

**Headquarters  
Western Defense Command  
and Fourth Army  
Presidio of San Francisco, California**

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**Public Proclamation No. 3**  
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*March 24, 1942*

TO: The people within the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the Public Generally:

WHEREAS, By Public Proclamation No. 1, dated March 2, 1942, this headquarters, there were designated and established Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2 and Zones thereof, and

WHEREAS, By Public Proclamation No. 2, dated March 16, 1942, this headquarters, there were designated and established Military Areas Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Zones thereof, and

WHEREAS, The present situation within these Military Areas and Zones requires as a matter of military necessity the establishment of certain regulations pertaining to all enemy aliens and all persons of Japanese ancestry within said Military Areas and Zones thereof:

Now, THEREFORE, I, J. L. DEWITT, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General, Western Defense Command, do hereby declare and establish the following regulations covering the conduct to be observed by all alien Japanese, all alien Germans, all alien Italians, and all persons of Japanese ancestry residing or being within the Military Areas above described, or such portions thereof as are hereinafter mentioned:

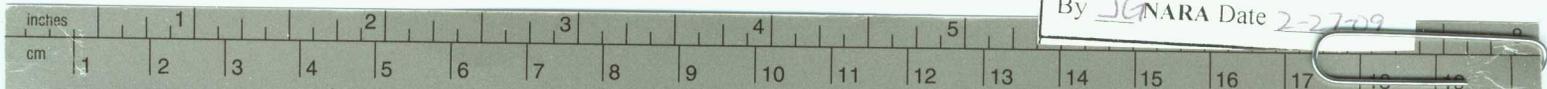
1. From and after 6:00 A. M., March 27, 1942, all alien Japanese, all alien Germans, all alien Italians, and all persons of Japanese ancestry residing or being within the geographical limits of Military Area No. 1, or within any of the Zones

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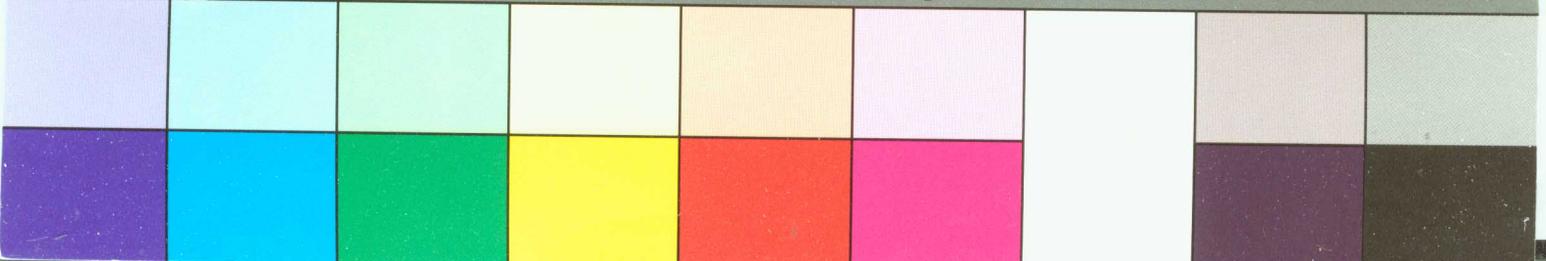
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established within Military Area No. 2, as those areas are defined and described in Public Proclamation No. 1, dated March 2, 1942, this headquarters, or within the geographical limits of the designated Zones established within Military Areas Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, as those areas are defined and described in Public Proclamation No. 2, dated March 16, 1942, this headquarters, or within any of such additional Zones as may hereafter be similarly designated and defined, shall be within their place of residence between the hours of 8:00 P. M. and 6:00 A. M., which period is hereinafter referred to as the hours of curfew.

2. At all other times all such persons shall be only at their place of residence or employment or traveling between those places or within a distance of not more than five miles from their place of residence.

3. Nothing in paragraph 2 shall be construed to prohibit any of the above specified persons from visiting the nearest United States Post Office, United States Employment Service Office, or office operated or maintained by the Wartime Civil Control Administration, for the purpose of transacting any business or the making of any arrangements reasonably necessary to accomplish evacuation; nor be construed to prohibit travel under duly issued change of residence notice and travel permit provided for in paragraph 5 of Public Proclamations Numbers 1 and 2. Travel performed in change of residence to a place outside the prohibited and restricted areas may be performed without regard to curfew hours.

4. Any person violating these regulations will be subject to immediate exclusion from the Military Areas and Zones specified in paragraph 1 and to the criminal penalties provided by Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, entitled: "An Act to Provide a Penalty for Violation of Restrictions or Orders with Respect to Persons Entering, Remaining in, Leaving or Committing Any Act in Military Areas or Zone." In the case of any alien enemy, such person will in addition be subject to immediate apprehension and internment.

5. By subsequent proclamation or order there will be prescribed those classes of persons who will be entitled to apply for exemptions from exclusion orders hereafter to be issued. Persons granted such exemption will likewise and at the same time also be exempted from the operation of the curfew regulations of this proclamation.

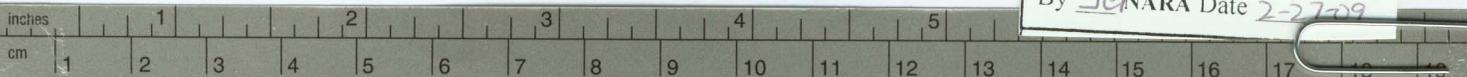
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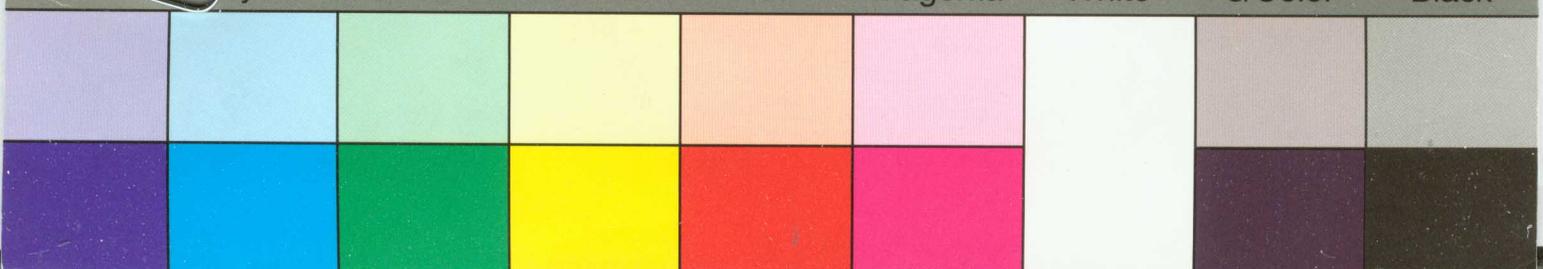
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6. After March 31, 1942, no person of Japanese ancestry shall have in his possession or use or operate at any time or place within any of the Military Areas 1 to 6 inclusive, as established and defined in Public Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2, above mentioned any of the following items:

- (a) Firearms.
- (b) Weapons or implements of war or component parts thereof.
- (c) Ammunition.
- (d) Bombs.
- (e) Explosives or the component parts thereof.
- (f) Short-wave radio receiving sets having a frequency of 1,750 kilocycles or greater or of 540 kilocycles or less.
- (g) Radio transmitting sets.
- (h) Signal devices.
- (i) Codes or ciphers.
- (j) Cameras.

Any such person found in possession of any of the above named items in violation of the foregoing will be subject to the criminal penalties provided by Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, entitled: "An Act to Provide a Penalty for Violation of Restrictions or Orders with Respect to Persons Entering, Remaining in, Leaving or Committing Any Act in Military Areas or Zone."

7. The regulations herein prescribed with reference to the observance of curfew hours by enemy aliens, are substituted for and supersede the regulations of the United States Attorney General heretofore in force in certain limited areas. All curfew exemptions heretofore granted by the United States Attorneys are hereby revoked effective as of 6:00 a. m., PWT, March 27, 1942.

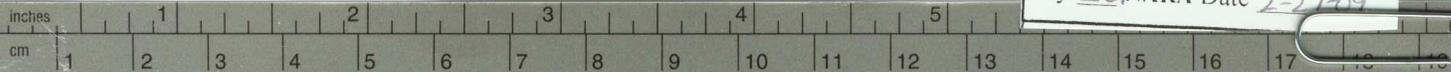
8. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is designated as the agency to enforce the foregoing provisions. It is requested that the civil police within the states affected by this Proclamation assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation by reporting to it the names and addresses of all persons believed to have violated these regulations.

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

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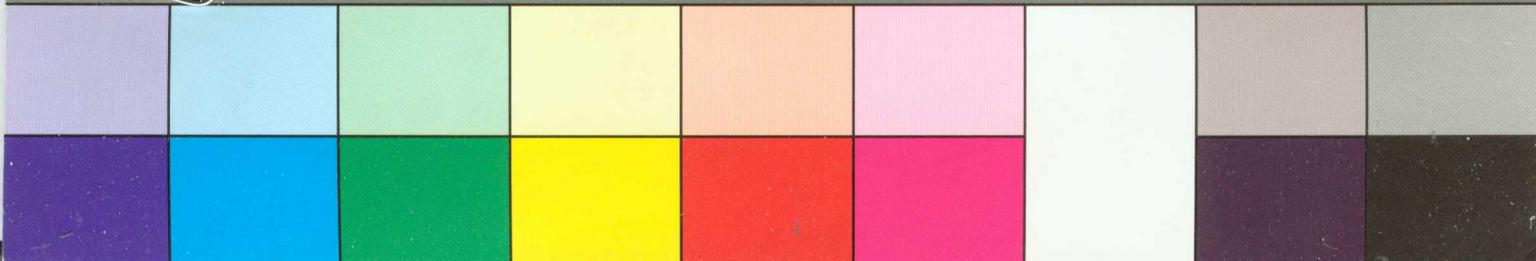
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
AND FOURTH ARMY  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Public Proclamation No. 8

June 27, 1942

TO: The people within the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the Public Generally:

WHEREAS, By Public Proclamation No. 1, dated March 2, 1942, this headquarters, there were designated and established Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2, and by Public Proclamation No. 2, dated March 16, 1942, this headquarters, there were designated and established Military Areas Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6, and

WHEREAS, The present situation within these military areas requires as a matter of military necessity that persons of Japanese ancestry who have been evacuated from certain regions within Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2 shall be removed to Relocation Centers for their relocation, maintenance and supervision and that such Relocation Centers be designated as War Relocation Project Areas and that appropriate restrictions with respect to the rights of all such persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, so evacuated to such Relocation Centers and of all other persons to enter, remain in, or leave such areas be promulgated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. L. DEWITT, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, do hereby declare that:

1. Pursuant to the determination of military necessity hereinbefore set out, all the territory included within the exterior boundaries of each Relocation Center now or hereafter established within the Western Defense Command, as such boundaries are designated and defined by orders subsequently issued by this headquarters, are hereby designated and established as War Relocation Project Areas.

2. All persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, who now or shall hereafter be or reside, pursuant to exclusion orders and instructions from this headquarters, or otherwise, within the bounds of any established War Relocation Project Area are required to remain within the bounds of such War Relocation Project Area at all times unless specifically authorized to leave as set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof.

3. Any person of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, who shall now or hereafter so be or reside within any such War Relocation Project Area shall, before leaving said Area, obtain a written authorization executed by or pursuant to the express authority of this headquarters setting forth the effective period of said authorization and the terms and conditions upon and purposes for which it has been granted.

4. No persons other than the persons of Japanese ancestry described in Paragraph 2 hereof, and other than persons employed by the War Relocation Authority established by Executive Order No. 9102, dated March 18, 1942, shall enter any such War Relocation Project Area except upon written authorization executed by or pursuant to the express authority of this headquarters first obtained, which said authorization shall set forth the effective period thereof and the terms and conditions upon and purposes for which it has been granted.

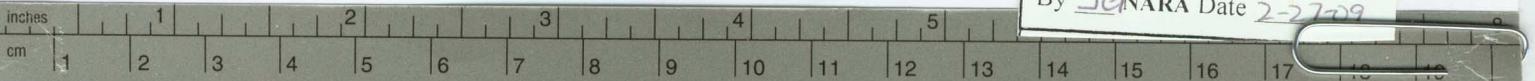
5. Failure of persons subject to the provisions of this Public Proclamation No. 8 to conform to the terms and provisions thereof shall subject such persons to the penalties provided by Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, entitled "An Act to Provide a Penalty for Violation of Restrictions or Orders with Respect to Persons Entering, Remaining in, Leaving, or Committing any Act in Military Areas or Zones".

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

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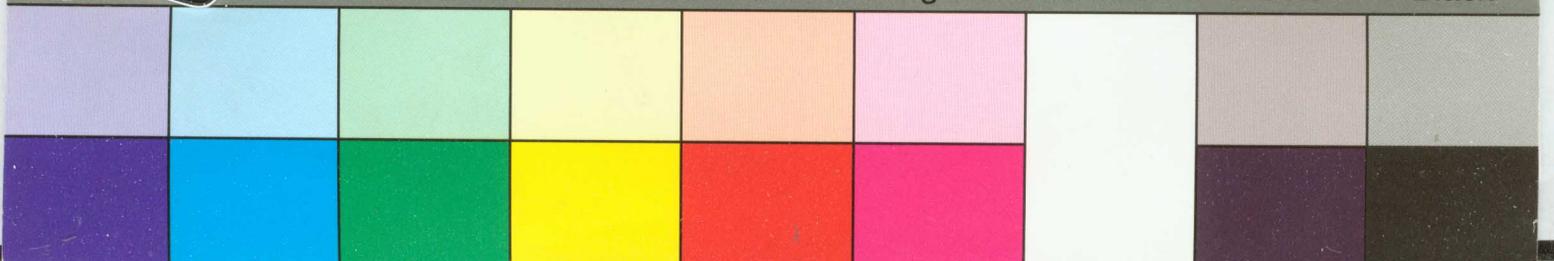
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
AND FOURTH ARMY

Presidio of San Francisco, California

Public Proclamation No. 14

December 23, 1942

TO: The People Within the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana and the Public Generally:

I, J. L. DeWitt, Lieutenant General, United States Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General, Western Defense Command, and pursuant to a determination of continuing military necessity therefor do hereby declare and proclaim that:

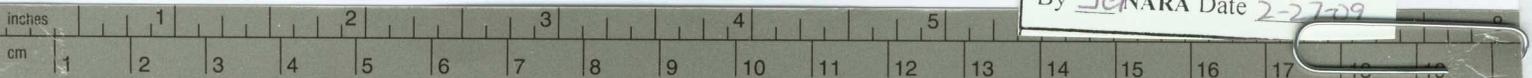
1. Public Proclamation No. 1, dated March 2, 1942, and Public Proclamation No. 2, dated March 16, 1942, this headquarters, as amended, are hereby further amended as follows:

- a. Prohibited zones "A-2 to A-1033" inclusive, are hereby abolished and all restrictions and regulations relative thereto are rescinded.
- b. Restricted zone B of Military Area No. 1 as described in said Public Proclamation No. 1, is hereby declared to be a prohibited zone. Military Area No. 1 is declared to be henceforth a single prohibited zone and any distinction heretofore existing between prohibited zone A-1 and restricted zone B thereof is hereby eliminated.

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

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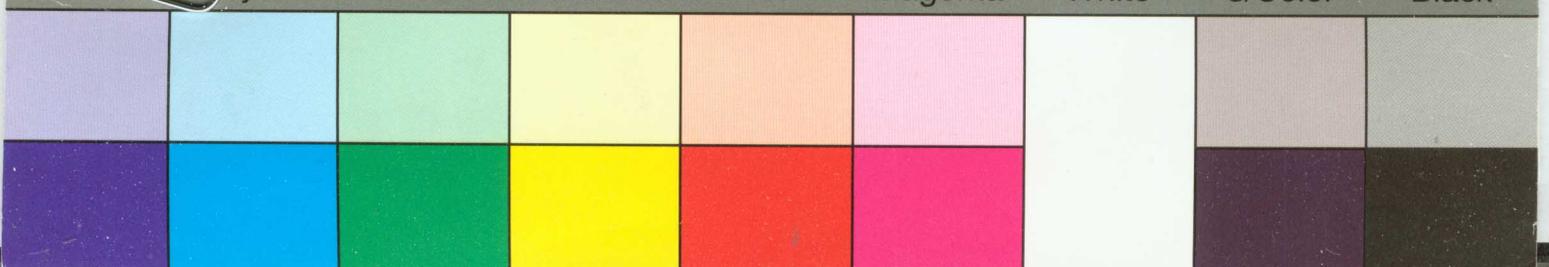
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
AND FOURTH ARMY  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Public Proclamation No. 15  
December 24, 1942

TO: The People Within the States of Washington,  
Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada,  
Utah and Arizona, and the Public Generally:

I, J. L. DeWitt, Lieutenant General, U. S.  
Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by  
the President of the United States and by the  
Secretary of War, and my powers and preroga-  
tives as Commanding General, Western Defense  
Command, do hereby declare and proclaim that:

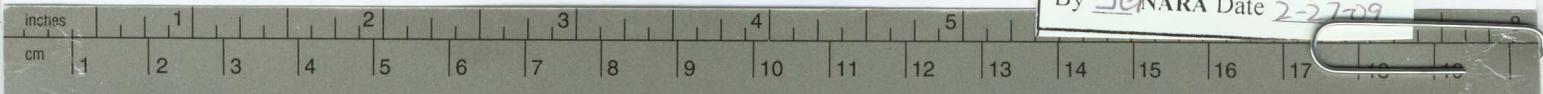
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Proclamation No. 3, this headquarters, dated  
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Public Proclamation No. 6, this headquarters,  
dated June 2, 1942, are hereby rescinded.

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

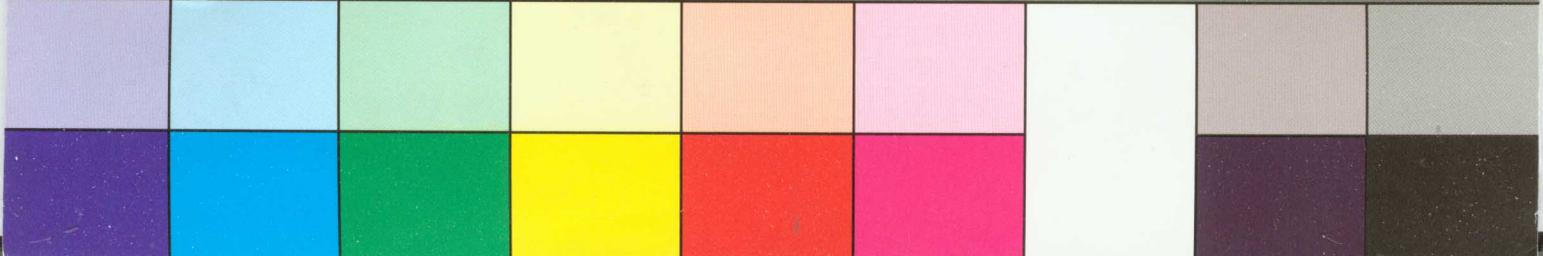
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
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Presidio of San Francisco, California

**Public Proclamation No. 16**

March 2, 1943

TO: The People Within the State of Arizona, and the Public Generally:

WHEREAS, the Secretary of War has determined that the military situation no longer requires the maintenance at its present location of the boundary of Military Area No. 1 within the State of Arizona as established by Proclamation No. 1, this headquarters, dated March 2, 1942, and that therefore the area within that State now prohibited to persons of Japanese ancestry may be reduced:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. L. DEWITT, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War, and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General, Western Defense Command, and pursuant to a determination of military necessity for the continuance of Military Area No. 1 in Arizona as reduced and modified hereby, do declare and proclaim that:

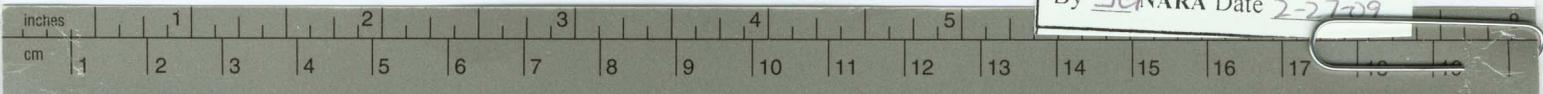
1. Public Proclamation No. 1, this headquarters, dated March 2, 1942, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking from "EXHIBIT No. 1, Description of Military Area No. 1," thereof, the following words:

"... across the Colorado River to the point at or near Topock, Arizona, where the same intersects the southerly line of the improved road running from Topock in an easterly direction to Yucca, Arizona; thence along the southerly line of said road to the point at or near Yucca, Arizona, where the same intersects the westerly line of the improved road running in a southeasterly direction from Yucca to Signal, Arizona; thence along the westerly line of said road to the point at or near Signal, Arizona, where the same intersects the easterly line of the unimproved road running in a northeasterly direction to Wikieup, Arizona; thence in a northeasterly direction along the easterly line of said road to the point, approximately 16 miles northeast of Signal, Arizona, where the same intersects the southerly line of the improved road running from said intersection through Hillside to Congress Junction, Arizona; thence along the westerly line of said road to the point at or near Congress Junction, where the same intersects the westerly line of U. S. Highway No. 89; thence in a southerly direction along the westerly line of U. S. Highway No. 89 to the point where the same intersects the city limits of the city of Phoenix, Arizona; thence in an easterly and southerly direction along said city limits to the point where the same intersects the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 80/89 east of Phoenix, Arizona; thence easterly along the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 80/89 to the intersection with the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 60/70 at or near Florence Junction, Arizona; thence easterly

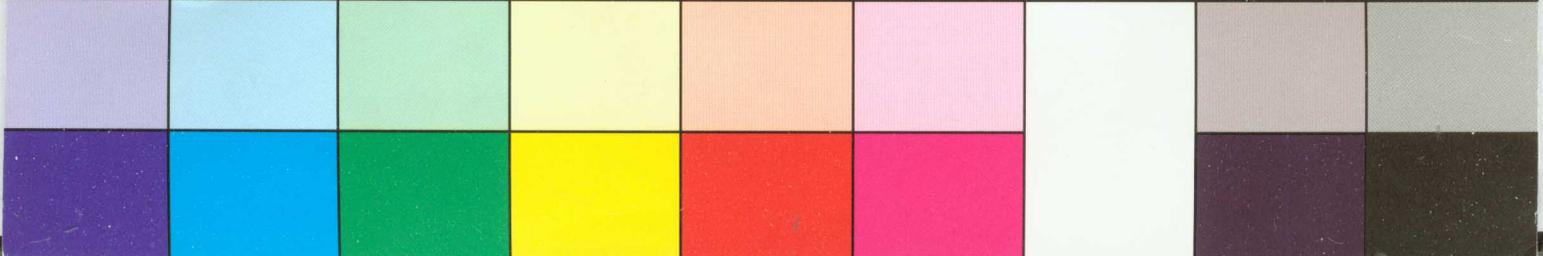
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along the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 60/70 to the intersection of easterly line of U. S. Highway No. 60 projected and southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 70; thence easterly along the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 70 to the Arizona-New Mexico State Line; . . .”;

and substituting in the place and stead of said words, the following:

“ . . . to the California-Arizona State Line; thence southerly along the California-Arizona State Line to southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 60; thence easterly along the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 60 to the southerly line of the Salome-Hassayampa road; thence along the southerly line of the Salome-Hassayampa road to its intersection with the Yuma-Maricopa County Line; thence southerly along the Yuma-Maricopa County Line to the southerly line of U. S. Highway No. 80; thence easterly along the southerly line of said U. S. Highway to its intersection with Arizona State Highway No. 85 (Gila Bend); thence southerly along the westerly line of said State Highway to its intersection with the unimproved Gila Bend-Papago Indian Reservation road; thence along the westerly line of said unimproved road to the Maricopa-Pima County Line; thence easterly along said County Line and the Pinal-Pima County Line to Graham County; thence southerly along the Pima-Graham County Line to its intersection by the Graham-Cochise County Line; thence easterly along the Graham-Cochise County Line to the point where the Graham-Cochise County Line meets the Cochise-Greenlee County Line and thence easterly along the northerly Cochise County Line to the Arizona-New Mexico State Line; . . .”.

2. Said Proclamation No. 1 is hereby further amended by striking from Paragraph No. 3 thereof, the following words:

“ . . . and is shown on the map (Exhibit No. 2) as an unshaded area.”

3. Said Proclamation No. 1 is further amended by striking from Exhibit No. 2 thereof the State of Arizona.

4. The portion of Military Area No. 1 being within the State of Arizona as hereby modified is shown on the map hereto attached (Exhibit No. 1) as a shaded area.

5. Public Proclamation No. 2, this headquarters, dated March 16, 1942, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking therefrom, Exhibit No. 2 thereof.

6. The description of that portion of Military Area No. 1 being within the boundaries of the State of Arizona contained in Civilian Exclusion Order No. 38, this headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, is hereby amended to conform to the amended description of Military Area No. 1 set forth in Paragraph No. 1 hereof.

7. Public Proclamations Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14, this headquarters, are hereby amended to conform to the foregoing change in the common boundary line of Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2, within the State of Arizona.

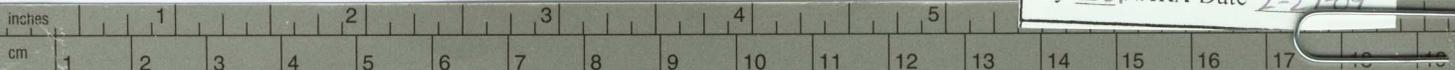
8. The foregoing amendments shall not operate to affect any offense committed or any penalty incurred because of violations of the provisions of the Public Proclamations, Civilian Exclusion Orders or Civilian Restrictive Orders heretofore issued by this headquarters.

9. This Proclamation shall become effective at midnight P.W.T. March 4, 1943.

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

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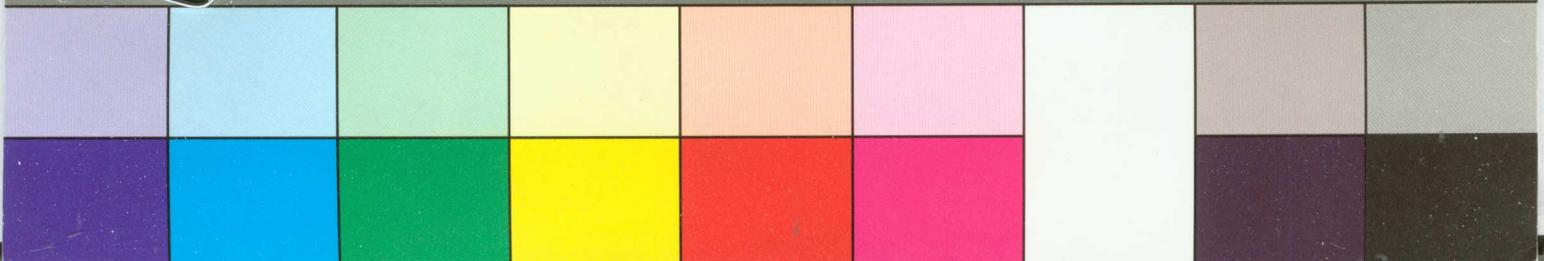
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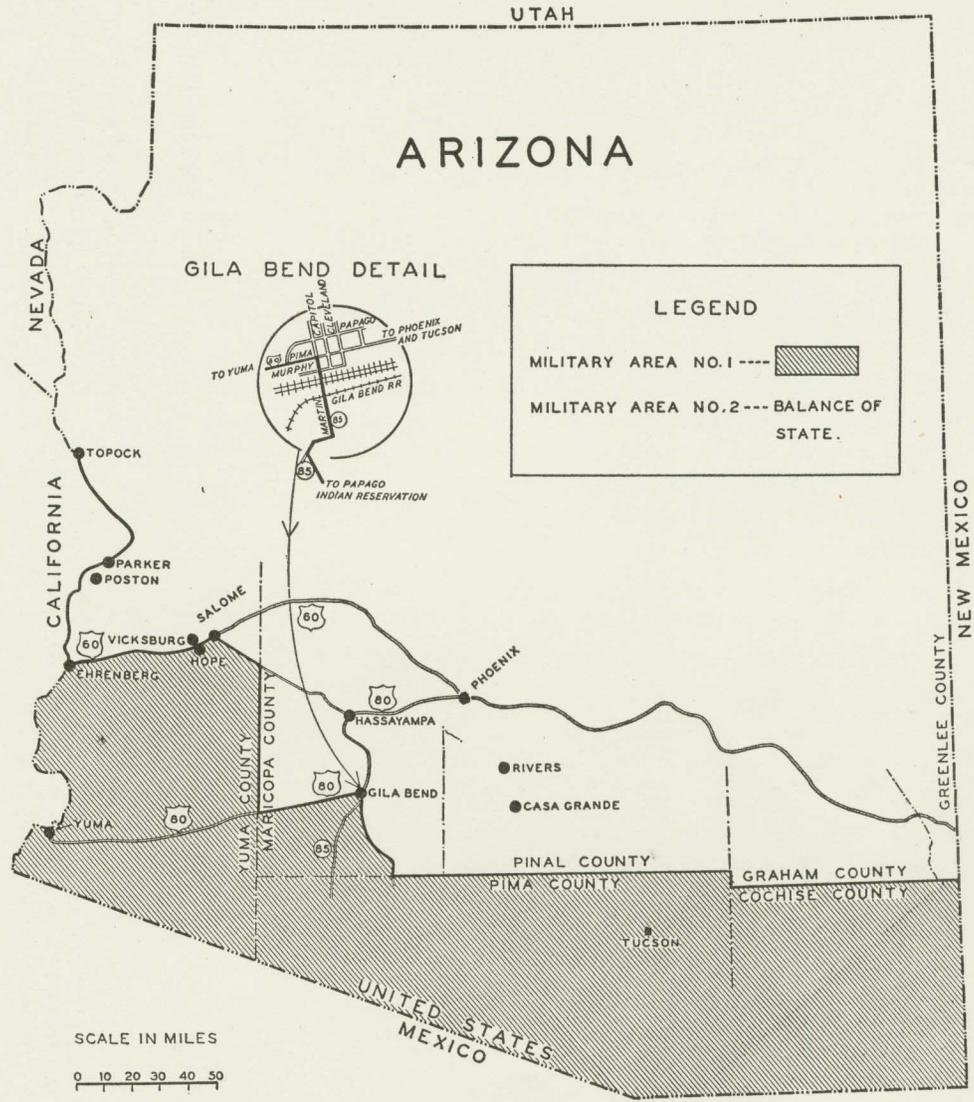
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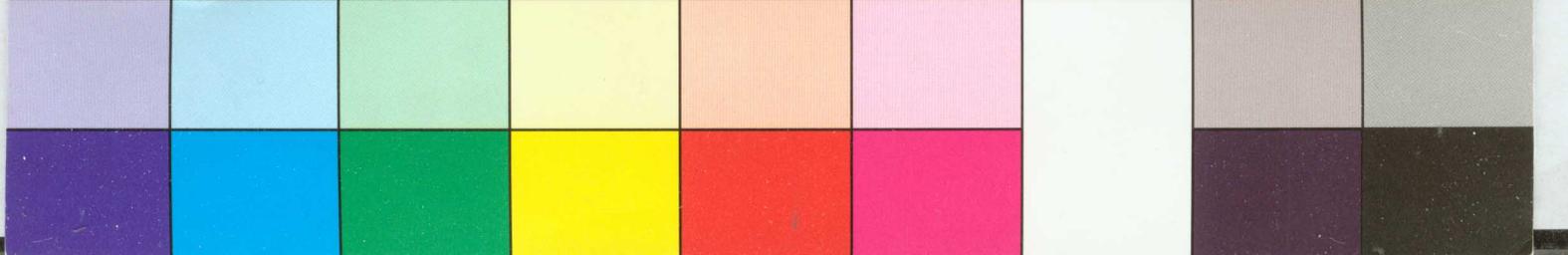
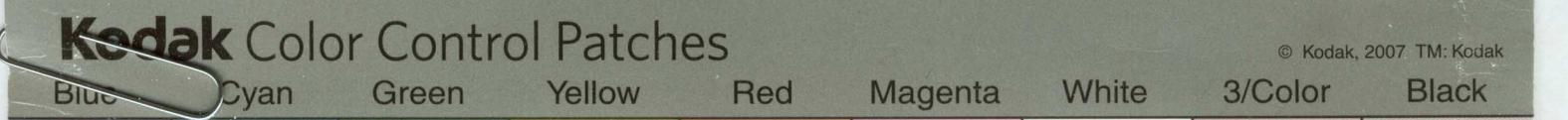
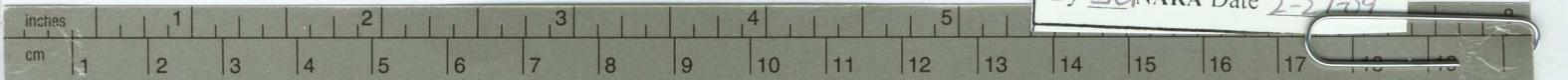


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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
AND FOURTH ARMY

Presidio of San Francisco, California

Public Proclamation No. 17

April 19, 1943

TO: The People Within the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and the Public Generally:

WHEREAS, it appears desirable in the national interest to revise the restrictions governing the entry and movement of persons of Japanese ancestry within certain military areas of Western Defense Command, as specified below, to permit such persons who are members of the Army of the United States on active duty or who have been inducted and are in uniform on furlough or leave, to enter and travel within Military Area No. 1 and that portion of Military Area No. 2 lying within the State of California while on such furlough or leave:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. L. DEWITT, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War, and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General, Western Defense Command, do hereby declare and proclaim that:

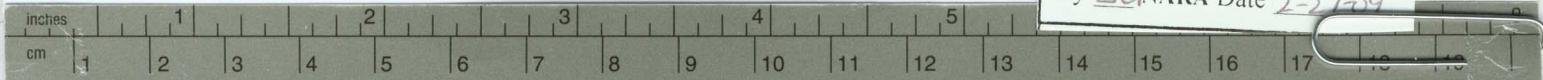
All terms and conditions of Public Proclamations, Civilian Exclusion Orders and Civilian Restrictive Orders, this headquarters, heretofore issued, governing the presence, entry and movement of persons of Japanese ancestry within said military areas of Western Defense Command are suspended in said military areas as to persons of Japanese ancestry who are members of the Army of the United States on active duty or who have been inducted and are in uniform while on furlough or leave.

J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

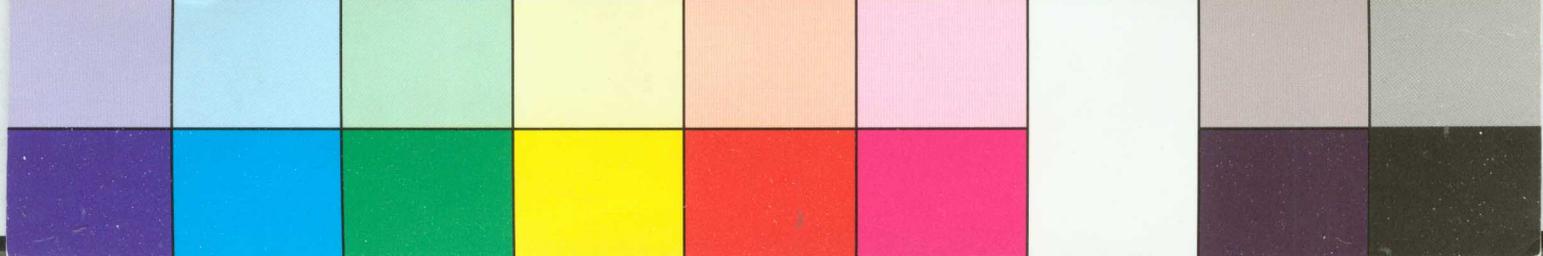
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC PROCLAMATION NO. 21

17 DECEMBER 1944

TO: The people within the States of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, and the Public generally:

Whereas, There has been substantial improvement in the military situation since the period when the imposition of certain restrictions on and the exclusion and evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from designated areas of the Western Defense Command was warranted; and

Whereas, There is still reasonable possibility of hostile acts against the West Coast Area of the United States and this possibility of enemy action requires adequate measures to prevent aid and comfort to the enemy and to prevent the commission of acts of sabotage or espionage separately or in connection therewith; and

Whereas, The present military situation makes possible modification and relaxation of restrictions and the termination of the system of mass exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry as hereinafter provided, and permits the substitution for mass exclusion of a system of individual determination and exclusion of those individuals whose presence within sensitive areas of the Western Defense Command is deemed a source of potential danger to the military security thereof; and

Whereas, Available information permits the determination of potential danger on an individual basis; and

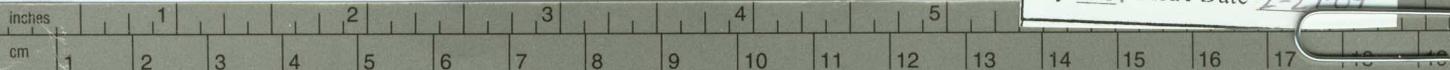
Whereas, The Secretary of War has designated the undersigned as the Military Commander to carry out the duties and responsibilities imposed by Executive Order No. 9066, dated 19 February 1942, for that portion of the United States embraced in the Western Defense Command, and authorized the undersigned to modify or cancel any orders issued under the said Executive Order by former Commanding Generals of the Western Defense Command.

Now, Therefore, I, H. C. Pratt, Major General, U. S. Army, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and by the Secretary of War and my powers and prerogatives as Commanding General, Western Defense Command, do hereby declare and proclaim that, effective 2 January 1945:

1. Paragraph 5, Public Proclamation No. 1, dated 2 March 1942, as amended, is rescinded.
2. Paragraph 5, Public Proclamation No. 2, dated 16 March 1942, as amended, is rescinded.

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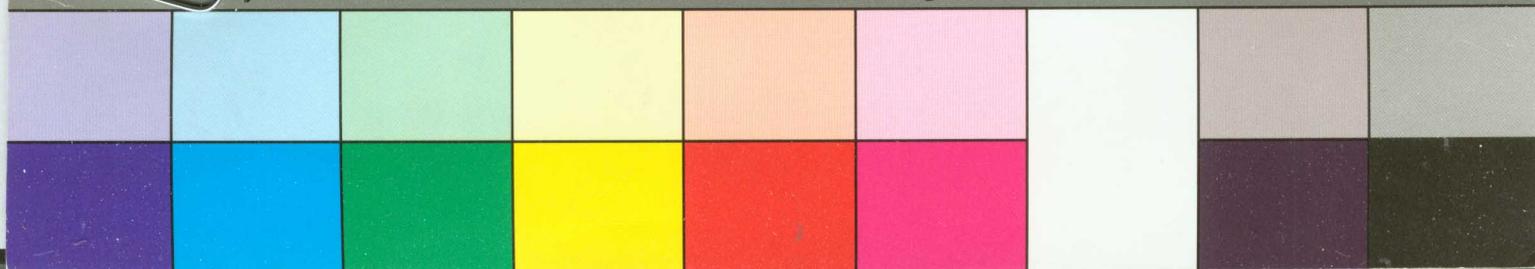
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3. The following numbered Public Proclamations issued by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, are rescinded:

No. 3, dated 24 March 1942;  
No. 4, dated 27 March 1942;  
No. 5, dated 30 March 1942;  
No. 6, dated 2 June 1942;  
No. 7, dated 8 June 1942;  
No. 11, dated 18 August 1942.

4. Civilian Exclusion Orders Nos. 1 to 108 inclusive and Civilian Restrictive Order No. 1 are rescinded.

5. Those persons concerning whom specific Individual Exclusion Orders have been issued prior to the effective date of this Proclamation shall continue to be excluded by virtue of such individual Exclusion Orders.

6. Those persons who are to remain excluded will be designated by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command. All persons of Japanese ancestry not designated by name for exclusion or other control by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command or whose movement is not the subject of an order issued by any War Department or other government agency acting within the scope of its authority are exempted on 2 January 1945, the effective date hereof, from the provisions of all Public Proclamations, Civilian Exclusion Orders and Civilian Restrictive Orders pertaining exclusively to persons of Japanese ancestry heretofore issued by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, except as provided by paragraph 8 hereof.

7. Those persons of Japanese ancestry who desire to know if they are on the list of those persons who will be permitted to return to the Exclusion Areas of the Western Defense Command should send their inquiries to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, Presidio of San Francisco, California, attention: Civil Affairs Division.

8. In order that the departure from War Relocation Project Areas may proceed in an orderly and peaceful manner Public Proclamation No. 8, dated 27 June 1942, and Civilian Restrictive Orders Nos. 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 30 shall remain in force and effect until midnight, 20 January 1945, at which time they shall be of no further force or effect except as to those persons who have been designated individually for exclusion or other control, or may be so designated at a future date.

9. Persons of Japanese ancestry against whom no specific individual exclusion orders have been issued may obtain, if they so desire, identification cards issued by the Western Defense Command indicating that they may travel and reside within the areas of the Western Defense Command heretofore prohibited to persons of Japanese ancestry.

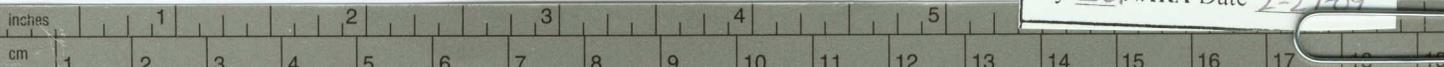
10. The effect of the rescission of Public Proclamations and Civilian Exclusion Orders in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 preceding, and the purpose of this Public Proclamation is to restore to all persons of Japanese ancestry who were excluded under orders of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and who have not been designated individually for exclusion, or other control, their full rights to enter and remain in the military areas of the Western Defense Command. The people of the states situated within the Western Defense Command are assured that the records of all persons of Japanese ancestry have been carefully examined and only those persons who have been cleared by military authority have been permitted

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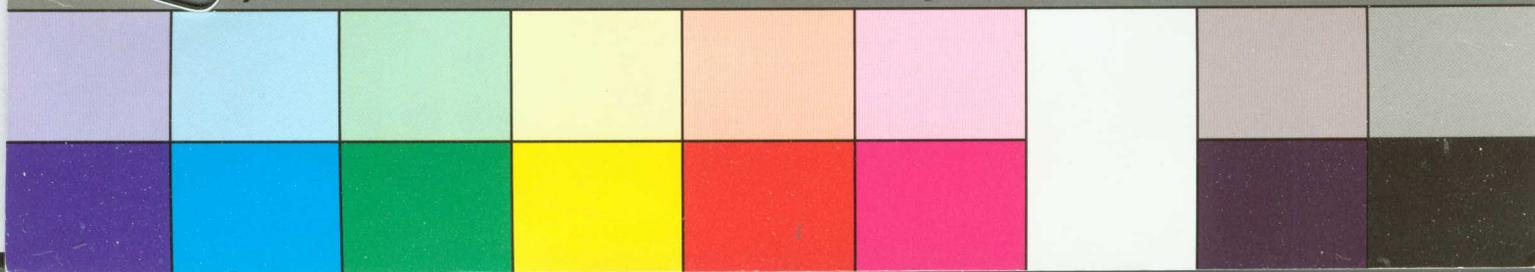
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to return. They should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded other law abiding American citizens or residents.

11. This Proclamation shall not operate to affect any offense heretofore committed, nor any conviction or penalty incurred because of violations of the provisions of Public Proclamations, Civilian Exclusion Orders, Civilian Restrictive Orders, or Individual Exclusion Orders heretofore issued.

12. All Public Proclamations, Civilian Restrictive Orders, and Individual Exclusion Orders insofar as they are in conflict with this Proclamation are amended accordingly.

13. All Public Proclamations, Civilian Exclusion Orders, Civilian Restrictive Orders, and Individual Exclusion Orders herein referred to are those issued by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command.

14. This Proclamation shall become effective at midnight, 2400 PWT 2 January 1945.

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