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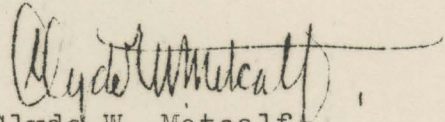
1. Control of subversive acts is a responsibility of the U. S. Department of Justice and its duly constituted agencies.
2. Discovery and prevention of subversive activity and sabotage are the duty of every loyal American citizen acting within legal limitations.
3. Prosecution of offenders must be conducted under due processes of the law and the constitutional rights and privileges of all persons must be recognized.
4. Groups of individuals organized or designated to assist in promoting and safeguarding National Defense can perform the most valuable service if they operate quietly and secretly.
5. In cases of suspected sabotage, subversive and un-American activity these protective groups should not investigate, but should report the established facts to the proper authorities immediately
6. Such citizen agencies, especially in communities where are located industries or utilities necessary to National Defense, should, insofar as possible, urge every precaution for the protection of life and property. This applies to fire prevention measures, competent watchmen and extra vigilance on the part of local police.
7. Prevention should be the primary objective and it should be kept in mind that saboteurs have less chance of success in their efforts at destruction if the means are removed.
8. The great majority of aliens resident in this State are loyal to our American institutions and communities should avoid and discourage indiscriminate talk that would cast undeserved suspicion upon these persons.

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9. It should be the effort of local committees, groups or individuals cooperating with this office and other agencies charged with State and National Defense to prevent hysteria, "witch hunting" and unauthorized activity in cases of suspected un-American leanings, declarations or actions.

10. This office again requests that some one individual of mature judgement and keen perception be designated as the contact between this department and the community. (In cases where this has already been accomplished the names and other pertinent information have been placed in a special file in this office and instructions will be forwarded as received from other authority).

For the Adjutant General


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