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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Armstrong

June 5, 1942

FROM: Mr. Agnew

Herb:

Herewith the text of a concluding paragraph for your evacuation report if you want to use it:

The Japanese migration, with which this report is chiefly concerned, is probably the largest movement of an integral racial group accomplished within so short a time in all history. It has involved the uprooting of many entire Japanese communities, constituting in all well over 100,000 persons, and the adjustment of their multifarious property interests under the pressure of periods limited to days. Add to the bare physical aspects involved, the fact that those concerned were of a race with which this country is at war, and animosities naturally arising caused by this fact, as well as by the frayed nerves of many of those ordered to move on short notice, and it may be said that remarkable restraint has been displayed both by the evacuees and by those of our citizens with whom they had to deal. Not one serious untoward incident has marred the accomplishment of the entire program, and the many expressions of commendation which this bank has received from both the evacuees and the American creditors, landlords, vendors, mortgagees, and others involved have attested to the measure of success which we feel has been attained in handling the program.

(Original memorandum
signed by Mr. Agnew)

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