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From: Director of Naval Intelligence.  
To : Addressees listed below.  
Subject: Japanese Repatriation, Policy concerning  
Enclosures: (A) Tabulated List of Detention or Relocation  
Camps in which are now residing Japanese  
Nationals who are eligible for repatriation  
aboard the second outbound voyage of the  
MV GRIPSHOLM.  
(B) Administrative Instruction No. 65 concerning  
Japanese repatriation and exchange issued by  
the War Relocation Authority, Washington,  
D.C., dated Nov. 23, 1942.

1. The second outbound sailing of the MV GRIPSHOLM has caused considerable negotiation between the various Governmental Agencies interested in the repatriation to Japan of Japanese nationals in the United States and the consequent return of United States nationals now located in Japan or Japanese controlled territory. The following Governmental Agencies have been most closely connected with this negotiation: Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of the Treasury, and the War and Navy Departments.

2. Insofar as the Naval Districts are concerned, for background purposes, it is believed fitting to forward, at this time, certain controlling policies which have been unanimously agreed upon. This information is forwarded with particular reference to Enclosure (A) which comprises a list of the various War Relocation Camps, Immigration Detention Camps, and United States Army Internment Camps, etc., located variously throughout the nation, wherein are now residing those Japanese nationals eligible for repatriation aboard the second outbound voyage of the above mentioned vessel. At the present time there is no final passenger list available, and it is, therefore, impossible to definitely state the number of Japanese nationals involved or to indicate their present location; when such a list is approved, the number of Japanese and the Camps in which they are located will be disseminated to the Naval Districts and all other cooperating Government Agencies.

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3. It is emphasized that the following general policy should have been adhered to in the cases of those eligible for repatriation:

"Japanese subjects in the United States, including former dual nationals who have not retained American nationality, who have been named by the Japanese Government with the request that they be repatriated to Japan and who have expressed a desire to remain in the United States will be repatriated to Japan only in case it becomes necessary to send them back to that country in order to free American citizens in Japan to return to the United States in exchange for such Japanese subjects."

"(a) American-born Japanese, who have retained American nationality, will in no case be sent to Japan unless they so desire.

"(b) Those alien Japanese who have performed work for the U.S. Government agencies and object to repatriation will not be sent back over their objection.

"(c) The return to Japan of those alien Japanese who are under investigation or awaiting investigation in connection with activities inimical to the interests of the United States will be postponed."

4. The following arrangements have been put into effect for the transfer of eligible Japanese nationals to Jersey City, New Jersey, for the purpose of boarding the MV GRIPSHOLM at that point.

I. Body and baggage examination of the Japanese is to take place in the various camps in which they are located, and is to be performed by inspectors of the Bureau of Customs who have been notified to conduct these searches. It is understood, however, that all searches will be made with representatives of the Intelligence Agencies present at the search acting as observers.

II. The Japanese will not have access to their heavy baggage after examination until they reach East Africa. They will have the use of three suitcases of State Room baggage after Customs examination on the train trip to Jersey City and on the GRIPSHOLM.

III. The Japanese will be held incommunicado from the time of examination by Customs until placed aboard the GRIPSHOLM and will be under constant guard.

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IV. The various Japanese now at liberty in the United States who will be ordered to report independently to Jersey City on the day of sailing will be examined on the pier before being permitted to board the ship.

5. Enclosure (B) is forwarded to cover the details of camp examination, and particular attention is invited to Sections I, VII-A, VIII, X, and XI. The phraseology of Section VII-A-4 reads in part as follows, "The Office of Naval Intelligence ... may have observers present at the time of search." It is to be noted that representatives of the various District Intelligence Offices concerned are requested to be present at all such searches, and as stated in an earlier paragraph, copies of the final passenger list will be forwarded in sufficient advance as to be available at the time of the search.

/s/ Wallace S. Wharton,

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Gila River Relocation Center - Casa Grande, Ariz.  
Tule Lake Relocation Center - Stanley, Calif.  
Central Utah Relocation Center - Delta, Utah.  
Minidoka Relocation Center - Eden, Idaho.  
Heart Mt. Relocation Center - Vocation, Wyo.  
Granada Relocation Center - Granada, Colo.  
Rohwer Relocation Center - Rohwer, Ark.  
Jerome Relocation Center - Jerome, Ark.

IMMIGRATION DETENTION CAMPS

Camp Kenedy, Kenedy, Texas.  
Camp Seagoville, Seagoville, Texas.  
Ellis Island, New York.

U. S. ARMY INTERNMENT CAMPS

Camp Livingston, Simms, La.  
Camp Lordsburg, Lordsburg, New Mexico.  
Ft. Meade, Ft. Meade, Maryland.  
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