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September 26, 1974

Mr. David Ushio
22 Peace Plaza, Suite 203
San Francisco, Calif. 94115

Dear David:

I've been on the phone with Michi Weglyn for some extended periods. She's a bright woman. Though I see some problems with her manuscript, I think they can be worked out. What impresses me is the way she has presented and analyzed policy at upper levels and then showed just how its implementation caused palpable human frustration and suffering. Good scholarship and equally good journalism.

Michi tells me you've been working to get a 4,000-copy guarantee from the JACL. If you can, it would help me immensely. The thing is, WRA involved many now considered demi-gods -- FDR, John McCloy, Milton Eisenhower, Earl Warren, and on and on as you know. This is why the hard-hitting stuff should reach the larger public, and what in the end might make Michi's book saleable.

Please get back to me on the guarantee business.

Yours,

Grant

GU:RS
cc: Michi Weglyn
957 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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General MacArthur has reported in a radiogram, a copy of which is enclosed, that American and British civilians in areas of the Philippines occupied by the Japanese are being subjected to extremely harsh treatment. The unnecessary harsh and rigid measures imposed, in sharp contrast to the moderate treatment of metropolitan Filipinos, are unquestionably designed to discredit the white race.

I request that you strongly protest this unjustified treatment of civilians, and suggest that you present a threat of reprisals against the many Japanese nationals now enjoying negligible restrictions in the United States, to insure proper treatment of our nationals in the Philippines.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War

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Copy of radiogram
from General MacArthur.

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Panamá, October 20, 1941

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Dear Sumner:

My strictly confidential despatch No. 300 of October 20, 1941, for the Secretary and Under Secretary, transmits memoranda of my conversations with the Foreign Minister regarding the question of internment of Japanese in the event that we suddenly find ourselves at war with Japan.

The attitude of the Panamanian Government is thoroughly cooperative. The final memorandum sets out the points approved by the Panamanian Cabinet for dealing with this matter. Briefly, their thought is this: Immediately following action by the United States to intern Japanese in the United States, Panamá would arrest Japanese on Panamanian territory and intern them on Taboga Island. They would be guarded by Panamanian guards and would have the status of Panamanian interns. All expenses and costs of internment and guarding to be paid by the United States. The United States Government would agree to hold Panamá harmless against any claims which might arise as a result of internment.

I believe it essential that you instruct me by telegraph at once to assure the Foreign Minister that the points which he set out to cover this matter meet the approval of our Government.

With all best wishes,

Yours, as ever,

EDWIN C. WILSON

The Honorable
Sumner Welles,
Under Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D. C.

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