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Tule Lake [re: Bill to take away Japanese-American citizenship],
September 29, 1942**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Tule Lake Project

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SUBJECT: Rumor regarding passing of bill in Congress
abolishing citizenship

Following is an exact copy of a telegram received today from Philip M. Glick, Solicitor of the War Relocation Authority, Washington, D. C. :

"Washington, D. C.
September 29, 1942
4:01 P.M.

"Elmer L. Shirrell
Tule Lake, California

"Am sending you this wire at request of Acting Regional Director Rowalt. I understand that rumors are circulating at Tule Lake that Congress has adopted a bill abolishing citizenship status of nissei and another bill providing for internment of evacuees. These rumors are not true. They are probably due to a misunderstanding of a bill recently introduced in Senate to amend federal Constitution to permit Congress to regulate conditions under which persons subject to dual citizenship may become citizens of the United States that bill has not passed. It has merely been introduced in Senate and referred to a committee. It would take a two thirds vote in each house of Congress and ratification by three fourths of the State Legislatures to adopt such a constitutional amendment. Congress has not adopted any legislation that would deprive evacuee of citizenship or would provide for their internment. The War Relocation Authority recognizes and will defend the citizenship rights of those evacuees born in the United States. You are authorized to inform the evacuees of the contents of this telegram.

Philip M. Glick Solicitor."