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Mr. Frank Herron Smith
2816 Hillegass Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of comment in regard to incidents which have taken place since Japanese Americans have started to return to California, has been received.

I can assure you that I have been thoroughly aware of the situation which has confronted us and have collaborated with the Army and the relocation authorities on this subject, and that I am doing everything that can reasonably be done to create a tolerant public opinion in connection with the problem.

I know that the Attorney General, who is the chief law enforcement officer of the State, has used the facilities of his office to establish proper standards of law enforcement in this regard. It must be remembered, however, that law enforcement in this State, except for the supervision of the Attorney General, is a matter of local responsibility. I have personally urged every Mayor and every principal law enforcement officer in the State to support the government and do his full duty in this situation. I believe most of them are trying to do their jobs.

You may be sure that I will continue to do everything that I can to see that these people have their constitutional rights protected.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Sincerely,

Governor

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