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September 22, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Provinse

SUBJECT: Dr. Frank Herron SMITH
Gerald K. CHAPMAN

In accordance with our previous conversation
there is submitted herewith memoranda on Dr. Frank Herron
SMITH and Gerald K. CHAPMAN.

It is requested that the source as well as the
contents of these memoranda be kept strictly confidential.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

Subject: Dr. Frank Herron SMITH

Dr. Frank Herron SMITH was at one time principal of the Chinzei Methodist College at Nagasaki, Japan, where he was a resident for 12 years, returning to the United States in November of 1935. He is reported to be Superintendent of the Japanese Methodist Missions of the Pacific Coast and has been active in recent years in pro-Japanese propoganda under the employ of the Japanese Consulate-General, New York at a salary of \$100.00 per month. In 1936 he was reported to have acted as agent for the Japanese Government against the Koreans during the early Japanese-Korean trouble.

While it is not known in exactly what field he was disseminating pro-Japanese propoganda, reliable informstion indicates that he accomplished this purpose by means of lectures and speeches, having made frequent trips throughout California, Oregon and Washington.

Subject is known to have maintained close contact with leaders of the JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE in San Francisco and is alleged to have collaborated with Mike MASAOKA concerning the most advantageous approach on the occasion of the Tolan hearing in San Francisco. In speaking with Saburo KIDO, National President of the JAPANESE AMERICA CITIZENS LEAGUE, subject is reported to have referred to MASAOKA and himself as paid agents and to have stated that under such circumstances their statements before the Tolan Committee would not carry proper weight.

In July, 1942 it was reported that the HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL in New York City created the COMMISSION ON ALIENS AND PRISONERS OF WAR, which in turn has a central executive committee known as the PROTESTANT CHURCH COMMISSION FOR JAPANESE SERVICE of which subject is the Chairman. Cooperating with this organization are the following: American Bible Society, Northern Baptist Convention, Congregational Church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Free Methodist and Holiness Churches, Friends, Methodist Church, National Student Relocation Council, Presbyterian Church in the United States, Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, Salvation Army, United Luthern Church, Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Subject is reported to have gone to Fort Missoula, Montana to address some Japanese who were interned, and is alleged to have said that although Japanese were being well treated, he had many friends there and he wished to do something to get them out as soon as possible. The JAPANESE AMERICAN NEWS reported the above incident, and referred to subject as a "pastor who loves the Japanese, speaks their language and among them is revered as a kind father".

Affiliated with subject in his activities among alien Japanese is Gerald K. CHAPMAN who is reported to be the Secretary-Treasurer of the PROTESTANT COMMISSION FOR WARTIME JAPANESE SERVICE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

Subject: Gerald K. CHAPMAN

Gerald K. CHAPMAN is reported to be the Secretary-Treasurer of the PROTESTANT COMMISSION FOR WARTIME JAPANESE SERVICE, Field Representative for Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast, and affiliated with the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church at 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco, Cal.

Subject is closely associated with Frank Herron SMITH, who is reported to be the President of the PROTESTANT COMMISSION FOR WARTIME JAPANESE SERVICE. CHAPMAN has interceded in behalf of Japanese aliens nominated for custodial detention and in testifying before the TOLAN COMMITTEE presented a proclamation signed by members of the Japanese Presbyterian Church who were alien born and who expressed themselves as willing to cooperate with the United States as much as possible.

CHAPMAN is believed to be insincere except in certain 'minor' matters and his conduct has been reported as extremely suspicious. His statements are reported to be based largely on hearsay of a questionable source and are not to be accredited with responsible foundation. He is further reported to have been antagonistic toward all persons representing the armed forces who inquired about the Committee and its activities.

Subject is believed to be interested in establishing the PROTESTANT COMMISSION FOR WARTIME JAPANESE SERVICE as a channel through which all matters pertaining to the relocation and subsequent vocational adjustment of alien Japanese will pass.

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