Government propagandists went to great lengths to draw distinctions between enemy and US propaganda effort. The argument was usually that “our” propaganda was composed of thoughtful messages meant to motivate, while “theirs” was a strategy of lies and deceit. These arguments appear in these two reports.

Click here for full text of “Report on Censorship” (1945)

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Don’t fall for ENEMY PROPAGANDA

- AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT
- AGAINST OUR ALLIES
- AGAINST CATHOLICS, JEWS or PROTESTANTS

Remember—Hitler and the Japs are trying to get us fighting among ourselves

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