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SOURCE: Part of "Executive Order Number 9066," which President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote, allowing the army to force Japanese Americans to move to internment camps. (Changed for easier reading.)

ALLOWING THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO SET UP MILITARY AREAS Executive Order No. 9066

Successfully fighting the war makes it so we have to protect ourselves however we can against spying and damage to army equipment, supplies, and bases. So, with my power as President of the United States and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I will allow and tell the Secretary of War and the Military Commanders to set up military areas wherever he thinks they are needed. We will not allow certain people to live or go there. The Secretary of War can also give the people who won't be allowed to live in these areas the transportation, food, shelter, and other things they need and take them away from these areas. The Military Commander may use the army and federal government to enforce this as well as state and local officials. I ask all government departments to help the Secretary of War by giving medical aid, hospitals, food, clothing, transportation, land, shelter, supplies, buildings, and services.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT February 19, 1942