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National Defence Headquarters,  
Ottawa, Ontario.Attention: M.I. 1Japanese Situation

1. The following is included in the Weekly Intelligence Summary which is to be forwarded at the end of the week but it is felt that the importance of the information warrants that it be forwarded immediately.
2. Following newspaper reports indicating that it was the intention of the Dominion Government to remove all enemy aliens from the Pacific Coast, there appeared to be an excellent reaction on the B.C. Coast in regard to the Japanese situation; the anxiety that had been felt was to a considerable extent alleviated. It now appears that this good effect has been more than counteracted by the fact that no further action appears to have been taken nor plans prepared. Feeling is said to have been running high prior to the receipt of the news as published by the daily papers. Reports indicate that feeling is beginning to run even higher due to lack of action. "We do not want another Pearl Harbour here, and however slight the Government may consider the risk to be, it has not the right to force the risk on us," seems to be common talk here.
3. I am also informed that the attitude of the Japanese is bordering on the insolent and that their reaction is that the people of B.C. are hysterical and that the Government is being forced to act in a manner contrary to its own policy; that the Government intends to do nothing further; that the Japanese will be out fishing this season and that the Government is backing the Japanese against the white population and that therefore the Japanese have nothing to fear.
4. There is a considerable discontent and resentment among the white population at this apparent inaction. In proof of this I am given to understand that there is an organization in B.C. which is rapidly gathering support, whose idea is to urge B.C. citizens to subscribe to the limit of its ability to the forthcoming loan but to withhold payment until such time as every Japanese irrespective of age, of sex or place of birth has been removed East of the Rockies.
5. I am informed that the aims of this organization are to be publicised in the newspapers on Monday, 2nd February.

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