this country is faced with a situation never before equaled in our history. Our very existence is at stake, and the situation therefor demands extreme measures.

It is my opinion that all enemy aliens should be removed from vital areas such as Coronado and others, even to the extent of providing places where they can be kept in security and given a job to do.

Another question that must ultimately be settled is that of the naturalized alien who has been in this country for only a comparatively short time. While I have no positive proof with which to substantiate my belief, it is my opinion that a certain percentage of these people present a potential danger to our security. The same applies to Japanese born in this country, who have certain rights by birth, but no doubt some of them are even more dangerous than the Japanese nationals.

In closing let me say this. I believe that any alien who has been in this country for a period of years, and has neglected to become a citizen by naturalization is derelict, and does not have the best interests of our country at heart.

Yours very truly,



J. W. Jordan,
Chief of Police.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
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OUR OPINION DANGER OF SABOTAGE AND FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES HERE
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EXCEEDINGLY PREGNABLE. WE BELIEVE JAPANESE REGARDLESS OF
CITIZENSHIP SHOULD BE REMOVED. LETTER FOLLOWS

AUSTIN HUFFMAN, SHERIFF DELNORTE COUNTY C A DEGNAN, DISTRICT
ATTORNEY DELNORTE COUNTY.

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City of Delano

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Chief

February 19, 1942

Earl Warren, Attorney General
State of California
Legal Department
San Francisco California

Honorable Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 18th under the caption of enemy aliens we are very desirous that our views reach you on or before the specified time of February 20th, hence we are compiling our information as briefly as possible.

First--we were not favored with your all-point teletype on February 17th.

As Chief of Police of the city of Delano for the past sixteen months it has been my duty to observe and watch the activities of the enemy aliens located in this immediate vicinity. In this short time I have compiled a file under this title which would take much time and paper to copy for your information substantiating my decision in the most logical manner in dealing with the enemy aliens.

In answering question #1--I would say that the danger of sabotage and fifth column activities in this jurisdiction lies chiefly with the Japanese including American born and should be dealt with without favor or prejudice.

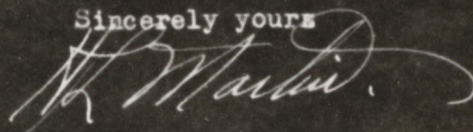
Answering question #2--This locality need not warrant the evacuation of Germans and Italians because these nationalities are so few in numbers that I believe they can be locally controlled which means a saving of man power and tax dollars.

Answering question #3--It is my firm belief for the protection of lives and property in the United States that every Japanese alien and American born should be taken at least three hundred miles from our shore lines and placed in concentration camps for the duration of the war.


I hope that these answers will convey to you the seriousness of the conditions which exist in this migratory community and, in summing up the whole situation---enemy activity, clothed with dual citizenship, is very noticeable to this department.

We are quite concerned.

Sincerely yours



H. L. Martin, Chief of Police
Delano California



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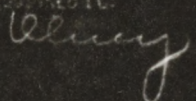
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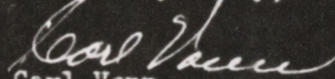
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Earl Warren
Attorney General
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr Warren:

Replying to your letter under date of February 18th., concerning the alien - enemy situation, I beg leave to advise that (1) the extent of danger, in our opinion, from sabotage and fifth-column activities of aliens in the El Monte area is most acute. The community has hundreds of Japanese nationals and second-generation Japanese whose loyalty is considerably in doubt. There is no confidence in the minds of the officials of this area, that these people will not join in wide spread activities of sabotage, if and when the time is opportune. (2) It is our opinion that all aliens should be placed in the same category, and, (3) to eliminate all possibilities of danger, the most effective measure to be used is complete and immediate evacuation of all such persons to a distance sufficiently placed from the coastal area.

Yours very truly,



Carl Vonn,
Chief of Police.



J. N. HENDERSON
UNDER SHERIFF

PHONE 2212

CHARLES RAAB
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OFFICE OF

Sheriff of Humboldt County

A. A. ROSS, SHERIFF

EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

February 20, 1942

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO:
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Hon. Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your teletype inquiry regarding enemy aliens and the danger of sabotage and fifth column activities in this area, it is my opinion there is danger in this country of just such activities, the fact that we do not permit Japs or Chinese to reside in Humboldt County reduces the hazard from that angle, however the hazard in other counties in the state where Japs are allowed to live is much greater.

In regard to treating all enemy aliens alike, it doesn't seem logical, there are many angles that one encounters, and I don't think that you can treat all aliens the same, anymore than Americans. In this County we have prohibited areas and within these areas live naturalized Germans and Italians, probably father and children are citizens and in several cases sons are in the army, and mother is an alien enemy. My reason for making this statement is because I feel there should be consideration given, and such cases properly handled. Prohibited areas are created by the Federal Government, and I believe the Federal Government should set up an agency in each county with authority to act in all emergency cases without a lot of red tape. And further, these agencies should handle the registration of all local aliens, and have control of all aliens in the area. There is no doubt in my mind but that there are loyal aliens and of course disloyal aliens and there are loyal naturalized foreigners and naturalized foreigners who are disloyal, consequently it would seem to me that close cooperation between Federal and State enforcement officers should be maintained during this crisis. The main thing is to give these two agencies authority to act.

I don't think that the principal of the law has changed any, especially that of being reasonable. There must be greater restrictions and control, and I believe that all of the coast-line should be a prohibited area, extending east to 101 highway and the Federal Agency referred to should have absolute control



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EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

of this area. And together with State and County enforcement officers, hear all cases of alien enemies worthy of attention and make the proper disposition of same. The reason I refer to State and County enforcement officers is because most all reports come to the Sheriff's Offices and Police and I believe there should be close cooperation between these agencies.

I refer to the closing of the coastline because of the present prohibited area set up in Humboldt County. Prohibited area number 2 extends from the mouth of Redwood Creek to 101 Highway, thence South to Little River and along Little River to the ocean and North to place of beginning. Prohibited area number 3 extends from Mouth of Mad River to 101 Highway and South on Highway to Eel River, thence down Eel River to Ocean and along coastline to place of beginning. This set up leaves coast line between Little River and Mad River open, a distance of a possible four or five miles. Then between Eel River and the southern boundary of the County the coast line is all open excepting a half mile area around Cape Mendocino Light House, and the same area around Point Corda Light. The Shelter Cove area is used for the landing of small boats and could be used by enemies for any purpose. On the South side of Eel River there are many aliens together with naturalized citizens whose loyalty is questionable. This last mentioned to give you a picture of the set up here and hope my suggestion will be of assistance to you.

Very respectfully

A. A. Ross
Sheriff

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

February 19, 1942

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Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your all-points bulletin regarding the presence of enemy aliens and the manner in which they should be handled, I feel that conditions in Eureka, California, differ to a considerable degree from most parts of California. First, we have no Japanese living in Humboldt County, and I consider them to be one of the most dangerous of our enemy aliens, second we have no factories manufacturing vital war materials which should eliminate a certain percentage of sabotage.

I believe the only way to minimize danger, by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities is to exclude all enemy aliens from the coast area the full length of the state, I realize that there are some aliens that might be trusted but at a time like this I feel that we do not have sufficient information on each enemy nation to take any chances and regret it at some future time.

Very truly yours,

J. R. McKenzie

J. R. MCKENZIE,
Chief of Police.

GEO. J. OVERHOLT

SHERIFF

FRESNO COUNTY

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

February 19, 1942

Reference: Enemy Aliens

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

Earl Warren, Attorney General
600 State Building
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

In reply to your teletype of February 17th and letter of February 18th concerning the problem arising from the presence of enemy aliens in the State of California and your three questions asked therein will say—

- (1) Our greatest danger in this county, or the San Joaquin Valley, for that matter, is fire. We have great areas of timber in the Sierra Nevada Mountains together with vast grass land in the lower levels of these mountains which ranges thousands of head of cattle. We have also vast areas of grass land on the west side of this county as well as the valley which produce much feed for many thousands of sheep. Also, on either side of this county or the valley are thousands of acres of wheat, barley, and flax. All these, as you know, are very vulnerable to fire during the summer months.

Along with the above we have some of the finest high-pressure oil fields in the world together with many large hydro-electric plants in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

It would occur to me then that we have plenty of danger by way of sabotage in this county and what pertains here also pertains to the whole valley.

- (2) This question is hard to answer. In the minds of the public the Japanese seem to be classed as Enemy No. One, with the Germans second and the Italians third. I would like to say treat them all alike, but if public distrust is any criterion to go by, I would say the people would feel easier if the Japs were under control.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO:

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

J. C. GREGORY, CHIEF

237 WEST COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

TELEPHONE 464

FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

February 19, 1942

Mr. Earl Warren
Attorney General
State Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Your letter of February 18th
and teletype Re: enemy aliens, received.

Since restricted districts have been established enemy aliens are leaving those districts and moving into unrestricted districts such as Fullerton only twenty four miles from Los Angeles and almost walking distance from defense plants along the coast, this is like taking money from one pocket and putting it into another, this is creating unrest among the people of our community.

It is my sincere belief that there is only one sound and safe way to handle this problem and that is to move every enemy alien out of California well back into the interior and there should be no distinction between them in the manner in which they are to be handled.

It appears that we have lost sight of the fact that Germans and Italians are enemies since the Pearl Harbor disaster, in fact the Japs have been more cooperative with us than either the Germans or Italians. It is more difficult to recognize a German or Italian than it is a Jap therefore they can move about easily without being noticed.

I believe that our greatest danger today is our enemies inside our borders and every one should be moved out without delay.

Very respectfully,

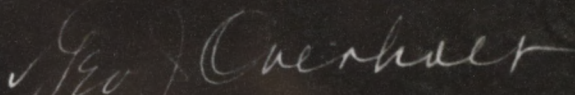
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Chief of Police
Fullerton, California.

- (3) It occurs to me that wherever it is found that the danger of sabotage is so great that evacuation of aliens from certain spots is necessary ~~and that~~ they should be interned for the duration. People who are potential saboteurs before being disturbed from their homes and habits are a greater risk when they are forced to give up all they have. A bitter feeling is liable to be added to the natural racial feeling and spur them to greater efforts to assist their native land by way of sabotage or otherwise.

I would, therefore, recommend internment rather than scattering them throughout the state and thereby, in my opinion, increasing the hazard of sabotage.

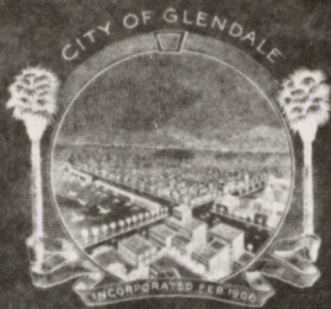
In closing will say that our local Japanese problem from a police angle has not been aggravating though we have, of course, had considerable more investigating to do amongst aliens than before. We have had no racial problem or riots and I feel that as far as our local Japanese are concerned we might get along with them but the forcing of the coast Japs onto us will create racial trouble as well as inance our danger of sabotage.

Yours very truly,



GEO. J. OVERHOLT
Sheriff of Fresno County

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Hon. Earl Warren, Attorney General
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your teletype of the 17th and letter of the 18th, requesting an opinion on the enemy alien situation and its problems as it affects Glendale and the State as a whole.

Our department has cooperated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles office since September 1939 in conducting investigations of reported subversive activities and sabotage. Up to the present date there has not been any cases of sabotage of importance committed in our city.

Under the recent enemy alien registration there were a total of 393 enemy aliens registered here. Approximately 50% of them are Japanese. The current publicity to conditions has definitely crystallized public opinion some program should be adopted to the end that all Japanese enemy aliens should be removed from defense areas and placed in some central location either under guard or restricted movement.

Our department has investigated a great number of reports of enemy aliens, particularly Japanese having in their possession contraband radios, cameras, explosives etc. but up to the present time none of these have proven well founded.

With reference to your second question, "Do you believe that the danger can be adequately controlled by treating all enemy aliens alike, regardless of nationality, or do you believe that we should differentiate among them as to nationality?" From the law enforcement standpoint we find it very difficult to obtain information from neighbors, employers or associates of the Japanese as practically their entire social and business life is with people of their own race and in my opinion any program developed to meet the enemy aliens situation will need to treat the Japanese differently than the Germans and Italians. The latter two races usually join service clubs, chamber of commerce, hold responsible positions in their churches. Their children intermarry with American citizens and it is possible to obtain more complete information as to their activities and in my opinion a certain degree of their loyalty to our country can be determined.

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In response to your third question - "What protective measures do you believe should be taken with reference to each nationality or with reference to enemy aliens as a whole in order to eliminate the danger of sabotage and fifth-column activities?" It is my opinion some satisfactory program should be inaugurated by the federal government for the internment of all Japanese aliens where they will have an opportunity to be employed in some gainful occupation such as agriculture.

Second - that additional personnel be provided the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the local police authorities where needed in order to expedite investigation of other enemy aliens and a clear policy established where the investigation determines they are anti-American or pro-Nazi or pro-Facist they also be interned for the duration.

Everyone attempting to solve this problem should keep in mind that two wrongs do not make a right and whatever program is established should definitely protect the rights of the foreign born residents of our State and care should be exercised not to permit hysteria or mob-psychology to prevail.

Yours very truly,

V. J. Browne
Chief of Police

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Honorable Earl Warren,
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San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Earl:

The views of Sheriff Clyde and myself requested by you in your telegrams of February 17th are as follows:

(1) We feel that the oil fields area of Kettleman Hills lying partly in Kings County and partly in Fresno County and the area surrounding the United States Army Air Base near Lemoore in Kings County, should be immediately declared a closed area to all enemy aliens and that the remainder of Kings County should be a restricted area carrying the curfew regulations.

(2) We feel that the principal danger of sabotage lies with the Japanese and that we have as much to fear from the younger Japanese who are citizens but have blood ties with alien relatives as we do from the alien group themselves, and are strongly of the opinion that all restrictions should apply not only to alien Japanese but also to citizen Japanese who have dual citizenship or have blood relatives either here or in the old country who are aliens. If this can only be handled under martial law, then martial law should be declared. One of the main reasons we particularly suggest the above is because it appears from our experience and the information available that the influence of the parents or older members of the family upon the younger people is much greater as far as the Japanese race is concerned than with the Germans and Italians.

(3) We further feel that the federal registration of aliens or copies thereof should be available to the local enforcement officers, or if this can not be

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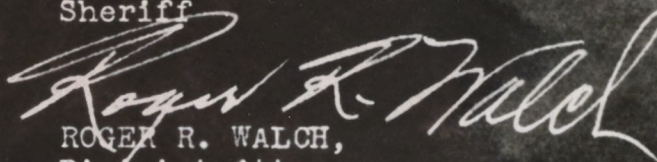
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accomplished, that throughout the State there should be either by state law or county ordinance a requirement that all enemy aliens register, be fingerprinted and photographed with the Sheriff's Office of the respective counties.

Very truly yours,

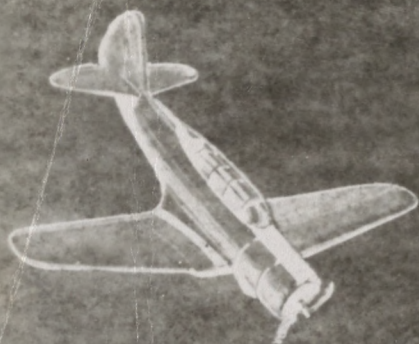


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HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. Earl Warren,
Attorney General,
State of California,
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

In answer to your all-points of February 17 and your letter of February 18th 1942 may I respectfully submit the following.

Re: Your question #1

The most apparent danger, by way of sabotage and fifth column activities, as I see it is the obvious close congregation of the alien enemy with their own countrymen and their descendants down to the 2nd and 3rd generation. This is obvious not only among the Japanese but also among the Italian and the German. They are permitted to live in close neighborliness at the homes, maintain their National fraternal and social organizations and their school and religious affiliations. Obvious the unrestrained congregation affords opportunities for clicks and the transfer of information and instructions.

Re: Your question #2

My answer to this question is obviously my recommendation to the solution of question #1. The danger can only be adequately controlled by the segregation and internment of the aliens, differentiated by nationality, if closely guarded with messages or communications in or out of the concentration point prohibited.

Re: Your question #3

My answer to this question is necessarily incorporated in my answer to question #2 with the added thought that exceptional precautions should be taken to thoroughly investigate all the 2nd and 3rd generation of all the alien enemies. I believe that a majority of these cases show the attitude, views and sympathies of the alien is handed down and respected by these descendants.

Respectfully yours,

M.R. Baumgardner

M.R. Baumgardner, Chief, Hawthorne Police

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
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San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Warren:

In reply to your letter of February 18, regarding enemy aliens in California, my personal views on the matter are as follows:

I believe that under the circumstances there is considerable danger by way of 5th column activities and sabotage in California as long as we allow the Japanese to go about unmolested.

I believe the only way the danger can be controlled is by treating all enemy aliens alike, although I believe the Japanese are our greatest menace on the Pacific coast.

Regarding protective measures, I believe that enemy aliens, particularly the Japanese, should be interned immediately if legal means can be found. I would suggest the internment of all Japanese American-born citizens who could not prove their loyalty to this country.

Very truly yours,

*Fred A. Earle*Fred A. Earle
Chief of Police
Hollister, Calif.

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
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D. M. BLOSSOM, Chief

Huntington Beach, California

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Earl Warren
Attorney General
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your teletype of February 18, 1942, I cannot too strongly recommend the removal at once, of all Alien and American born Japanese from this community, not only because of the possibility of sabotage by, but for the safety of, the Japanese themselves.

The anti-Japanese sentiment of the community is at fever heat over their proximity, and what possible action they might pursue in the near future. We fear for their safety, should some unexpected action arise, and we believe much danger of sabotage would be eliminated, by their removal.

Trusting this request complies with your inquiry, and thanking you in advance for your kind consideration in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D.M. Blossom
Chief of Police

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Mr. Earl S. Warren,
Attorney General,
600 State Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th, relative to the question of enemy aliens. I feel quite convinced on this subject. While we do not have many aliens in Huntington Park I know from the investigations we have made, as requested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it would be folly to differentiate.

The extent of danger from fifth columnist activities in this state is great. Our district is completely surrounded by large defense industries which is vital to this nation. It is only reasonable to believe that should this industry be stopped or delayed by sabotage it would be a fine piece of military strategy accomplished by the axis. Because California has a heavy population of Japanese and because we have been invaded by these people we are prone to overlook that two other nations are just as anxious to destroy our democracy.

I firmly believe that the protective measures we should immediately take would be to place enemy aliens in concentration camp or camps, moved inland far enough that they would definitely cease to be a hazard to the great industry now existing in California, most of it engaged in national defense.

I also believe we should continue investigating citizens who are either crack-pots or descendants of these enemy aliens, and if we find any tendency toward fifth column activity they should join the others in similar camps.

Hoping this information may be of some assistance,

I remain, Yours very truly,

W. L. Sultquist
Chief of Police.