

WAR DEPARTMENT  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

4 September 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES.

Attention: Mobilization Division.

Subject: Funds for Conversion of Existing Facilities at  
Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

1. Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section, a section of the Military Branch, MIS, has been transferred to Camp Ritchie, Maryland for administration and discipline. Operational control of the activities of this organization remains with A. C. of S., G-2, W.D.G.S.
2. Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section which will eventually consist of a minimum of 33 officers and 67 enlisted men has been transferred to its present location because of the lack of facilities and space required by so large a group.
3. It was initially contemplated to establish this activity at Fort Hunt, Virginia, but, because the engineers' estimates for construction costs called for an expenditure of \$86,000 this plan was abandoned.
4. At its present location the required working space would be available by the conversion of a warehouse at Camp Ritchie. Estimates made by the post engineer for the conversion of this building call for a total expenditure of \$7,967.00. A copy of the estimate is attached. The building to be converted is a permanent structure which existed on this post when taken over from the Maryland National Guard.
5. Because of the urgency of the operational functions carried on by the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section and in view of the fact that Joining Instructions for this personnel are already out and they are expected to reach the post by 9 September 1944, it is requested that action be taken to expedite the allocation of funds so that the post engineer can begin immediate construction.

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Inclosure:  
Estimate

