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Dear Mr. Burnett:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6, and to learn that the lawyers of the State of California heartily endorse the way the Army has handled the difficult problem of evacuating the Japanese along the West Coast. I am particularly pleased to learn that Captain Joseph S. Withington has performed such outstanding service in the area under his control, and it was very thoughtful of you to bring his excellent service to my attention.

As you know, the Army undertook this task without any precedent and at times we encountered what appeared to be insuperable obstacles. It is a great satisfaction to me personally, and to those of the Army intimately concerned with the task, to know that the outstanding citizens of California, particularly those directly concerned with the protection of the rights of individuals, approve the manner in which we have done the job.

I have sent your letter on to General DeWitt, the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, with a request that it be brought to the attention of those of his Staff who have supervised the evacuation program and particularly to the attention of Captain Withington.

Sincerely,

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