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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary of War.  
The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Japanese Atrocities - Reports of by Escaped Prisoners.

1. I agree with your opinion that any publication of Japanese atrocities at this time might complicate the present and future missions of the GRIPPOIN and increase the mistreatment of prisoners now in Japanese hands. I request, therefore, that you take effective measures to prevent the publication or circulation of any stories emanating from escaped prisoners until I have authorized a release.

2. It might be well for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to make recommendation as to the moment when I should inform the country of the mistreatment of our nationals.

\*FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Copy to:

Admiral Leahy.

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