

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
June 6, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of June 2, 1942, relative to my conversation with Lt. General John L. DeWitt in which he informed me that he was going to furnish me a copy of the agreement entered into between himself and EDWARD J. ENNIS, Director of Alien Enemy Control.

There is attached hereto a copy of this agreement.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum between War and Justice Departments on
Enforcement of Contraband, Curfew and Travel Regulations
in the Western Defense Command.

On June 2, 1942, Lieutenant General DeWitt, Colonel Bendetsen and Mr. Ennis of the Department of Justice conferred on the enforcement of the contraband, residence, curfew and travel regulations in force in the Western Defense Command and on enforcement of exclusion orders and certain other related subjects. General DeWitt stated that during the present military situation, which he explained to Mr. Ennis, he wished a strict enforcement of the regulations. Mr. Ennis explained that at the orders of the President after consultation with General Marshal, the United States Attorneys were, since May 27, operating under instructions which prohibited them from releasing any person apprehended for violation of the instructions even though the circumstances involving the apprehension of several persons since these instructions went into effect were such that the United States Attorney, if he had discretion, would direct the release of the person detained as a case involving no violation or an excusable violation. General DeWitt agreed that even strict enforcement permitted the exercise of some discretion and requested, however, that for the present, release in the discretion of the United States Attorney should be after consultation with the War Department officials. Thereupon the following was agreed:

During the present military situation, and until termination after consultation between representatives of the War and Justice Departments, all U. S. Attorneys in the Western Defense Command will order the apprehension and detention of all persons violating contraband, residence, curfew, travel, prohibited zones and exclusion regulations, or of any other person, citizen or alien, whose activities are deemed by War Department to be dangerous to the security of the nation, and will consult duly designated representatives of the War Department before releasing any such persons.

By the use of the term War Department herein, is meant the War Department through Commanding General, Western Defense Command.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of June, 1942.

For the Department of Justice

Edward Ennis
Director, Alien Enemy Control,
Department of Justice

For the War Department, through
the Commanding General, Western
Defense Command

Karl S. ...
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