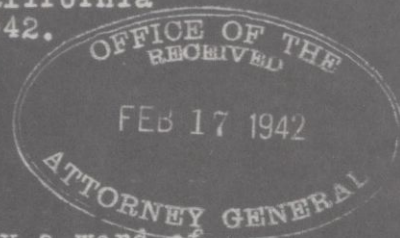


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1017 West 37th Place
Los Angeles, California
February 13, 1942.

Hon. Attorney-general Frances Biddle,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Attorney-general:

Permit me to say a word of approval and commendation for the humane way in which you are handling the so-called enemy alien problem in California. We all know there are many good, law-abiding citizens among the aliens and many good, law-abiding people among aliens who are not permitted to become citizens.

Many of us are trusting you to continue treating the Japanese and others with tolerance and justice

Very sincerely,

(Mrs) J. A. Hutchins

(Mrs. J. A. Hutchins.)

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Attorney General Francis E. Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Biddle:

You will note from the enclosed marked copy of our News Letter that you stand very high in our estimation. This letter comes to you to express our commendation for the intelligent and courageous way in which you are attempting to handle the grave situation concerning the Japanese in California.

We are well aware of the delicacy and difficulties in meeting the Japanese problem but we believe with you that a war cannot be waged in the name of democracy if we completely lose our democratic ideals in dealing with one of our home front problems.

The reports and rumors that come to us from California of the number of lynchings of Japanese farmers and the treatment of Japanese families and children who have been here for years is appalling. We believe it would be exceedingly helpful if you would issue a statement on what actually has happened in California so that facts and not fancy will be known.

We are well aware that there must be some Japanese spies in California but probably all of them have already been apprehended by the F.B.I. They have a way of finding out these things. But it is appalling to learn that predatory interests in the state are endeavoring to use war hysteria and patriotism as a guise for destroying Japanese families and the work these families have done for a generation and more in the agricultural communities. We believe most of the Japanese are loyal to America and to our traditions and surely the children are. Would it not be a major tragedy if unwarranted actions on the part of self-appointed vigilante groups should alienate this element in our population? There is no surer way of breeding disloyalty.

Therefore, we hope that you will stand firm and continue the fine policy that you have pursued up to this moment. We can appreciate that it may be difficult to resist the pressure of Army men, the Dies Committee and others with fantastic schemes for suppressing or exterminating the Japanese in our own country. Nevertheless, we feel confident that you will uphold our Bill of Rights and we are gratified that you are Attorney General in this crisis.

Sincerely,

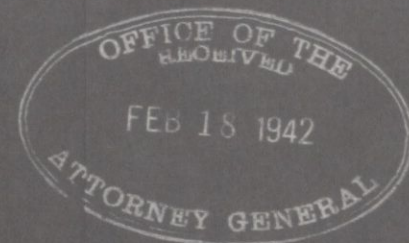
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Porterville, Calif.

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Attorney-General Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I very much favor the humane and considerate treatment being given the Japanese in our country during this hysterical period of super-patriotism.

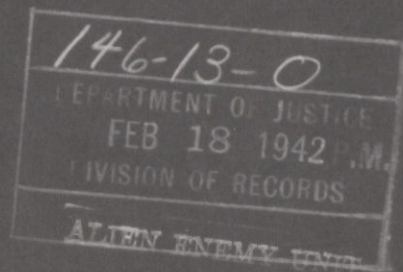
I am particularly hopeful that this kind of attitude and treatment will continue to be shown by your department in the future in spite of the rising tide of public opinion, much of which, for its own mercenary ends, seems to be crying for undemocratic and harsh handling of enemy aliens.

With much appreciation of the job you are doing.

Sincerely

Archie Bowes, Jr.

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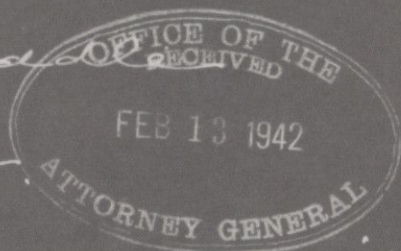


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won't use some of
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why don't you get
them all out of here.
Women & children are now
trying to leave under fire
in Singapore. and you
let American Japs have radios

They use them too.
Did you ever see Japs
smile at paper head-
lines.

What are you Japs
throwing bouquets to
the Japs. instead of a
notice to move out
500 miles — "Let's go"
or out we will go.
Don't you know the
news?

All of Los Angeles.

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The Honorable Francis Biddle, Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The United States of America is at war. We Americans are fighting for our existence. We are fighting ruthless nations that will prosecute this war by every means, fair and foul. Democratic institutions that Americans have struggled for years to build are being threatened.

As Americans, we are ready to make any sacrifice to assure ultimate victory. We are willing to sacrifice our businesses, money, property - even our lives if necessary. Some of us have already made these sacrifices.

Since we, the American people, are willing to make this all-out victory fight, why is our government not doing all in its power to see that this war is won? Why does our government allow thousands of Japanese, both American citizens and aliens, to reside where they can cripple us at the crucial time? With the memory of Pearl Harbor and of Manila fresh in our minds, why does our government continue to postpone the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the Pacific coast area - from the area where they are a serious threat to the safety of our defense program, our war industries and our lives?

Americans on the Pacific coast do not care to wait until Japanese saboteurs have struck a damaging blow. We Americans do not care to hear our government representatives say, after it is too late, "Why didn't we do something before."

As Americans, we expect you, our representative, to act at once in the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the entire Pacific coast area. We expect you to do all in your power to eliminate the Japanese threat to west-coast security. We expect you to do all in your power to force this step as a move toward eventual American war victory.

Let's protect our home front!

Very truly yours

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Mrs. Anna F. Midgley Sr.

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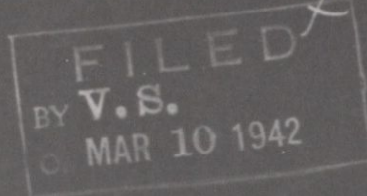
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Sincerely
Mrs. Louise H. Gell
475 Prescott St.
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Attorney General
As a citizen of
California I advocate
evacuation of all
Japanese from
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General F. H. Biddle
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Pacific Coast combat area urges im-
mediate removal of all Japanese American
born and Aliens from this territory.

There is no time to loose in ridding our
vital districts of these undesirables,
for in an emergency we would have a most
desperate situation.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth C. Taubman
Mrs. Geo. P. Taubman, Jr.

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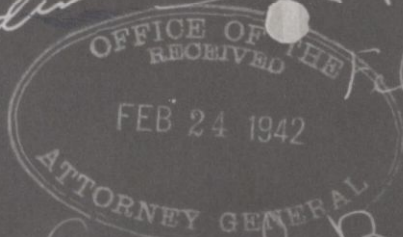
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Atty. General Biddle

Dear Sir. We wish to
protest against any gap, being
left in Calif., no matter if he
is an American citizen, we
know them well and they
are not to be trusted.

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Yours truly

Mr and Mrs R.S. Clapp

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CONTROL MAY BE EXERCISED

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WE URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE ALL JAPANESE INCLUDING
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Att. General of the United States

Hon. Francis Biddle

Washington, D.C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Biddle -

First of all allow me to thank you with deep appreciation of your sane and humane handling of our alien situation in this trying time of war.

A word about the Japanese situation here in California, please! A great many of the people here are not hysterical over the Alien Japanese situation & they believe that wholesale evacuation would be a tragedy of the first order both for the Japanese & our white population as well. However there are so many very hysterical, even among our influential people and people who for personal gain or just hatred, are working for evacuation that I can no longer look on ~~not~~ without asking you, if there could not be some Federal group - the Tolson Commission perhaps, or others to come here from official Washington to make an investigation. Both sides of the situation should be

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told to an unbiased group from outside
of California! Of course the Aliens should
be under close surveillance of F.B.I., we
want safety for all concerned but total
evacuation would make ~~a~~ a bad situation
infinitely worse. The Japanese are, the
great majority, very fine & loyal citizens and
as agriculturists they could not be replaced
for years. - It would certainly be an
anti defense measure to take them from
our fields now, the whole nation would
suffer.

Please, a federal investigation im-
mediately - the situation is grave as you
know.

Thank you very much

With deep respect for the great work
you do for our country & the cause of justice

Sincerely
Louise M. Scherpe

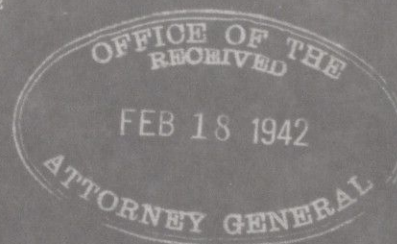
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RALPH H. LOGSDON

432 - 434 Third Street Phone 241-62

San Bernardino, California

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MR. FRANCIS BIDDLE
Attorney General
Washington D.C.

Honorable Sir:

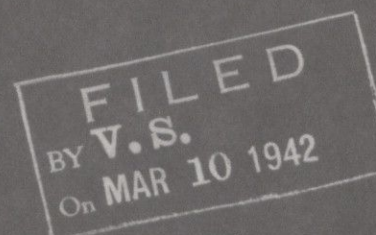
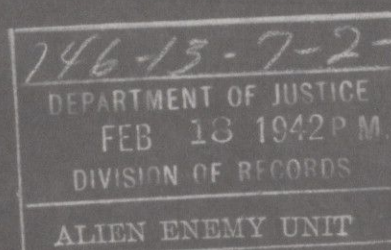
As one who was born and has lived in California all of his life, may I urge that prompt action be taken as to the enemy alien situation.

Knowing the Japanese as I do, and knowing their allegiance to their native country, both nationals and american born, I feel that the need of removing ALL of these people from this coast is imperative, not only for the safety and security of the people of the pacific coast, and to the defenceous industries therein situated, but to the safety of the entire nation.

The safety of the United States is at stake.

Sincerely yours

R. H. Logsdon
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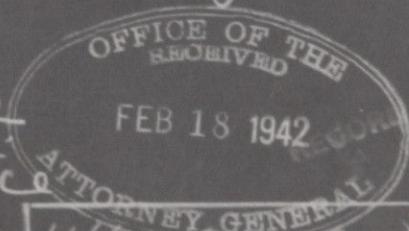
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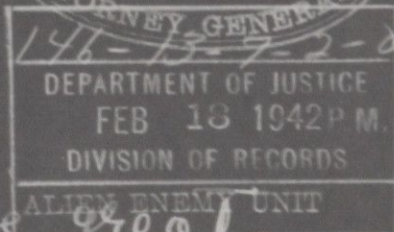
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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

February 15, 1942



Mr. Francis Biddle
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:-



The great
number of Japanese here in
Southern California are most
alarming, and I urge you
very strongly to do all in
your power to have them
removed from the Pacific
Coast Area. Even the American
Born Japanese are an equal
menace to the aliens. Their
attitude is not one to inspire

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interior of the country away
from vital defense projects,
as soon as it is physically
possible, otherwise I am quite
confident that the resulting
action will be an appalling
catastrophe. I also think that
the Pacific Coast area should
be treated as a combat zone
with full military authority
in charge -

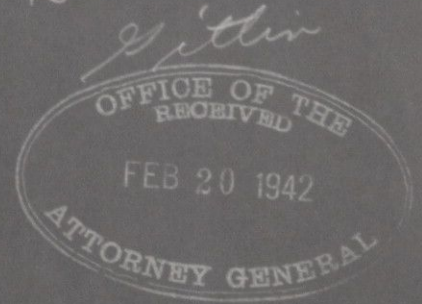
Yours very truly,
Helen D. Jones
(Mrs. Louis Winchester Jones)

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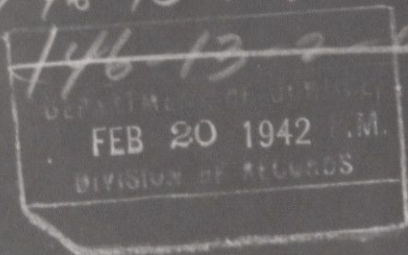
Attorney General Liddell,
United States Attorney General.
Dear Sir:

I am writing you as a citizen of the United States. After residing in the Imperial Valley, here I feel it is the best thing to move all of the Japs regardless of citizenship.

I think I feel as most citizens do. Move them all from the coast area. Hoping this meet with your approval and we can see some action immediately.

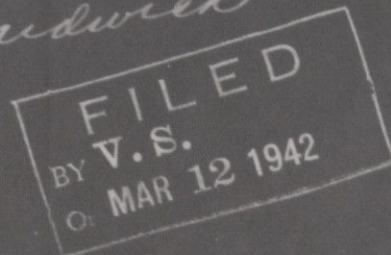
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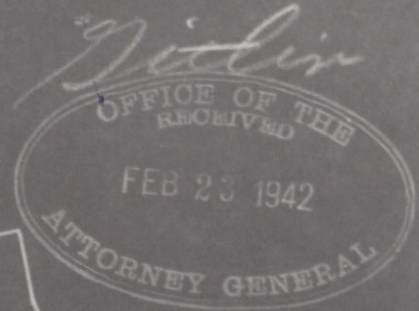
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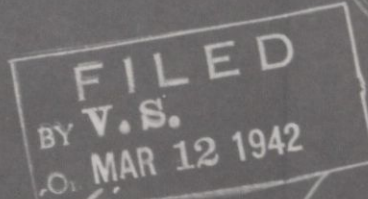
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5200 B. Louise Ave
Encino, Calif.
Feb. 15, 1942

Attorney General Francis Biddle;
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Biddle,



Every California citizen to whom I have talked are very anxious to have all Japs, their mines, sons and daughters moved away from the west coast. We can take care of the fruit and vegetable farms ourselves. Why be afraid of hurting a few sensitive feelings when our country is in peril. So far we feel you have acted entirely too slowly. Move them back into the desert and feed them rice. You want find ten loyal citizen in the bunch. They aren't made that way. If you don't act faster I feel the whole country will have regrets.

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Very Respectfully-

Chas. J. Liggett

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Dear Sir:

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

As a native son of California and on behalf of my family and country, it is my sincere recommendation to evacuate all enemy aliens and American-born Japanese as well to some point inland from the Pacific coast for the duration of the war.

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Sincerely,

Gerald Goldwater

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1 I am sure I speak for a lot
of people, and many, many
think there should be an order
removing all Japanese from
the Pacific Coast. ² It seems
very dangerous to have them
here. ³ We sure can't read their
hearts or minds, but there is every
reason been shown not to trust
them. ⁴ I just wished to call
your attention to our beautiful coast.

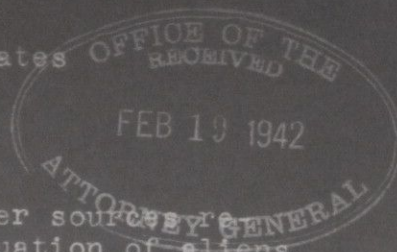
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this will receive attention.
Yours Very Truly
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J. A. TAYLOR

February 10, 1942.

Honorable Francis J. Biddle
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Biddle:

The press and other sources report you as being opposed to evacuation of aliens and particularly Japanese from the Pacific Coast. I sincerely hope that they are in error.

Others have advanced full and sufficient arguments for removing all Japanese from the coast immediately. I merely want to do my part to urge that you use your good offices to see that this is accomplished at once. Surely the tragic events of the past week-end prove that there is no time to lose. There can be no excuses if through delay and failure to act we permit another Pearl Harbor episode to take place here.

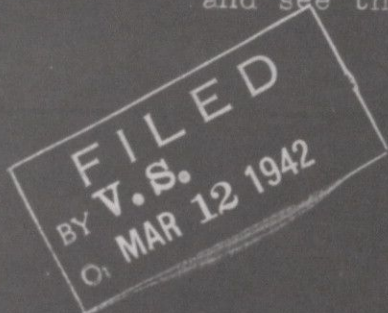
The preponderant number of people and organizations here as well as others who have become acquainted with the situation favor immediate action. I respectfully appeal to you as our Attorney General to join with that majority and see that action is taken without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

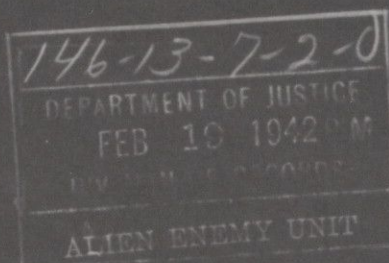
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J. A. TAYLOR

1715 Banning Way
San Marino, California.



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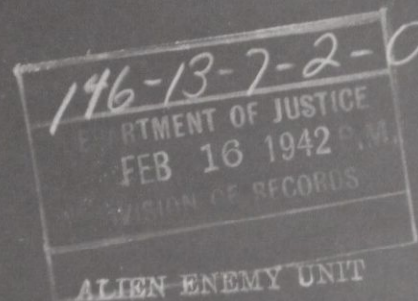
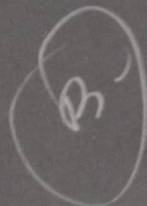
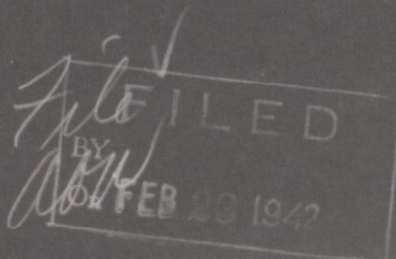
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WE AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEMAND THAT
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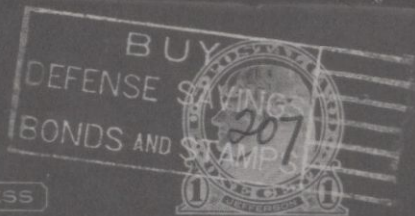
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L.A. CAL.

Dear Sir:

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As a California resident of 36 years and knowing the danger of 5th column activities here on the coast, ask that you give consent to the plea of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West and remove 200 miles inland ALL Japanese. This should be done immediately. This is OUR country and they are not being so lenient with our citizens in their land. DO IT NOW.

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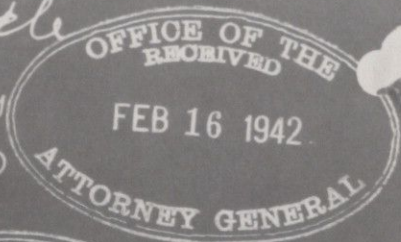
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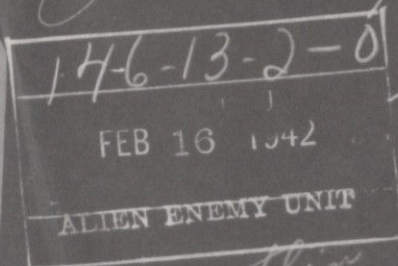
Dear Sir -

Why not get all
the Japs - Inland.

I could write a good
Many reasons for moving
them.

But will just say.

"Pearl Harbor"
"get them out" (Every one)

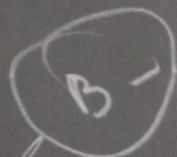


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Portland, Oregon,
February 16, 1942

Sub City mail

Honorable Francis Biddle,

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Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Sinister warning is given in this news item cut from the Monday evening (2/16/'42) "Oregon Journal" of land.

This tells of Portland's City Commissioner Kenneth Cooper, in charge of the City Park Bureau, difficulty in handling the Japanese problem locally.

These Japanese take a proprietary attitude in the use of the Parks; they expect to have them for their own actual exclusive use - in the near future.

Only people who have had actual contact with these lice of the Orient can realize the evil and great danger from the local representatives the yellow "Fifth Columnists" from Japan.

It is to be well remembered that Japanese consider successful falsification as "honorable", successful deception of an opponent is most creditable.

We have national example of this in the smirking "diplomacy" of the "honorable" envoys from the Nipponese Islands at the time of the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor.

- * The arrogance of the local lice is undoubtedly in actual expectation by them of an early invasion of our western coast;
- * probably an invasion of the west Washington Coast and Puget Sound;
- * a movement in force effecting prompt possession here.

I urge immediate REMOVAL of all Japanese nationals without ceremony or warning to them to prevent "fifth Columnist" activity and sabotage that can easily be so disastrous to us.

CITIZENSHIP I urge immediate action by Congress canceling American Citizenship in all persons having dual citizenship as do all Japanese of any age that have acquired American Citizenship; this would solve the problem of the "rights of American Citizenship" acquired or vested in These persons by right of birth in this country.

I'm a cheerful, friendly chap and usually strangers will pass me with a smile but you should see the look of hatred in the eyes of the Japanese, both men and women, notably in the eyes of girls who have not learned to cloak or disguise emotions.

Copies for reference.

Sincerely,

A. B. Chittenden

Cooper Would Curb Japanese in Parks

A suggestion that Japanese do not monopolize the city parks was made today by Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper, in charge of the park bureau, in the interest of keeping things peaceful with the local Jap colony.

Cooper, who has consistently favored moving all Japs off the coast and into the interior, received complaints that too many of them swarmed over Peninsula park Sunday and took up so much room that white persons could not enjoy the pleasures of the park.

"For their own good they should be a little more discreet or we may take other measures," Cooper said.

Encino, Calif. Feb. 16-42


Please, let's beat the
enemy to the draw
just this once. The
Japs, German & Italian
enemies, aliens or
otherwise, on the
West coast must be
concentrated hundreds
of miles inland. It is
very obvious to all of
us out here, that they
are just biding their
time. Our air factories
must be protected.
Remember Pearl Harbor
and the Normandie!
Please, please give us
action at once.

Mrs. Josephine Wright
Encino, Calif.

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U. S. ATTORNEY BIDDLE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 16 1942

Dear Sir:

Remove 200 miles inland all Japanese
either citizen or aliens and protect our war
industries from 5th column activities and a
second Pearl Harbor. We demand it as loyal citizens
and tax payers, home owners and defenders of
our land.

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ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

Dear Sir:

1 Like very many people on the Pacific Coast I am much alarmed over the perfectly inadequate measures being taken to control enemy aliens.

2 I am inclined to wonder if Washington is even aware that they are a menace, not only to citizens of California, Oregon and Washington, but to the rest of the country as well.

3 Pearl Harbor was a blunder of the first magnitude, and one hears nothing of any measures being taken against those to blame; if a second such disaster occurs, as it will if the Japanese are not immediately taken in hand, we may easily lose the war.

4 Germans and Italians are doubtless as dangerous, but we are most aware of the Japanese.
5 Half way measures are no good. 6 Do you really think moving a few Japanese thirty five miles from vital areas will accomplish anything? 7 Or giving them a month's notice that their leases will be cancelled?
8 A hundred miles would still not be really safe; they have their plans laid to act when they are ready.
9 Nor is it safe to leave children of fourteen to carry out their parents' plans.

10 Two months have gone by and nothing adequate has been done or even planned. 11 I am not hysterical, but I have lived here all my life and I know the Japanese. 12 Furthermore, I know what they would do to us under like circumstances. 13 Those among them who are loyal Americans are asking for it.

14 An army man who knows this coast should be in complete control here now; not subject to the whims of Washington, but with power to act.

Very truly yours,

Etienne L. Twin

(Mrs. Etienne)

San Marino, Cal

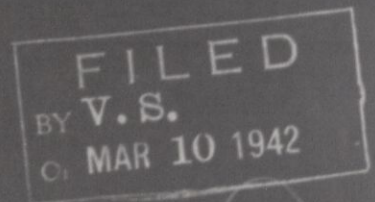
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1330 South Harvard Blvd
Los Angeles California

Attorney General Biddle
Honorable Sir:

1 May I respectfully request your consideration
in the early removal of all Japanese from the Coast. We
remember Pearl Harbor. ³ I'm positive, that should they ever
be in power here, that we would not be treated in a like
manner. ⁴ I appreciate the fact that Rome was not built in
a day, but I also know that Rome could be destroyed
in a day by fewer numbers of an enemy that at
present enjoy complete freedom among us, just
marking time until another Trojan horse can be
constructed.

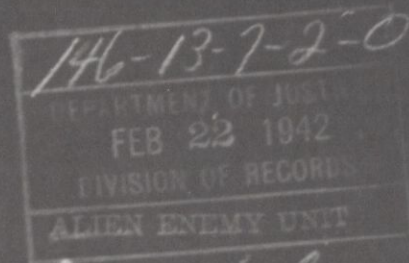
Very truly yours,
Fred A. Dgardorff



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Honored Sir:

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Just how do you think the women
of this nation feel when you are so fussy about
civil rights of people who would stake you in the back
if it was turned. Yes I mean the California Japs -
They are going to be "too late" again unless there's
a curb put on all Axis aliens. What consideration
would Americans receive in their countries?

Sounds to me as if the Department of Agriculture
better spend less money on some of their foolish
investigation of every row of corn in every field and
hand out some premiums to Americans who could
grow the vegetables as well as the Japs. After all
California isn't the only state that can grow vegetables
and California may all too soon be too busy defending
itself to grow vegetables any way.

They are all too soft - too easily led - too slow
to believe what we want to believe while the Axis
is having a good laugh up their sleeves at our
"democratic forbearance" shall I say?

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Don't quibble now - our country may well be at
stake and we too complacent to realize it.

Sincerely

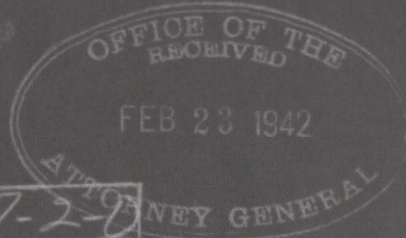
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Dear Sir:—

Please cut the "red-tape" and see that immediate steps are taken to remove all Japanese from combat areas. There are obvious signs of the damage these people can do, on our vital Pacific Coast defenses. Delay will bring only another mistake, to add to our blunders.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Very truly yours,
J. Warren

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A LOS ANGELES CALIF. ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY GENERAL BIDDLE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OF UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON DC

I BET YOU SIR TO REMOVE ALL ALIENS AND PEOPLE OF ALIEN LINEAGE FROM
THE PACIFIC COAST IMMEDIATELY TODAY, PLEASE LETS DO IT NOW AND
THUS PROBABLY AVOID A REPETITION OF PEARL HARBOR ON OUR MAINLAND SHORES

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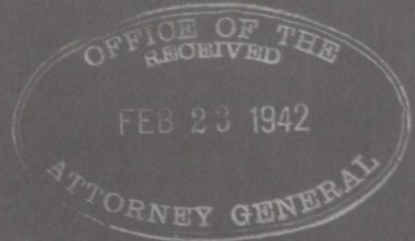
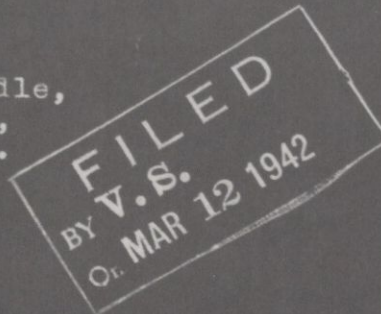
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H. L. L.
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Monday, Feb. 23, 1942
1621 Spruce St.,
South Pasadena, California.

Hon. Francis Biddle,
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.



My dear Sir:-

I am taking the liberty of addressing you on a subject that is most distressing and even terrifying to those of us in California who realized the danger of the Japanese population. Truly, it is a task of tremendous enormity, but I beg and entreat you to remove from our midst the hazzard of, not only the Japanese aliens, but their native born descendants as well.

I have heard you quoted as saying, that after all, we are fighting for Democracy, and I thoroughly subscribe to that sentiment but we are also fighting for our lives and unless we take a more realistic attitude against members of an enemy nation that are honeycombed thruout our cities and communities we are in dire peril.

Again, I strongly urge that you give this matter your immediate consideration. Please, please, don't do TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE.

Respectfully

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Hollywood, California
February 16, 1942

Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:- We of the Pacific coast area, particularly those residing in California have a growing feeling of danger from the Japanese hordes. And after much consideration I am firmly convinced that all aliens should be moved inland--and also all members of the Japanese race for it is impossible to know which are good and which are traitors. Please let us not be too slow in going into action in the removal of them.

Most sincerely

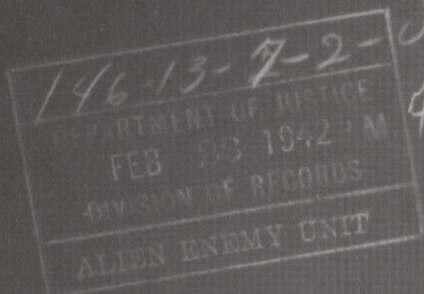
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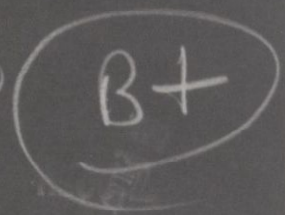
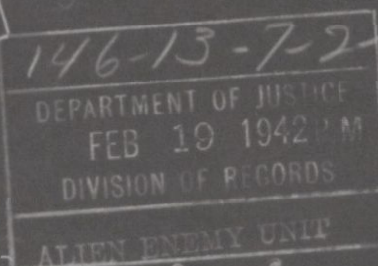
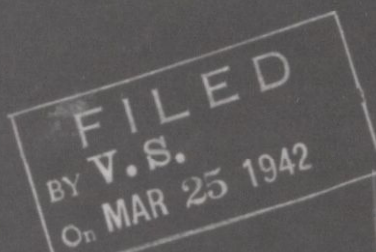
Honorable Francis Bidale,
Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As an American born citizen of long residence, (30 Yrs.), in the Puget Sound area, I wish to protest against the wholesale evacuation of enemy aliens from this area. From a wide acquaintance with people of almost every nationality, I am convinced that the vast majority are perfectly loyal and friendly and that a general deportation would work incalculable hardship on these persons, besides interfering very seriously with the production of very necessary food supplies, such as fresh vegetables etc. If they were barred from certain rather small areas such as navy yards, air bases, defense plants etc., coupled with a close surveillance over their activities, I believe all harm could be avoided, and the loyalty of the ninety and nine preserved and increased. The knowledge that they were being fairly treated, even in war time, would have tremendous effect on them I am sure. In writing thus I cannot be accused of any partisan bias because I have already reported to the F.B.I. in Seattle a Japanese family that seemed of a little doubtful loyalty. Knowing your previous fair and honest attitude in this matter I sincerely hope you will not allow the jingoes who are always with us to crowd you into any ill considered action.

With highest regards,

Geo. B. Jackson



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G. B. Jackson

Los Angeles, Calif.
February 16, 1942.

Mr. Francis Biddle
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Many of the citizens here in California think it most advisable that a Congressional Committee be sent here to make an inquiry into the Japanese Alien situation in our State. In this way fair-minded Californians, Americans and Japanese, would be given an opportunity to tell their side of the story to authorities not as hysterical as some of the people of California have proven themselves to be.

To this end, we earnestly ask you to immediately appoint such a committee. This may be a Tolan Committee or any other similar committee, but the need for such an inquiry is urgent.

Wholesale evacuation of the Japanese people from this State would be a calamity for California agriculture and a great injustice to 36,000 Japanese farmers. We believe the interests of all concerned would be best served if the Japanese people were allowed to remain where they are under surveillance of the FBI, etc.

Yours truly,

Mrs. A. Lingenfelter
Mrs. A. Lingenfelter
317 W. Ave. 41,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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February 16th, 1942

c.c. to United States Atty, General,
Francis E. Biddle, Washington, D.C.

Editor,
Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In this morning's Times I read with great interest the quotation in Pegler's Column of the article by Walter Lippman referring to the Japanese situation in California especially, and other Pacific Coast States.

I know of course that you are heartily in accord with the idea of removing all people of Japanese birth and parentage a sufficient distance back from the Coast and all vital points so there is absolutely no possibility of their effectively sabotaging or cooperating with any enemy forces which may attempt to land on our coast.

We people here in California know that this danger is real and imminent but the authorities in Washington are apparently still sound asleep as the number of aliens removed up to the present time is entirely inadequate.

Many peoples have raised their voices demanding that the aliens be removed. It now seems that we must increase the pressure and forcibly impress on the Federal authorities that the people of California are absolutely fed up with the procrastination which is present in handling the removal of aliens from vital territory. These men in Washington evidently are not familiar with the Japanese psychology and the Japanese people who dwell in California.

The writer of this letter has had personal experience over a period of 15 or 16 years in contacting Japanese farmers throughout California. In the course of my work for another company, it was necessary for me to call personally on almost every Japanese farmer in the State at one time or another and I am very well acquainted with the attitude and psychology of the average Japanese.

I do not hesitate to say that although these people are friendly outwardly, they cannot be trusted in the slightest where a choice is to be made between Japan and the United States.

I would like to see you every day print a large editorial and demand that they be removed without a moment's delay. It would be fine if you would put it right on your front page with a big black outline around it and also send a copy of it personally to Francis E. Biddle and the other Washington officials who are hypnotized by the Consist



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tutional niceties of handling the present situation.

Are these authorities willing to take the full responsibility for the possible repetition of another Pearl Harbor here through the carelessness and dilatory handling of the alien situation.

Like Pegler, I say "To Hell with Habeas Corpus." I do not know a single person here in the Chamber of Commerce who does not concur in this sentiment.

Hoping you feel the same-----

Sincerely yours,
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WARD M. ROLLAND, M.D., F.A.C.S.

ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
2417 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIATO THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 16 1942

Attorney General Francis Biddle
Washington
District of Columbia.

Dear Sir-

Probably I never have been able to tend to my own business, but I dislike one that says, after the job is done and is not exactly right, I could have told you that but I did not want to mention it.

Now before it is too late I want the Japanese moved off the west coast, and so do all the people around here that I know. In a time like this I feel that we could away with a little of the law that says such citizens should remain. All of them have been back to Japan for certain educational periods. Many of these may be good citizens, but they will have to suffer with the ones that may be bad. Do you imagine that there is an American or a British person loose in any portion of Japan or their occupied area?

These local Japanese are very courteous. But so was the little Japanese grocer that on the morning of December 7th walked out in the street and shot any military person that showed in the street. This occurred in Honolulu, it is hearsay and you have heard many such stories. So if they are out of the way NOW such a thing will not happen. From their locations in the Harbour and Oil areas in this district they could do untold damage in a very short time. And on the aqueduct that supplies this City with water they could cut off the water to Los Angeles

Mr Attorney General I have a feeling that we can lick Hell out of them but darn, you can save a great deal of blood shed and trouble by telling the President to MOVE THE JAPANESE NOW.

Just in case you would like to have me tell you wheretto move them I would liket to suggest Oklahoma and Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Ward M. Rolland

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GENERAL

My dear Mr. Riddle
I think it is most
important to curb & put
all Japs (good? & bad) in
a concentration camp
where they can't do any
more harm for the duration.
We have been caught napping
too often & cannot afford
to take any more chances.

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I think the country will
suffer if something isn't
done & the enemy have
proved their deceit &
cunning too often.

Very truly

Richd W. Rosenbarten

We cant afford to handle
these serpents with too
much consideration.

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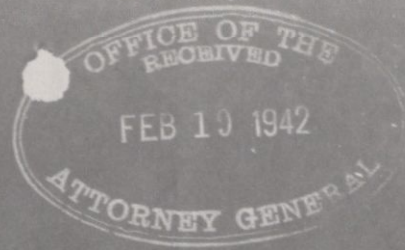
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Los Angeles Calif
Feb. 16, 1942
Honorable Attorney General,
The page you to remove
all Japanese from the
Pacific Coast as an aid
to prevent sabotage. A
month from now
may be too late.
W.H. and Mrs. Edwin Grindlen
and baby.

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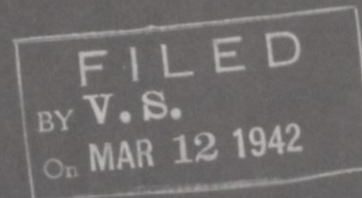
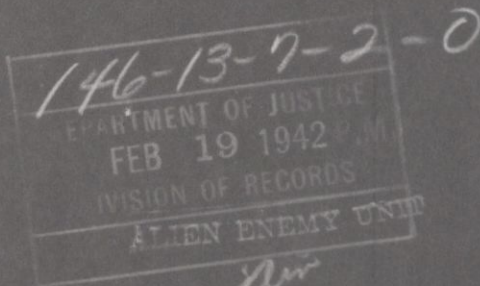
Attorney-General Biddle,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir :

As residents of Los Angeles, we feel that all Japanese persons,-- citizens or otherwise,-- should be evacuated from all West Coastal areas, and that it be done immediately.

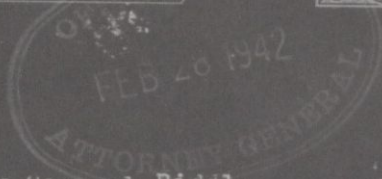
Very sincerely yours,

W.S. Masters
(Mrs) Norma Masters





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Los Angeles, Calif.

Feb. 16th, 1942.

Attorney General Biddle -
Washington, D. C.

The local sentiment here is very much in favor of moving the entire Japanese population inland several hundred miles. The chances of making some parts of the coast here into another Pearl harbor on a smaller scale perhaps. Think quick action should be taken around Los Angeles and Southern California.

Sincerely yours

M. P. Hemphill,

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221 S. Spring St. ~~ATTN: ENEMY UNIT~~

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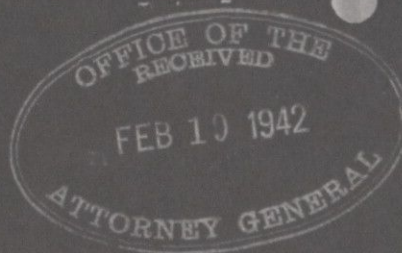
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Avalon, Pa.,
Feb. 16, 1942.

Attorney General Francis Biddle,
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Attorney General:-

I am one of the many citizens who believes that our greatest danger lies in the possible action of enemy aliens and second generation Japs particularly along the Pacific coast. I am of the opinion that our government would be derelict in its responsibility to the people if it failed to take immediate steps to eliminate this danger by removing all enemy aliens and second generation Japs from Pacific coast states to inland points.

I realize that this breif note is like "A voice in the wilderness" however there is one lesson that, we the people have learned from what has taken place in the past and that is; take action before the enemy has an opportunity to act. We can do this and possibly prevent a second "Pearl Harbor".

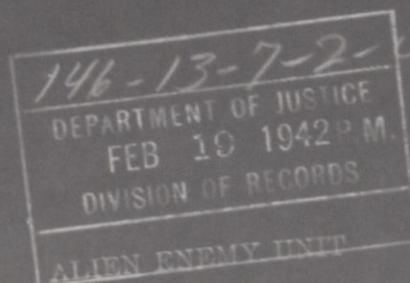
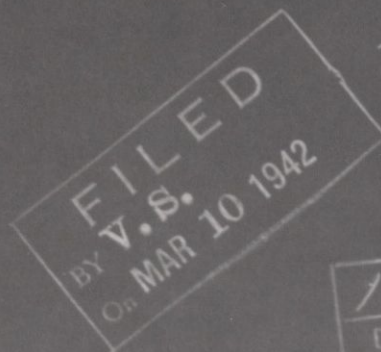
I do not believe our Bill of Rights intended to give our enemies living in this country the rights and priveleges that they are enjoying under prevailing war conditions.

It is true that the Pacific Coast is "A far piece from a battle field (quoting Mr. Thomas Clark, co-ordinator for the western defense zone) however, it should be remembered that the battlefield may be brought to our shores at which time it would be too late to take effective action.

In the interest of national defense, I share the opinion of many of my freinds and acquaintances that all enemy aliens and many or all second generation Japs be removed from the Pacific Coast states.

Yours respectfully,

G. J. Brocke



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

The United States of America is at war. We Americans are fighting for our existence. We are fighting ruthless nations that will prosecute this war by every means, fair and foul. Democratic institutions that Americans have struggled for years to build are being threatened.

As Americans, we are ready to make any sacrifice to assure ultimate victory. We are willing to sacrifice our businesses, money, property - even our lives if necessary. Some of us have already made these sacrifices.

Since we, the American people, are willing to make this all-out victory fight, why is our government not doing all in its power to see that this war is won? Why does our government allow thousands of Japanese, both American citizens and aliens, to reside where they can cripple us at the crucial time? With the memory of Pearl Harbor and of Manila fresh in our minds, why does our government continue to postpone the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the Pacific coast area - from the area where they are a serious threat to the safety of our defense program, our war industries and our lives?

Americans on the Pacific coast do not care to wait until Japanese saboteurs have struck a damaging blow. We Americans do not care to hear our government representatives say, after it is too late, "Why didn't we do something before."

As Americans, we expect you, our representative, to act at once in the removal of all persons of Japanese descent from the entire Pacific coast area. We expect you to do all in your power to eliminate the Japanese threat to west-coast security. We expect you to do all in your power to force this step as a move toward eventual American war victory.

Let's protect our home front!

Very truly yours

Frank Walton
Shafter Calif
Box 141

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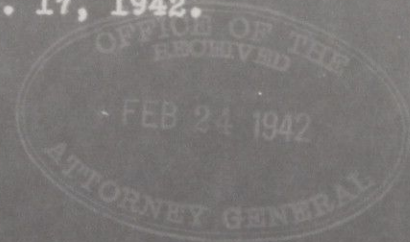
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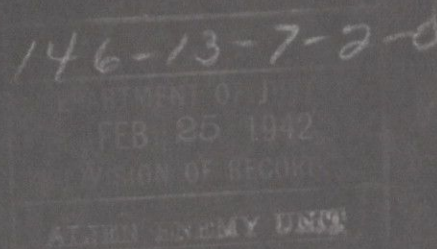
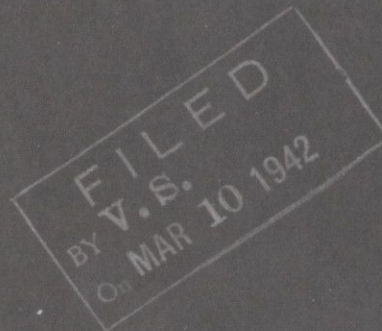
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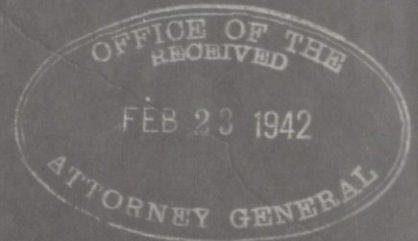
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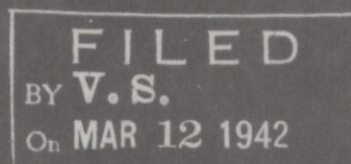
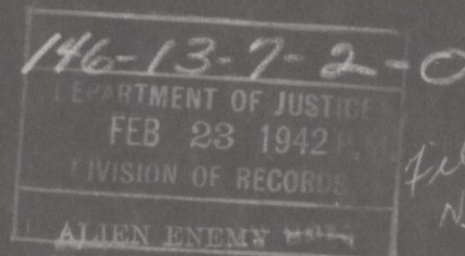
It is with deep concern that the residents of California view the matter of so many thousands of Japanese being right here among us and I believe I am in unison with practically every other resident of this State in asking that they be evacuated and at once.

We are facing a critical situation and I believe it can be coped with much better with this evacuation.

Very respectfully,

Clara M. Wall

MRS. CLARA M. WALL



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OTTIS AARLYS HOUSE

281 CALIFORNIA ST.

PH. SY. 3-5805

PASADENA, CALIF.

2/16/42

I am for evacuating EVERY
1/2 alien or native, 1/2 of
any kind over 200
miles from any coast ^{and there under guard} this
includes Germans and Italians too
they are just as bad equally dangerous
and treacherous Cordially yours,
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Rep. but 100% F.D.R. Otis A. House

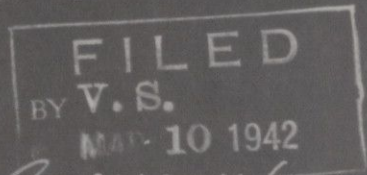
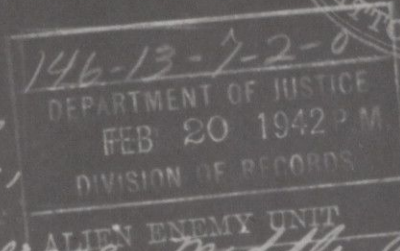
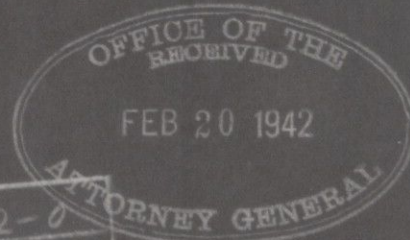
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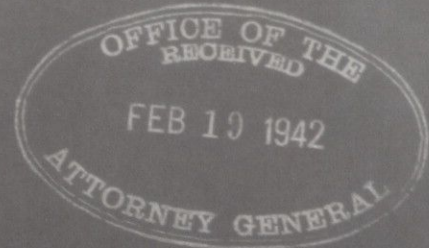
I am an average middle class American citizen and wish to list the feelings of all my friends as well as mine.

We feel that our people have been united as never before since the Japanese attack, and would have remained so if all of you officials had acted swiftly and efficiently with just good common sense. Here on the west coast your snail like action in dealing with the Japs. has come in for much criticism almost to the point of creating a don't give a dam attitude. The people out here are in a position to know how little trust ^{can be put} in any Jap. whether they are of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th generation.

In short we expected our Government

to ~~act~~ fact. The day war began. We feel if
our gov't. is handling our other war efforts
as careless as you are the Japanese situation
out here we have very little to be very hopeful
about the future. We don't like the excuse
that we are a democracy for such spineless
caution. There is still time I hope for you
to do our country a great service by acting
now. By this I mean for all Jap-German and
Italian enemies (this means all Japs) be sent to
some sparsely settled part of the country and
incarcerated. It seems to me that we have
read and heard enough about Fifth Column
to wake up. You ought to know why the
Japs are being so quiet and polite out
here. If things continue to go well for them
in the far East they are smart enough to
know that a time will come when by
concerted action they can really deal a
knock out blow. Thanking you for your
attention if you read this, I am,
Yours Truly MILLER
J. F. Miller.

Pasadena, Calif.
February 17th 1942.



To Attorney General Biddle,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Biddle:-

Like others on this coast, and not through any sense of fear, but what a condition as I'm about to speak of if let go can do, is cause for this plea.

As you know, we have the bulk of the Japanese at our door step, the Pacific Slope, ingaged in fishing and vegetable trucking mostly. It has come to my attention, that knowing full well of their detention, the Japanese ingaged in vegetable trucking are doubling on their prices, are destroying seed badly needed, are not doing further planting, therefore trying to reap on what they have on hand--leaving waste the lands that should be promptly settled on and kept going.

Naturally before this can be done, the Japanese must be removed back and away from any possible chance of their being able to destroy or sabbatage our factories or water and electric power lines.

We, of course, realize the extent of such an undertaking, yet when one knows the freedom accorded these smiling, excuse please, dark-skinned aliens, one can't help but feel abit apprenshive, especially during a black-out.

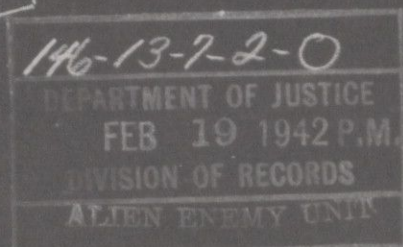
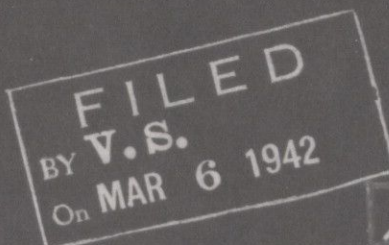
There is no thought of censure in this plea, merely a reminder that, "Pearl Harbor" had its moments of serenity before that fateful Dec. 7th. and with more than fifty thousand back stabers in our midst, well, that, too, gives moments for reflection.

Hoping that an American, voter, tax payer, and always ready to throw in his lot can always be in a position to voice his wishes, I'll close, knowing that, F.D.R. knew the man he had in mind when we needed an

Attorney General that got things done. Thank You, Sir:

Respectfully,

Franklyn Smith



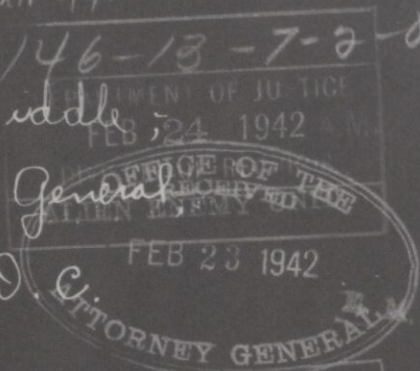
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Colton, Calif.

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Mr. Francis Biddle

U. S. Attorney - General
Washington, D. C.



Esteemed sir: -

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civilian plea that your influence should aid in removing all enemy aliens at least 300 miles from our coast and borders. We, as ordinary citizens in this area, can see the evil

of allowing aliens, of whatever degree, to remain here. This does apply to Germans and Italians, as well as Japanese. Loyal Americans of Japanese descent are keenly alive to the danger -- so much so that many of them voluntarily sought to move inland after Dec. 7; they know that the rising tide of resentment will engulf some innocent people with the dangerous ones.

This little area of San Bernardino and Redton should be closed to aliens. There are three railroads, some through highways, and all a part of the S. A. metropolitan

outlet. Poisoned water, or disrupted transportation, here, would help an enemy.

It might interest you to hear from plain people that we consider the danger from Americanized (?) Germans to be as great as that of Americanized Japs. Nazi sympathizers have done a lot of work among P. F. E. employees here, as well as other workers. Until this war is ended, they should all be kept where they can neither destroy, attack, or escape.

Sincerely,

E. Genod Johnson.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Rosemead, California.

February 17, 1942.

Attorney General Biddle,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I respectfully add my request
to the thousands that no doubt you will
receive from residents of California
that all Japanese be immediately evacuated.

I feel that we are expending time,
energy and money to this matter and our
efforts should be expended in helping
the Army and Navy defend this Coast which
they can and will do when this Japanese
question is settled.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Wm B. Sheffer,
1503 Muscatel Ave.,
Rosemead, California

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11513 Wyoming Ave
West Los Angeles

February 17-1942

Hon Francis Biddle
United States Attorney General
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I wish to add my plea
to that of the Native Son and
Daughter of California
that immediate evacuation

be made of all Japanese
from at least our coastal
areas. There are thousands

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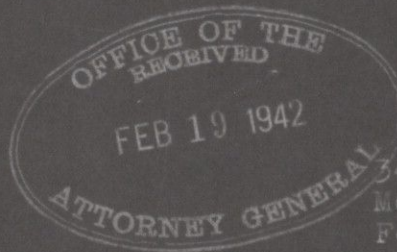
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residing in this area,
which is near a Veterans
Facility and the Douglas
Aircraft Corporation. So
far no mention has been
made of this locality and
we feel they are potentially
dangerous and therefore
urge immediate action.

Respectfully.

Evelyn Baker

(Mrs. AKBaker)



346 N. Mayflower
Monrovia, Calif.
Feb. 17, 1942

Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

1 I am enclosing a clipping from a small coast newspaper, the
Falos Verdes News. This expresses my views and those of many people
I know. 3 It seems to us that the Japanese should be moved far enough
away from the coast areas and at once before this area in which are
so many vital areas of war industries, airplanes, shipping, etc.
are destroyed or seriously menaced.

remedial
4 That there has been some activity we know. 5 That they, the Japan-
ese, are still too free and too near the coast is evident. 6 I have heard
it said that one reason we are acting slowly is to protect our own
nationals who are in Japan. 7 We can be humane to these people within
our borders without allowing them to continue to be a menace to our
entire cause as they are at present. 8 They should be allowed to farm
in a safe place, for that will be better for them than idleness and
better for our country.

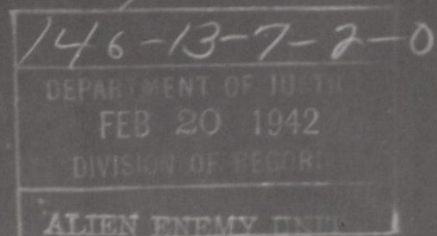
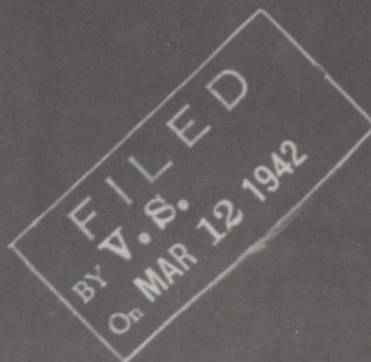
9 An appeal could be made to those who are loyal to serve the
country in this way so that those who are not can be moved where
they cannot harm us. 10 Afterward we can give the loyal the
reward of acknowledging that loyalty.

11 We cannot afford to endanger our cause and our nation with
delays and half hearted measures.

Sincerely,

MORGAN

(Mrs.) Gertrude Morgan



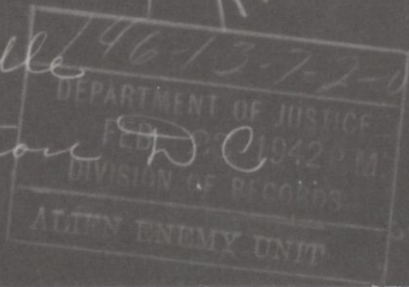


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*Atty-gen. Biddle
Washington*



Dear Sir, FEB. 17 - '42

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For twenty one

years we employed Japanese house boys and garden boys. I really loved them and they responded beautifully. BUT on questioning them, I always found that a light of fanaticism burned in gentle kindly faces, when a question of killing whites, even beloved employers, in the service of their Emperor, came up.

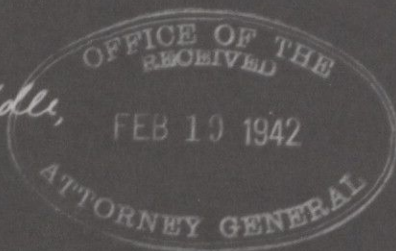
I do not believe that any Japanese child that attends - or has attended Japanese school will ever be a loyal citizen or anything else than a potential enemy - more than our

Mrs. Carrie E. Small
2231 West Rd.
Whittier Calif

1022 1022 CAROL DRIVE
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Feb. 17th 1942.

U. S. Attorney General Biddle,
Washington, D. C.



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1 It is imperative that all Japanese be moved at least two-hundred miles inland from the coast and that it be done immediately! This is no time for dilly-dalling!

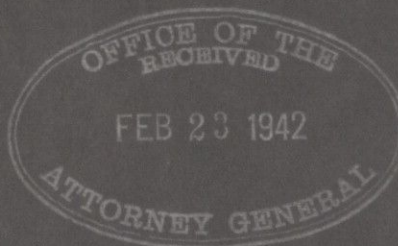
3 They should be put to producing food-stuffs for American consumption.

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Sincerely yours

Mrs. Montague Child
1022 Carol Dr
West Hollywood, Calif.



194 S. Holliston,
Pasadena, Calif.

Feb. 17, 1942.

Attorney General Biddle,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I request that all Japanese be
immediately evacuated from California?

I have employed a Japanese gardner
for many years but not always the same
man. One would come to work for a few
months and then suddenly another would
appear in his place and when questioned,
would say that his cousin had to go away
and had sent him instead. Prior to the
last few months, I gave it no thought.
However, now I am giving it a good deal
of thought and it appears sinister.

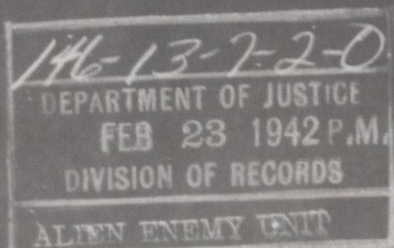
May I add my request to that of
most of the other citizens of this State
and ask that Japanese be evacuated and
immediately. A large portion of time
and effort as well as expense has to be
given to the local Japanese that could
be used to advantage in other fields.

Thanking you very much for your
attention, I remain,

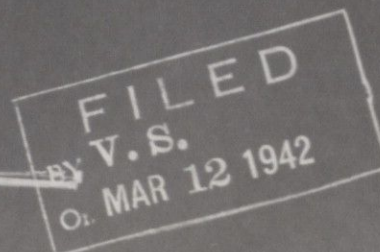
Very respectfully,

Elizabeth W. Wall

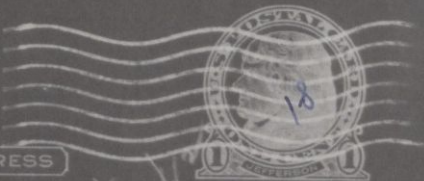
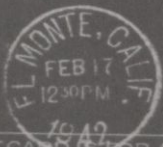
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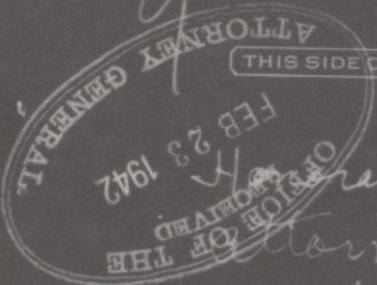
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Honorable W. J. Bittle
Attorney General
Washington

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634 E Rancho St
El Monte calif

Sir:- may I respectfully
direct your attention to
the possible seriousness
of enemy aliens near
our West Coast?

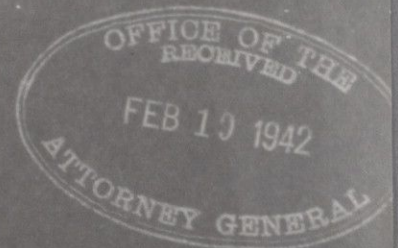
All of my friends and
relatives feel as I, that
is, that all Japanese are
presenting a problem that
could be greatly, if not all,
solved by their removal
to some inland section.

Removal of all Japanese
would be safer for all of us,
they included - Except.

Dock Mayfield
Ship fitter - Liberty E.C.

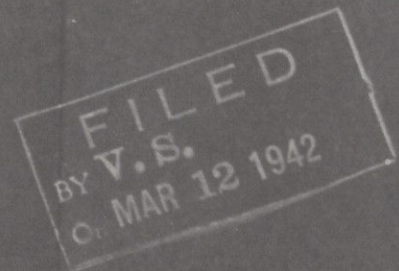
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705 WALDEN DRIVE
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U.S. Attorney General
Washington D. C.



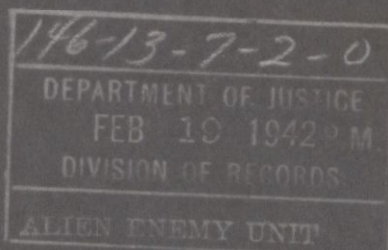
My dear sir:

We who live in California among these wiley and surly Japanese, and who know them for a crafty race whose thinking and ideals are all foreign to ours- were probably not as surprised at the Pearl Harbour affair as the rest of the nation.

If any forethought is to be given to safety and protection of the people of this coast - it is decidedly the move to immediately put the entire Japanese and alien class under absolute control to render them entirely harmless.

Make no mistake about a differentiation between alien Japs and American born citizens - in their thinking, their training, their basic loyalty and their contempt for us -- they are all one.

It now appears the attack on Honolulu was known to Japanese there, in advance of December 7th - if there had been one spark of loyalty to America the secret would have leaked out or been conveyed to our military commanders there.



Yours very truly,

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712 Maple St.,
Pasadena, Calif.

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Attorney General Biddle,
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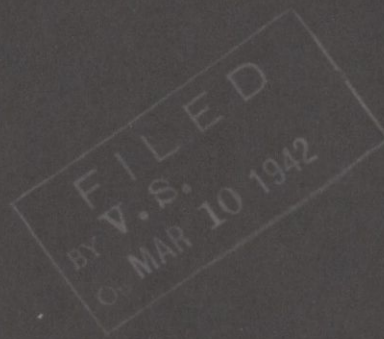
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MRS. MARY E. HEWETSON.



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362 West 12 Street, Claremont, Calif.
February 17, 1942

The Hon. Francis Biddle
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D.C.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

Those of us here in California who are sympathetic to the local Japanese citizens, appreciate very much the efforts you are making to keep the situation in hand.

Believing that most of the California Japanese are loyal citizens, I sincerely hope that you will be able to keep them from suffering undue hardships. They have, in times past, contributed a great deal to California, but I fear that much of that has been forgotten and that there is a good deal of hardship, perhaps even cruelty, being inflicted upon them.

It would be unfortunate, I think, if this matter were turned over either to the Army or the local authorities. In your hands I feel sure it will be handled with wisdom and justice.

Very truly yours,

Helen Cramp McCrossen

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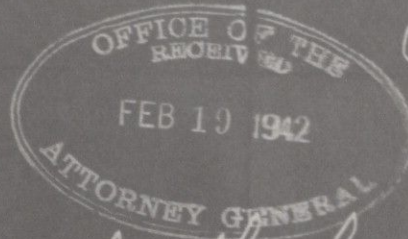
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Attorney - General Biddle,
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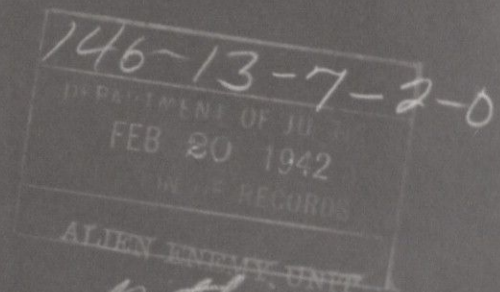
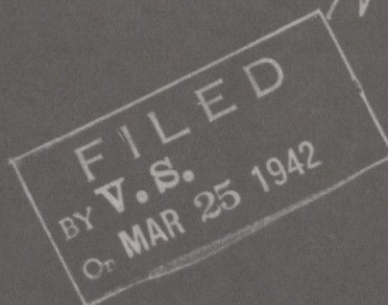
Dear Sir,

May I suggest that the ^{enemy} handling of aliens in this area not be done indiscriminately. I realize that precautions must be taken, but trust that something can be done to handle cases individually so that as little harm as possible be done. I especially feel that careful consideration should be given those who are refugees from the Axis countries - any further suffering on their part which can be prevented will be on the asset side of Democracy's balance sheet.

Very truly yours,
Henry J. Buechel

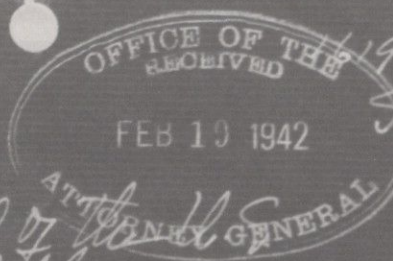
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19- E. John St.
Seattle, Wn.
Feb. 17-42

Attorney General of the U.S.
Francis Biddle

Dear Sir:

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

Regarding the evacuation of aliens
from Seattle, many of us citizens of the U.S.
for generations hope that extreme
measures by the executive dept. can be
avoided, first, as to those aliens from
countries not "enemy" peoples but con-
quered by the Axis, i.e. - Austrians,
Czechs, etc., who have every reason to
desire the success of the U.S. in the war.
Second, as to the American born Japa-
nese whom harsh treatment might
well drive into the enemy class & whose
evacuation to another area would pre-
vent their earning their own & their
parents' living. **ENDING**
Might it be possible to specify

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certain areas within & around Seattle
where aliens must not live & thus
not make the geographical location
too inclusive?

Very truly,

ROWELL

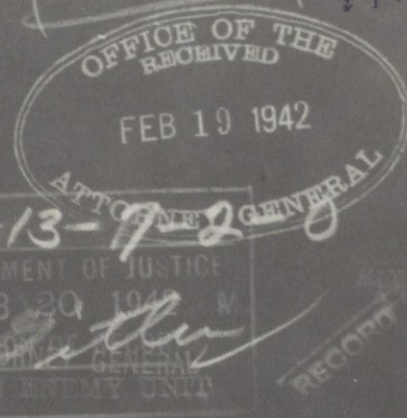
Elizabeth A. Rowell

J. T. TRULLINGER
MAYOR
M. Y. HASKETT
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE
O. G. MURRAY
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

CITY OF OLYMPIA

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1942



Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General of United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Biddle:

I have just read with interest your address before the Conference of Mayors, given the 12th of last month, on the enemy alien situation.

Although the plans for the handling of this particular situation may apply generally throughout the United States with a certain measure of success, I sincerely doubt the advisability of applying it in the case of the Japanese on the West Coast, and I desire to give you one or two very sound reasons for this statement.

The Japanese as a race, whether aliens or local born, have never been considered trustworthy by the people that have lived with them, as we have here on the West Coast. Since Pearl Harbor it is no longer a belief by our local citizenry that these people are not to be trusted, it has become a conviction. In the face of this conviction we are all at a loss to understand why thousands of Japanese are allowed to remain throughout our state living, as most of them do, in areas important to our defense.

The people in this area are becoming more and more aroused over the failure of the government to take any definite stand. They realize that if there were ten thousand Americans living on a coastal area in Japan that they would be promptly interned. I think along the West Coast in the states of Oregon, Washington and California there are better than one hundred thousand Japanese people. Yet, except for a few scattered raids and the establishment of a few minor restricted zones around certain areas, these people are allowed to do just about as they please. As a result the temper of the people in this area has become very short with those in authority. Their confidence in the ability of the government to properly handle this situation is just about gone.

In my particular position, perhaps, I hear more of the utterances and rumblings of the people concerning

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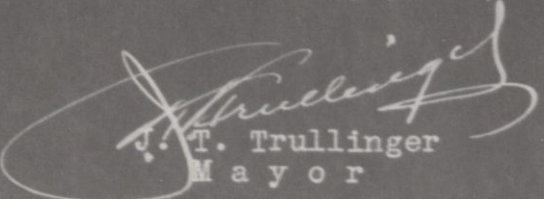
this situation than anyone else, and it is my firm opinion that unless drastic and immediate steps are taken by the government to remove from the entire coastal region all Japanese, irrespective of citizenship, there will be a recurrence of the old-time vigilante action that will effect a removal in its own peculiar way. This is the thing I fear, and that I wish to see avoided if it is at all possible for our government to make up its mind. It is the only solution that will satisfy the people in this area, and half-way measures would only result in postponing the day on which some unfortunate action will be taken by our aroused people.

For some time I have been endeavoring to convey this very message to my representatives and senators in Congress, but it seems impossible to get over to the congressional committees the seriousness with which this situation must be viewed and the necessity for immediate action. The people here realize that war is not a pink tea affair and that its outcome may mean life or death to our country, and while our politicians may be willing to spend their time in political argument, bickering and delay, I can assure you that the people on the West Coast are not so constituted. But if the government does not have the guts to tackle this situation--that is the way it looks to me--it will have to be solved the other way.

I do not speak only for myself, but also for the members of my community, for our law enforcement officials, who view this in the same light, and also for many members of the F.B.I. with whom I have conversed. These Federal officials agree that the foregoing suggestion is the only solution to the problem, but as you know, their hands are tied and they can only conduct such investigations and make such raids as may be warranted by the circumstances involved, and their efforts only go a small way toward the clearing up of this very serious condition.

I would like an expression from you so that I may advise my people as to the attitude of the government in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

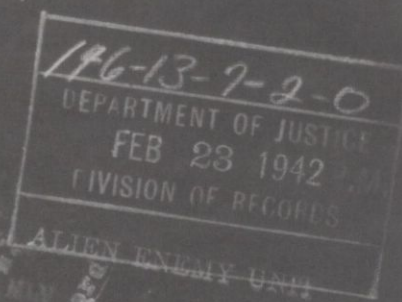
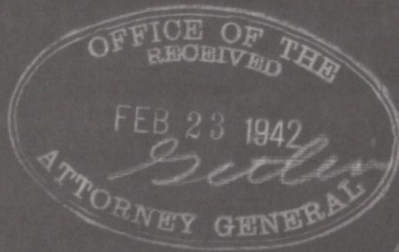


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Mr Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Dept of Justice
Washington, D.C.



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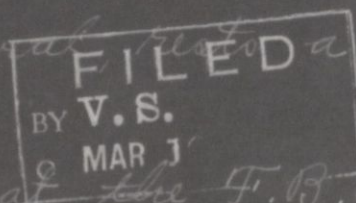
It seems unbelievable that, in spite of the flood of protests to those in high authority, we on the Pacific Coast must wait helplessly while Japan with the help of our Japanese Fifth Columnists, prepares the way to strike when she decides the moment for action has arrived.

Indignation and resentment mount higher each day as the people of California realize there is to be no adequate protection against the enemy.

The belief is widespread that the menace to our safety comes alike from American born and foreign born Japanese.

Upon you, as Attorney General, rests a grave responsibility.

Will you not urge that the F.B.I.



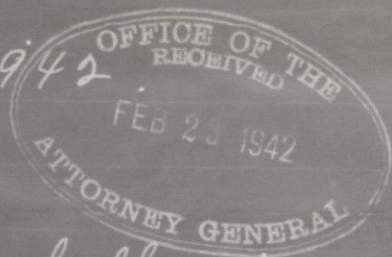
guard against this imminent danger by
removing from the California Coast,
without dangerous delay, all Japanese,
whether foreign born or American born?

Very truly yours
Sarah A. Wood

357 J ave Coronado, Calif.

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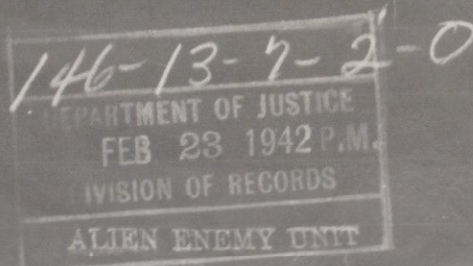
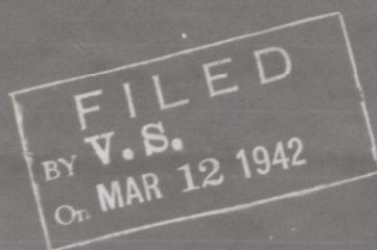


Hear Atty. Gen., - We the following
Citizens, comprising a class in Christian
Citizenship, do hereby earnestly request
you to do all in your power to hasten
the removal of all Japanese, both loyal
and enemy, from the combat area of
the Pacific Coast, 200 mi inland.

We are asking this because we believe
the safety of our families and homes, and
more vital still, the safety of our
defense industries require this action.

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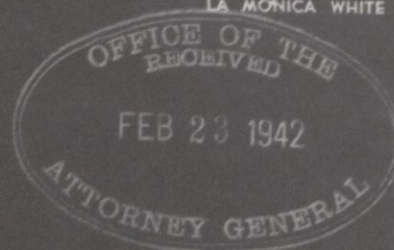
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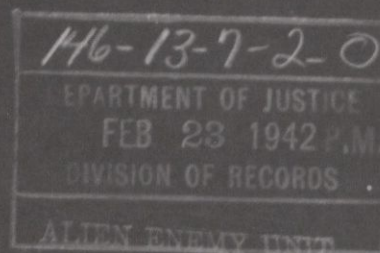
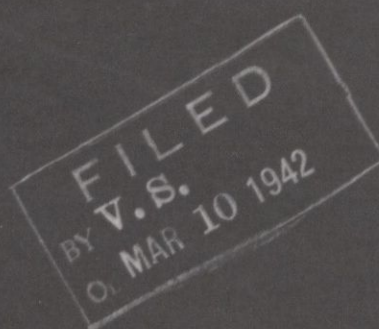
Attorney General Biddle,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

As a former member of the U. S. Navy
(in for first World War) may I add my plea
to that of the other residents of California
that the Japanese be evacuated from this
State and that it be done immediately.

Very respectfully,

Frank G. Hogan
FRANK G. HOGAN.



G. Miller

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I greatly fear that
if after repeated warnings
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people will assume the
job & mess up some of these
Jap. aliens. If I am not
greatly mistaken many people
are getting set to boil over
from a Phila. Quaker
recently a property owner
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February 18, 1942

The enclosed article by Westbrook Pegler is sent to you with the urgent request that you read it whether or not you are in sympathy with the general tendencies of his writings. In view of such disasters as Pearl Harbor and the burning of the Normandie (U.S.S. Lafayette), it must be clear to all Americans that incredible calamities, planned and executed through the activities of enemy aliens in our midst, are not only possible but highly probable.

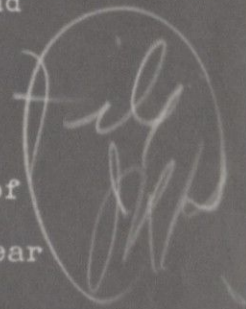
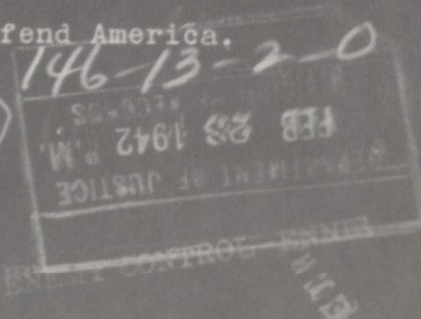
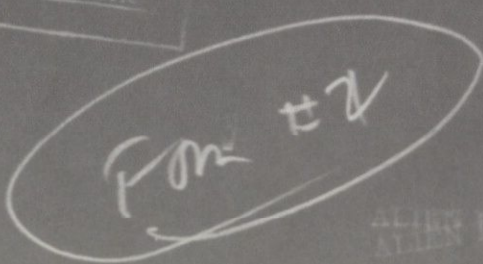
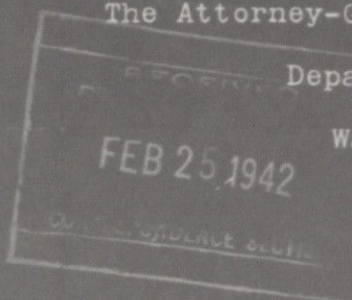
The American people are not in a mood for "witch-hunting," but at this hour it is vital that every loyal citizen, as a single individual, should use the power of his opinion to compel the vigilance of those in authority. You are therefore requested to send the enclosed article to:

The Attorney-General of the United States,

Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

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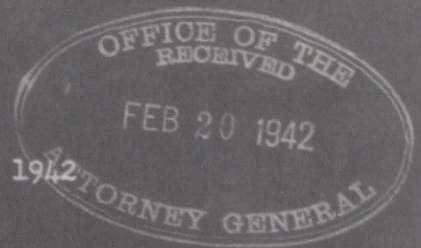
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Gerald M. Fennell

60 John Street
New York

February 18, 1942



My dear Mr. Biddle:

I hand you from today's New York Times telegram from San Francisco of the great activity of many Japs in that section of central California and including the arrest of Army and Navy officers camouflaged as nurserymen, etc; also details of Jap Navy officer returning within the last ninety days from Japan.

This item would indicate that he was not on the California coast for any good purpose as undoubtedly ninety days ago the Japs knew that they would need, for their attack on this country, all their Naval men.

May I be permitted to make the humble suggestion with 137,000 Japs on the Pacific coast, and in view of the fact that they are all essentially and automatically treacherous, and personally from dealings with them going back fifty years I never found one that I could trust yet; instead of arresting a handful here and there, would it not be wise and before it is too late to move them all into a concentration camp under the hospitable skies of North Dakota, Montana or Nevada, for example.

Hoping that we will discontinue leaving anything to chance and act promptly, I am,

With great esteem,

Faithfully

Gerald M. Fennell

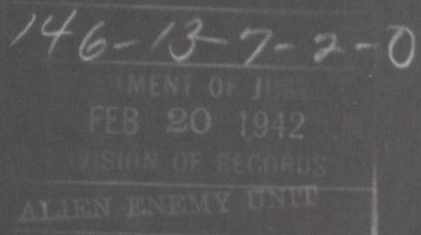
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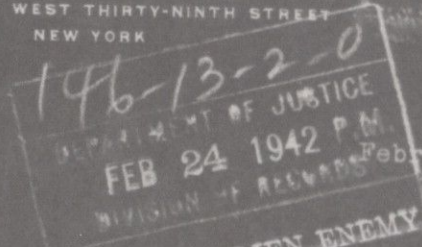
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Mr. President:-

- 1 As a citizen, I wish to propound a question.
- 2 It is not a question which should be answered to me, an individual.
- 3 Rather, it is a question which I believe that you should put to your subordinates, in any or all branches of the service.
- 4 In all Japanese territory and in such areas as may be, temporarily, under control of Japanese troops, how many American citizens are permitted to move about freely and without direct supervision or some form of restraint?
- 5 The obvious corollary is that we are taking terrible risks in permitting enemy aliens any freedom whatsoever.
- 6 It would be better and safer to inconvenience, and even harass and molest thousands of peaceable citizens at home, than to permit one single soft-speaking and ostensibly harmless alien enemy to jeopardize our National interests.
- 7 This is not a matter concerning which your duty is to me alone.
- 8 Your duty is to protect the interests of all.

Respectfully,

Wm B. McKinlay

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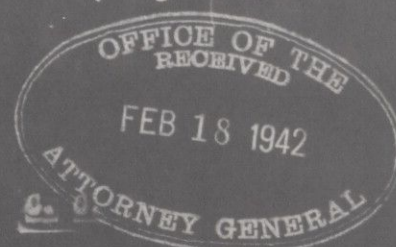
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Dear Sir;

allow me to protest against
you giving the Japs until Feb 24 to
sabotage the Pacific Coast. What
are you thinking of? Suppose a few
Americans aboard are inconvenienced
or even killed. Is not a country
worth more than a few Americans
who probably should be home anyway?

The complacency of the Administration
in Washington — which at present
seems to have no leadership —
is appalling.

When will they learn that this
is WAR and not a far dance put
on for the sole benefit of the
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Respectfully yours
EDWARDS
Andie M. Edwards

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United States Attorney Biddle
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr Biddle:

Please, through your influence
do some thing about the
aliens here on the west
coast. they must be removed
now if we don't want
another "Pearl Harbor"
especially the japonese as
they are as thick as flies?

Thank you Sincerely
W. A. Crauk
"a Foreign War Veteran"

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Dear Sir: -

according to News-

-paper reports our American Soldiers
who are prisoners of the Japanese at
Hong Kong, China - confined in con-
-centration camps - are poorly fed -
Rice being the main food given them,
and that poorly cooked. And they are de-
-prived of good drinking water - as
a result of this treatment - many are sick -
some seriously ill. I suggest these Amer-
-icans be brought home and given a chance
to live. The Japanese must be removed from
the Pacific Coast, they are a great menace
here. No State wants them. It seems the
best solution to this serious problem is to
send all the Japanese to Hong Kong, China -
then with the same Steamships pick up
all our American Soldiers in that region
and bring them home. They deserve
this consideration.

Respectfully,

Clinton L. Cooper.

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U. S. Attorney - General

Francis Biddle

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

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As the war proceeds and we are apparently lacking in adequate protection from the Japanese in the Pacific Ocean and on the Pacific Coast, I feel it imperative that some drastic steps be taken to protect us from sabotage and danger from the Japanese living among us. Descendants as well as Japanese aliens are a menace. We know that pressure is brought to bear on them by the Japanese

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government and it would be almost impossible for them to remain loyal to the United States Government. Unfortunately some guiltless ones will suffer with the guilty but this is war and who will escape some degree of suffering?

The lack of immediate sabotage is ominous. The Japanese and German Governments have planned to carefully to have overlooked the value of fifth columnists in our country.

It is of utmost importance to use your influence in removing these Japanese people to an area where they will be of no danger

1840 F. W. Hawthorne Terrace

Portland, Oregon

to the successful functioning
of our war industries and
the safety of the American
people.

Very truly yours,
Walter G. Zimmerman.
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Santa Monica, Cal.
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Roosevelt,

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SAN FRANCISCO
EDWARD J. ENNIS
Special Agent in Charge
Mr. Edward J. Ennis was kind enough to answer our letter to you of January 28, 1942, for which we are deeply grateful. Our most serious source of anxiety out here in California at present is the "time element". As far as the aliens are concerned we have been lucky to date; the time limit for movement from restricted areas will be over soon. It has been and still is an anxious period of worrying over the possible loss of some of our enormous values here.

I believe that most of us feel that when the current Japanese gains have been sufficiently consolidated, they will undoubtedly make a very great effort to land somehow somewhere on this coast, before we are prepared if possible. If they come in great numbers with airplane carriers, etc., etc., well protected, the initial attack will be a very grave problem indeed. Let them once get even a few of their large bombers on land and this initial attack would cause incalculable damage and death far and wide.

The loss of even California alone would be a disaster of the very first magnitude. Here again is the "time element." We need many planes, tanks, guns and much ammunition, and plenty of trained men quickly.

We are more than grateful for what has already been done and can only hope and pray that our leaders will help us prepare quickly and adequately "in time". If we don't protect ourselves, most certainly it will be impossible to help those we so dearly wish to help.

May God bless you and keep you well through this strain,

With deepest respect,

Francis and Kathleen Hendriks
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Jap Invasion Of Pacific Coast Seen

LOS ANGELES (U.P.)—Japan will attempt to invade the United States' west coast after conquering, in turn, Burma, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia and possibly Hawaii, Vincent Sheean, war correspondent, predicted in a lecture at Philharmonic auditorium last night.

He despaired of the United Nations ever holding the Dutch and British islands. He said Japan may pass up Hawaii should the mid-Pacific outpost prove troublesome and strike at the Pacific coast first.

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BY V. S.

On APR 3 1942

Reference: Francis M. Hendriks, American born composer-pianist.
See Who's Who. Also owner of Amateur Radio station W6NYE,
ex-W9CWX. (since 1929) Birth certificate, etc., etc., with
Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. Also an air-raid
warden in this district.

Mrs. Kathleen Hendriks, wife, born in Denver, Colo.

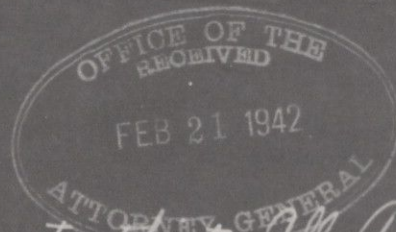
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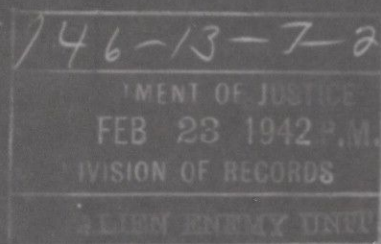
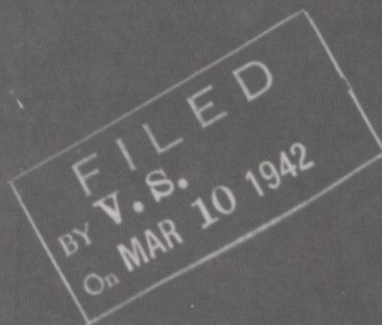
Attorney General
Francis Biddle
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir,

We, the Magnolia Study Club, represent thirty All American families, respectfully ask the Japanese not be allowed to come into Orange County and the ones here be removed. We feel due to the fact that we are part of the Coastal area, we too should be given protection. This information is of valuable importance, because of our harbor, oil fields and dams. We will appreciate any assistance.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Lyman Booth, Secty.
Magnolia Study Club.



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HONORABLE FRANCIS BIDDLE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

AS MINISTERS IN SEATTLE AND VICINITY WE THINK IT
ECONOMICALLY IMPRACTICABLE AND MORALLY UNJUST TO ATTEMPT
MASS EVACUATION OF ALIENS FROM THE PACIFIC COAST. WE URGE
LIMITATION OF EVACUATION TO THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF
PRIMARY DEFENSE PLANTS AND PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN
SUCH AREAS. WE URGE CONSIDERATE RESETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS
FOR EVACUEES

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As citizens they have their
rights and should not
be discriminated against
more than Germans and
Italians.

They should be guarded
and watched no matter
what the expense, but let their
concentration camps be on
the premises of their own
homes and occupation.

Very respectfully,
HATTIE M. BALLENGEE

320 South Oxford Ave
Los Angeles Calif

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FRANCIS J BIDDLE WASHDC

THANKS FOR SANE ADMINISTRATION ENEMY ALIEN LAWS DONT LET
HOTHEADS STAMPED YOU ON JAPANESE QUESTION AMERICANS INTERNED
IN ORIENT MIGHT SUFFER I HAVE A SON IN MANILLA

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not be hard, as work seems to be their life. One never sees them at beaches or other places of recreation.

How can we provide for thousands of homeless people: and how foolish when we need their crops and they need their homes and are self-supporting.

People can be watched more effectively pursuing their own way of life than when scattered abroad. Those who are loyal would not long remain so if embittered.

It's the minority - the younger generation, those in business who might need watching. The older generation left Japan because they did not like life there but the younger ones get ideas about the Fatherland - which goes for Germany also.

Why have a lot of homeless bewildered people on our hands who have proven their ability and inclination to take care of themselves.

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Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir -

What to do with the Japanese on the coast seems to be the paramount question right now. 146-13-7-2-0

The solution seems rather simple. A. M. A.

How can so many people be moved and where could they go which would not be near some defense area.

Most of these people are farmers and they are segregated in groups.

Why not allow them to remain at home and take care of their crops which are right now coming up and need care.

They could be placed under adequate restrictions as to other activities - which would

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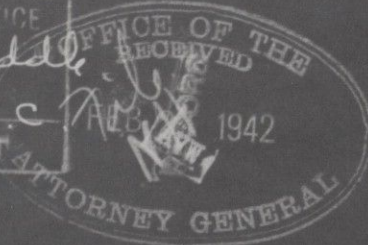
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Attorney General Biddle

Washington, D.C.

ALIEN ENEMY UNIT



Dear Sir:-

Doubtless you realize the perilous position of this west coast and its industries - not to mention its inhabitants. Also doubtless we may expect another "surprise" from the enemy at almost any unexpected time.

That "surprise" may be from the sea but an earlier one may be from within our very midst - from our alien - German and Japanese - population. Right now

sand, sugar and other gritty substances are being put into gasoline tanks of the cars of defense workers. The longer we delay evacuation of these aliens the more harm they can do us.

This is the time for immediate action in getting these aliens away from this coast. And why not send them to the agricultural areas of the middle west, let them work on the farms and let the U.S. feed them and part of our army with the produce. Let the Japanese work under army supervision but be well cared for as we hope our own people

would be cared for should the situation be reversed. Let the American born Japanese go with their parents.

Above all, this evacuation should be immediate.

Yours truly,

(Mrs. W. J.) Louise W. Escherich
ESCHERICH

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Los Angeles, Calif.,
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Attorney-General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I noticed that Congress appropriated \$300,000.00 for the roundup of Pacific area aliens. Please accept my help.

In the year of 1934 and 1935, also 1936, I travelled back and forth from Bakersfield, California, to Watsonville, California. At that time it was common talk through the San Joaquin Valley that the Japanese would work for whatever they could get, in order to get in the canning factories, or any other work that they could get to do at any price. If the amount was not sufficient to live on, the Japanese Government would make up the balance needed for them to live on.

The majority of the people in California realize that all the people that have a drop of Japanese blood in their veins should be rounded up.

Should it be put to a vote it would carry by a majority of 5 to 1.

Yours very truly,

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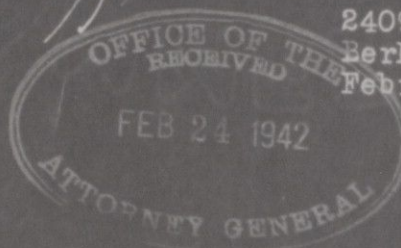
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Attorney General Biddle
Washington, D.C.



2409 Blake Street
Berkeley, California
February 19, 1942

Dear Sir:

As a native Californian who grew up in a rural area of the state, I am very well acquainted with the industry and self-sacrifice of the Japanese to gain what they have in this state.

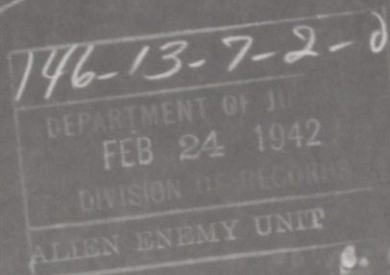
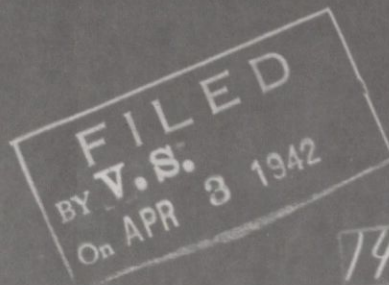
I wish to protest now against the recent efforts to deprive innocent Japanese farmers and their children of their civilian rights. I believe the large majority of the Japanese in California are loyal to the United States, and to our democratic ideals, but the surest way to destroy that loyalty is to persecute them unjustly. For too long California has discriminated against the minority races and I cannot help but believe that that has been the main cause of our trouble with Japan at present. If we are ever to live together in peace and security, the domination of one race over another must cease.

My husband joins with me in this protest as he believes too that the majority of Japanese in California are loyal to the United States from his contacts with them at the University.

Will you please do all in your power to keep our treatment of the Japanese and Japanese-Americans on a fair and just basis? We have been very pleased with your handling of the situation up until recently when we are sure pressure has been put upon you and your office by self-interested forces in this state.

Most sincerely yours,

Lillian Hughes Morris Hughes
Lillian and Morris Hughes



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Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society

152 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.

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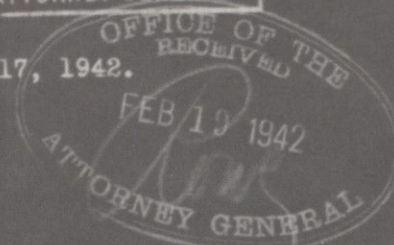
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TO THE
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The Honorable Francis Biddle
The Attorney General
Washington D. C.

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February 17, 1942.



My dear Mr. Attorney General:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, I am writing to express to you our appreciation of the understanding and wisdom with which you are carrying on the very difficult task which is yours these days.

Because of the interest which this Society has had for years in the Japanese in America, many reports have come to us from different parts of the country in regard to the present situation of our Japanese friends. Almost without exception these reports have expressed appreciation of the justice and the consideration with which your representatives have worked.

We are especially interested in the work at Terminal Island, California, where the only evangelical church for the Japanese is one of our denomination. For years we have supported a woman to work among the children and the women who live there. While our sympathies are intensely stirred by the reports we have from those simple fishing people and by the terror with which they face the move which they must make, even there the report has told of the fairness with which the government is acting.

It is our great hope that these people may be evacuated in family units and that if possible, they may be sent to the same section of the country so that their fellowship with each other may support them in this time of anxiety. In this case, it is our desire that our missionary shall go to that section, that by her presence and ministry she may help them in the difficult adjustment.

Wherever these Japanese groups are sent, we hope that the government will see to it that we are free to carry on religious services. Would it not be possible that Christian alien pastors who are without suspicion could be released to these groups in such a way that they might carry on the ministry? We have eight Baptist Japanese churches in Los Angeles. Several of the pastors who are greatly loved were foreign born.

May I express also the strong conviction of our Board that in disposing of the Japanese they shall not be subjected to anything which can result in peonage to farm groups. As a citizen of the United States, it is a deep gratification to me that in a time of strain our government is acting toward enemy aliens with justice and moderation.

Sincerely,

Alice W. Brimson
Executive Secretary

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Attorney-General Francis Biddle
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I have been horrified by seeing, in the daily papers, statements that a wholesale movement of all aliens of Japanese, German, and Italian birth is contemplated for this area. It seems completely incompatible with the very fair and understanding statements coming from the attorney-general's office on the treatment of aliens and the necessity for the retention of civil rights in this emergency.

Among those 'enemy aliens', are many who have suffered intensely at the hands of the German and Italian fascists, who came here for refuge, and whose only desire is to become good citizens of this new land and help in the uprooting of fascism and fascistic tendencies everywhere.

I have taught Japanese-American children whose parents were passionately grateful for the educational opportunities, the chance to earn decent livings here in this country. If there are some Japanese aliens--not aliens, you must remember, by their own choice, but because we deny them citizenship--and some Japanese Americans who would help Japan, they are not many.

It should be possible to investigate, to separate those whose loyalty is unquestioned, from those who are sympathetic to the Axis powers. Or, at the very least, not to go in for such wholesale removals as the papers indicate. The problems created

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WE URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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COASTAL AREAS AS A SAFEGUARD TO LIFE AND PROPERTY
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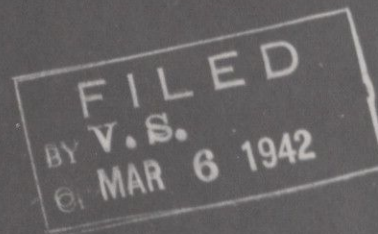
ATTY GENERAL FRANCIS E BIDDLE

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THE WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA ARE SURE IF YOU REALIZE THE
IMMEDIATE DANGER OF SABOTAGE AND AIR RAIDS TO THE
PACIFIC COAST THAT YOU AND SECRETARY OF WAR WOULD
REMOVE THE ALIEN ENEMIES FROM CALIFORNIA AT ONCE WE
ARE ASKING YOU TO DO THIS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

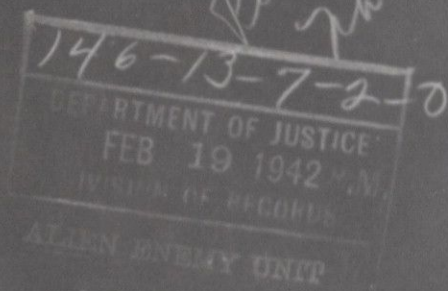
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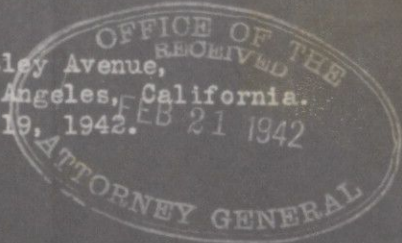


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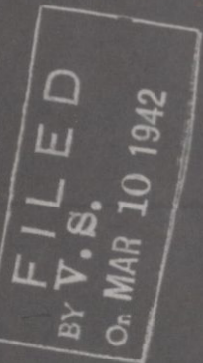
Honorable Sir:

Hitler

I am writing you regarding the Japanese situation on the Pacific Coast.

It seems to me that some immediate action should be taken to move the Japanese away from our coastal cities. / You should realize that we are part of the United States just as much as Washington, D. C. We aren't somewhere off in the middle of the ocean. Our industries are important to winning this war. And our problem is one that won't wait and wait for investigation after investigation. Perhaps I should say, that our problem may wait, but the Japanese won't.

Why don't you take the \$300,000 appropriated by Congress and move the Japs with it, then investigate to your hearts content. Undoubtedly it would be a pleasant winter vacation for an investigating committee to spend a month in our fair state, but where will they be when they get through investigating. Another month will have passed and no further action. They don't live here, and they don't know the Japanese as the people who are around them all the time. Why don't you take the word of our officials here, the Dies' Committee reports, and the report of Thomas Clark? What more do you want -- an actual Pearl Harbor here before you act. It's been almost three months, and you still procrastinate.



I have a small child, and I can assure you the prospect of his suffering because of red tape, and complacency on the part of Washington, doesn't appeal to me. I know the task before you is a big one, and there are some things we cannot do immediately. But we can take care of this situation - we do have the means.

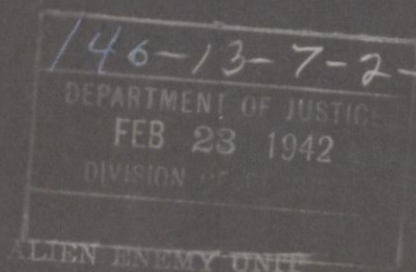
Why is everyone so afraid of not being "nice" to the Japs. Was Pearl Harbor being very "nice" to us? And how are our people in Japan and the invaded cities being treated? And we sit back and play right into their hands.

You keep telling us to expect to have our homes bombed. All right, we can take it, but why help them along by keeping these enemies in our midst.

I urge you to act now, and investigate later, please.

Yours very truly,

Katharyn Innesdell
(Mrs. C. C.)



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CHARLES M. HOWELL
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

February 1942

Attorney General
of the United States,
Washington, D.C.
Honorable Sir,

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As a member of the
Committee to Defend
America, I respectfully
call your attention to the
enclosed newspaper article.

Yours very truly
Charles M. Howell
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WE A CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF ~~OREX~~ OROSI TOWNSHIP AFTER A DIS-
CUSSION HELD TONIGHT DEMAND THAT SOME ACTION BE TAKEN AT
ONCE REGARDING THE JAPANESE SITUATION IN THIS VICINITY.
FURTHER WE DEMAND THAT ALL JAPANESE THAT ARE NOW HERE AND
THOSE THAT ARE BEING MOVED IN HERE BE REMOVED NOT ONLY FOR
OUR SAFETY BUT ALSO FOR THEIR SAFETY. WE FEAR THAT
UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN THE SITUATION MAY GET OUT
OF HAND. URGENT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN

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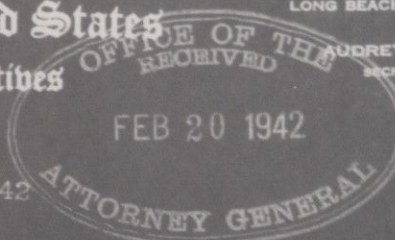
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HOME ADDRESS:
512 JERGENS TRUST BLDG.
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1942



AUDREY HAGEN
SECRETARY

Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Enclosed herewith find telegram I have just received from the Chief of Police at Long Beach, California.

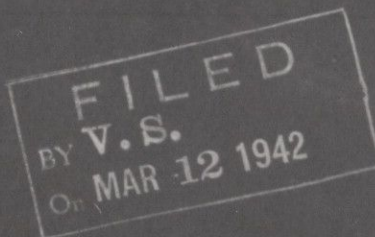
As you know, Long Beach is in the center of many shipyards and large airplane plants. Also oil wells, refineries and storage tanks.

Immediate action is necessary, not only for the protection of that area, but for these industries so vital in our National war program. Let's move these Japanese out and talk about it afterwards.

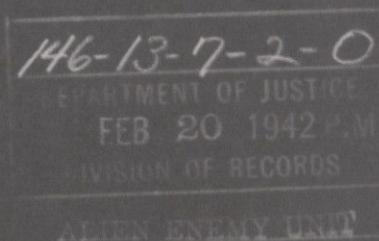
Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress
18th District, California

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Washington
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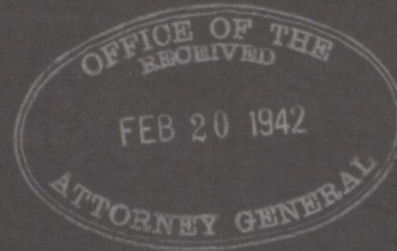
Hello you lousy Jap Lover. Why in
hell dont you get out of office and let
some one in there thats got guts enough
to handle this Jap situation out here on
this coast. You and your six freedom
should be put in the Garbage Can. Or per-
haps a Pearl Harbor incident out here
would awaken the citizens of the Country up
to get rid of all you Jap Lovers. ~~Here's hoping~~
You can see it the way the American Citizens in ~~Manila~~
does. P. L. D. All.

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EDWIN J. SCHLESINGER
INVESTMENT COUNSEL
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE MURRAY HILL 2-4993
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Hon. Francis Biddle
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Washington, D. C.

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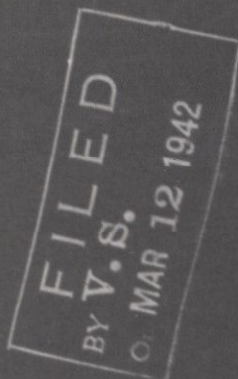
When a mongoose sees a cobra it strikes first, fast and hard so as not to give the cobra a chance. This is the policy, it seems to me, that should be applied against all Japs, whether they are born in Japan or in the United States.

I question very much whether American born Japs have a dual loyalty. It seems to me that they have a single loyalty, and that solely to Japan.

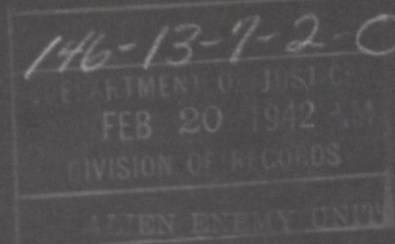
It furthermore appears that all Japs should be removed immediately from the Pacific Coast states. They could be sent to Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, none of which border on Canada, Mexico or the Pacific Coast states.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN J. SCHLESINGER



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755 Woodward Boulevard
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February 20, 1942

The Honorable Francis Biddle
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
FEB 23 1942

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to express my complete confidence in the policies of the Federal Government and of your office in particular in dealing with the question of the Japanese alens and American citizens of Japanese descent on the Pacific Coast.

However I wish to call to your attention the fact that local authorities are doing everything in their power to create distrust and suspicion of the Japanese elements in the population. Through the radio and press a vigorous campaign is being carried on singling out the Japanese group. The motives behind this are undoubtedly the dispossession of these people. The Mayor of Los Angeles and the County Board of Supervisors have gone on record as favoring wholesale evacuation without taking into consideration the serious food shortage which would inevitably result.

The head of the Pasadena City Council and local Defense Board, Mr. A. I. Stewart, has been tireless in his efforts to arouse hatred and suspicion of all Japanese. This is in complete accord with his attitude toward all racial and minority groups in the past. He has always had in mind for Pasadena restrictions which would limit the residents of the city to members of the white race. In this un-American policy he has had the backing of realestate developers and merchants.

The Japanese residents of California, alien and native have made an incalculable contribution to the wealth and welfare of our State. There are a great many American citizens, perhaps inarticulate and disorganized, who regard the problem of the Japanese residents under the present circumstances as a test of our democratic system of government, and who are anxious that these Japanese, citizens and aliens alike be treated in a scrupulously fair manner. We are glad that the matter is in the hands of the Federal and not local authorities, and we hope that the pressure being brought to bear on the Government for immediate action will not cause it to swerve from the course of justice.

Yours very truly,

Consuelo Spining Lowe
Consuelo Spining Lowe

(Mrs. Ralph P.)

Feb. 20, 1942
Lancaster, Pa.

5 The enclosed article by
Westbrook Pegler is sent to you
with the hope that you will
read same and see that
it is acted upon.

Andrew H. Smith
1033 Wheatland Ave
Lancaster Penna.

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49 NORTH DUKE STREET
LANCASTER, PA.

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February 20, 1942

Hon. Francis Biddle
Attorney-General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There has come to my attention
an article by the columnist, Westbrook
Pegler, the content matter of which, I be-
lieve, is worthy of your careful attention,
and which I enclose.

We, as a free people, must not
be caught napping by ruthless enemies who
will stop at no act, however dastardly.

It is a thousand times better
that we shall intern all enemies who are in
a spot where they might do harm, than that
history shall record that in our endeavor to
be polite, that we permit our enemies to
overthrow our country from within.

Yours for Victory,

Jacques H. Geisenberger

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The Attorney General of the United States,
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My dear Sir:

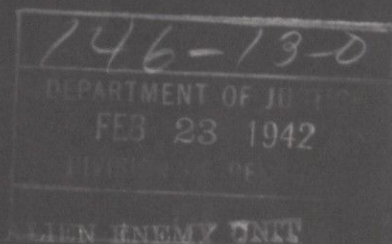
Pegley

Permit me to call your attention to the enclosed
clipping in re the Fifth Column problem in the United
States.

Very truly yours,

Wallace L. Robinson
WALLACE L. ROBINSON,
Assistant Secretary.

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HERB L. DEICHERT.....

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694 SOUTH ALVARADO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

February 20, 1942.

U.S. Attorney General Mr Biddle
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Please send me a good supply of those "Writs" for protection of my family against our resident Japs (to us, they are all Japs) if they are still here - and it looks like you will insure that they will be - when Japan is ready to signal them that the time has arrived for "Los Angeles Harbor Day".

We are sure that if we waved one of those "writs" in their faces when they start shooting that they would be "so sorry, please".

Thanking you in advance for your immediate attention.

Yours very truly

Herb L. Deichert
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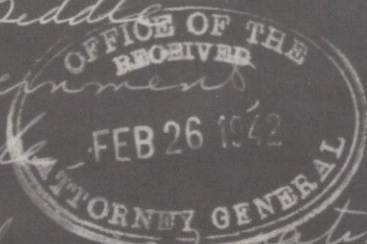
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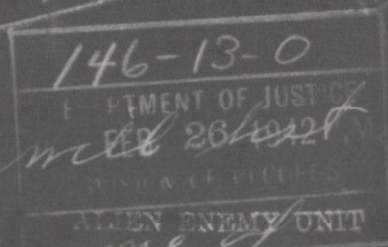
District Attorney Biddle
United States Government

Dear Mr. Biddle:



As a Californian native
-born citizen, a citizen who
has Revolutionary ancestors,
I wish to inform you of
certain facts, which are
the beliefs of ~~every~~ many
acquaintances in this
University town.

BY GPJR
On MAR 12 1942



An experience will
explain, which is one of
many. A young Japanese
girl, a student living
in a Japanese women's home
on our California campus,

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worked for us - for
several months - coming
to our house daily to
prepare dinners for
my "school teacher" sister
and my "school teacher" self.
At the end of most pleasant
relations - outwardly - she
talked freely with us,
saying that the Japanese
and German were much
alike, that the Japanese
people admired their
traits, such as respect
for their elders, quiet
efficiency, and general
culture. She felt it was
unfair not to give the
Japanese positions; she

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wished to instruct in
public speaking, and
said she would have
to go to Hawaii or
Japan.

Her father is a florist
in Los Angeles and
she a native born
Californian.

The feeling here
is so deep due to
personal experience through
so many years of
daily dealings with
the Japanese race. Not
one has ever told us
confidentially that they
are in favor of our systems

of government.

Another Japanese woman, a maid for twenty years in a friend's home of mine induced her son - who was a Californian born - raised in Japan - to choose dual citizenship but to remain here - instead of going to Japan as he wished to do. They are both here - she with a salary on an average of twelve hundred a year for this past period of time - to spend as she wishes. We could tell you of

innumerable cases
but we will not burden
you further. For much time
has been taken.
Thanking you - for
your services, and trusting
"speed" may be taken now.

Jessie Jane Patton
Bessie Jane Patton

2954 Hillegass Avenue
Berkeley, California

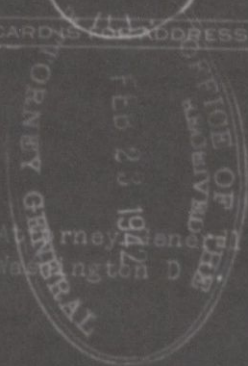
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Attorney General
Washington D



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Dear Judge;-

Old Indian Fighters used to say....
"The only good Indian is a dead Indian". So you
might keep that in mind in rounding up Japs;Huns
and Wops;The American People feel that we have been
too sentimental regarding these barbarians.It is
good news indeed to read that your office is rounding
up Japs on the coast.The sooner we get as tough with
these enemies as they get with us,the fewer lives
we will lose.

The Press is reeking with criticism of the way things
are being run in Washington.It gives the people of
the country the impression that Lohm L Lewis is doing
"the Lambeth Walk"with Ma McLain.The parasites are
hanging all over The Admirals and Generals,like wool
on an Angora Goat.Sincerely and Cordially. Ben Smith.

May I call your attention to
Drew and Allen's article on
"The Four Old Men".No wonder the
country is frightened.

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WE URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TO REMOVE ALL JAPANESE INCLUDING AMERICAN BORN FROM ALL
COASTAL AREAS AS SAFEGUARD TO LIFE PROPERTY
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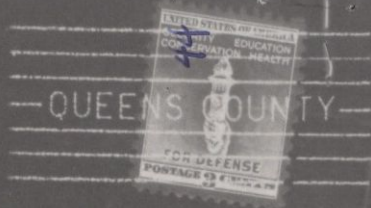
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Hon. Pres. F. R. Roosevelt
Washington, D.C.

Justice
Hear Sir. ^{Brooklyn} Saturday
N.Y.

I am forty five years
of age and when a young
man I always was under
the impression that a Japanese
could not stay here and
have a family and that a
Japanese woman ~~was not~~
allowed in at all. ^{I am come}

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we have so many Japanese
born here? ^{When}
this law changed? ^{File}

It is about time you ^{now}
got wise to these sneaks
& cleaned them out!
We are too trustful of these
yellow sneaks! On the
other hand we forced their
hand by being too friendly
with the other yellow race.
Why don't the white race get
together & protect themselves
against the "Yellow Peril."

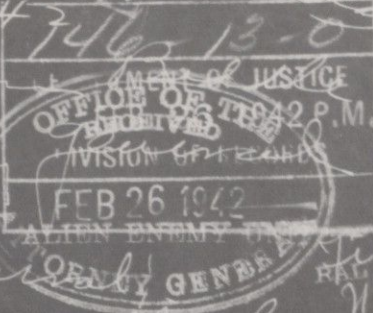
Gift... To Angeles - Calif. Washington
Feb. 22nd

The Honorable Frank

United States Attorney

San Francisco

My dear Attorney General



5000 Washington really know
the seriousness of conditions
on the Pacific Coast? I really
fear they are moving Japs - by 200 x
500 - but there are thousands x
thousands of Japans in Calif.

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Don't - Every one should be moved
back 500 or 600 miles. It is a case
of where the "innocent will have to
suffer with the guilty" - until the
the innocent are proved so.
They should not be treated un-
kindly - but all moved and
quick. I fully realize it is a
tremendous task - but it can
not be accomplished too quickly.
Our Country is at war and they
under such ^{awful} conditions, can not
the Japs - who have wonderful track
records - be moved very fast into

the interior and to make to
raise large quantities of vegetables
& feed or supply Our Country, and
all this garden to under heavy
surveillance & guard by proper
True Americans so they can not
poison the vegetables, My Doctor
told me today that he has had
three cases with in the past ten
days with vegetables international
poison - I do not pretend to
know very much about Inter-
national Law & am great ex-
tent or fully obiding by Our
Constitution in the following re-
spect, but our lives are in danger
from Sabotage etc - and we are
at war - and why can not our
government use the frozen money
of the Japs or Japanese government
that is in this Country & pay
for the trained working of all these
Japs and Chinese & others

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Gardens started & loving them
guarded & paid for by said
money - instead of taxing our
people for such things, and the
same in putting all suspected
Germans & Italians & other
Alicians into Concentration Camps
& the Americans to taxed &
paid them - why can't the
frozen money of these countries
be used for that? - regardless
of international law at such
a terrible time. And again
when men in industrial and
munition factories & plants want
more money, they strike ^{for a raise in salary} & they
get it - (because we need the
materials for tanks & ships etc.)
but take the clerks & other men
in offices their salaries are not
raised & their hours are longer
and they must meet ^{too} the ^{rapidly} raising
cost of living too.
In my own case I am ill &
just 60 years of age and being

treated by a Doctor, kind enough
~~to~~ not to charge me, because he
 knows my financial condition
 and my income barely large
 enough to enable me to carry on
 & how am I to go on at the
 rate the price of food is going up

I used to pay 21¢ for 4 cans of
 milk & now they are 3 for 25¢
 Oranges that I used to pay 13¢ for
 three lbs - now 22¢ - Rep. Donnelly
 of Calif - proposed a Federal Pension
 of \$30.00 for those worthy over 65 years
 of age - last week and it was de-
 feated by Congress and there are
 many others in my position who
 are so willing to do all they can
 for Our Beloved Country - but how
 can we - when this war is
 over is United States to be a
 Country of unfed unwashed
 children and adults as well
 because we do not have the
 money to buy unwashed food
 because of the high cost. -
 My Ancestors fought in the

Mexican War - Revolutionary War
Civil & Spanish wars & were
wound & serve their Country, a
number of them in high ranking
positions - I lived in the East
and spent much time in
Washington D.C. as a guest of
Senators & Rep. - & a guest in
the White House and our
Government received thousands
& thousands of dollars in taxes
and now I am in need -

It is now 11.30 A.M. and the
Radio has been off the air since
7.30 A.M. - Believe me you can
not act too quickly - many
foreigners have become nationalized
US Citizens only to better carry on
their under cover work. The
alliance & Our Flag means
nothing to them - But in some
way use their frozen money
& house & food & guard them
and not tax Our People for that

6- A love my Country U.S.A

fully realize your task a
heavy one - but you must
realize in every possible con-
ditions out here - the entire
Coast - but by far the largest
numbers of Japs in Calif. & al. so
near defense plants & the coast
and you can not realize the
grave conditions out here or
act too quickly, for con-
ditions out here are grave &
serious - but face them under
guard in raising vegetables,
(so much needed) - so as not to
poison them & so cause an
epidemic when too late - &
see if the cost of living for us
given can not be curbed
God Bless you in your
efforts - but only hurry

A true American
Citizen Caroline Silvers

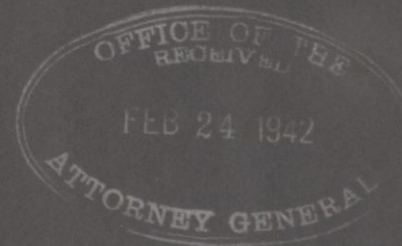
It is terrible not to be able to
lay back to help body & soul together because

the prices are going up - & sent the strikers -



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUDGES' CHAMBERS

WILLIAM H. KELLER, PRESIDENT JUDGE
J. E. B. CUNNINGHAM, JUDGE
THOMAS J. BALDRIGE, JUDGE
JOSEPH STADTFELD, JUDGE
CHESTER H. RHODES, JUDGE
WILLIAM E. HIRT, JUDGE
CHARLES E. KENWORTHY, JUDGE



Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 23, 1942.

Hon. Francis Biddle, Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Biddle:

I have no doubt you have seen the enclosed article, but if you have not I call it to your attention. I am not in sympathy with all of Westbrook Pegler's writings, but with this one I am. I learned to know the Japanese to some extent when I was in college. One of them was in my class, one in the class ahead of me and one in the class behind. They do not become assimilated and they are Japanese to the end. I would not trust one of them further than I could see him.

I know you are overrun with suggestions, but submit this for one more.

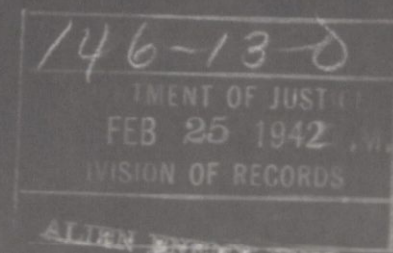
With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Keller

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Mr. Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Please advocate measures which will insure fair dealing for Axis aliens and their descendants on West Coast. I feel that our national unity and future are involved. Appointments of Federal coordinator and custodian of alien property seem essential. The moving and economic placement of evacuees should be handled generously and considerately. Justified precautionary measures should be so safeguarded that future national unity will not be jeopardized.

Harry L. Kingman
535 San Luis Road
Berkeley, California

From the Desk of Lois Crozier

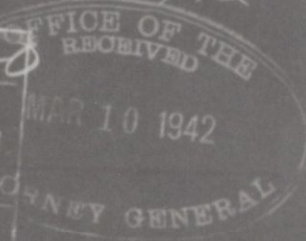


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Attorney General
Washington
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Dear Mr. Biddle:

A word of appreciation for your splendid attitudes in these trying times. We are trying desperately to realize that this treatment and evacuating of our American-born Japanese people represents pressure resulting from fear. We have seen so many who want a chance to be loyal Americans, yet they are being rebuffed on all sides. We are looking to you for administration of justice.

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Sincerely yours,
Lois Crozier
823 1/2 North Fuller Avenue
Los Angeles, California

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WE BELIEVE WHOLESAL E INDISCRIMINATING EVACUATION OF JAPANESE FROM
THIS AREA UNWARRANTED AND PROVOCATIVE OF RACIAL INTOLERANCE THE
FUTURE PEACE MUST REST ON A FOUNDATION OF RACIAL GOODWILL PLEASE
USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO PROMOTE JUSTICE TOWARD THESE PEOPLE MANY
FOR WHOM WE KNOW AS ~~EX~~ LOYAL AMERICANS

COMMITTEE FOR WORLD PEACE STANLEY T SHAW.

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KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE
PROFESSOR OF MISSIONS AND ORIENTAL HISTORY

409 PROSPECT STREET, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

March 10, 1942

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My dear Mr. Biddle:

As a native of Oregon and as one who usually spends his summers in his native town in that state may I venture to write you concerning the vexing problem of the Japanese, both aliens and citizens, on the West Coast?

With the general principle of exercising very careful supervision over enemy aliens and dangerous citizens I would not in any sense raise objection. To be faithful to its manifest duty the Government can do nothing else. However, may I venture to express the hope that the removal of aliens and citizens and the disruption of the normal life of citizens may be kept to the absolute minimum which is consistent with national security, that the care of persons who are dislocated be entrusted to experienced civilian governmental social agencies, and that care be taken so as to afford occupation and adequate support for those who are removed or must be supervised, to the end that our enemies shall not be able to lay against us the charge of being guilty of the same racial persecution of which we rightly accuse them.

All of this is so obvious and so entirely in accord with what I know must be your own attitude that I would not trouble you to write you about it if it were not for the fact that in the quite understandable alarm raised by the events of the past few weeks some of our citizens may be bringing pressure to bear upon our Government for more drastic action than the situation warrants and for measures which may not only be unjust and produce unnecessary hardship upon innocent citizens but which may prove a boomerang that will give aid and comfort to our enemies.

Respectfully,

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Dept of Justice
MAR 14 1942

Dear Sirs - The morning paper
states you Dept is turning
over many alien Japanese
to some American citizen as
sponsors to be reported to
regularly - or something to that
effect - suck clap trap!
This is war - And no American
knows the workings of the
Oriental mind.
All aliens should be rounded up
enthusiastically and interned - all
your pussy footing should
wait until we have

won the war.

I am believe all Japanese,
Citizen or not, should be
far removed from both
coasts and any project at all
that has any military
value.

The American Housewife
EARLE CRAWFORD

Mrs Earle Crawford

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615 E Chapman.

First Baptist Church

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Dana and Haste Streets

ULYSS STANFORD MITCHELL, Minister

March 12, 1942

FLOYD E. HOUSE
Assistant Minister

WALTER W. ARMANTAGE
Student Minister

LAWRENCE REEDER
Minister of Music

RICHARD BAILEY
Organist

VERA A. MURRAY
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Mr. Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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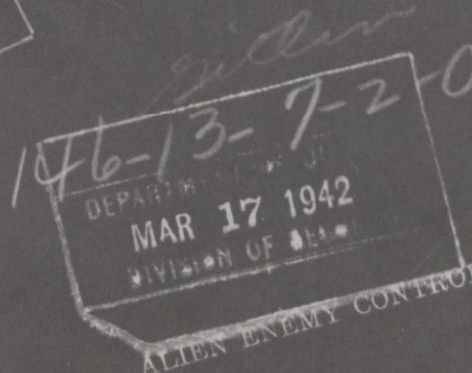
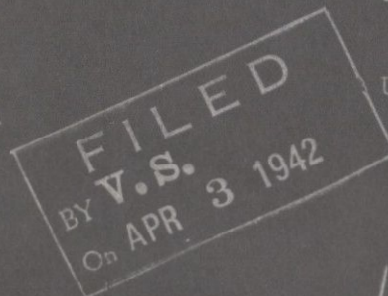
I fully realize the task of safe-guarding our national welfare is highly important and that vigorous steps necessarily must be taken with regard to suspicious persons. It is the impression of many of us, however, that special precautions should be taken lest innocent and law-abiding citizens and resident aliens be seriously harmed by any drastic action calling for mass evacuations.

Might it be possible that a special Board of Inquiry be established to give careful consideration to individual cases that should be reviewed?

Sincerely yours,

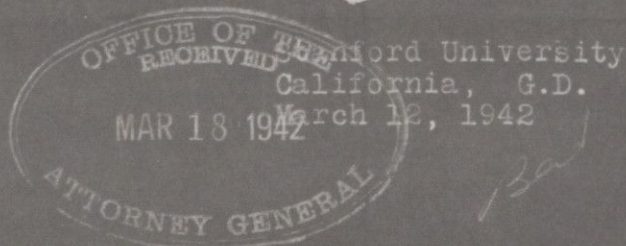
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Attorney General Biddle
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Biddle:

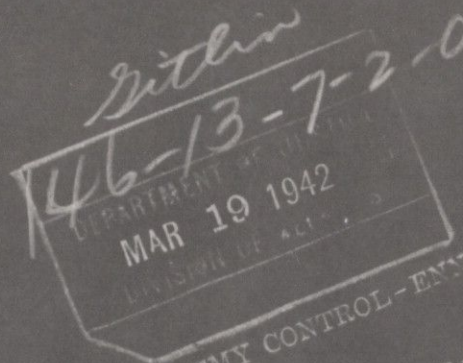
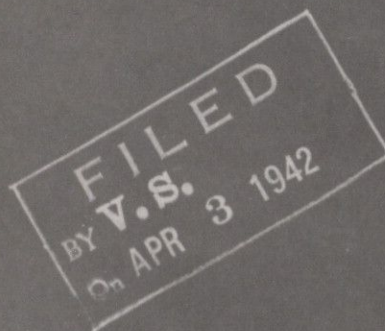
We appreciate your fine expression of Americanism and your fairness of attitude toward our Japanese residents. We have known some of them for several years and find them to be of the highest character. They love America and regret Pearl Harbor as much as we. It seems a pity to send away those who have been working here for years and can be vouched for by their employers. They are making a contribution to our economic life.

But if they must be sent away, we hope that the government will provide safe and comfortable places for them. As we wish our nationals in Japan to be well treated, and, as, indeed it has been reported through Switzerland that they are, let us likewise treat the Japanese here. For it would be regrettable to have our government emulate the ruthless methods of Hitler.

Many of us in California are not swept away by the wave of hysteria and fear. As Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Chancellor of Stanford University says, "Let us show fair play toward these people."

Respectfully yours,

Elsie R. Renne **RENNE**



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Dear Sir:

ALL JAPANESE--AMERICAN-BORN AND ALIENS--must be placed in CONCENTRATION CAMPS AT ONCE. THERE MUST BE NO HALF MEASURES. ANY ONE of them may jeopardize the LIVES and SAFETY of HUNDREDS, especially in Hawaii and in California and their FIFTH COLUMN may cause us to lose these places and Alaska to Japan! The sexes must be kept absolutely separate. Only in concentration camps can they be later exchanged for our people now imprisoned in Japan.

It is unthinkable that Japan is allowing any white people freedom there. Why should we allow them freedom here? Many of the present half-measures now being taken are worse than useless. They lull our people into a false sense of security. A few hundred Japs rounded up from Terminal Island only gives warning to the rest of them to be careful or to go in hiding into the mountains or escape to Mexico. I believe that the majority of their main spies have gone to South America or to sea already, but have left means for reaccess to this country and have an "underground railway" well-disciplined for mass action when they choose to strike. Singapore has fallen. They may strike soon. Having all alien Japanese register and carry identification cards, having them turn in all radios, cameras and fire arms and having the Army empowered to remove some of them living near vital areas en masse will not end this terrible danger. With each commanding Army officer there will be varying degrees of surveillance and pressure will bear on him to spare certain groups because of agricultural needs. Among those not taken into custody or removed there will be a huge FIFTH COLUMN left to cause us losses only to be recovered by heavy fighting.

Undoubtedly cruel "bushido" methods are being used in Japan to get secret information from individuals and rubber hose beatings as they used on reporters and other white people long before December 7th. So far, we have no Japanese prisoners of war. They have 1100 Sailors and Marines from Wake Island as well as 1200 civilian workmen from there alone. They claim the capture of 200 allied merchant ships and the men aboard are now prisoners. Americans are now being put to work for Japan. Many from Manila, etc., are in their hands. The Japanese are treating American prisoners better than they do the British and Dutch mainly because of the several hundred thousand Japanese in our midst. We must not let this valuable asset escape gradually over the Border or by sea, but must use them as the hostages they really are for the good treatment and final exchange for Americans. Our only hope to have a semblance of fair treatment for our people imprisoned there is to keep all those of Japanese ancestry here where they are confined and can do no harm.

We can rid America of this pyramiding danger now. We must insist on keeping the sexes separate, or they will use this interment time as an incubating period and in five years each family may emerge with five more children. Unconfined, in one generation we will have five times and in two generations, twenty-five times as many Japanese to cope with! This is our golden opportunity to rid the United States of them for good. The Japanese will be glad to go while Japan is successful and Japan will welcome them and release Americans in exchange. Many Japanese left Hawaii and California to live in Japan again during our depression years and they know the going will be more than hard for them here from now on. Among the thousands of Aliens and the American-born Japanese, who have all been exposed to propaganda teaching at their language schools for years, too many have an important part assigned them for mass destruction and murder in a surprise attack to paralyze us that would make Pearl Harbor pale by comparison. These Fifth Columnists cannot be weeded out, but all must be confined for our self-preservation.

Nothing short of Every JAPANESE--AMERICAN BORN OR NOT--in CONCENTRATION CAMPS WITH THE SEXES ABSOLUTELY SEPARATE will give any real measure of security. Every day's delay may cost us heavily in loss of life and property and lose us our outposts of Hawaii and Alaska and our West Coast states. Immediate action is imperative!

Wife of Lt. Comdr. H. Coldwell, U.S.N. 46-13-7-2-6 LEORA HELBER COLDWELL
Sister of Comdr. C. L. Helber, U.S.N. (both "Annapolis" graduates)

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Perhaps in another bill, but ready for immediate action, should be one barring Filipinos from all warships and service in senior Naval officers' homes. They are too potent a source of leaks of vital information, and, no doubt, many will be persuaded thru threats to their families in the Philippines--now in Japan's hands--to divulge important and perhaps fatal secrets. Most Filipinos have demonstrated their loyalty. We stopped enlisting them about 1930 and all are about ready for retirement. They can still serve Uncle Sam in other capacities but not in the Navy. In Washington's time there were no Filipinos and in European serviced today young soldiers are assigned to take care of the equipment and needs of every trained officer on whom much time and money has been expended in training. The officer does not use his energy and time for routine work but is ready to meet emergencies with sound leadership. The good effect of having our fighters--both officers and men--in close association is most valuable for mutual understanding and conducive to the highest discipline. Both are young men whose ages are really not far apart. The Army uses this "striker" or "orderly" system, so why not the Navy?
119 City Park, Simonsdale, Portsmouth, Va. L. H. C.

MRS. JESSE VICTOR REA

743 EAST DORAN STREET, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

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Attorney-General Biddle
Washington D. C.
Dear sir:-

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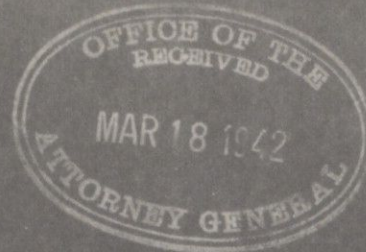
Those of us on the west coast
are wondering if you have sudden-
ly lost your mind when you
gave that order to release Japanese
aliens, whom the F.B.I. had
deemed dangerous.

If you and your property
were in the dangerous position
that we are, I wonder if you
would be as concerned over the

discomfort of Japanese in this
country as you are.

I am also writing, as many others
are, a letter to my Congressman
and Senators to ask for an inves-
tigation of your office; surely in
times like these, we cannot
afford to have a man like you
in as important a position. A
soft heart is all right, but when
a soft head goes with it, there
is danger ahead.

Sincerely yours
Frances H. Rea



834 Longwood Avenue, L.A. CAL.
March 13, 1942.

Attorney-General Biddle
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

*STOP BIDDLING"
L.A. Pop*

The enclosed clipping is an accurate report to you of the attitude toward you of every citizen on the West Coast. Your inexcusable delay in removing the Japanese from this coast may cost the lives of thousands. Your PAROLING hundreds of them is the rawest deal we have had yet.

I speak for millions here when I tell you we are sick of "Biddling while Rome burns".

Who wants to buy bonds "for defense" with you wet-nursing the Japs?

Yours indignantly,

Jack Hill

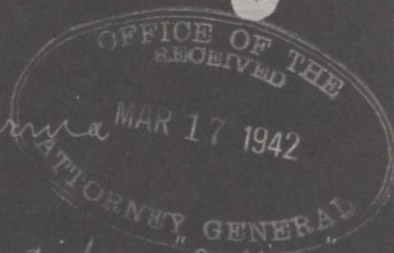
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Los Angeles California
March 13, 1942.



Dear Sir, Yesterday I read your article in Collier's.

Through it all, any west coaster gains the impression that you are sincerely trying to do your duty as you see it. It is obvious that the full significance, the gravity of the Jap menace, is not fully comprehended by the people who are handling it in Washington.

Mr. Biddle, you cannot possibly realize how serious it is until you have come west to investigate personally. You are far away. Perhaps you believe as Secretary Knox of the Navy said that Los Angeles had the jitters. If you lived here, surrounded by nearly 40,000 Japs, not knowing which are loyal, you could then understand why we are outraged by such remarks. You could then understand why we are outraged when each day more and more of our boys are drafted while the Japs are still living in Los Angeles. Our boys are doing their duty by going to

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the army. Do you for an instant believe they
like the idea of knowing that while they are gone
the Japs are still allowed to remain? We insist 8
that all Japs must leave the West Coast. We are
further outraged that they are to be placed near
the Los Angeles water supply up in the magnifi-
cent Owens Valley country. Why can't they be
placed in abandoned C. C. C. camps thruout
the country? No one wants to see them suffer.

I have lots of very nice Japanese friends and I
like them. But America should come first
and the Japs who are loyal Americans
should be made to realize that being away
from the coast for the duration is their
contribution to the defense effort. At least
they will not run the chances of being
killed as our boys in the army are. And
they won't be bombed as we civilians may
be. I am enclosing two clippings which
will open your eyes perhaps. The editorial
expresses exactly the way ninety nine percent
of the west coast population feels. Washington
waited too long, this war is moving too fast
in the wrong direction. American born Japs 8
most decidedly are not all loyal. We saw
their red & white flag signal the morning of
Feb. 25 during the raid when all else was hatched
out. Sincerely Mrs. Ida Mussen.

Brooklyn Feb 3/13/42

U. S. Army General Biddle

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr Biddle.

In reply to
your letter with reference to
alms big to say I was taught
in the hell of form an eye
for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

From reports the damn little
yellow bastards are treating
our men like galley slaves and
treating our women worse than
the prisoner on Devil Island
would treat them. Now I don't
approve of mistreating the Jap
women nor do I approve of
moving both sexes out of harm's
way and feeding them like
high paying guests. Give them
a double basket full of rice
daily, that is double what
our people are fed by them.

I see we are taking our
soldiers to Canada to build
the Alaska road. Why not
make that bunch of yellow
bastards and make them build
or help build said road (over)

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slaves and Jap citizens I had
7 yrs experience with them and
I never saw one who would ever
more an American citizen. Let
their women wash and cook
for them. Have a guard with
instruction to shoot to kill
put road builders over them
of the Simon Legree type
and let them use the whip
when needed. This is war and
it is either triumph for them and
slavery or victory and freedom.

Don't come back this such
would be unchristian like
when you and I both know we
are a lot of pretenses. We
are religionists and Christ warned
us against that gang.

We have got to stop into
murdering those yellow bastards
and show them what war
is like this way. I may be
considered a hard old bird
and if there is a hell I
will meet a lot of hypocrites
from Washington if they
don't fill the place up.

I do not whisper.

Yours truly

B. F. Gilliam

3/14/42.

Dear Sir:- *Gittler*

1 For goodness sake WHY release these dangerous Japanese in California? ~~Don't~~ you think you are being too concerned about their rights as citizens? 3 After all, the rest of us are AMERICAN CITIZENS without question. 4 Why give them a chance? 5 Perhaps you are too far removed from this area to be able to appreciate the dangers. 6 Why not have the approval of the majority by acting NOW AND EXPLAINING LATER?

Yours truly,

No address
Please file
Norma J. Rutledge
encl. 3/24/42 American Citizen

3-13-42

Attorney General Piddle:-

Sir: Why do you jeopardize the safety
of millions of American people by liberating
potentially dangerous Japanese? Why
worry so much about the rights of a
few Japanese instead of the safety of
the many. Remember if these Japs
cause damage to property and loss
of life you will be held accountable.

Mr L.G. Mikesell
9624 So Hobart Blvd
Los Angeles, Calif.

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HOTEL EDMOND MEANY

SUITE 701.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

SEATTLE

March 14, 1942.

Honorable Francis Biddle,
Attorney General, U. S.,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C. .

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Having read the article in Collier's, "Taking no Chances", and having had several excellent opportunities of observing the Japanese, alien and American born, this letter is written, not in an attitude of criticism, but with a view of being helpful, if possible. It is suggested that merely making a limited number of arrests is not going to prove a sufficient safeguard with these people. It is noted that 1,100,000 aliens live on the West Coast.

That they have been photographed and finger printed, after registration, with other precautions mentioned, including issuance of identification cards, Review Boards, and FBI supervision. All excellent so far as they go, but falling short of requirements, decidedly.

I served as American Consul in British Columbia, Canada, and Baja California, Mexico, for periods totalling 10 years. The intense activities of the Japanese were noted, closely observed, and commented on in Washington, but with little noticeable effect. The situation, in the opinions of those who should know, is extremely dangerous. All Japs should be interned, or failing that, segregated in localities where little opportunity exists for harmful action. Should this be neglected you will be rudely awakened at a time when these people deem favorable. Miller Freeman of Seattle, who appeared before the Tolan Congressional Committee, is as well informed as any man on this Coast, or in the country. His words should have weight in making a decision. None of these people may be trusted, American born or alien, and Washington experiences not so far removed, prove this to the hilt.

The Japanese Government gives no consideration to enemies. Neither should we. This is a war for existence. Let no mistaken sense of justice influence us.

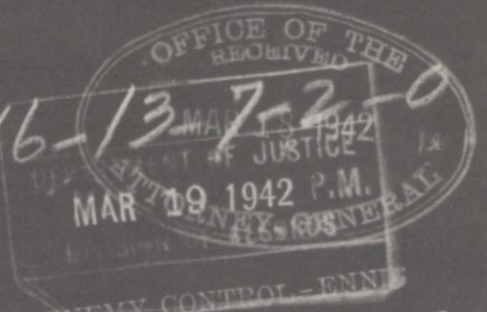
If any Japs are inconvenienced, the loyal ones, if any, should accept it. Others need no consideration.

Should any acts of violence be undertaken by Japanese, they will receive rough treatment. Few people are able to distinguish between Japs, Chinese and Philipinos. Injuries to either of the latter would be difficult of explanation in China and the Philipines. Would be great propaganda for Fifth Columnists.

I am, Sir, respty. yours,

E. A. Wakefield

JUST American Foreign Service Officer, Retired. E. A. Wakefield.



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P. S. Please don't consider this unreasonable or hysterical, it is not in the slightest degree.

Mr. Freeman understands conditions by reason of long experience, believes none of these Japs are trustworthy, because of this experience, and I thoroughly agree. Possibly there may be a few really loyal American born, but no chances should be taken, it is too vital to our national safety in the most critical period in American history. There are too many opportunities for subversive acts in this Coast region, and the Japs have made careful surveys of every sector from the Aleutians to the Canal Zone.

That we know, and it is not possible that such activities were casual, they were purposeful, and are correspondingly dangerous. Please pardon me for this long communication.

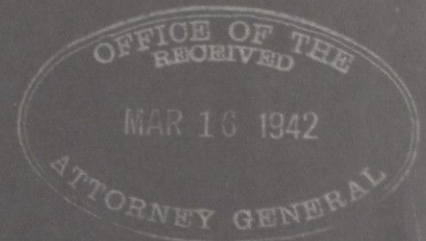
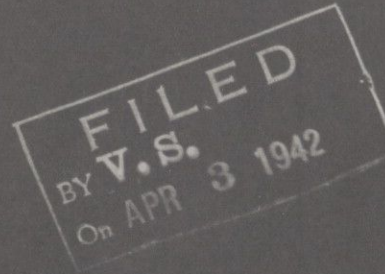
Theoretical opinions of educationalists and social leaders is of little value. Practical experience only should be considered.

E. A. Wakefield.

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Dr. Walter H. Pinkham
1736 State Street
Santa Barbara, California

The Hon. Atty. General
Francis M. Biddle
Washington, D.C.



My Dear Sir:

Let me remind you as you have already many times been reminded, of the very real and immediate danger of the Japanese menace on the Pacific Coast. As one who has lived among these people for many years, I say to you, that you do not know these people. If you wish to have an unbiased and unhysterical picture of the true characteristics of these people, I refer you to any Atlas of the World, where you will find that ever since the beginning of time the characteristics of these people has been treachery, and untrustworthiness. But you should know and should heed now the warnings of your own people, the people who brought about and made possible these precious "civil rights" of which you are so justly zealous. Let me remind you that these precious rights cannot long endure when they have fallen like all the rest thru complacency and a failure to heed the warnings when there is yet time. The people will hold you directly responsible should you fail in this hour to heed their warnings now.

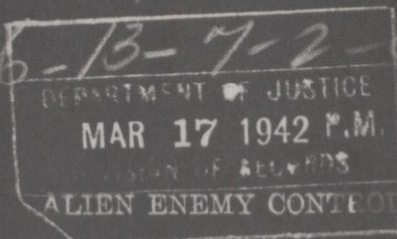
These are not the warnings of an hysterical people, they are the back bone of America pleading for action thru the legitimate and proper way, and they are expecting you to act in their interest now, not 30 days from now, after the first blow has been struck.

Sincerely

Walter H. Pinkham

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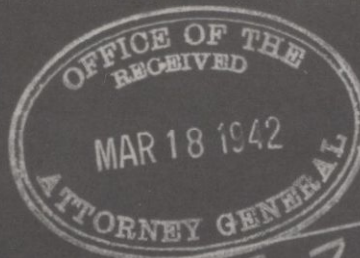
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Santa Barbara, Cal.
March 16, 1942

Attorney General Francis B. Biddle
Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
MAR 19 1942
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Attorney General Biddle:

There are a few certain aspects of this current war situation which we out here on the Pacific Coast have a better chance to see and appreciate than may be possible back there in Washington. In making the following comments, please understand that in so doing, I make no pretense of being an authority of any sort - this is just a summation and condensation of my own thoughts and ideas, which, I might add, are not exclusive to me - they are held by many of the clearer-thinking people of this community.

As I understand the situation regarding this evacuation of the so-called "enemy aliens", it is partly under your jurisdiction and partly under the Army. The latter organization is notoriously inconsiderate of human values and legal and moral rights, whereas your department, and you in particular, from what little I have been able to discover about it, have been championing them in the face of terrific pressure, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on your stand and offer you what support I can in it. It is because of your fine attitude that I am taking this means of offering you these few ideas and comments.

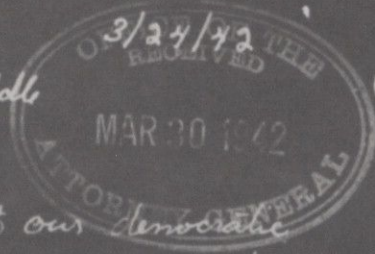
In the first place, this wholesale, indiscriminate evacuation seems to me to be basically wrong. In the case of the Nisei it is a complete abrogation of American citizens' rights - if we are going to sell out our democratic principles - our Constitution and our Bill of Rights - to totalitarianism, why don't we just go over to the Nazis right now and say, "Well, boys - here we are," instead of going thru the agony of a war to do it? As for the Issei - by what right do we discriminate against them as aliens when we won't allow them to become citizens? The situation of the German-Jewish refugees is bitterly ironical, and shows an utter disregard of our moral obligations to these people who came over here to escape despotic racial persecution, only to have the very spectre they fled become indiscriminately applied toward them in this supposedly 'free' country. For the huge majority of all of these "enemy aliens" to whom this evacuation law applies, it is completely unfair and unjust. It is the absolute antithesis of democracy in the way it is being applied solely on the basis of race and color.

As I see it, there is only one general course open to correct the injustice of it. That would be to call a halt to the removal of these "aliens" until some sort of local boards - perhaps similar to the Selective Service Local Boards in their set-up - could be organized for hearing the individual cases and investigating and passing on them individually. Even if such a system were over-strict in its judgements, it would be much more in keeping with democratic principles, and not swinging over toward Fascism.

Another thing which seems very important is to work out some sort of definite plan for these people. They get so many conflicting and contradictory orders - - Take your time, move out gradually and 'voluntarily' (to where?), and next Clear out in 48 hours. Don't try to

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To the Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General
Sir:



What is happening to our democratic ideals in that our Japanese-American citizens are being evacuated from their homes and schools whereas the American citizens of German and Italian extraction are not being so treated? I feel that we must post-haste establish hearing boards so that loyal Japanese-American citizens may be given a chance to prove their loyalty to our country.

Also a re-classification of aliens is needed so that curfew laws and other restrictions applied to enemy aliens need no longer apply to the refugees from the fascist countries.

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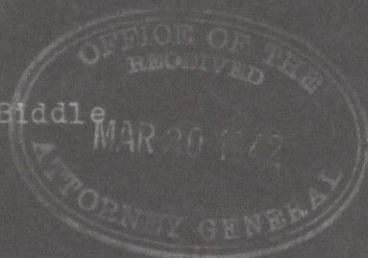
the honor to be
Yours respectfully,

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To the Honorable Francis Biddle
Attorney General



Sir:

May I respectfully enter my objection, in the spirit of the democratic ideals for which America stands, to the discriminatory treatment being given Japanese-American citizens here on the West Coast, regardless of their degree of loyalty.

If curfews and evacuations are military necessities, I submit that they should apply with equal force to the citizen descendants of all Axis countries.

BY **G-PJR**

On **APR 7 1942**

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