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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Pieper, I inquired whether he had learned how General DeWitt treated Ennis of the Department upon the occasion of Ennis' visit to the West Coast.

Edward

Mr. Pieper stated that he had written a long letter to the Bureau concerning Ennis' visit. Mr. Pieper's letter is attached hereto.

General DeWitt advised Pieper that he had made Ennis "put everything down in black and white." Ennis indicated to General DeWitt that he, Ennis, had made a mistake by not visiting the West Coast before this time to which the General readily agreed. The General advised Ennis what he wants with respect to the curfew regulations and Ennis brought up the three cases wherein curfew violators had been arrested. General DeWitt pointed out to Ennis that these three cases were violations. The General in a subsequent conversation with Pieper stated that Ennis now has his orders and that Ennis is going to follow them, since Ennis has indicated to DeWitt that Ennis will go right down the line with the Army. However, in a subsequent-telephone conversation with Pieper, Ennis indicated he would hedge somewhat in carrying out General DeWitt's wishes.

Pieper subsequently mentioned this statement of Ennis to General DeWitt who stated he was not afraid Ennis would renege because Ennis knows what he has to do and the General will see that he does it. Pieper stated that Ennis' reception by DeWitt was somewhat cool because the General had been forewarned of Ennis' arrival on the coast.

Mr. Pieper stated that Ennis had raised the problem of transporting prisoners and that he had advised Ennis the Bureau to his knowledge had never adopted a policy of transporting prisoners nor had the Bureau followed such a practice in the curfew and Immigration cases. The Immigration authorities had given Ennis an example to illustrate the present difficulty and Ennis called this case to Pieper's attention. Mr. Pieper stated that the facts in the so-called typical case as related by Ennis were incorrect and that the true version is set forth in his letter to the Bureau.

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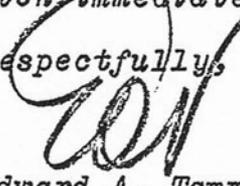
With reference to Ennis' statement to Pieper that he, Ennis, intends to hedge on his agreement with General DeWitt, Ennis indicated that he did not see the need for such strict attention to enforcement of the various regulations although he stated strict enforcement would be effected on the Coast during the present emergency. Ennis indicated he expected to renig somewhat when he returns to Washington.

Ennis stated with reference to the curfew violators that someone should have a certain amount of discretion and that the United States Attorneys would retain the discretion in dealing with the various cases. Ennis stated that General DeWitt is in agreement with this plan. Mr. Pieper advised there has never been any controversy upon this point. Ennis stated that in cases where the United States Attorney decides to release a subject, clearance will be first obtained from the Army, and arrangements were set up whereby Colonel Bendetson will be notified when a prisoner's release is proposed so that clearance will come through him.

General DeWitt will make available to Pieper a copy of the memorandum drawn up by Bendetson which Ennis signed.

Pieper did not spend any time with Ennis, who indicated he had to go back to Washington immediately.

Respectfully,


Edward A. Tamm

cc-Mr. Ladd
Mr. Wacks