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III Interview with Mr. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, October 15, 1942.

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McCloy was frankly suspicious of me at first and asked many questions about the objectives of the study.

In a very general discussion, McCloy admitted that "public sentiment was ~~the~~ ^a determining factor in the planning for modern war." Military necessity is a combination of civilian and military factors. Of course, the War Department and the generals are cognizant of the public sentiment, but it was the generals who decided what the policy was to be.

"We civilians in the War Department posed the problem to General DeWitt on the West Coast, he consulted his staff, and they, the military men, made the decision. It was a military decision." (But a hell of a way to run a war in a democracy, was my immediate thought.)

McCloy has kept a diary and after I was there for a little while, he read me excerpts from it. But he was very difficult to pin down on specific points. Nevertheless, the following is pertinent:

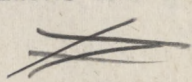
1- Under-secretary of War Patterson apparently pushed drastic mass evacuation faster than anyone else in the War Department. McCloy's diary of February 16, records a meeting with Patterson in which the latter "strongly urged immediate and thorough action."

2- On February 4, at 3:55 P.M., Gullian, Rowe, Ennis, Burling, and McCloy met to discuss possible legislation that might be drawn up to remove both citizens and aliens.

3- On February 1, 2:00 P.M., McCloy and Biddle discussed the alien problem.

4- On February 5, Rowe and McCloy discussed the alien problem on the telephone.

5- On February 6, Beddetsen on the Coast and McCloy discussed "the removal of Japanese aliens and citizens" from West Coast areas. (This puts the discussion of citizens earlier than anyone in the Justice Department put it. I interrogated Ennis about this and he replied that these early discussions were only in reference to the general problem of separating aliens from citizens and the possibility of removing citizens from "very limited areas.")

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