

accompany them, and the exclusion of all citizen Japanese from restricted zones and their resettlement with the assistance of various federal agencies.⁴⁵

On the following day, 7 February, Colonel Bendetsen read General Gullion's memorandum to General DeWitt, who expressed some enthusiasm for its recommendations but who did not want to indorse them without further study.⁴⁶ On the same day Colonel Bendetsen drafted an acknowledgement to the Congressional letter of 30 January, which affirmed that "an adequate solution" for the west coast situation would be "formulated and recommended in the very near future."⁴⁷ By 7 February, also, Mr. McCloy had decided to send Colonel Bendetsen to the west coast "to confer with General DeWitt in connection with mass evacuation of all Japanese,"⁴⁸ a mission that was presently to produce new and detailed recommendations from the west coast commander.⁴⁹

In the meantime, the War and Justice Departments had been approaching an impasse over the area evacuations contemplated under the enemy alien control program. After agreeing informally to accept General DeWitt's initial California recommendation, Justice officials balked at accepting the very large Category A areas he recommended for Washington and Oregon, since they included the entire cities of Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland. The

⁴⁵ Memo, PMG for ASW, 6 Feb 42, ASW 014.311 EAWC. After Secretary Stimson's conversation with President Roosevelt on 11 February (see below), General Gullion sent a copy of this memorandum to General Marshall, who initialed it and circulated it to the War Plans Division and GHQ (copy in AG 014.311 (1-13-41), sec. 1). The author has been unable to find evidence that General Marshall took any part in or was informed of developments in the planning of Japanese evacuation between 3 and 11 February.

⁴⁶ Two Tel Convs, Gen DeWitt with Col Bendetsen, 7 Feb 42, WDC-CAD 311.3 Tel Convs (DeWitt, 42-43).

⁴⁷ Sent as Ltr, SW to Representative Lea, 10 Feb 42, AG 014.311 (1-30-42).

⁴⁸ This quotation is from an OCS condensation (on Tally Card 31 in re OCS 21227-88) of information in the PMG daily Record of Operations of 7 February 1942 (an item that General Marshall did not see). The file of this daily PMG compilation, if it could be found, would be a valuable additional source for the story of Japanese evacuation planning but it was probably destroyed.

⁴⁹ During the midst of their drafting, on 11 February, General DeWitt referred to them collectively as "the plan that Mr. McCloy wanted me to submit." Tel Conv, Gen DeWitt and Col Bendetsen with Gen Gullion, 11 Feb 42, WDC-CAD 311.3 Tel Convs (DeWitt, 42-43). No direct evidence of the nature of the Assistant Secretary's instructions to Colonel Bendetsen has been found, but in ASW 014.311 EAWC there is a Memo for Record, 8 February 1942, unsigned and with no indication of authorship, that reads in part as follows:

Japanese Evacuation, West Coast

Prepare definite instructions for DeWitt on following basis:

Select key points where danger is great and size not too large.

Put them in order of importance.

Evacuate everybody, aliens and citizens.

Institute system of permits.

Whole matter to be handled by Army authorities.

Then, as matter progresses, we will soon find out how far we can go.