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Form Letter re:

draft, induction
into Armed Forces.

August 5, 1946.

Mr.
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear

Any renunciant presently detained at Crystal City who receives a classification of 1-A and is required to report for physical examination or for induction into the army should write immediately to his local draft board wherever that may be and request that draft board to transfer its files to the local draft board situated at Crystal City which is now his place of residence. In other words, he should notify his own particular draft board of his change of address to Crystal City and ask the board to transfer his files to the Crystal City draft board.

A renunciant who has been liberated from detention is subject to being inducted into the army and may also volunteer for military service.

It is my opinion that a renunciant interned at Crystal City is subject to being drafted and may enlist. Discretion is lodged in the local draft boards to accept, reject or postpone inductions.

Mr. Cooley informed me by telephone today that he will inquire whether Mr. Clark will approve releases from internment for induction purposes.

In the event that any of you should be inducted into the army or enlist therein you will be eligible to become naturalized citizens under the provisions of Title 8 USCA, Secs. 1001 and 1002 while you are serving in the military forces. In such an event if our citizenship issue should be lost in our test cases you would then be naturalized citizens.

In the event that you are required to fill out questionnaires by the draft board or army authorities you are justified in stating that you claim to be a citizen by birth but that your political status is pending before the U.S. District Court in San Francisco and that until a final decision is had thereon you will not know whether you are actually a citizen by birth, a non-citizen or an alien.

Very truly yours,

Santa Fe
Renunciato - 1946

The undersigned native-born Americans and claimants to U.S. citizenship who are presently detained at the Alien Internment Camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico, hereby jointly and severally authorize a committee composed of the following named persons, to-wit, _____,

upon such terms and conditions as they are able to obtain, to retain the professional legal services of Wayne M. Collins, attorney-at-law, 1721 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, to represent the undersigned as a class as he, under the circumstances, may deem fit or desirable, to obtain administrative relief for them, or judicial relief in such court or courts of original jurisdiction as he may deem desirable or proper by the commencement and prosecution of such a class suit or suits at law or in equity or in special proceedings as he, in his discretion, may deem fit or expedient, in an endeavor to obtain the discharge of the undersigned from the custody in which they now are held and to avoid their deportation from the United States or in an endeavor to revoke their renunciations of U.S. nationality heretofore made by them, in an effort to preserve their U.S. citizenship, and to authorize him to select or engage the services of other attorneys or to associate such other attorneys with him in and about the same as he may desire, and we authorize said committee to enter into such oral arrangements and written agreements in connection with said matters with said Wayne M. Collins as may be necessary or expedient to obtain his services, it being understood that if any member of said committee fails or refuses to act as a committeeman for any reason whatever a majority of the remaining members may appoint a substitute in his place simply by sending written notice thereof to said Wayne M. Collins.

I, _____, witness whereof we have signed our names hereto this _____ day of _____, 1946, at the Alien Internment Camp, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Name

Address
