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FROM: FORT MILLS

TO: THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

NARS, Date 8/6/80 NO 179 FEBRUARY 1 ALL REPORTS CONFIRM MY PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AS TO THE EXTREMELY HARSH AND RIGID MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST THE

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH IN OCCUPIED AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES STOP SUCH STEPS ARE NOT ONLY UNNECESSARY BUT ARE UNQUESTIONABLY DICTATED BY THE IDEA OF ABUSE AND SPECIAL HUMILIATION STOP I EARNESTLY RECOMMEND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN THROUGH THE STATE DEPT TO HAVE THESE CONDITIONS ALLEVIATED STOP THE NEGLIGIBLE RESTRICTIONS APPARENTLY APPLIED IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE MANY THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE NATIONALS THERE CAN EASILY SERVE AS THE LEVER UNDER THE THREAT OF RECIPROCAL RETALIATORY MEASURES TO FORCE DECENT TREATMENT FOR THESE INTERNED MEN AND WOMEN STOP THE ONLY LANGUAGE THE JAPANESE UNDERSTAND IS FORCE AND IT SHOULD BE APPLIED MERCILESSLY TO HIS NATIONALS IF NECESSARY STOP THE SPECIAL HARSHNESS OF TREATMENT HERE COUPLED WITH MODERATE TREATMENT OF METROPOLITAN FILIPINOS IS DEFINITELY DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT THE WHITE RACES STOP I URGE THIS MATTER BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY AND AGGRESSIVELY THROUGH THE PROPER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS

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