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Mr. Walden called me by telephone from New York and said that Standard-Vacuum officials had noticed a despatch in today's New York Times which states that the United States Army has moved up to May 15 its deadline for the removal of dependents of army personnel from the Philippines. Mr. Walden said that Standard-Vacuum would like to know whether the Department felt that in view of this action by the War Department wives and children of Standard-Vacuum employees should be evacuated from the Philippines.

I told Mr. Walden that so far as I was aware there had been no change in the Department's policy which was that American citizens including women and children now

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in the Philippines were not being urged to return to the United States at this time. Mr. Walden asked me if I would make further inquiries within the Department and call him back.

After talking to Mr. Hornbeck and Mr. Hamilton I called Mr. Walden and in his absence left a message with his secretary to the effect that I believed that I had accurately stated the Department's views in my previous conversation with Mr. Walden. I pointed out that the army might presumably have reasons of its own for its policy with respect to dependents but that there had been no general suggestions made by the Government to Americans in the Philippines.