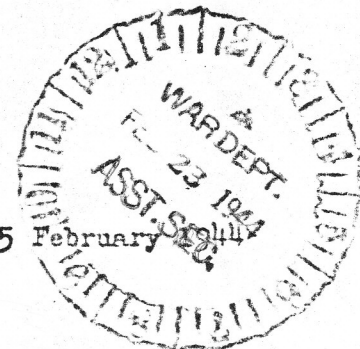


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Captain John M. Hall, Secretary  
Japanese-American Joint Board  
Room 4-E-886, Pentagon Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Captain Hall:

I have just received your letter inclosing papers regarding Paul H. Ozawa, Japanese half-breed, who desires to return to Alaska.

Naturally I have personal sympathy for the loyal Japanese who were evacuated as the result of a policy sending out all males of half or more Japanese blood. However, it is impossible to separate the loyal from the disloyal by any rule and policy and any attempt to do so is hazardous. The blood policy is the only safe one. For instance, the most dangerously disloyal Jap in Alaska was the most eloquent in expressing his loyalty and many prominent citizens in his town signed a petition to have him remain.

Ozawa is not destitute but prefers to make the high wages prevalent in Alaska during the canning season.

It is regretful that he has to suffer for his father's nationality and his mother's fondness for Japs, but after all we can scarcely afford to take chances on hereditary characteristics.

Sincerely,

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