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*Japanese*

Honorable Homer M. Adkins  
Governor of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Governor:

Yesterday, the 16th inst., the Corps Area Provost Marshal at Omaha, Nebraska, called me by telephone and gave me a telegram from the Adjutant General of the Army, a copy of which I am enclosing herewith. He asked me for a report as quickly as possible and for the reports to be made as rapidly as information could be assembled.

I am making the first report by radiogram and I am enclosing copy of same herewith for your information.

It is my understanding that the evacuees for which the War Department is seeking housing facilities will probably include a large number of domestic Japanese, including women and children, as mentioned in the radiogram from General Adams. The Provost Marshal was not able to give me very definite information as to just what classes might eventually be sent to occupy the facilities that may be found available in this State. Of course, a similar survey is being made in the other states as well.

I thought this might present a problem that you would want to give some study to and that you ought to have this information.

I will send you copies of such other reports which I make to the Provost Marshal in regard to the matter.

With best wishes.

Yours very truly,

*E. L. Compere*  
E. L. Compere  
State Director

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