

Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

District of Oregon

Portland

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TO: ALL STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES

RE: TRAVEL REGULATIONS AFFECTING JAPANESE, GERMAN, AND ITALIAN ALIENS

Travel requests by alien enemies must be filed with and clear through the office of the United States Attorney. However, for the assistance of state, county, and local police authorities in answering inquiries concerning travel regulations, the following memorandum has been prepared.

A. Travel by airplane is specifically prohibited to enemy aliens.

B. Before changing residence alien enemies should notify
1. the United States Attorney and
2. the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

C. No alien enemy shall enter or be found in or upon any highway, waterway, airway, railway, railroad, subway, public utility, building, place or thing not open and accessible to the Public generally, and not generally used by the public.

D. Travel by enemy aliens without permit is limited to the following:

1. Travel within the boundaries or limits of the municipality, town, village, locality or community in which he resides, from place to place and in such manner as will permit him to engage in the activities usual in his community;

2. Commuting from his home to his place of business, or

3. Travel between his home and his place of religious worship, school, college, or institution of learning at which he is in regular attendance, or any Federal, state or local government agency with which he is required to transact business.

E. All other travel by enemy aliens is forbidden unless the enemy alien has filed application for travel authorization with the United States Attorney one week prior to the commencement of the proposed trip, such application containing the following information:

1. Name and address
2. Nationality, which includes full particulars concerning entry into the United States
3. Alien registration number
4. Business or profession
5. Purpose of trip
6. Destination
7. Date of departure
8. Date of return
9. Route to be followed
10. Carrier (railroad, bus, automobile, etc.) to be used
11. If proposed trip is for personal reasons rather than business, state particulars
12. Names of two references who are American citizens

If trip is to more than one point, then like details as to intermediate destination are to be furnished. FORM OF APPLICATION MAY BE SECURED BY THE ALIEN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

Under instructions issued by the Attorney General to all United States Attorneys, travel by enemy aliens even under the conditions herein outlined may be prohibited if, in the opinion of the United States Attorney, such travel is potentially dangerous to public safety. It follows that restrictions have been imposed in order that travel may be regulated, and authority is limited to specific trips.

Many applications have been received for blanket authority to travel to places, at times, and for purposes known generally only to the enemy alien himself, and in some instances so many towns have been mentioned in the application that it would seem that the applicant has simply taken the road map and listed the towns thereon. Under existing regulations such carte blanche authority to so travel indiscriminately cannot be and will not be issued by the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

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United States Attorney