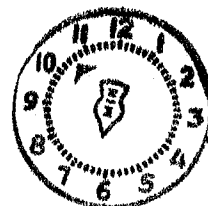


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Sincerely yours,

F. J. HORNE  
Acting

The Honorable  
The Secretary of War

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They want to discuss this in the United States for information.  
Sincerely yours,

/s/ Frank Knox

The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

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(about 6,000 are Kibei - some have had military service in Japan.

They want to deport them to the United States for internment .