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Washington, D.C.
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Native Sons of the Golden West
Santa Cruz Parlor No. 90
Santa Cruz, California

Attention: T. V. Mathews, Recording Secretary

Gentlemen:

I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your resolution as contained in your letter of April 25, pertaining to Alien Land laws.

Please be assured that this office will vigorously continue to investigate and take proper legal action in any matters that come to our attention where these laws have been evaded.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Kenny
Attorney General

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State Building
San Francisco 2
January 19, 1945

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

This is in response to your letter of January 18th.

Since the Army still maintains exclusive orders as to certain Japanese aliens and even as to certain American citizens of Japanese ancestry it seems to me that California peace officers are within their rights in asking persons of obvious Japanese birth or ancestry to produce identification. The possession of identification papers by such persons at all times would serve as a protection to them and I see no reason why they should object to producing such papers any more than a man obviously under the age of forty-five should object to producing his draft card.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. KENNY
Attorney General

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June 18, 1945

Mr. D. S. Myer
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

The copy of the letter directed to Secretary Ickes from Malcolm McClean of Beverly Hills making threats against persons of Japanese ancestry has reached me.

The matter is being investigated by Special Agents of this Department. If there are any significant developments, I shall write you further.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General

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CC J.H. McClelland
Janet Morony ✓
Bob Powers

JANET MORONY: - Original communication has been referred to Joe McClelland

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State Building
San Francisco 2
April 10, 1946

Dillen S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Myer:

I am pleased to have the gracious acknowledgment you have given in your letter of March 27 of my stand on the rights of returning Japanese-Americans. The level headedness demonstrated by our people out here, I think, again shows that basically every citizen is against pushing another citizen around.

Your entire program is to be commended for its efficiency, its fairness and firm policy of insisting on the dignity of individuals and their rights under the Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT W. KENNY
Attorney General

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cc: Mr. Pat Frayne
593 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.