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Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Mr. Hoover: [REDACTED]

Information has been received from a thoroughly reliable and highly confidential source that Dr. Ken NAKAZAWA, Professor of Japanese Culture and Oriental Studies at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, also an Attache of the Los Angeles Japanese Consulate and Aide for Japanese propaganda, is at the present time investigating and summarizing information gathered through first hand and newspaper reports with regard to military movements, labor disputes, Communistic activities and other similar matters for the Japanese Government.

Further information from the same source indicates that the Japanese authorities in the Southern California area are doing everything in their power to establish contacts in connection with their efforts to gather intelligence material. They are endeavoring to make use of white persons and negroes. They are maintaining close connection with the Japanese Associations, Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Japanese newspapers.

They are planning to establish close relations with individuals and various organizations in order to keep airplane manufacturing plants and military and naval establishments under close surveillance. They have already established contacts with reliable Japanese in the San Pedro and San Diego areas who will keep a close watch on all shipments of airplanes, and other war materials across the United States-Mexican border.

They are maintaining relations with second generation Japanese who are now in the United States Army so that the Japanese authorities can be kept informed of the various developments in that branch of the service.

They already have representatives among the second generation Japanese working in airplane plants for intelligence purposes.

These Japanese authorities are also cooperating with the Naval Attache's Office, Washington, and are submitting accurate and speedy intelligence reports. They have employed prominent

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Americans and Japanese connected with the motion picture industry to investigate anti-Jewish movements in this country, particularly on the West Coast.

They have established connections with influential negroes in this country to keep the Japanese Government authorities informed with regard to the Negro Movement.

It is particularly desired that the above information be kept highly confidential.

Military Intelligence Division is cognizant of this situation.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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