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To: All Project Directors

Subject: Suggestions for conduct of leave clearance hearings

This memorandum is intended for persons who are holding leave clearance hearings. Copies are being sent to you so that they may be distributed to such persons. They should study the memorandum carefully. The memorandum is confidential because it contains information furnished to WRA on a confidential basis by Intelligence agencies.

General character and conduct of hearings. The conduct of leave clearance hearings is governed by section 00.10 of the new Handbook on Issuance of Leave for Departure from a Relocation Area. All persons who sit on leave clearance hearings must be thoroughly familiar with all parts of that section. The suggestions herein set forth do not supersede any part of the governing section of the Handbook, but are made rather for the purpose of assisting staffs at the centers in carrying out the provisions of the governing section.

Prior to the beginning of any hearing, the investigator or investigators conducting it should familiarize themselves with the file which was returned from the Washington Office and any other material which may be available at the project in reference to the evacuee being interviewed. This should include dockets on other members of the same family since such other dockets will often contain information relevant to the case of the person being interviewed. This familiarity with material already accumulated will enable interviewers to make use of it in determining what topics should be investigated and what lines of questioning should be pursued, and will enable them also to save time by not asking questions on topics as to which the facts are already known.

At the beginning of the interview the investigators should inform the applicant of the purpose of the interview and confront him, to the extent not prohibited by the Director in returning the file for further investigation, with the facts that throw doubt upon his eligibility for indefinite leave. The investigators should then question the applicant in detail about the questionable material in the file and do whatever is necessary to get a full and complete explanation. They should particularly ascertain whether the applicant can present any substantiating documents or testimony that would be useful, and, if he can, they should

adjourn the interview for such time as may be necessary for the applicant to obtain the documents or produce the witnesses. Each interview should be individualized.

Apart from identification questions, it is unlikely that the questions asked in any two of these interviews at the centers will be even substantially similar. Different approaches should be used in different cases, as they are suggested by the material in the files or by the answers of the applicant to questions asked.

Topics for inquiry. Some suggestions are made herewith as to questions that might be asked. The bulk of the suggestions made consists merely of topics and subtopics appropriate for use in questioning, rather than prepared questions. In any particular case only those topics should be asked about which are relevant to the case, as indicated by the file or by answers to other questions. In no case would questions be asked on all topics indicated. Information on some of the topics will already be in the file, in which case there is no need to ask about the same matters again unless cross-checking seems desirable. Questions should seldom be asked in the same order in successive cases, and practically never in the exact order in which suggested topics are here arranged. Other topics and questions not listed here would frequently be appropriate, as they are suggested by the facts or allegations in particular cases.

In a sense the topics here listed constitute an expansion of the items listed in section 60.10.2 and should be employed in connection with such of the items there listed as are involved in the particular case. In general, it will be found that the topics here listed in any single paragraph will probably be relevant in considering several of the items listed in section 60.10.2, and that several of the topics listed in this section will be relevant in considering any one of the items listed in section 60.10.2. Interviewers should, of course, maintain a judicial attitude in the conduct of hearings, neither attempting to help the evacuee to build up a good record nor making it difficult for him to bring out favorable facts. Suggested topics for investigation follow:

(1) Answer to Question 28, failure to answer or late registration - What did Question 28 mean to you at time of registration?, what does it mean now?. reason for original answer or attitude, reasons for changed attitude, consultations with whom, conversations with other evacuees, attitude of other members of family; bitterness growing out of evacuation, particular incidents, facts causing bitterness to be allayed; present attitude toward evacuation, associations with pro-Japanese groups in center, or prior to evacuation; belief in validity of Japan's war aims.

(2) Repatriation or expatriation - Circumstances of and reasons for making application; who influenced you, circumstances of and reasons for withdrawal of application, influences; what practical advantages for you and your family do you now see in returning to Japan, in remaining in U. S., do you think you could live fairly pleasantly in Japan?, influence of loyalty toward either U. S. or Japan, has feeling of loyalty changed in the last few months?

(3) Military and Naval matters - Length of military training in Japan, type of instruction, proficiency and rank attained, average weekly time spent, attitude toward military training received, importance compared with other subjects studied; military service at any time, in U.S., Japan, or elsewhere; reservist status at any time; reason for termination of service or reservist status; attitude toward service, by self or family members, in U.S. Army now, against, Germany, against Japan; attitude toward Selective Service for evacuees.

(4) Employment record - Before and after evacuation; in Japan, if any; by Japanese Government or on Japanese vessel; by a Japanese language periodical; by a semi-official Japanese firm (See List "C", attached hereto); circumstances under which employment began, character of work done, advancement record, incidental activities such as promotion and public relations work, public contacts made in course of work, visits to Japan and contacts with Japanese officials in course of work, reasons for changing jobs, would applicant like to go back to old employment after war ends?

(5) Travel and residence outside United States - Time and length of each trip, reasons for trips; if trip was Kengakudan (organized "educational and cultural" tour) who was leader of trip; associates in Japan or other foreign country; places where you lived abroad; occupations while abroad; reason for return to U. S.; occupation and residence immediately after return; economic status during residence in Japan, social life there; personal liking, or dislike for life there, comparison with life in U.S.; why did you not return to U. S. sooner?; expectation of returning to Japan after war, for visits, on business, to live.

(6) Membership in Japanese organizations - (See Lists "A" and "B", attached hereto.) Were you an officer, sponsor, organizer, leader, or mere member, how long; extent of activity in the organization or organizations, explain purpose of organization, number of members locally, nationally, how long you attended, how you happened to join, your personal participation in meetings, in outside activities, who you worked with in the society, amount of contributions to society, who were the leaders, relations with parent society, if any, in Japan, effectiveness of organization, of your part in it, your attitude then toward its work, your attitude now, do you think organization should resume activity after war?, would you wish

to continue membership? (A Study of Community Analysis Report No. 3, March 1943, on Japanese Groups and Associations in the United States, would be profitable for all hearing board members.)

(7) Citizenship status - Dual citizenship, by whom registered, when, where; your first knowledge of fact of dual citizenship; application to cancel dual citizenship, when, where, why; why cancellation not attempted; present attitude toward dual citizenship; what advantages do you see in retaining your Japanese citizenship, personal reasons for retention.

(8) Economic ties with Japan - Property in Japan, owned by self or family, investments in Japanese securities, circumstances of acquisition; business connections; prospect of inheriting Japanese property; did your former occupation in this country involve relationships with Japan or with persons officially or otherwise connected with Japan?

(9) Hobbies and Interests - Inquire generally; judo, kendo, politics, Japanese literature, writing, etc., honors received; activities in relocation and assembly centers.

(10) Religion - Sect, member or non-member, length of membership, degree of activity.

(11) Language Abilities - English, Japanese, other; speak, read, write; language teaching experience; Japanese publications which you have read or subscribed to; Japanese writing for publication; Japanese language reports, to persons in U. S. or Japan, made in course of employment or otherwise.

(12) Pro-Japanese Activities - Purchase of war bonds; contributions to Japanese patriotic funds, societies or organizations; public statements; collaboration with Japanese officials; ask for evacuee's reasons for each activity.

(13) Education - Common school, high school, college, both in America and Japan, dates; Japanese language school, length of attendance, why you attended, attitude toward the school; military; personal preference as between Japanese and American system of education, subjects studied in Japan, personal acceptance of historical and political concepts taught in Japan, plans for educating own children, if and when.

(14) Relatives - Names of parents, their birthplaces, their addresses, if living, age, occupations, are they applicants for repatriation?, are they internees or parolees?, number of brothers and sisters, names, addresses, their ages compared to yours, their education, their employment, before and after evacuation, their military status, are they applicants

for repatriation or expatriation, other close relatives, in U. S., in Japan; are any close relatives internees or parolees?, husband or wife, age, his or her birthplace; are you living together; if not, explain; spouse's citizenship, education, military status, employment history, repatriation or expatriation requests; children, number, age, addresses, education, past and future, plans for their future, are they registered for dual citizenship, their present occupation; negative answers to question 28 by parents, spouse, brothers or sisters, children or other close relatives; parents, children, brothers, or sisters now living in Japan, how long there, why they are there, intention to move to U.S., your intention to join them in Japan, frequency of exchange of letters before war, closeness of family ties; similar questions concerning other close relatives as to whom other negative factors appeal in list in section 60.10.2.

(15) Internal Security and Intelligence Records - Relevant facts from these records should be in the applicant's file, and should be studied by hearing board members before the hearing starts. The applicant should be asked about, and given an opportunity to explain, significant items in his internal security and intelligence record.

(16) Pro-American Activities - Purchase of war bonds and stamps; contributions to American patriotic funds, societies or organizations, membership in American organizations; public statements; affirmative patriotic activities.

(17) Plans for the future - For self and family; relocation or residence in center during war; desire for leave clearance; attitude toward residence in segregation center; residence after war; return to West Coast; type of occupation contemplated; hopes for children; future residence in or visits to Japan; reasons.

(18) Immediate Plans for Relocation - Job opportunities for self and family, where, when, letters received, interviews with relocation officer; locations preferred; type of work desired.

(19) Is there any statement you would like to make for us to consider in connection with our consideration of your application for leave clearance?

(20) Additional Interviews and Investigation - It is to be understood that, in accordance with the Administrative Instruction, additional investigation may be undertaken apart from the hearing itself, other witnesses may be examined either in the presence of the applicant or separately, and the applicant himself may be recalled for future interviews.

(21) Lists "A", "B", and "C" - There are attached hereto two lists of Japanese organizations, Lists A and B, and a list of Japanese firms in the U. S., List C. These lists were compiled by the Intelligence agencies. The organizations in List A are regarded by some of the Intelligence agencies as subversive. Those in List B are regarded by them as potentially or mildly subversive. The firms in List C are believed by them to have had at least semi-official connections with the Japanese Government or to have engaged in subversive activities in the U. S. In the case of some of the organizations or firms in these lists, the evidence of Japanese affiliations is much milder, of course, than for others. It will obviously not be possible or worth while to ask each person interviewed about his relation to each of the numerous organizations listed, but the docket should be carefully checked and he should be asked specifically about his relation to any of the organizations or firms with which there is any evidence or reasonable suspicion that he may have been connected.

Facts Indicating Loyalty to United States. It is as important that facts affirmatively indicating the applicant's probable loyalty to the United States be brought out clearly in the interviews, as that facts indicating disloyalty be brought out. Sometimes these positive factors will not appear in the docket. In such cases they should be revealed by questioning. The type of facts which would be significant in this connection is indicated by the following list:

- (1) Entire education in the United States or entire education of children in the United States.
- (2) Christian religion.
- (3) membership in such bodies as J.A.C.L., Rotary, Lions or Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, labor unions, and other typically American organizations.
- (4) Cancellation of dual citizenship if supported by adequate details.
- (5) Favorable factors about immediate relatives.
- (6) Relatives in military service, particularly if they volunteered.
- (7) Favorable reference letters.
- (8) Purchase of U. S. war bonds.
- (9) Extensive Caucasian and minor Japanese associations.

LIST "A"

AIKOKU KAI	MILITARY VIRTUE SOCIETY
AIYU KAI	NANKA TEIKOKU GUNYU DAN
BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY	NANKA ZAIGU GUNJIN KAI
BLOOD BROTHERS GROUP	NANKA ZAIGU SHOKU DAN
BUTOKU KAI	NATIONAL FLOWER ASSOCIATION
CHERRY ASSOCIATION	NAVAL CLUB, the
DAI NIPPON BUTOKU KAI	NINETY FIVE ASSOCIATION
DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION	NIPPON KAIGUN KYOKAI
FATHERLAND SOCIETY	NORTH AMERICAN RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
FOUNDERS ASSOCIATION	NORTH AMERICAN RESERVISTS ASSOCIATION
GINSHATSU TO	ORGANIZATION OF BLOOD BROTHERS
GUNJIN KAI	PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION
HEIEKI GIMUSHA KAI	RANK HOLDERS ASSOCIATION
HEIMUSHA KAI	RISING SUN FLAG SOCIETY
HINGO KAI	SAKURA KAI
HINOMARU KAI	SEKIEKI KAI
HOKO KAI	SEKISEI KAI
HOKOKU DAN	SERVICE SOCIETY
HOKOKU KAI	SHINKO CLUB
HOKUBEI BUTOKU KAI	SHINSHU KAI
HOKUBEI HEIYAKU GIMUSHA KAI	SILVER SHIRTS MOVEMENT
HOKUBEI HEIEKI GIMUSHA KAI	SINCERITY ASSOCIATION
HOKUBEI TEIKOKU DAN	SOCIETY FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF
HOKUBEI ZAIGU GUNJIN KAI	EMPEROR MEIJI
HOKUBEI ZAIGU SHOKU DAN	SOCIETY OF MEN ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY DUTY
HOKUBEI ZAIGU GUNYU DAN	SOCIETY OF THE FLAG OF THE RISING SUN
HOSHI KAI	SHOKOKU KAI
HUMANITY ASSOCIATION	SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION
IMPERIAL COMRADESHIP SOCIETY	SUIKO SHA
IMPERIAL MILITARY FRIENDS SOCIETY	TACOMA CLUB
IMPERIAL RESERVISTS ASSOCIATION	TAISEI YOKUSHAN KAI
IMPERIAL RULE ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION	TEIKOKU GUNYU DAN
ISSHIN KAI	TOKU ASSOCIATION
JAPAN NAVY LEAGUE	TOKU KAI
JAPANESE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION	TWENTY-FORTY CLUB
JINDO KAI	TOKYO CLUB
KAIGUN KYOKAI	TOYO CLUB
KANJO KAI	WAKABA KAI
KOKURYU KAI	YOKOHAMA CLUB
KYUSHIN CLUB	YUDANSHA KAI
KYUGO KAI	YUSHI KESSHI DAN
KUKKA KAI	ZAIGU GUNJIN KAI
LOVING FRIENDS SOCIETY	ZAIGU SHOKU DAN
MEIJI JINGU KAI	

LIST "B"

AIKOKU FUJIN KAI	JAPANESE CULTURAL BROADCASTING SOC.
ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS UNION	JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ARCHERY ASSOCIATIONS	JAPANESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AM.
ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANNERY WORKERS	JAPANESE HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS
ASSOCIATIONS OF JAPANESE RAILROAD FOREMEN	JIKYOKU IIN KAI
ASSOCIATIONS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF SAVINGS	JISEKI HOZUN KAI
BARBERS ASSOCIATIONS	JUNIOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
BEHIND-THE-GUN SOCIETIES	JYUDO ORGANIZATIONS
BEIKOKU CHUG NIHONJIN KAI	JYUGO HOSHI KAI
BUDDHIST ORGANIZATIONS	JYUGO KAI
BUKKYO KAI	JYUJITSU ORGANIZATIONS
BUKKYO SEINEN KAI	KAIGAI DOMA CHUG KAI
BUSSEI KAI	KENDO ORGANIZATIONS
CENTRAL JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	KENGAKU DAN
CENTRAL JAPANESE CULTURAL FEDERATION	KINJIN KAI
CHOKI CHUCHIKU SHOREI KUMAI	KIBEI ORGANIZATIONS
CHUCHIKU KUMIAI	KODOKAN JUDO FEDERATION
CHUCHIKU SHOREI KAI	KOKUFU SHIGIN KAI
COMMITTEE FOR THE SITUATION	KOKUSAI BUNKA SHINKOKAI
COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS	KONKOKYO (Shinto Sect) ORGANIZATIONS
CULTURAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY	KYUDO ORGANIZATIONS
CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY	LANGUAGE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS
DAI NIPPON SEINEN KAI	LONG TERM PATRIOTIC BOND SUBSCRIPTION SOCIETY
DANJYO SEINEN KAI	MIDORI KAI
DOHO GROUP	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS CLUB
EAST WEST CLUB	MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES
FENCING ORGANIZATIONS	NANKA NIHON BUNKA KYOKAI
GAKUEN KOEN KAI	NATIONAL RECITATION SOCIETY
GAKUEN KYOKAI	NICHIREN ORGANIZATIONS
GREATER JAPAN YOUTH CLUB	NIHON BUNKA CHUG RENMEI
GUNJIN KAI	NIHON SUNKA HOSO KYOKAI
HOGO GAKUEN KYOKAI	NIHON BUNKA KYOKAI
HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS	NIHONJIN KAI
HOUSE OF GROWTH	NISEI WRITERS' GROUP
HOUSE OF LONG LIFE	NISEI YOUNG DEMOCRATS CLUB
IMPERIAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY	PACIFIC CULTURAL EDUCATION SOCIETY
IMPERIAL JAPANESE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY	PATRIOTIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS
JAPAN INSTITUTE	PERFECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
JAPANESE ASSOCIATIONS	SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS
JAPANESE COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND INFORMATION	NIHONJIN SHOKU KAIGI SHO
JAPANESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE	
ICHIYU KAI	

LIST "C"

ASANO BUSSAN KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 BANK OF CHOSSEN
 BANK OF KOREA
 BANK OF FORMOSA
 BANK OF JAPAN
 BANK OF TAIWAN
 C. T. TAKAHASHI & COMPANY
 DOMEI TSUSHIN SHA
 DOMEI NEWS AGENCY
 JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE
 JAPANESE AMERICAN SECURITIES
 CORP. OF LOS ANGELES
 JAPANESE AMERICAN THEATRICAL COMPANY
 JAPANESE NEWSPAPER AGENCIES
 JAPANESE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS
 JAPANESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS
 JAPAN COTTON TRADING COMPANY
 "K" LINE
 KAWASAKI KISEN KAISHA
 KOKUSAI KISEN KAISHA
 KOKUSAI LINE
 MANTETSU
 MINAMI MANSHU TETSUDO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 MITSUBISHI BANK
 MITSUBISHI SHUJI KAISHA
 MITSUBISHI TRADING COMPANY
 MITSUI AND COMPANY
 MITSUI BANK
 MITSUI BUSSAN

mitsui LINE
 N.Y.K. LINE
 NATIONAL MERCHANDISE COMPANY
 NEWSPAPER (Japanese) AGENCIES
 NICHIBEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 NICHIBEI SHOKEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 NIPPON BOEKI ASSENJYO
 NIPPON GINKO
 NIPPON MENKWA KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 NIPPON PUBLISHING COMPANY
 NIPPON TRADE AGENCY
 NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
 OKURA TRADING COMPANY
 O.S.K. LINE
 OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA
 OSAKA STEAMSHIP LINE
 PACIFIC CIL COMPANY
 PAN-PACIFIC TRADING & NAVIGATION
 COMPANY
 SAMURA AND COMPANY
 SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY COMPANY
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRADING COMPANY
 SUMITOMO BANK
 TAIHEIYO SEKIYU KAISHA
 TAIYO SEKIYU KAISHA
 YAMASHITA KISEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA
 YAMASHITA LINE
 YOKOHAMA SHOKIN GINKO
 YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK

SEICHO-NO-IYE
SEINEN KAI
SHINSHU (Buddhist Sect) ORGANIZATIONS
SHINTO ORGANIZATIONS
SHOKO KAIGISHO
SHUGYO DAN
SIGHTSEEING GROUPS
SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL
RELATIONS
SOGA FUJYO KAI
SONJIN KAI
SUMO ORGANIZATIONS
TAIHEIYO BUNKA KYOIKU KAI
TEIKOKU HIKO KYOKAI
TENRIKYO (Shinto Sect) ORGANIZATIONS
TOZAI CLUB
VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS
WRESTLING ORGANIZATIONS
YOUNG MENS ASSOCIATIONS
ZAIBEI NIHONJIN JISEKI HOZON KAI
TEIKOKU KYOIKU KYOKAI