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February 20, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
State of California,  
State Building,  
San Francisco, California.

My Dear General Warren:

In answer to your teletype of February 17th and letter of February 18th, regarding alien activities and control, the problem in Orange County is particularly urgent here because of our large Japanese population, coupled with the fact that we have a harbor and a vital oil field to protect. The oil fields being situated on both the coastal and northern boundary of our county. The oil storage situation will be increased about fifty per cent in our county in a very short time. This action is being taken by the Petroleum Industry in order to relieve the danger surrounding the metropolitan area. We are particularly concerned as regarding the petroleum industry should sabotage and fifth column activities be started. To date we have only two small acts along this line.

In my opinion it is going to be necessary that immediate action be taken to remove all aliens from this area. This area at the present time being in the Class A, Combatant Area and the Orange County Coast line is particularly well adapted for any landing parties or activities along this line.



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There are many Japanese, both alien and American born farming lands on the coastal area. Also in close proximity to several National Defense Projects. Our highways in Orange County have become a military artery, particularly the Coast Highway and Highway 101 are strategic links between San Diego, the Los Angeles Harbor and the industrial area. Japanese now are living all along these routes, transportation and communication routes and near important power lines and several supply routes. Orange County is a carrier county upon which other areas depend for the delivery of power and essential commodities. Consequently, Japanese enemy aliens are now in a position to practice extensive and effective sabotage and espionage here. Even aside from its military value, Huntington Beach, where the vast submerged oil pool has been pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into the State fund annually. This money, as you know is used for the benefit of the State and not for any special interest. I feel that the Orange County problem would be solved if all enemy aliens were removed to the new prison just completed at Chino. The few prisoners there now could be removed to San Quentin and the open air prison at Chino could be turned into a concentration camp effectively and at small cost.

In our investigation in this county for the past two days, we find a great change has taken place among the Japanese-American citizens. They are resenting the fact that their fathers are now confined in concentration camps, complaining that they, the young men speaking, are American citizens and in a profane manner expressing their opinion of the United States Government as they feel they are being pushed and bounced around. I am particularly concerned in this matter as the vigilante feeling is becoming to be felt among the stable populace of this county and in many instances during the past few days, I have had stable citizens inform me that if action is not taken immediately to prevent the Japanese, be they alien or American citizens, from moving into Orange County, they, the citizens, are going to take the necessary action, and General Warren, you are well aware of the fact that we, as law enforcement officers cannot condone the break down of civilian laws in this state at any time. Many of the Japanese are ready and willing to move to some place to be designated by the Government



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where they may be permitted to carry on in their farming activities. As to the agricultural and vegetable raising crops in this county, I find the White American citizen is ready to carry on in this activity so we have no fear of a shortage or loss of acreage in this particular line.

In my opinion all enemy aliens should receive the same treatment in this area at the present time. We have found German aliens who were admitted to citizenship as far back as 1935 and 1936 have been very active in work in opposing our present program. We have also found that during the past few days German aliens have been calling on the young Japanese American citizen and attempt to have them become active in any move opposing the removal of the Japanese alien.

Trusting that this will give you an outline of the existing conditions in Orange County, I am

Very truly yours,

*Jesse L. Elliott*  
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Sheriff of Orange County

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February 18, 1942

EARL WARREN, ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
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Mr. Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Referring to your All Points Bulletin of 2-17-42, regarding enemy aliens now located in or near the Pacific Coast area, I personally feel that regardless of their nationality they should be removed from this coast, especially those of Japanese origin.

If our great state of California should suffer an invasion unquestionably the alien enemy and possibly many American born Japanese would do everything within their power to assist Japan in overthrowing our form of government. Consequently I feel that for safety sake they should be removed from the Pacific Coast.

Assuring you of my continued cooperation in every possible way, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Earl B. Lentz*

EARL B. LENTZ  
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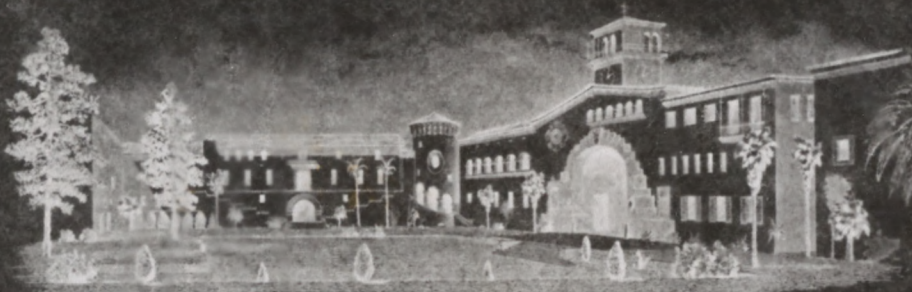
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February 19, 1942.

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Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Earl:

I am writing this letter in response to your letter of February 18th, pertaining to the problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens within our county and state.

In answer to your first question concerning the extent of the danger, by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities arising from the presence of enemy aliens, I wish to state that the danger is imminent to such a degree that I cannot adequately express it in words; and in confirmation thereof I need only refer you to the map of this county which shows the strategic location of every Japanese with respect to the highways, bridges, railroads and vital utilities located within this county.

Since the presentation of the map to you, and our presentation of it to Thomas Clark in San Francisco on February 3rd, the dead-line on the evacuation of aliens from restricted areas arrived and just what we anticipated has taken place in our county, namely: that hundreds and hundreds of Japanese aliens have poured into our northern communities from San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties, and have aggravated our already existing dangerous condition from the stand-point of sabotage. As a consequence thereof, the Naval and Military Intelligence Officials located in this county, and the Commander of Camp Cooke where the tank divisions are now established, requested that we do all in our power to force some action on the part of the Federal Government.

I immediately contacted Thomas Clark's office in Los Angeles, but was advised that he was on his way to Washington, and in his absence the United States District Attorney in Los Angeles, W. F. Palmer, told me he could do nothing. I then telephoned to Colonel Harrington in San Francisco and gave him all of the information and explained to him in detail the



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gravity of the situation in our county from a military standpoint. Since General DeWitt was not available at that time, Colonel Harrington suggested that I telegraph the same information to the General, which I did in the following telegram dated February 16, 1942:

"GENERAL JOHN DE WITT  
FOURTH ARMY COMMAND  
PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

ON FEBRUARY SECOND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND SHERIFFS OF CALIFORNIA MET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN IN SAN FRANCISCO TO MAKE PLANS TO HANDLE THE JAPANESE PROBLEM STOP IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE ALIEN LAND LAW SHOULD BE PROSECUTED, BUT THAT IN THE INSTANCES WHERE VIOLATIONS EXIST SUCH PROSECUTIONS OFFERED NO SOLUTION TOWARD REMOVING THE JAPANESE FROM THE COASTAL DEFENSE AREAS STOP ON FEBRUARY THIRD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND I PRESENTED TO FEDERAL COORDINATOR THOMAS C. CLARK AND HIS ASSISTANT THE DANGEROUS SITUATION SURROUNDING THE VITAL DEFENSE AREAS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND I REQUESTED THAT THE DEFENSE AREA LINE WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED DOWN THE COAST TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THIS COUNTY BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ALL OF THIS COUNTY FOR THE REASON THAT UPON THE EVACUATION OF THE JAPANESE FROM SAN LUIS OBISPO AND MONTEREY COUNTIES THOSE SAME JAPANESE WOULD CONCENTRATE IN THIS COUNTY WHICH NOW HAS A NEWLY ESTABLISHED NAVAL BASE AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED ARMY CAMP AT CAMP COOKE STOP WITH ALL OF THE JAPANESE NOW SURROUNDING THE RAILROAD AND BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY APPROACHES TO CAMP COOKE AND MANY OF THE VITAL UTILITIES IN THE COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY WE NOW FIND THAT SINCE THE DEAD LINE ON THE EVACUATION OF ALIEN JAPANESE FROM THE SAN LUIS AND MONTEREY AREAS THAT THESE JAPANESE ARE NOW POURING INTO THIS AREA STOP THE LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL CANNOT TOO STRONGLY EXPRESS THE MILITARY DANGER WHICH NOW CONFRONTS THIS DEFENSE AREA AND SUGGESTS THAT YOUR COMMAND USE EVERY EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INSTANTLY DECLARE THIS COUNTY A VITAL DEFENSE AREA IN VIEW OF THE LOCATION AT CAMP COOKE OF THE ONLY TANK DIVISION IN THE WEST AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED NAVAL BASE AND THE DANGEROUS RAILROAD HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE SITUATION SURROUNDING CAMP COOKE AND THE COASTAL AREA OF THIS COUNTY STOP THIS INFORMATION WAS ORALLY PLACED BEFORE COLONEL HARRINGTON BY ME BY TELEPHONE TODAY

PERCY C HECKENDORF  
District Attorney and Co-ordinator  
of Civilian Defense".

The following day, a young Japanese boy sixteen years of age, named Hiroshio Shiba, and who was in the first year of High School in Santa Maria, reported to the Chief of Police and to my Deputy in the northern part of the County, that his brothers had held him while his father administered a severe beating to him because he had expressed the desire to become an American aviator, and had been studying pictures of U. S. Army airplanes. The boy



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was frightened and did not want to return home, and reported to us that his father had a gun in his possession and was against the United States. After much difficulty, the father finally broke down and showed us where the gun was buried in a container in the back-yard. He had three hundred rounds of ammunition.

That case, and the continued influx of Japanese from the north, so aroused our people that I sent the following telegram to General DeWitt on the 17th, after receiving no reply to my first telegram:

"GENERAL JOHN DE WITT  
FOURTH ARMY COMMAND  
PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL I AM ADVISING YOU THAT THERE IS IMMINENT DANGER OF SABOTAGE FROM JAPANESE IN THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AREA SURROUNDING THE LOCAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS AS INDICATED IN MY TELEGRAM OF YESTERDAY STOP THE DEFENSE COUNCIL DEMANDS THAT IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY IN THE LAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS THAT IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY YOUR COMMAND TO REMOVE THE DANGER STOP IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH ACTION WE WILL HOLD YOUR COMMAND STRICTLY RESPONSIBLE

PERCY C HECKENDORF  
District Attorney &  
Coordinator C. D. "

Yesterday the F. B. I. and the Army brought to Santa Barbara from the northern part of the County several hundred Japanese aliens, and they are continuing the round-up. Our Sheriff states that he would be unable to distinguish between a good or bad alien or native-born Japanese, so it is obvious that if a man with his experience in law enforcement cannot make that distinction, it would be futile, in the handling of this problem, for the Federal Government to expect to give any safety to the people of California and to the Japanese themselves unless they move them all from the coastal areas. In a few hours so many acts of sabotage could be committed in this county alone where we have such high and long railroad trestles and highway bridges, to speak of none of our other vital utilities, that it would be impossible to repair the damage in time to provide the southern part of California with troops and military equipment from any of the military camps in California which are established north of the Gaviota Pass in this County.

The only solution is to remove all of the Japanese from the coastal areas; and in this view our Sheriff concurs.

There is some ray of hope from the latest report from Washington, in that it appears that within a very few hours the



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President will make an order whereby General DeWitt will be in a position to remove American-born as well as alien Japanese from Pacific Coast defense areas. I know the General will have sense enough, with this responsibility on his shoulders, to act promptly in the face of the evidence he knows exists; and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you played in helping to bring that condition about, because I have no doubt that the President's order stems back to the article written by Walter Lippmann following his talk with you.

This letter sufficiently covers my views without going into further detail, unless you deem it necessary.

Best personal wishes.

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Very truly yours,

*Leif J. Eckerdorf*  
District Attorney.



# COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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February 19, 1942.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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Hon. Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Attorney General:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your all-points teletype message of February 17th, in which you requested the views and recommendations of law enforcement officials in connection with the problems arising from the presence in California of enemy aliens. Receipt also is acknowledged of your letter of February 18th on the same subject.

These problems - potential and now existing; large and small - are most vexatious. They constitute a problem of the whole to which I have given much mature consideration, not only since receipt of your teletype, but since the very outbreak of hostilities on December 7th, last.

I was very gratified to learn of the hearings scheduled for San Francisco before the Congressional Committee on National Defense Migration for the problem is one which must be treated with the utmost wisdom and without hysteria when consideration is given the many factors involved.

In reply to the specific questions in your letter, I may state that:

(1) Any statement at this time pertaining to the extent of the danger, by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities, would be purely speculative on my part, inasmuch as I personally have encountered no such activities in my jurisdiction, and the fact that whatever such dangers as now exist are, apparently, hidden. In this connection I may further state, however, that it has long been my firm conviction, based on many years experience as a law-enforcement officer, that the greatest dangers, and those most difficult with which to cope, are those that are hidden and spring from concealed, unexpected, or unguarded sources.

It appears to me that with a great many aliens



among us, a great many of them have unquestionably retained some measure of loyalty for the country of their origin. I would say, therefore, that this retained loyalty, whatever the degree, must be considered a danger to our own safety and defense.

On the other hand, I do not doubt that there are many aliens of enemy nationalities residing in this State and who, for various reasons, have not become citizens, who are thoroughly loyal to America and American institutions.

To attempt to separate the two classes of enemy aliens would be an impossible undertaking; and

(2) I do not believe that the danger can be controlled by differentiating among them as to nationality. I am very emphatically of the belief that all enemy aliens should be treated alike insofar as their nationalities may be concerned.

I think above all things that the American reputation for fairness should be maintained. I do not mean that they should be afforded the opportunity to in any way endanger us, but those aliens who have committed no overt, or subversive act, should be regarded simply as potentially dangerous; and so controlled to prevent this danger from becoming actual.

It must be always borne in mind that uncounted numbers of young Americans whose patriotism is of a high degree have come from the homes of aliens of enemy nationalities; and from all of the nations with which we are at war.

(3) I think an orderly, controlled migration to the middle states would constitute the best preventive measure against sabotage and fifth-column activities.

I believe that in most instances the bread earners of families so removed should be enabled to engage in useful, productive activity.

Also, every effort should be made to accomplish the removal without confiscation of the lands or properties of the individuals concerned.

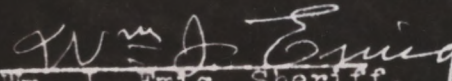
I would not like to estimate the possible danger to be expected from the citizen offspring of enemy aliens, who feel no loyalty to the United States. I am sure such a hazard exists, as also in the case of "citizens of convenience" -- those who have availed themselves, through naturalization, of the benefits and privileges of citizenship, simply for selfish convenience, but with their loyalty reserved to the country of their birth.



I trust the contents of this letter will prove of some assistance to you in presenting the views of the law-enforcement officials of California to the Congressional Committee on National Defense Migration.

If there is any other specific information you would like to have from me, I will be very glad to give you whatever facts may be available, or to provide you with further views on the subject.

Yours very truly,

  
Wm. J. Emig, Sheriff.

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February 19, 1942.

Honorable Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
State Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Warren:

This is in answer to your teletype of February 17th and your letter of February 18th, regarding the nature and extent of law enforcement problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens in this state and asking for recommendations from the civilian authorities.

In order that you may have a unanimity of opinion, this one letter will serve as a reply from Sheriff J. R. Devitt, of this county, Chief of Police Al Huntsman, of Santa Cruz, and myself.

In approaching this problem, it is necessary to confine our remarks and conclusions generally to the Monterey Bay area, and particularly to the Santa Cruz County side of the Bay.

Within the limits of Santa Cruz County there is but one permanent Military Camp, namely, Camp McQuaide, located adjacent to the bay, covering an area of approximately one square mile, which is about five miles north of the southern boundary of the county and six miles from the City of Watsonville. The personnel stationed at this camp has varied in recent months from a skeleton crew to several thousand.

There are practically no defense industrial plants within the county. There is, however, a considerable area, especially along the coast north of Santa Cruz and in the Pajaro Valley, in the southern end of the county, devoted to vital agricultural purposes.

The field for possible sabotage effort, therefore, is more or less limited to such installations as water supply, gas mains and power lines which serve the civilian population and their agricultural pursuits.



Attorney General Warren.

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It might be well to mention here that there is a large cement plant at Davenport, 11 miles north of Santa Cruz, on the coast.

Recently there was designated an area prohibited to alien enemies after February 24th, which takes in an area beginning approximately seven miles north of Santa Cruz, continuing south through Santa Cruz County into Monterey County to the Carmel Creek, extending from the seacoast to Highway No. 1. This area varies in width in this county from about one-quarter of a mile to five miles at the widest point.

In the discussion which follows in this letter, we assume that this prohibited area was laid out because of the possibility that it was recognized that the Monterey Bay shoreline is a potential landing spot for enemy troops. There is little question but that the Monterey Bay shoreline, because of its topographical and geographical location to the San Francisco Bay area, would be used by the enemy in the event of an attempted invasion of the San Francisco area. This fact has apparently been recognized by those in charge of laying out the several prohibited areas.

With this circumstance in mind, this area becomes important because of possible Fifth Column activities.

Referring to question one in your letter, we are of the opinion that there is considerable danger of Fifth Column activities in this state, arising from the presence of enemy aliens. It is further our opinion that this area should be enlarged so as to exclude all enemy aliens from a distance of at least 10 miles from the ocean, or even the entire county.

As the area is now designated, enemy aliens are permitted in most parts of the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. We believe that the effectiveness of the prohibition, as it now stands, is greatly minimized by permitting these people to roam about parts of our towns and throughout the hills in back of our towns.

In answer to question two, it is our opinion that all enemy aliens should be treated alike. In this emergency, we do not believe there is time for the delay which would be incident to a determination of those who are loyal to the United States



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and those who are not. Considerable might be said about the comparative loyalty of Italians, Germans and Japanese, but this discussion should be deferred to a later date when all three nationalities are completely out of this area.

Some future consideration might also be given to Italians upon an individual basis, such as those engaged in necessary agricultural pursuits, <sup>and</sup> the splitting up of homes of alien families who have men actually in the service. We find very little sympathy locally for any Japanese.

Question 3, I believe, has already been covered in the above discussion.

There are two additional problems which we believe should be called to your attention.

First, a more effective method must be put into action, than presently exists, to keep enemy aliens out of the prohibited area. In this regard, it is suggested that the civil authorities be empowered to take into custody and detain for proper federal authorities, any enemy alien found within the prohibited area after February 24th. In other words, the Army and FBI forces should be supplemented by the efforts of the local Police Department, Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol.

The final point is a somewhat brief discussion of the rather delicate matter of "limited" martial law in order to reach American citizens, as well as aliens, who are unfriendly. It is our opinion that in the event of an attempted invasion on the shores of Monterey Bay, or other emergency activity, that we will find some of our citizens engaged in Fifth Column activities. We feel that this is especially true of American born Japanese. In the final analysis; it would not make much difference whether an individual bore the stamp of American citizenship or not if he was determined to aid the enemy.



Attorney General Warren.

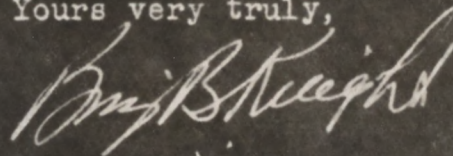
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Under our existing laws, it would almost be necessary for a citizen to actively and openly participate in some act inimical to our security before he could be apprehended and prosecuted. We recognize the danger from this source, and it is our opinion that some effective method of combatting it should be put into operation.

In conclusion, we wish to again renew our offer of cooperation with the Military and Naval Commands, especially in those problems which they have to deal with concerning the civilian population.

Yours very truly,




District Attorney.

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IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELETYPE OF FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH

NUMBER ONE, WE ALL KNOW OF THE SUCCESS OF THE FIFTH COLUMN IN EUROPE AND THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ENEMY ALIENS NOW LIVING ON OUR CALIFORNIA COAST LINE MAKES OUR SITUATION TEN TIMES MORE SERIOUS THAN THE COUNTRIES IN EUROPE. IT IS SO SERIOUS THAT OUR MOST SOLID CITIZENS ARE GETTING PANICKY.

NUMBER TWO, THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN POPULATION HERE IS SMALL COMPARED TO THE JAPANESE. THINK THAT THE JAPANESE SITUATION SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPERATELY AND WITH ABSOLUTELY NO DELAY AS ANY DELAY IN THIS MATTER IS CRIMINAL

NUMBER THREE, THINK THAT ALL ENEMY ALIENS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR COAST LINE TO A POINT SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES INLAND, WITH THE JAPANESE BEING MOVED FIRST.

NUMBER FOUR, CONSIDER THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SO MANY ENEMY ALIENS WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION THAT SINCE WAR HAS BEEN DECLARED THAT IT HAS INCREASED THE LOAD ON ALL POLICE AGENCIES AT LEAST ONE THIRD=

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February 19, 1942

Hon. Earl Warren, Attorney  
General, State of California,  
Legal Department, State Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: Enemy Aliens in California.

My dear Mr. Warren:

This is in answer to your request relative to enemy aliens and what my opinion is in regard to the supression of sabotage and fifth-column activities. I desire to express the following views.

1. I think there is a great danger of sabotage and fifth-column activity in this community and all over the State as a whole.

2. Yes, I believe they should all be treated alike to a certain extent.

3. All Japanese should be put in concertration camps. American born as well as foreign born. Germans, with a short period of residence within the State, should also be put in concertration camps at once. Italian aliens should, I believe, be immediately removed from the combat zone.

Thank you and be assured of my desire to co-operate in all matters of mutual interest, I remain

Very truly yours,

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A. A. WILKIE, SHERIFF.

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February 19, 1942.

Honorable Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
600 State Building,  
San Francisco, California.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 18th, my views on the propositions mentioned in said letter are:

In regard to the first proposition, it is my opinion that there is grave danger of sabotage and fifth column activities in this jurisdiction and in the State as a whole. While I do not have any specific evidence at hand to support the opinion in any great degree, my opinion is based upon observation of the personal attitude of alien Japanese located in this area, as well as the American born Japanese.

In regard to the second proposition, I believe that our greatest danger is from the Japanese aliens and American born Japanese, and while I believe that all enemy aliens are a source of danger, I feel that in this locality our primary danger would come from the Japanese race, due to the fact that there are a large number of Japanese in this County who are operating farming lands in strategic locations; and due to the fact that in my opinion all of the Japanese race have more in common with Japan than they could possibly have with the United States. It is my opinion that the Japanese problem is peculiar to the State of California, and that while measures taken in other parts of the country for the control of Germans and Italians may be adequate, those measures are not adequate to take care of the Japanese problem in California.

In regard to your proposition number three, it is my opinion that the Federal Government should provide whatever protective measures are necessary to see that all Japanese are removed from the locations of military objectives and that all Japanese be closely supervised in all their activities.

In regard to the maps which we are preparing for you, we have had several men working on the proposition ever since returning from the conference, but it will be impossible to have your map completed by the 21st. However, it will arrive at your office the first part of next week.

Very truly yours,

*George F. Holden*  
GEORGE F. HOLDEN,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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Honorable Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
State of California,  
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San Francisco, California.

Dear General Warren:

On February 17th, 1942, I received a copy of an all points teletype to all Sheriffs, District Attorneys and Chiefs of Police in the larger cities of the State, asking for their views as to the nature and extent of law enforcement problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens in this State and for their recommendations as to the manner in which they should be handled.

I am also in receipt of your letter of February 18th, 1942, in which you point out that you have been notified that the Congressional Committee on National Defense Migration will commence hearings in San Francisco on February 21st on the problem presented by the presence of enemy aliens in California.

You state that the committee has asked you to present the views of the law enforcement officers of this State as to the nature and extent of law enforcement problems arising from the presence of enemy aliens in this State and their ideas as to the most practical manner of handling the same.

You ask:

- (1) "What in your opinion is the extent of the danger, by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities in your jurisdiction and in the State as a whole, arising from the presence of enemy aliens?"

It would seem to me that to deny for a moment that the danger by way of sabotage and fifth-column activities in this state, arising from the presence of enemy aliens, would amount to a refusal to accept factual evidence







Feb. 19, 1942.

Generally speaking, it would appear that the German and Japanese aliens constitute the greatest menace. We have not noticed much activity among the Italians in this area but certainly admit that some of them may be disloyal.

It is my opinion that probably the safest course to follow would be to treat all enemy aliens alike, regardless of nationality.

You further ask:

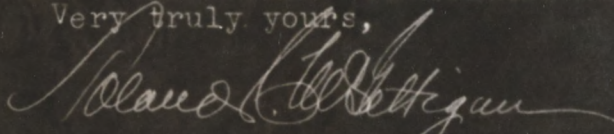
- (3) What protective measures do you believe should be taken with reference to each nationality or with reference to enemy aliens as a whole in order to eliminate the danger of sabotage and fifth-column activities.

If enemy aliens are dangerous, and I believe they are, in the interests of the safety of our country, it would seem necessary for us to remove them all from areas in which they might be able to gain access to military establishments, utilities or natural resources.

It is a serious step, of course, to take but this is war of which we are talking and seems to call for drastic action.

In my opinion, the only answer to the problem, in order to provide the utmost security, is to remove all enemy aliens to designated points, certainly away from the coastal area and to permit them to engage in some form of occupation under proper surveillance.

Very truly yours,



TOLAND C. McGETTIGAN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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IN RESPONSE YOUR WIRE AND LETTER SHOULD FIRST ADVISE THAT THIS COUNTY IS ESPECIALLY FORTUNATE IN THAT WE HAVE NO JAPANESE PROBLEM SINCE WE HAVE NO ENEMY ALIEN RESIDENTS IN THAT CLASS. HAVE MANY ITALIAN ALIENS AND FEW GERMAN MOST OF WHOM ARE LOYAL BUT FOR LACK OF EDUCATION AND LETHARGIC IN DIFFERENCE NEVER HAVE APPLIED FOR CITIZENSHIP. WE APPRECIATE FACT THAT WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO QUESTION SEARCH OR APPREHEND ENEMY ALIENS ON SUSPICION OF DISLOYALTY AND LIKEWISE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT PERSONNEL OF FBI TOO LIMITED IN NUMBER AND TOO MUCH CALL UPON THEM FOR US TO EXPECT OPERATIVE OF THAT DEPARTMENT TO FORTHWITH RESPOND AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS WE MIGHT REQUIRE. BELIEVE SOME METHOD OF DUAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ADOPTED WHEREBY LOCAL OFFICERS WHERE THEIR RECORDS SHOW THEM DEFINITELY NOT TO BE ALARMISTS OR SUBJECT TO TOO HASTY ACTION SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE SEARCH AND SIEZURE AND==

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TAKE DISLOYAL ENEMY ALIENS INTO CUSTODY PENDING HEARING BY FBI OR OTHER AUTHORITIES BY REASON OF FOREGOING HAVE TO RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS (1) NO EXTREME DANGER SABOTAGE AND FIFTY COLUMN ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTY AT PRESENT SO FAR AS ITALIAN AND GERMAN ALIEN ENEMIES CONCERNED. RELATIVE JAPANESE IN WHICH OUR OPINION BASED SOLELY ON HEARSAY AND PUBLICATIONS BELIEVE ALL ALIENS THIS NATIONALITY SHOULD BE VIEWED WITH EXTREME SUSPICION AND INTERNED PENDING COMPLETE REMOVAL OF SUSPICION AND WITH NOT TOO MUCH TIME SPENT TO DETERMINE CITIZEN OR ALIEN STATUS. (2) BELIEVE SHOULD DIFFERENTIATE AMONG ENEMY ALIENS. (3) WOULD HESITATE TO RECOMMEND TREATMENT ALL ENEMY ALIENS ALIKE WITHOUT REGARD TO NATIONALITY AND SUGGEST MACHINERY BE BROADENED TO PERMIT LOCAL OFFICERS TO AT LEAST DELAY SABOTAGE OR FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES BY TAKING INTO CUSTODY SUSPICIOUS ALIEN ENEMIES AND OTHERS AND HOLDING FOR FBI OR OTHER DEPARTMENT. WE VIEW APPROACHING FIRE SEASON WITH EXTREME APPREHENSION AS VAST FOREST AND DRY GRASS REGION IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN HALFWAY PATROL. SHERIFF DESIRES THIS WIRE ACT AS HIS ANSWER=

C H GRAYSON.



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JEFFERSON 5101

February 19th, 1942

Earl Warren, Attorney General  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 18th with reference to the problem of enemy aliens in this State.

The extent of the danger of possible sabotage and fifth-column activities in my opinion is very grave indeed. Adequate supervision of enemy aliens by local enforcement authorities is I am convinced an impossibility. I would recommend the removal of all enemy aliens from the Pacific Coast States and also the removal of all persons of Japanese lineage from the coastal states.

I am sure you will use all of your influence to the end that the interests of the citizens of California and the safety of our Nation may be properly safeguarded.

Very truly yours

*John C. Gutting*  
John C. Gutting,  
Chief of Police.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ASSIGNED TO:

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February 19, 1942.

Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State of California  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday and your teletype of the day before requesting views on three questions, please find the answers of the undersigned as:

1) Believe that the danger exists to a slight degree at the present time and that so far it has been controlled successfully by law enforcement. However, I believe that the danger of sabotage and fifth column activities would be great and beyond the control of local enforcement agencies in the event of:

- a. An impending invasion of the Pacific Coast area;
- b. An invasion of the Pacific Coast area.

2) I believe that we should differentiate among the enemy aliens as to nationality.

3) As to ITALIANS: Continuation of the present system of law enforcement with an over all increase in personnel of the forces charged with the same.

b) As to GERMANS: Continuation of the present system of law enforcement with an over all increase in personnel of the forces charged with the same.

c) As to JAPS: Implementation ready for the Army to "take over" in the event of an impending or actual invasion of the Pacific Coast area.

d) Alien Detail officers available to CLOSELY supervise EACH alien, by periodic and unannounced visits to his home, by close cooperation with his employer, and in the case of the student Jap American, by close cooperation with the school teacher.

Very truly yours,

*H. A. Vogelsang*  
H. A. VOGELSANG.  
Chief of Police.

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ARTHUR J. ANDERSON  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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EARL WARREN, ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ATTORNEY

February 18th, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General of California  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

With reference to your wire of February 17th, in regard to the enemy alien problem in California, the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office of Lassen County would like to go on record as making the following suggestions and recommendations as to the questions asked by you:

In regard to the first question: Our danger in Lassen County from sabotage and fifth column activities is limited to the possible destruction of national forests and our lumber industries. However, commencing on or about the first of March, 1942, the United States Government is constructing, in Lassen County, a large munitions depot to be known as the Sierra Ordnance Depot. You are undoubtedly familiar with this project of the United States Government, and realize that this munitions depot, when completed, will be a military objective, and that our danger from sabotage and fifth column difficulties will be greatly enhanced thereby. At the present time there are enemy aliens moving into Lassen County from various restricted zones set up by defense authorities on the Pacific Coast, due to the fact that we are just outside the one hundred fifty mile limit. We feel that since this large munitions depot is being erected in Lassen County and will be completed by August 1, 1942, that this area should be included in the restricted zones, and that enemy aliens should be prohibited from entering into, or remaining in this area.

In regard to the second and third questions asked by you: We believe that the authorities should differentiate between the types of enemy aliens. We believe that the Japanese are the most dangerous of our enemy aliens, and that the Japanese, regardless of whether they are aliens or citizens of the United States, should be excluded from all regions of California. We believe that the Germans are the next most dangerous of our alien enemies, and that all alien Germans should be removed and excluded from the State



Honorable Earl Warren

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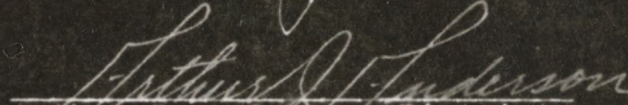
of California. From our experience in Lassen County, we feel that the Italian people are the least dangerous of our alien enemies, and believe that it will not be necessary to exclude the Italian aliens as a whole. The exclusion of Italian aliens, we believe, should be limited to those individuals who are thought to be dangerous by the F.B.I.

We thank you for asking our opinion in regard to these important problems.

Yours very truly,

  
Clin S. Johnson, Sheriff.

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Arthur J. Anderson, District  
Attorney.



# City of Torrance

Torrance, California

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
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Feb, 19 1942

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Attorney General  
Earl Warren.

Dear Chief-

I recieved your letter of Feb, 18th, and contents noted, am sorry that I did not recieve the Teletype message of Fe, 17th.

(1) The danger in my jurisdiction is as follows, We have 1138 Japanese who are farming in this district, and each and every one live and farm around one of our essential plants that are either directly or indirectly connected with our Nat, Defense, Communication, K.N.X. , Marine Radio Sta, and High Power Electric Transport lines, Oil Wells, General Petroleum Refinery, several Gas plants, Steel plant, National Supply, Inter, Derrick Co, Hydril Co, Deak Aircraft, D & B, Co, and various other plants that are all making something for our defense, I believe that the danger of sabatage is great in our district as we are all under man,d for good protection.

(2) We have quite a few aliens that are not Japs, and I believe they should be treated the same as Japs, and should not differentiate.

(3) As I believe that we do need the income from the farms that might be idle by moving them out of this country, that each county establish a camp or camps near by and check them out and back again each day and let them go to and from there farms and continue raising crops, I believe that the County or State home guards could take that responsibility and that would take care of the Dual citizenship that the majority have of Jap Aliens, after all they are American born but can not be trusted, any further then you can see them.

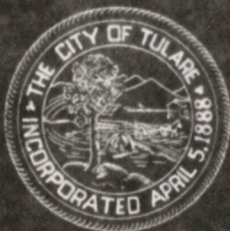
(4) I believe that each Chief of P lice should have the right to search each enemy alien,s home without having reason to believe that they have weapons or other equipment in there home, as I am still recieving Radios, Lights, guns swords, that were not turned in before the dead line. I have taken this up with Atty, General Palmer and he states if I have reason to believe that they have some of the restricted equipment turn it over to the F.B.I. I dont know but I believe that all of them have not turned there Equip, in, and that is the idea of searching all enemy aliens homes.

Since Terminal Island is be vacated we have increased in Japanese Pop, by 200 and still getting more from other restricted areas.

Very truly Yours,

*John H. Stroh*  
Chief of Police.





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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**CITY OF TULARE**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

February 19, 1942

Hon. Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State of California  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 18 duly recieved, unfortunately we did not get the all points bulletin referred to.

In the City of Tulare we are fortunate in having only two Jap families and few other enemy aliens so our experience here has been limited.

However in my former capacity as a State Narcotic Inspector, I have had considerable experience with the Japs along the coast and in searching their boats for narcotics.

We have found the Japs taking many pictures along the coast in particular, and the crews visiting other Japs who reside along the coast line.

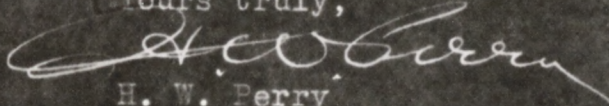
Most of the Jap boats of the Jap boats I have been on were oil tankers and many could be and have since been converted into fighting ships. I noticed particularly the port of Avila in San Luis Obispo County, the crews were allowed almost free run upon entering the port and my understanding all of the crew Officers were reserve Navy men.

Personally I would like to see all Japanese excluded from California, not merely sent inland as there is too much chance for communication to the coast, even from this county.

Any further assistance I can give you, will gladly do so.

Best personal regards,

Yours truly,

  
H. W. Perry  
Chief of Police



B. G. BROADDUS  
Undersheriff - Deputy Coroner

E. L. WILLIAMS  
Sheriff and Coroner

B. F. WALDO  
Deputy Sheriff

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9837 FEB 20 42 SHERIFF and CORONER

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Deputy Sheriff and Bailiff

EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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ASSIGNED TO:

MENDOCINO COUNTY

UKIAH, CALIFORNIA

"On the Famous Redwood Highway"

IN REPLY:

REFER TO FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday,  
February 19, 1942.

Hon. Earl Warren, Atty. General,  
Legal Department, State of Calif.,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram of today, in reply to yours of February 18, 1942, and your confirming letter received February 19, 1942, my opinions of the three points as mentioned in your communications, are as follows:

1. I do not believe there is much danger from sabotage and fifth-column activities in my jurisdiction, but I do believe there is a very grave danger in this regard in the State of California as a whole.

2. I believe that the danger can be adequately controlled by treating all enemy aliens alike, and believe it would be extremely dangerous to attempt to segregate them. This, also, seems to be the opinion of the people of this County.

3. I further believe that all enemy aliens should be placed in concentration camps under the jurisdiction of the United States Army.

The above remarks cover my views of this subject, and I trust they may be of some value to you.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate at all times, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*E. L. Williams*  
E. L. WILLIAMS, SHERIFF.

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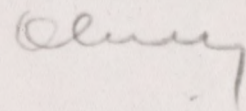
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E L WILLIAMS SHERIFF.

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I BELIEVE DANGER OF SABOTAGE AND FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES IN MENDOCINO COUNTY AND CALIFORNIA AS A WHOLE BECAUSE PRESENCE OF ENEMY ALIENS IS GREAT. DEFINITELY BELIEVE TREATING ALL ENEMY ALIENS ALIKE REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY. BELIEVE ENEMY ALIENS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM CALIFORNIA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE DANGER SABOTAGE AND FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES. BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISED RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED UPON EACH NATIONALITY EXCEPTING WHERE AMERICANISM AND LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES IS UNQUESTIONED

JAMES E BUSCH, DISTRICT ATTORNEY MENDOCINO COUNTY

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E. C. MEHL, Chief

# City of Upland California

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
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February 19, 1942

Mr. Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
San Francisco, California

My Dear Mr. Warren:

I have your letter of the 18th. and the contents have been noted:

I believe there is a distinct difference in our enemy aliens, taken from the standpoint of nationality and I am of the firm opinion that our most serious and immediate threat are the Japanese and that they should be dealt with first and immediately. My experience with the Japanese has been, that taken as a whole the great majority can't be trusted at any time and very much less at the present time. They are a most dangerous threat to the safety of our Pacific Coast and action should be taken at once to meet the situation.

I urge the immediate evacuation of all Japanese, Alien and American born alike, from the Pacific Coast States and if necessary, put in concentration camps. After the Japanese situation is taken care of, the German and Italian Aliens should be dealt with, I believe, as each individual situation arises.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion and trust that the Japanese threat will be removed at once.

Very truly yours,

*E. C. Mehl*

E. C. Mehl  
Chief of Police

EXHIBIT "B"  
Part 3



M. ARTHUR WAITE  
District Attorney  
P. O. BOX 350  
VENTURA, CALIF.

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February 18, 1942

Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear General:

In reply to your teletype of February 17, 1942 in re enemy aliens, I wish to make the following observations:

I do not believe that the problem is the same for all enemy aliens in our country. This belief is based generally upon the fact that the Germans and Italians coming into the United States, being of the same religious belief as a large portion of the people of this Country, can be quickly assimilated into the community life. Inter-marriage between the aliens of these races with United States citizens of the same racial extraction expedites this assimilation. On the other hand the Japanese persons coming into this Country are largely of the Buddhist religion and I am informed that a Buddhist not only strongly adheres to his faith, but continues as a worshipper of the emperor of Japan, and this continued adherence to the Buddhist faith and to worship of the emperor is fostered in the American born children of alien Japanese parents, such children, almost universally, being required each day to attend Japanese language schools in our own communities, after regular public school sessions close. It is my feeling, therefore, that different rules or requirements be provided for Japanese than for Germans and Italians.

It is the belief of the citizens of this county that all Japanese, whether they be native or alien born, should be moved two hundred miles inland from and along the entire Pacific Coast. This is based upon the fact that better than 75% of the Japanese are Buddhists and upon the further fact that an untold number of the native born Japanese hold dual citizenship.

We also believe that all alien Germans and Italians should be evacuated from this area.



Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General

February 18, 1942  
Page Number Two

The Extent of Danger from Sabotage:

An examination of the Coast Line running through Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties in particular will reveal that in numerous locations one man with a small amount of dynamite could tie up for days and possibly weeks the transportation systems along the Pacific Coast. In many places there is but one highway and the railroad crosses many rivers with long bridges. In many instances the spans are very high above the ground, particularly in Santa Barbara County. Due to the fact that it is impossible to distinguish which of the Japanese are loyal and which are disloyal, it would be very easy for one of our Japanese vegetable growers to have hidden on his property a case of dynamite, or other explosive, sufficient to destroy several bridges. This belief is substantiated by the fact that already many aliens have been found, as well as American born Japanese, to have explosives, rifles and other arms concealed in their possession which would lead to the belief that they intended to use these materials to aid Japan.

I do not believe that we should take the chance and subject the people of the United States to the danger of having these Japanese, and other aliens, destroy transportation facilities and defense industries before any action is taken to curb them. They could cause damage in one night that would take a year to restore.

Japanese Vegetable Growers in Ventura County:

Our Commissioner of Agriculture advises me that the Japanese, engaged in vegetable growing, are not planting new crops at this time. They are taking care of the crops already planted, but are not fertilizing and preparing the ground for future crops. In other words the production has fallen to about 25%. There has been some talk that the Japanese are necessary to the vegetable industry in Southern California. If the Japanese were removed from Ventura County all of the ground which they have been tilling would be put to good use raising beets, beans and other crops vital at this time. It has been said that the Pacific Coast area within the Coastal plain is the only area adaptable to Japanese-type farming. The Commissioner of Agriculture has informed me that this is untrue, and that some of the largest areas farmed by Japanese are in Colorado and Utah, and that most of the celery grown in the United States comes from those areas. It is believed that the removal of Japanese vegetable growers in the county would cause only a temporary loss of production lasting approximately six months. The American citizens would again



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Attorney General

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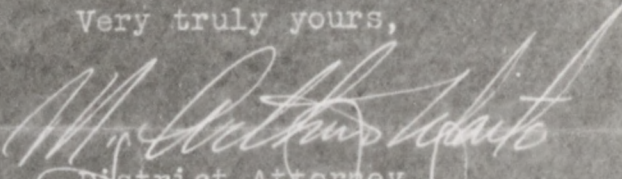
start growing vegetables. The Commissioner of Agriculture is daily receiving inquiries from farmers throughout the County as to whether the Japanese are going to be moved, and if they are moved the white people plan to plant vegetables.

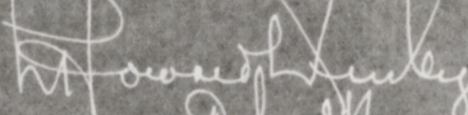
Suggestion for Manner of Evacuation:

It is my belief that we should not mistreat these Japanese people by merely ordering them out of the two hundred mile area and not give some consideration as to where they are to go. I would suggest that the United States Department of Agriculture locate an area to which the Japanese can move for the duration of the war. I would recommend that it be in an area where this man power can go to work raising vegetables. I have talked to a great many Japanese in this County in the last two weeks in making a survey of the land holders, and I find that practically all of them would be willing and glad to move to the interior, if they only knew where they could go and what was expected of them. It is my belief that, if the dilly-dallying were stopped and a positive firm decision made, the Japanese citizens would welcome it. The delay is causing confusion and fear among both the American citizens and members of the Japanese race. We feel that a positive and firm action at this time by government authorities would have a tendency to bolster the morale of the entire Pacific Coast area.

I received your telegram of February 18, 1942 in regard to the maps, and I will put them in the mail today.

Very truly yours,

  
District Attorney

  
Sheriff

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February 18, 1942

*Cherry*  
Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear General:

We acknowledge receipt of your teletype this morning, and hasten to reply to the same.

The Japanese situation in this county is acute and is becoming more acute hourly. Various things are happening to arouse not only public apprehension but also public anger. There has been at least one instance discovered where signals have been devised for the purpose of pointing out the location of our Visalia-Dinuba School of Aeronautics. The device is so marked and the location is so placed that it seems impossible to avoid any other conclusion. As an instance of the public feeling in the county, I might say that the citizens of the Oroqui district at the north end of the county had a mass meeting last night in which they drew up a resolution demanding that some action be taken at once regarding the Japanese in their vicinity. They demand that not only all the Japanese now located in the county but those who are moving in be at once removed, not only for the public safety but also for their own safety, and they express the opinion that unless immediate action is taken the situation may be out of hand.

We note also that there is apparently an organized movement in the South to have the Japanese migrate to this county. A copy of the "Sangyo Nippo", a Japanese publication issued at 327 Jackson Street, Los Angeles, contains the following, the first paragraph being headline:

"Bay Cooperative Group in voluntary move for U.S., Lindsay to be their new locale. Plans of resettlement outlined."

"Ashimoto, representing the group of farmers, told Sangyo that they were planning to move to Lindsay in Central California, where they would start life anew."

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"The group," said Ashimoto, "has plans for a cooperative and we have already drawn up extensive plans for resettlement. If anyone would like to settle with us in our new locale, in Lindsay, they can get in touch with us through your office."

Naturally, this has aroused a great deal of resentment because the people of this county do not feel that the problem is being solved at all by removing large groups of Japanese back from the coast into the interior.

We would answer the three specific questions contained in your teletype in order as follows:

(1) Our opinion as to the extent of danger by way of sabotage and fifth column activities -- We feel that there is great danger. Our local industries, the public utilities, our air force training school, irrigation systems, water systems, etc. are particular targets. The electric supply for the Southland comes largely from our power plants in the foothills of the county. Great devastation could be created by firing our grain fields and our forests in dry weather, and the resulting damage would be appalling, and for generations irretrievable. The Sheriff has already found dynamite and highly explosive powder cached in a location in the mountains.

(2) We feel that the Japanese can only be controlled by treating them all, foreign born and American born, as enemy aliens. We think that no distinction as to loyalty or perfidy can be drawn between alien born and American born Japanese. The American born are now far more qualified to do us great damage, and we feel that many of them have the disposition.

Some two years ago there was a very special emigration of young Japanese who had graduated from our high schools and junior colleges, to Japan, and who have since returned. We find that many Japanese Americans possess firearms and ammunition in large amounts.

So far as the German and Italian aliens are concerned, we feel that as a group they are dependable. There are individual cases, however, that require drastic treatment.

(3) As to the measures that should be taken to relieve this situation, we feel that the Japanese, regardless of whether they are foreign born or American born, should be



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removed from California. While we realize that it is contrary to our American custom and tradition to be hard-boiled, at the same time we feel that the national emergency and the public danger is so great that we would not hesitate to take any steps that the public safety requires, and we can assure you that the peace officers and the law enforcement bodies in the county will give the most cordial support to any steps that we may be required to take in the way of removing what we consider a "pressing emergency".

Without in any way criticizing the Federal authorities, because we realize the burden that has been thrown upon them, it is a fact nevertheless that our activities have been greatly curtailed because of the fact that we have to wait so long before we can get any action from the Federal departments. We repeat again that this is not said in the way of criticism, but simply stating a fact.

Any information within our power to supply will be cheerfully furnished.

Very truly yours,

*Walter C. Haight*

WALTER C. HAIGHT  
District Attorney

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*S. B. Sherman*

S. B. SHERMAN, Sheriff

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J. M. FLUTY, Chief of Police

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Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear General:

Since writing you yesterday there has been increased and very distinct evidence of further immigration into Tulare County of Japanese from the South. This appears to be entirely unregulated and they arrive here without having any particular destination in mind.

I was advised this morning that the Palos Verdes Corporation has evicted all Japanese living on their ranches, and that about thirty Japanese families from one school district in that vicinity are moving to a destination east of Strathmore in Tulare County. I am also advised that many more Japanese have arrived in Orosi and Lindsay. These Japanese are joining Japanese communities that already exist in the county, and the feeling of protest is very strong. The Japanese families will probably begin arriving in the county today and tomorrow, and I am really getting apprehensive as to the situation if it continues unregulated and unrestrained. I sincerely hope that something will come out of the conference today and tomorrow that will relieve the situation.

Mr. Wendell Travioli of Orosi, in this county, a section which is particularly affected by the Japanese immigration, has been in telegraphic correspondence with a Mr. Neustrad. I do not know who this last mentioned gentleman is, but I apprehend he has some connection with the Congressional Investigation Committee. At any rate, Mr. Travioli received a telegram this morning from Mr. Neustrad, informing Mr. Travioli that he was welcome to come to San Francisco and appear before the Committee. I do not know, therefore, whether or not this invitation

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is official, but the community which Mr. Travioli represents is anxious for him to come, and he will undoubtedly appear at San Francisco at your office tomorrow. I felt that the meeting was one that was in no way an open meeting and that the attendance was to be restricted, but in view of the telegram from this gentlemen I did not feel I could advise Mr. Travioli not to go. If he does come, therefore, it will be with a letter of introduction from myself, and I trust that you will handle the situation according to your own good judgment. The people of this county have every confidence in you and realize that you will handle the difficult situation in as able and effective manner as it can be handled.

Mr. McCormick is staying over and will represent my office in any matter that may come up that our office should know about.

With very best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*Walter C. Haight*

WALTER C. HAIGHT  
District Attorney

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*Undated before our glove letter was*



COUNCIL MEETS FIRST AND THIRD  
THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH

A. L. HERZOG, MAYOR

CHAMBER OF THE  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
OF YREKA CITY

KATHERYN R. BROWN, CITY CLERK

YREKA, CALIFORNIA

February 19, 1942.

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Attorney General Earl Warren  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I received your All Points Bulletin of  
February 17, 1942, about the Law Enforcement problems  
arising from present enemy aliens in this state, and  
the problem of handling them.

I believe that all enemy aliens, regardless  
of their nationality, should be handled alike. I also  
am of the opinion the FBI should have the jurisdiction  
over all enemy aliens, as it is in their line of  
experience and duty.

Very truly yours

*Clyde W. Hebard*

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Chief of Police



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF WATSONVILLE

CALIFORNIA  
JAS. M. GRAVES, CHIEF

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ASSIGNED TO:

Watsonville, Calif.  
February, 19.1942.

Hon. Earl Warren.  
Attorney General.  
State of California.

Re; Aliens.

Dear Mr Warren;

Your letter of 18th inst at hand and I am glad that I may to present my views regarding the problem of enemy aliens residing in this district. This valley being mostly occupied in the farm industry and in raising and marketing all sorts of farm produce and fruits we naturally have become very attractive to people of the Japanese and Italian race. We have therefore a large number of these people living in this vicinity. We have however very few German people living here. When the restricted area was established here they named the No. 1 Highway as the dividing line, This highway is our Main Street so we have the condition that these aliens can travelling up and down our Main Street and can stop and do business on the East side of Main Street but can not step on the sidewalk on the East side of Main Street.

We also have the condition that is created by moving these people around against thier wishes and they are still within reach of any plans that they may have had with regards to sabotage or fifth column activities. The Monterey bay in total would be an ideal place to establish a beachhead for an invasion and we have still the enemy alien willing and anxious to assist thier native troops as they evidently did in Honolulu on December 7th. I feel that there is great danger from these alien residents who have only been antagonized by moving them, in this case never more that five miles from thier former residence.

I personally feel that Japanese and German aliens should be treated alike. As for the Italians I do not think that they present a hazzard to our country as it has been my experience that most of the italians that live in this vicinity have lived here for many years and that most of them have tried to become citezens and they in most cases are not in sympathy with the axis powers. I also find that most of these families are large and in many cases they have two or three sons in the american army at present.

I have interviewed many of our leading citezens regarding the problem of protective measures on this problem and I am firmly of the opinion that all Japanese and German Aliens and first generation american born Japanese should be moved inland out of the Pacific States for our own protection as well as for thier protection as we most not loose sight of the fact that as long as these people are here at the scene of action thier governments are going to insist on thier aide in case of an attack.



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Mr. Earl Warren; Re, Aliens. (2)

We must not also loose sight of the fact that most of the fifth column work in the Honolulu attack was done by first generation american born japs and conditions here would offer the same opportunities.

We must also consider the fact that we have thousands of Filipino field laborers living in this state and the racial hatred is mounting higher and higher as we recieve reports of conditions in the far east, We are in fact sitting on a leg of powder with conditions such as they are and we police in this section have allready had trouble with orientals arming themselves and going out looking for an argument with japanese.

With the prevailing conditions such as they are and with the potential danger that confronts us with these aliens in our midst I would therefore recommend that all German and Japaneses Aliens and all first generation american born japanese be removed out of the pacific states in order that we may have at least a feeling of security from that scourse.

Hoping that this report of our opinions on this very grave matter will be of some assistance to you and assuring you that we are always at your service I remain.

Respectfully yours.

*Jas. M. Graves.*  
Jas. M. Graves.  
Chief of Police.





# COUNTY OF YOLO

Woodland, California

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C. C. McDonald  
District Attorney

EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ASSIGNED TO:

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Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General of the  
State of California  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear General:

My opinion in regard to the alien  
enemy situation is as follows:

1. The extent of the danger by way  
of sabotage and fifth column activities in my  
jurisdiction is the possibility of destruction  
of the Yolo Causeway, a very expensive bridge  
structure almost four miles in length, numerous  
expensive concrete bridges, by-pass levees,  
reclamation levees and the levees along the  
Sacramento River, grain crops and numerous  
grain warehouses.

2. I believe that we should differ-  
entiate among alien enemies as to nationality  
according to the situation as it prevails in  
different localities in the State.

For instance, in this jurisdiction  
we have very few, if any, German or Italian  
aliens likely to cause trouble. During the  
first world war the Germans here gave no  
trouble, and I believe the present situation  
insofar as they are concerned is improved.

The Italians have been located here  
for many years. In many instances they have  
children who are native-born American citizens.  
It is not infrequent for their children to  
inter-marry with citizens of the Anglo-Saxon  
race. If there should be any Italian alien  
undertake to engage in subversive activities  
in this community the Italians here would be



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the first to inform on him. I have no fear of the Italians in this community.

On the other hand, we have an entirely different situation when it comes to the Japanese. There are several hundred of them here. Some of them have educated their children, born in this country, to think Japanese. They have taken them to Japan, educated them there and brought them back. In other instances they give them schooling in Japanese here. They must have a motive in so doing. It must be to bring them up to think and be Japanese.

Many of the Japanese aliens are harmless no doubt. Many of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry are loyal Americans no doubt. But how are we to separate the sheep from the goats? The American people distrust them. They are uneasy about them. They know their cunning ways from experience. There are so many of them. They live by themselves. They look so much alike that if one should detect a Japanese doing sabotage it would be difficult to identify him as the culprit. There are so many opportunities for them to commit mischief, and they are thoroughly familiar with the country. They are inquisitive and always observing. The people here just simply distrust them. They don't want them around. If anything should develop and there should be a repetition of the Pearl Harbor situation in this State, the public officials are going to receive a lot of unfavorable criticism because the American people believe that they have been forewarned. Personally, I believe, myself, that if the Japanese are left in this State in their present numbers we might expect this very thing to happen.

3. Move all Japanese from the Pacific coast states, aliens and citizens alike.

Move the Italian and German aliens a sufficient distance from seaports and all war and other vital industries and keep them under surveillance wherever they are.

Very truly yours,

CCM:FJ

*C. E. McDonald*



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Mr. Earl Warren,  
Attorney General,  
State of California  
Legal Department,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Following are the answers to your questions  
in your letter of February 18th.

1. The heads of most of these organizations  
I believe are in large cities especially  
in Berkeley.
2. We should differentiate on some nationalities.
3. All nationalities of aliens should be in  
doors before dark.

Trusting this is the information you desire,  
I am

Very truly yours,

*Louis J. Silva*  
Louis J. Silva,  
Chief of Police,  
Hayward, Calif.

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F. D. MONROE  
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DEPUTY SHERIFF



SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
**COUNTY OF YOLO**

Woodland, California

Feb. 19th, 1942.

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ASSIGNED TO:

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Mr. Earl Warren,  
Attorney General  
San Francisco, California.

Dear General:

It is my belief that enemy aliens present at least two and possibly three separate problems. I also feel that in many instances the citizens, by birth or naturalization, are potentially more dangerous, in respect to sabotage and fifth-column activities, than enemy aliens.

In my opinion Japanese aliens or citizens cannot be absorbed, due to their extraction, or become loyal Americans as readily as other enemy aliens. Therefore, I believe they should be dealt with in accordance with the resolution adopted in San Francisco at the meeting between yourself, District Attorneys and Sheriffs.

I believe that through proper investigation the potentially dangerous Italian and German aliens, outside of vital military areas, can be segregated from the loyal aliens and that they can be dealt with as the individual case may warrant. However, if they were handled in this manner it may be necessary for the proper authorities, preferably local law enforcement agencies, under the supervision of the Federal Government, to furnish permits to aliens found to be loyal to the United States of America.

As far as vital military areas are concerned, I believe anyone, regardless of citizenship, race, creed or color, who may be, for any reason, deemed potentially dangerous,, should be removed without the necessity of an investigation.

The above opinions are shared with me by C. W. Garrison, Chief of Police, Woodland, California

Very truly yours,

F. D. Monroe, Sheriff



CHIEF DEPUTY  
A. L. ROGERS  
  
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YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA  
February 19th, 1942

Earl Warren, Attorney General  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In replying to your letter of February 18th asking for our recommendations as to the manner of handling enemy aliens, following is my opinion regarding the matter.

(1) My opinion regarding the extent of danger by way of sabotage, etc., on the states as a whole, is that the greatest danger is from the inside, by damaging dams, electric plants, all manufacturing plants, etc. In our jurisdiction there is not so much, except the water works of the town, sub-station of the Electric Company and some warehouses or it may be damage to the crops.

(2) I believe that all enemy aliens, alike, regardless of nationality should be handled the same, however under present circumstances I believe the Japanese should be handled first and by Japanese I mean all, whether aliens or those born in the United States. I believe this for two reasons: First, to concentrate the aliens to prevent them from causing trouble, sabotage, etc and second, for the protection of the American born Japanese because if trouble was caused by Alien Japanese the white people might cause a massacre, the feeling being so great by the white citizens against Japanese as a whole.

Also, from our information that regardless of age, American born Japanese are under the influence and perhaps the control of the parents who in most cases are aliens.



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The German and Italian aliens, I believe, should also be interned as soon as possible.

(3) The protection necessary, I believe, would be to concentrate each nationality in a camp by themselves, at some remote distance from the coast, said camp to be guarded by the necessary guards and under the usual conditions such camps are operated.

Assuring you of my cooperation at all times, I am,

Very truly yours

*Bert M. Ullrey*  
BERT M. ULLREY, SHERIFF  
the County of Sutter

E. L. McCune, Chief of Police  
of the City of Yuba City

*E. L. McCune*

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
OF  
SUTTER COUNTY

540 SECOND STREET  
YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA  
February 19, 1942

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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
ASSIGNED TO:

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Honorable Earl Warren  
Attorney General of the  
State of California  
State Building  
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated in San Francisco on February 17th and your letter dated in San Francisco on February 18th requesting me to present my views on the problem of handling aliens of the Pacific Coast area. Your telegram was received in the late afternoon of the 13th and your letter was received of this date.

It is my belief that all Japanese, including those born in this country and who have the status of citizenship, should be removed from the Pacific Coast States to a point easterly therefrom that is considered safe by the military authorities.

I am of the opinion that Japanese, whether citizens or not, are loyal to the Japanese government and will, in the event that they have an opportunity to do so, assist in doing acts of sabotage for the purpose of hindering the military and defense program as well as for the purpose of demoralizing the public in the coast area. I feel that the Japanese are better acquainted and could be of greater assistance to the Japanese government in this State where they have resided for so many years, than they would be if in a strange community.

It is my personal belief, not only because they are oriental, but for the further reason that they are all of one race with a national religion, that it is impossible for the Peace Officers of this State or the Officers of the Federal Government to understand and to cope with their way of thinking.

Sutter County, because of the fertility of its soil, is capable of producing vast quantities of food stuff that are so vital at this time. This county lies between the Sacramento and Feather Rivers and the Sutter By-pass system is located in the center thereof making it very susceptible to floods during high water.

The levee system cannot be patrolled by the officers of the



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districts at all points at all times and it would, in my opinion, be an easy matter, during a period of low water, such as we have in the summer and fall months, for anyone desiring to commit sabotage to plant dynamite and explosives in these levees and await the flood season to blow the levees up. This would, of course, not only destroy crops and kill many thousands of acres of trees, but would also interfere with the communication and transportation system which is vital to National Defense.

I do not believe that it is necessary to remove German or Italian aliens from this community at this time for the reason that people in this community, because they are occidental, understand them and are able to assist in calling to the attention of officers any action on their part that might be suspicious. I am not of the opinion, however, that aliens from other communities on the Pacific Coast, whether German or Italian, should be moved into this community.

I hope that I have sufficiently expressed my views in this matter so as to be of assistance to you and the Peace Officers of the State of California.

Respectfully yours,

*Loyd E. Hewitt*

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