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*Sproul's letter 2055
University of California
DATE: July 22, 1942
Enemy Alien study*

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SUBJECT:

I recommend that we put on the docket for consideration at the September meeting of the Executive Committee this request from President Sproul for a grant of \$15,000 to insure continuation of the project for the study of Japanese evacuation in California.

You will recall that a grant-in-aid of \$7,500 was made in the early Summer. The project is moving forward successfully. High grade people are involved in the leadership and also in the field work. Substantial additional funds are in prospect from other sources if the RF will make this supplemental grant. These other funds will include \$10,000 a year for three years from the Columbia Foundation in San Francisco, the University of California is prepared to put in \$5,000 a year for three years; they are asking that we commit now for two additional years at \$7,500 a year.

I recommend it be presented to the Executive Committee in September on the grounds mentioned in my previous memorandum, which I attach, and specifically for these further reasons:

- (1) This Japanese evacuation seems to me to be a test case for this country of whether it can deal with its assumed enemies still as human beings. The study proposed is an essential part in that it represents an intelligent and objective picture of our own methods and their results.

- (2) We will have as a result of this putting the Japanese citizens and aliens alike in concentration camps exasperation for a long time to come in our relations with one of our important racial minority groups. All that can be learned out of this experience should contribute now and in the future to a wiser dealing with that minority problem.
- (3) The leadership for the study is highly competent.
- (4) Values of a scientific and scholarly kind will precipitate out of this current history for both anthropology and sociology.

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