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February 4, 1946.

THOMAS COOLEY, ESQUIRE,
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Department of Justice Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Following our telephone conversation of this morning I am enclosing a fotostat copy of the letter of the Under Secretary of the Interior dated Aug. 6, 1945, which gives a good outline of the terror that reigned at the Tule Lake Center.

The letter of Mr. Fortas admits that the duress accounted for 80% of the renunciations obtained at the Tule Lake Center and for a higher percentage of renunciations as a matter of fact inasmuch as it recites "over 80 percent".

I believe you and your office will find the letter interesting on the issues involved in the test cases - and I believe the courts also will find it interesting reading.

Very truly yours,

WMC/W

June 26, 1946.

Mr. Thomas M. Cooley,
Department of Justice Building,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Enclosed find copy of a letter which I
have sent this day to Hon. Tom C. Clark,
concerning the Tule Lake renunciants who are
still detained at Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

~~EDWARD J. KENNEDY~~
DIRECTOR

REPLY TO:

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Department of Justice

Alien Enemy Control Unit

Washington

July 10, 1946

Wayne M. Collins, Esq.
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, Calif

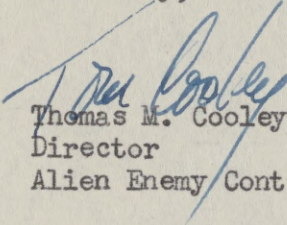
Dear Mr. Collins:

The Attorney General has referred to me for reply your letter of June 27th with respect to your conclusions concerning a release or parole of the Tule Lake renunciants remaining at Crystal City.

As I advised you in our conversations in San Francisco, the Attorney General has been determined that release is not possible at this time.

I enjoyed my stay in San Francisco, and appreciated your many courtesies. I shall look forward to seeing you there again soon.

Sincerely,


Thomas M. Cooley, II
Director
Alien Enemy Control Unit

October 11, 1946.

Thomas Cooley II, Esq.,
Department of Justice Building,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

In re: Goya, Nobuko; Itaya, Sachiko Grace;
Kanegawa, Hisaye; Katsura, Kimi;
Kuroye, Sadako; Nishi, Shizuko;
Otsuka, Yoshi; Shirai, Mary;
Uyeda, Sachiko, all single persons.

The above-mentioned renunciants detained at Crystal City are single, unattached girls. Apparently they are the only single girls still detained aside from those who are detained along with their family members at Crystal City.

Detention works a greater hardship upon these single girls than upon any other internees and is more likely to produce psychological deterioration in their cases than in others. I would be grateful were you to give special consideration to their immediate release so that they can be restored to normal civilian life. It does not seem possible to me that the Department would view their continued and prolonged internment as either necessary or desirable.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Department of Justice
Alien Enemy Control Unit
Washington

October 14, 1946

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

I have your letter of recent date concerning the matter of release or parole of the renunciants at Crystal City, Texas, pending disposition of the litigation affecting these persons.

It will not be possible to consider parole, except in cases of extreme emergencies. The question of release must be considered on the basis of the individual record. As you are probably aware, several renunciants, both male and female, have been released in the past few weeks, after a reconsideration of their individual cases.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Cooley, II

Thomas M. Cooley, II
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

December 20, 1946.

Thomas M. Cooley II, Esq.,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cooley:

On December 11th, 1946, I filed the petitioners' affidavits in habeas corpus proceedings nos. 25296-7. On page 16, line 13 of Ernest Besig's affidavit a typographical error occurs in your copy. The word voluntarily on line 13, page 16 should be corrected to read involuntarily.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw