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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Personnel and Training Branch

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Mr. Roger Baldwin Civil Liberties Union 170 5th Avenue New York, New York

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The War Department has been requested by General MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan to determine whether or not you will be available to proceed to Japan and Korea for a sixty or ninety day period to consult with appropriate members of the Supreme Commander's staff on civil liberties.

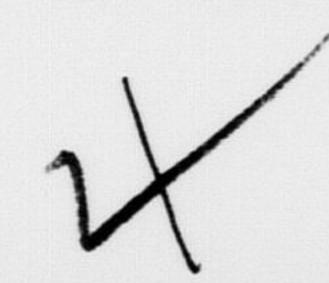
Specifically, your services are desired to survey, evaluate and recommend improvements in matters relating to Japanese and Korean consciousness of and protection of the basic civil liberties; to confer with Japanese and Korean groups and individuals on methods of promoting awareness of civil liberties and safeguarding them from interference by anyone; and to give addresses and hold press conferences to stimulate interest in civil liberties.

The Government will repay you for your transportation expense in the United States and provide transportation overseas. Also, you will be granted an appropriate daily salary and an adequate subsistence allowance. It is contemplated, if you are available for a ninety day period, that sixty days of this time be spent in Japan and thirty days in Korea. If you can only be spared from your present position for sixty days, the tour of duty in Korea will be eliminated.

Should you be available to accept this important assignment, and interested in rendering invaluable assistance to the success of our country's policies in the Far East, it is requested that you complete the inclosed copies of Standard Form 57, Application for Federal Employment, and submit them to this office at your earliest convenience.

The Theater is desirous of obtaining your services at the earliest possible date; therefore, should you be available it is requested that you indicate the earliest date on which you could depart from the United States. In this connection, if you will require assistance in securing leave from your present position, please so state in your reply in order that a plea may be addressed to your organization.

The success of our occupation forces' education program in Japan and Korea is dependent upon assistance from selected individuals such



as yourself, and it is sincerely hoped that you will reply stating your interest in this important project at your earliest convenience.

FOR THE CHIEF, CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION:

D. DONALD KLOUS

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Branch Executive

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