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May 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL FORNEY:

Subject: Report on Trip to 442nd Combat Team,  
Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

1. There is attached a report of Captain Pierce's trip to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in connection with the Japanese-American Combat Team.

2. The problems of the establishment of a CS system and the investigation of personnel is particularly acute. If ordinary methods were followed, at least some check will be made on almost every member of the combat team. In view of the special situation it was believed desirable to limit investigations to cases specifically requested by the Military Intelligence Service, War Department, or the G-2 of the combat team. Captain Reid Jorgensen, now S-2 of the 442nd Infantry will become G-2 of the combat team.

3. It is believed that the special situation makes the proposed method for the special handling of investigations desirable, and it is recommended that it be approved by you. It is understood that the proposal is agreeable to Colonel Knopf.

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2 Inclosures:  
Memo for Col. Forney 5-25-43  
Memo for Forney, Knopf, Pence.

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Camp Shelby, Mississippi

1. Under the terms of the directive activating the 442nd Combat Team, the cadre was to be limited to loyal United States citizens of Japanese ancestry who had always resided in the United States. By letter dated March 12, 1943, the Commanding Officer of the Combat Team reported 60 names of enlisted men who had resided in Japan for varying periods of time. It was stated by the Commanding Officer, in reporting these names, that he believed those who had resided in Japan for any considerable time were of questionable desirability for service in his unit. Acting upon this recommendation of the Commanding Officer, the Review Branch, on April 6, 1943, directed that 37 of these men be removed.

2. It was found at Camp Shelby, that there were an additional 52 men in the cadre who had not been reported in the letter of the Commanding Officer dated March 12. Residence in Japan of the original 60 had appeared on their service records. The additional 52 were discovered only after completion of a questionnaire entitled "Statement of United States Citizen of Japanese Ancestry". The limitation in the directive activating the organization as to residence in the United States did not apply to filler personnel. Of the 2800 men received from the Territory of Hawaii, 104 had been back to Japan for varying periods of residence. Of the individuals approved for induction by the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C., some had returned to Japan for short periods of time. It seems illogical that the 37 men actually transferred should not be permitted to rejoin their unit where there is no objection to their loyalty other than a period of residence in Japan.

3. The names of all those persons in the cadre who have been back to Japan were submitted to the Commanding Officers of the companies in which they had been assigned during their time at Camp Shelby. Each Commanding Officer has certified to the loyalty or disloyalty of these men. Upon the transfer of these 37 men, in the case

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of 20 of them, the individual Commanding Officer had certified on his service record "this man is considered loyal". It is recommended that 34 of the 37 men transferred be reassigned to the 442nd Combat Team. It is recommended that letters be prepared to be sent to the Seventh and Eighth Service Commands to discover why the activation order and telegraphed instructions were not complied with in the selection of the cadre.

4. The unit has not completely installed a CS System. The initial stages of installing such a system were thoroughly discussed with the S-2 of the Regiment, and his method of installation gone into rather thoroughly. The details of their present system have been supplied Capt. R. R. Munoz and a special letter is to be prepared for the S-2's guidance in the installation and operation of the system. It is believed that a very effective system can be installed. The S-2 of the Regiment has a background which should qualify him exceptionally well for his position.

5. An agreement was worked out between the undersigned officer, the S-2 of the Regiment, and Lt. Maddox of the Fourth Service Command, concerning the Counter Intelligence coverage of the Combat Team. This agreement met with the approval of the Commanding Officer of the Combat Team, the G-2 of First Headquarters, Special Training Group of the Third Army, and the Post Intelligence Officer. It is recommended that the provisions of this memorandum be accepted for handling the Counter Intelligence problem of the 442nd Combat Team.

6. The Personnel Adjutant of the Regiment advised that the actual strength was now 3416. Since the organization was activated under the old table of organization and a 15% overstrength was authorized, the probable authorized strength is 4,533. Of the present strength located at the 442nd Combat Team, approximately 2800 came from the Territory of Hawaii. About 450 were the original cadre. As of May 19, 122 had been delivered by induction from the United States and 31 had been transferred from the Army at large. Up to May 25, the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C., had marked as acceptable 851. Since 122 of the 851 have already been delivered, it is expected of the balance about 600 men will be found acceptable from a physical standpoint. Of this 600 figure, 470 that the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C., already knows of have been found physically qualified. The Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C., still has a backlog of approximately 500 applications for voluntary induction which have not yet been completely processed. Of this 500, it is believed that approximately 300 will be finally inducted into the Army. There were 299 soldiers of Japanese ancestry transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. An attempt is being made to review each one of these cases. At present, the Military Intelligence Division, Washington, D. C. has information on 139. It is expected that out of this group, of

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Enlisted Reserve Corps men, approximately 75 will be called back to active duty. It is expected that about 125 men will have to be transferred from the Army at large to bring the 442nd Combat Team to its authorized strength. It is recommended that a directive be prepared immediately, which will require that all additional filler personnel required for the Combat Team be transferred there only upon the recommendation of the Military Intelligence Division.

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