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January 11, 1943

PERSONAL

Mr. I. C. Oxner
McGehee, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Oxner:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 9 relative to the Japanese at Rohwer and Jerome Camps.

I have taken a very definite stand in this matter on every occasion and insisted that the Japanese be kept in these camps under military guard, and not be allowed to roam the streets and roads.

I have had many requests to let them get employment outside the camps, but I have consistently refused my permission. I will bring your letter, without mentioning your name, to the attention of the Superintendents at each camp and ask them to be careful to see that these Japanese are kept as nearly as possible under guard and doing work at the camps. I think this is for their protection as well as ours. Certainly they should speak the English language, and I am sure they know the English language perfectly.

Thanking you for calling this to my attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

Homer M. Adkins

HMA:mm