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The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The War Department is perfecting its plans for the custody of alien enemies turned over to it by the Department of Justice and other Federal agencies in the event of a declaration of war. Consideration of the plans has developed the desirability of including certain provisions in any Presidential proclamation which may be issued declaring a state of war to exist. It is therefore requested that if, and when, such a proclamation is issued it include the following provisions:

1. That all alien enemies be forbidden the right to enter or remain in the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and Alaska, and that all alien enemies in these areas be immediately interned and arrangements be made for their deportation therefrom to the continental United States. (In the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico, internment and custody of alien enemies will be the function of the department commander; in Alaska, internment will be accomplished by agents of the Department of Justice, while custody will be the responsibility of the Commanding General, Alaska Defense Command.)

2. That all alien enemies be forbidden the right to possess firearms, ammunition, explosives, radios, or signal devices, including codes or ciphers.

3. That all alien enemies be forbidden the right to enter or leave the Hawaiian Islands, except under such regulations that may be locally prescribed, and that the movement of alien enemies within the Hawaiian Islands be confined to such restricted areas as may be locally prescribed.

It is further requested that you delegate to the Federal District Attorney in Hawaii the authority to intern all alien enemies in that territory.

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Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War...

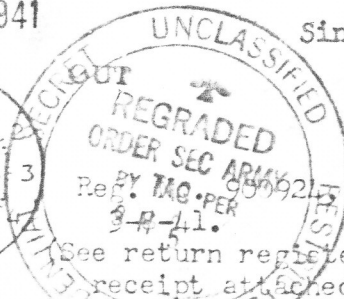
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