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Subject: Japanese Short Wave Broadcast

Summary of Information:

It has been reported that at some time between October 31, and November 4, 1942, evacuees at the Minidoka War Relocation Center, Eden, Idaho, heard a short wave broadcast which was apparently direct from Tokyo.

The announcer, reported to be one Miyazaki, alleged editor of a well known paper in Tokyo, instructed the evacuees not to accept employment or permit themselves to be relocated outside the area in which they are presently confined, stating that if they do the Japanese Government will be unable to claim damages from the United States Government after the war. The broadcast continued to the effect that the United States Government realizes that the evacuee program is ridiculous and will eventually backfire, consequently, the American Government is endeavoring to secure employment for the evacuees outside of their particular relocation centers.

The announcer instructed the Japanese to pass this information on to others who were unable to hear the broadcast. He further informed his audience that the Japanese Government will consider all Japanese who accept employment or permit themselves to be relocated outside of their respective relocation centers as being anti-national. In this regard, it is reported that when any Japanese is designated by his government as anti-national, his name is removed from the "Book of Life", which constitutes one of the worst things that can befall any loyal Japanese.

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