

A World War II intelligence officer testifies that reports of unidentified transmissions and signalling from the west coast dropped off after the mass of Japanese/ Americans were forceably removed.

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William Hammond, who is now 77, said he remembered no instance when Japanese-American or a Japanese alien was ever caught sending signals to enemy submarines.

He said he received many unconfirmed reports of signalling.

Hammond drew a murmur from spectators when he testified that after Japanese-Americans were incarcerated the reports of signalling fell off.

Under cross-examination by attorneys for plaintiff Gordon Hirabayashi, Hammond admitted he had no factual basis on which to link the alledged signalling with Japanese-American.

A retired intelligence officer testifies that deciphered Japanese cables in World War II mention an effort to recruit Japanese Americans as sources of information.

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David Lowman, a code-breaker retired from the National Security Agency, said only the highest War Department officials knew of intercepted cables that directed Japanese diplomats in the U.S. to establish an espionage network.

Lowman said one cable suggested the recruitment of--quote--"our second generations and our resident nationals"--end quote--as sources of information.

Under cross-examination Lowman conceded the cables show no spy information ever came from Japanese Americans.

Attorneys for Gordon Hirabayashi say no Japanese American was ever recruited for espionage, and that the F-B-I, which was responsible for internal security, opposed a mass incarceration because it had already identified those potentially disloyal.