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*Relocation Centers
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Smith:
Letter of Resignation

Rivers P.O.
August 4, 1942

Dear Si:

Without more ado I want to tell you that I am resigning my position as Project Director at the earliest practicable date. In other words as soon as you can put my successor on the ground and I can show him the ropes for several weeks if need be, I want to get out. I shall not let you down. You would guess that, I hope.

Of course you will wonder at my decision. Without going into details I should like to state without being called presumptuous that as a result of experience gained during recent months and especially recent weeks I have lost faith in the Washington office and in the S. F. regional office of WRA. I feel absolutely at loose ends. Each day I lost more of my self respect. Each day I have greater difficulty in looking in the eye my staff and the evacuees.

Say the fault lies with me if you will. The fact is that I am not the person for you to carry on the program on the present basis.

I realize that so far as effective date of resignation is concerned my personal interests must be subordinated to the public good. On the other hand anything you can do to expedite it will be appreciated. Naturally I must hunt a job as soon as I can.

In conclusion may I say that my mind is made up unalterably.

Sincerely,

Eastburn Smith

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Letter to each
staff member

Coolidge, Arizona
Sept. 19, 1942

Dear Jack:

I was concerned to learn today that in the staff meeting which occurred this noon a statement was made by the Regional Director which has inescapable implications so far as my integrity is concerned.

As I understand it, and my understanding is based on statements of several staff members, the implication was made that I had started to work with the project on detail and that such an arrangement had continued up to the present. In other words now that I had finished what was expected of me I was leaving. On the contrary- while it is true that from the middle of April to the middle of May I was on detail, the fact remains that in the middle of May I chose to throw my lot with WRA permanently, and so indicated. This was later confirmed by an appointment on July 6th as Project Director for the duration. From the middle of May until August 4th, then, I was completely identified in my own mind with the long time effort.

I feel that I am betraying no confidence in making available to you now a copy of my letter of August 4th, which sets forth my general attitude and reasons for resigning, which attitude and which reasons have persisted without change to this date.

I realize how futile it is to attempt to correct rumors, but after all this present circumstance is not a rumor, and the facts had been plainly presented to the Regional Office and are now plainly presented to you. They speak for themselves.

Will you please make this information available to your sections so that the record may be clear.

Sincerely,

Eastburn

GILA NEWS#COURIER
GILA RELOCATION CENTER
RIVERS, ARIZONA

MEMO TO: Mr. E. Smith, Project Director
FROM: Ken Tashiro, editor, Gila News Courier
DATE: September 10, 1942
SUBJECT: Rumors, discussed in conversation at Administration
office, morning of September 9th.

1. Tule Lake, Manzanar: Rumors to the effect that, because Agricultural projects at these centers were proven incapable of producing enough to sustain the respective populations, that for this reason or because Japanese invasion armadas were lurking off the coast, these centers are to be re-evacuated to other localities outside of California.
2. Food-Shortage: Rumor to the effect that food in warehouses insufficient to feed population for period of any length. Item specifically mentioned, rice.
3. Water Supply: Rumor to the effect that water supply is in constant danger of being cut off, due to insufficient power for pumping and insufficient number of pumps. Stomach disorders accredited to contaminated water.
4. Rumor that Caucasian administration officials or M.P.'s are accompanying Japanese girls on dates to Phoenix or other places outside relocation area.
5. Rumor that unknown number of colored men were killed by delayed dynamite explosion. Claimed that these persons were sent to investigate cause of delay because foreman in charge did not wish to risk lives of white workers.
6. Poston: Rumor that representative from Spanish Consulate investigated conditions at Poston at request of residents. Reported found conditions unlivable and condemned camp, necessitating removal of camp populace to some other center.
7. Rumor that Japanese minor girl attacked by four Caucasian construction workers in laundry room at Canal Camp. M.P.'s also charged with similar offense.

Corresp. Memo

Gila W. R. A.
Rivers, Arizona

September 12, 1942

Mrs. A. Smith,

Dr. Ichioka wants me to furnish him with the case histories of those persons with behavior problems which I prepared in Tulare.

They should have been sent to you from the Tulare Assembly Center.

Also, two men came to this office and left word to tell you that there are three men here in this Center who are agitators or demagogues disturbing the peace of this Center by spreading false rumors in order to satisfy there own grudge against the people. The names of the men are as follows:

Leader	<i>Otojiro Yamamoto</i>	<i>Representative</i>
		<i>of 61st Block</i>
Henchmen	<i>Ishiyama and Kadota</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
		<i>of 60th Block.</i>

I know for a fact that these men have been of dishonorable reputation in Tulare Assembly Center. I trust that you will keep this strictly confidential as it is given for your information.

L. Munn

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GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
RIVERS, ARIZONA

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Washington, D.C.

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I am glad to have your resolution on this subject, and have carefully considered the reasons you have urged for making alien evacuees eligible to hold elective office in the community self-government offices.

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Sincerely,

Acting Director.

AIR MAIL

Sept. 23, 1942

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Mr. E. M. Rowalt
Acting Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Rowalt:

Despite my previous feeling in the matter, I do not now consider it advisable to request the Corps of Engineers to construct schools and employees' quarters at the Gila Center as has been suggested by Mr. Fryer in his letter of September 5.

In the first place, our experience in trying to arrange to purchase materials for schools through the Corps of Engineers indicates that the Army is reluctant to go much beyond the basic construction it originally agreed to provide. We are, moreover, making satisfactory progress in securing priorities directly so that presumably we shall be able to purchase construction materials ourselves. The advantage of securing Army priorities is not now as important as it was several months ago.

Since schools are going to have to get underway in improvised quarters in any case, I do not think it would be wise to contract for their construction because in the first place it would ~~not~~ prolong the period during which large numbers of Caucasian workers not under the direction of the War Relocation Authority would necessarily be working throughout the Centers.

In the second place, utilizing labor in most of the areas in which our Centers are situated would very materially injure our public relations. In Arizona, for example, we have already been criticized for taking labor during the construction period which was badly needed by the agricultural interests of the State. We may have to employ some skilled labor to supplement that available among the evacuees and per-

haps to occupy some supervisory positions if we construct the buildings ourselves, but we should be able to provide the bulk of the labor from among the evacuees population and hold our supplemental employment to a figure which will not provoke criticism. The only reason I ever favored building schools by contract was to have time which has now already largely been lost and cannot be recaptured by letting contracts at the present time.

I should like to consider this decision applicable to all Centers unless some special circumstances make reconsideration of the question desirable in individual cases. I am consequently sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Smart and Mr. Whitaker.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. S. Myer

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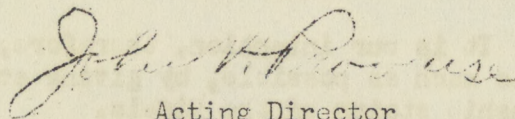
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Econ.Mgt.

October 6, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. E. M. Rowalt
Acting Regional Director

SUBJECT: Population Chart

Attached is a population chart which was prepared by the employment group at Gila, and covers the population of 11,000. If we consider the few that are employable above the age of 61 and those that are not employable in the preparatory age, you will note that the total amount of employables is relatively small for a Center of this size. There are bound to be inaccuracies in this report and Gila is now making another report of the entire Center in order to have an accurate population report. However, I believe this is quite interesting when we think of the number of employables available in any of these Centers.

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Regional Director

Attachment

RBCozzens:AO:PME
10-6-42

cc: Mr. Powers
Mr. Laflin
Mr. Zimmer
Mr. Stancliff
Dr. Webster

reports

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Our average - between 80* + 90*

3¢ - 210 out.
4¢ - out - 1000
5¢ out - 1500 to 2000

Average - 80*
old

POPULATION CHART

Minimum
operation
Possible mass operation

Infant Age
Birth - 5

Male

Camp #1

220

Camp #2

258

Female

209

243

Preparatory Age
6-19

Male

687

938

Female

655

845

Productive Age
19-40

Male

896

Male

896
655
1551

1134

Male

1134
776
1910
1551
3461

Female

Female
810
516
1326

810

1084

Productive Age
41-60

Male

655

1555

776

Female

516

630

Female
7084
630
1714
1329
3043

Retiring Age
61 - Up

Male

374

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Female

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TOTAL

5072

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Rivers, Arizona
October 19, 1942

Mr. E. M. Rowalt
Acting Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel
San Francisco, California

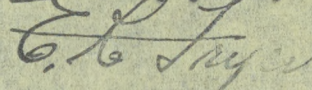
Dear Mr. Rowalt:

In the absence of a crematory and complete hospital facilities on this project, it is requested that the Project Director of this project be authorized to issue travel permits in the following cases:

1. To permit immediate members of the family to accompany the body of a deceased person to the crematory in Phoenix.
2. In cases where hospital facilities on the project are insufficient, to permit a near relative to accompany patients to the nearest hospital outside the project area and in Military Area 1.

A Caucasian escort will be provided in both cases by the War Relocation Authority.

Sincerely yours,



E. R. Fryer
Acting Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Econ. Mgt.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

October 26, 1942

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Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Acting Project Director
Gila River Relocation Project
% Pima Indian Agency
Sacaton, Arizona

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Everything is going reasonably smoothly here in the office. I am writing this letter to summarize for you the most important developments of the past few days.

I have just sent you a sheaf of correspondence regarding Lee Noftzger. I assume that it will reach you before this letter or at least in the same mail so will not discuss the matter further here.

The day after you left we completed the Quarterly Report of all six divisions in Economic Management and turned two copies over to Ed Bates to his apparent satisfaction.

So far I have been unable to get the information regarding the paving of the Sweetwater Road in connection with the proposed railhead at Gila. Mr. Fryer returned to the Regional Office this morning and, although I have been trying to see both Mr. Fryer and Mr. Rowalt I have so far been unsuccessful. Mr. Rowalt is scheduled to leave tomorrow and they and Captain Astrup have been in continuous conference since this morning. I will follow this matter through and give you the information as soon as possible.

Mr. Popkin of the Colorado River Project arrived here the day after your departure. We all made a real effort to give both Mr. Popkin and Mr. Parnell good service. The PD-200 for the schools was completed last Friday except for the prints and Mr. Popkin returned to Poston. As usual the prints are delayed but we are doing everything possible to hurry them along. We hope to get this PD-200 sent to Washington in the next day or two. Mr. Parnell brought information for four projects. The poultry farm and irrigation subjugation PD-200's have been completed and mailed to Washington. The drainage and hog farm PD-200's are just being completed and will be mailed to Washington tomorrow. According to present plans Parnell will start tomorrow morning working with Jack Gilbert on PD-408's.



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General

Mr. Stancliff left Saturday night for Los Angeles. He is scheduled to leave Los Angeles today by plane for Jeffersonville, Indiana where he will attend a meeting tomorrow morning in connection with the tent project. It has been arranged for Mr. Stancliff to go on to Washington where he hopes to get a definite answer regarding the handling of the net and the tent projects. His going on to Washington has been approved by the Washington office. He hopes to complete his work there in 3 or 4 days and return to the Regional Office by plane.

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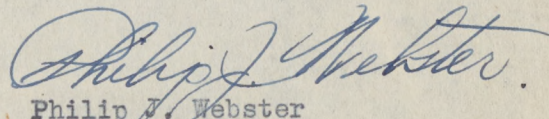
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Mr. Cozzens: For your information. Letter reporting tent factory was sent to Washington 10/26/42. -AO

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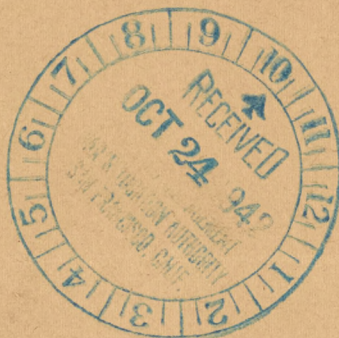
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SAN FRANCISCO

October 27, 1942

To: The Regional Staff

Now that Mr. Fryer has returned to the Regional Directorship, I am making my way back to Washington tomorrow. I want all of you to know how thoroughly I have enjoyed my stay with you. It has been pleasant and instructive and each of you has helped to make it so.

You may be sure that I take with me a better understanding of the work this office is doing and an appreciation and affection for the people who are doing it. I hope to visit you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. M. Prall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Deputy Director.

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In reply, please refer to:

Econ. Mgt.

October 26, 1942

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Acting Project Director
Gila River Relocation Project
% Pima Indian Agency,
Sacaton, Arizona

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Everything is going reasonably smoothly here in the office. I am writing this letter to summarize for you the most important developments of the past few days.

I have just sent you a sheaf of correspondence regarding Lee Noftzger. I assume that it will reach you before this letter or at least in the same mail so will not discuss the matter further here.

The day after you left we completed the Quarterly Report of all six divisions in Economic Management and turned two copies over to Ed Bates to his apparent satisfaction.

So far I have been unable to get the information regarding the paving of the Sweetwater Road in connection with the proposed railroad at Gila. Mr. Fryer returned to the Regional Office this morning and, although I have been trying to see both Mr. Fryer and Mr. Rowalt I have so far been unsuccessful. Mr. Rowalt is scheduled to leave tomorrow and they and Captain Astrup have been in continuous conference since this morning. I will follow this matter through and give you the information as soon as possible.

Mr. Popkin of the Colorado River Project arrived here the day after your departure. We all made a real effort to give both Mr. Popkin and Mr. Parnell good service. The PD-200 for the schools was completed last Friday except for the prints and Mr. Popkin returned to Poston. As usual the prints are delayed but we are doing everything possible to hurry them along. We hope to get this PD-200 sent to Washington in the next day or two. Mr. Parnell brought information for four projects. The poultry farm and irrigation subjugation PD-200's have been completed and mailed to Washington. The drainage and hog farm PD-200's are just being completed and will be mailed to Washington tomorrow. According to present plans Parnell will start tomorrow morning working with Jack Gilbert on PD-408's.



Mr. Stancliff left Saturday night for Los Angeles. He is scheduled to leave Los Angeles today by plane for Jeffersonville, Indiana where he will attend a meeting tomorrow morning in connection with the tent project. It has been arranged for Mr. Stancliff to go on to Washington where he hopes to get a definite answer regarding the handling of the net and the tent projects. His going on to Washington has been approved by the Washington office. He hopes to complete his work there in 3 or 4 days and return to the Regional Office by plane.

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(SIGNED)

Philip J. Webster
Acting Assistant Regional Director

OCT 27 1942

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. R. E. Cozzens
Acting Project Director
Gila River Project

The weekly Foreman's Report covering the period from October 10 to 17, 1942, of the Gila River Relocation Project, has been read with great interest.

Regarding the use of Calcium Arsenate, several applications have been made on cabbage, lettuce, and cauliflower. No doubt this is being done in view of any arsenical residue problems which may arise. There is enclosed for your guidance a copy of circular letter No. 83, which is at present in the mimeograph office for processing.

(SIGNED)

Philip J. Webster
Acting Assistant Regional Director

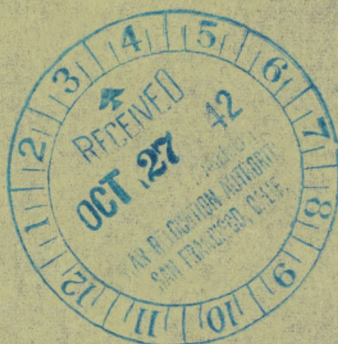
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✓cc: Mr. R. B. Cozzens



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Rivers, Arizona
November 6, 1942

E. R. Fryer
War Relocation Authority
San Francisco, California

Attention: Dr. Thompson

Is there any regional ruling on having pets in relocation centers? If not, please give us your ideas and if you have none we will make our own decisions here

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THOMPSON EAST, AS YET NO REGIONAL RULING REGARDING PETS. I HAVE ALWAYS
REGARDED THIS AS A DECISION THAT SHOULD BE MADE BY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
IN CONSULTATION PROJECT DIRECTOR AND SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

E R FRYER

cc: Cozzens ✓
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

NOV 12 1942

Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Acting Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

There is under consideration a proposal to reunite the families of persons who have been interned with the internee. Thus, in cases where a husband or father is interned, while the wife and children are in a relocation center, the proposal contemplates that all members of the family would be moved to some camp, not under the direction of the WRA, where they could be united and live as a family group under conditions which presumably would be substantially the equivalent of internment for the duration. As far as I know the details have not been settled nor has the whole thing gone beyond the exploration stage.

As one element affecting the decision in the matter and having an influence on the size of the camp necessary to accomplish the objective, we need to know how many families and how many individuals would be interested in being reunited in such a camp if it should be established, and we need to know the number of children of school age who would be involved. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you will secure for me as promptly as possible the answers to the following questions as they relate to your center:

1. What is the number of families in your relocation center having one or more members in internment?
2. How many of these families, if offered the opportunity, would elect to join the interned member either at his present place of internment, or at some other camp?
3. a. How many adults are there in the families reported in the answer to question 2?
b. How many children of grade school age?
c. How many children of high school age?



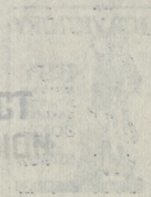
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GILA RIVER PROJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



You may make inquiry of the evacuees by posting notices, by working through the Community Council, by working through the block managers, or in any other way as you think best. Please make it clear, however, that no commitments are being made, that no assurances can be given as to the outcome of the proposal. At the present time we are simply seeking information.

Some families may be sensitive on the subject of the internment of one of their members, consequently, a means of reporting should be provided that will avoid embarrassment in such cases.

Some question may be raised as to whether schools would be provided in a camp of the sort I have mentioned. I presume schooling would be provided but I am not in a position to give any assurances. If any families condition an affirmative answer on the availability of schools, please indicate the number which do so. I should like you also to make clear in presenting your inquiry to the evacuees that their answers will not be considered binding and are desired now as a means of getting a line on the magnitude of the problem.

One further point -- some evacuees may wish to write to the interned members of their families before replying. However, since this inquiry does not constitute a definite commitment, and since we need the information rather promptly, it would be best to discourage correspondence and try to get an immediate reply.

I should like you to reply as promptly as practicable and to give me also the benefit of any observations you may care to make upon the wisdom of the proposal I have mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

D. L. Meyer
Director

You are aware that the purpose of this document is to provide information to you regarding the proposed relocation of the Gila River Project. It is important that you understand the purpose of this document and the information it contains. The purpose of this document is to provide information to you regarding the proposed relocation of the Gila River Project. It is important that you understand the purpose of this document and the information it contains.

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Sincerely,
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Acting Project Director

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
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In reply, please refer to:

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Memorandum to: Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Project

Elmer Shirrell, Project Director
Tule Lake Relocation Project

H. L. Stafford, Project Director
Minidoka Relocation Project

Solon T. Kimball, Acting Project Director
Manzanar Relocation Project

Charles Ernst, Project Director
Central Utah Relocation Project

☒ R. B. Cozens, Acting Project Director
Gila River Relocation Project

Subject: Letter of November 12, 1942, from
D. S. Myer to Project Directors

The Director has forwarded to this office copies of his letter of November 12, 1942, addressed to you, requesting certain information needed in order to consider a proposal to ~~reunite the families~~ of persons who have been interned with the internee.

It will be very much appreciated if you will furnish me with a copy of your reply to Mr. Myer.

Duncan Mills
Duncan Mills
Acting Regional Director



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WASH. FIELD OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON
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James C. White
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

DEC 3 1942

Dear Mr. Myer:

Reference is made to your letter of November 12, 1942, requesting information relative to the number of families in this relocation center which would be interested in a proposal to move into some type of community in which they could share a normal home life with husbands or fathers who are now in internment centers.

The following information was obtained from block managers in both of our communities, and is believed to be fairly accurate:

1. Number of families having one or more members in internment camps is 127.
2. Number of families which would elect to join the interned member at some kind of a camp is 127.
3. Number of adults in the above listed families is 272.
4. Number of children of grade school age is 91.
5. Number of children of high school age is 77.

It is believed that the second question, e.g. number of families which would elect to go to such an internment camp if given the opportunity is partly a matter of speculation. Although all families have indicated their desire to go to such a place, block managers advised me that many are still undecided and that at least a few would change their minds at the last minute.

I trust that you will find this information useful towards the ultimate solution of your problem.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Cozzens

R. B. Cozzens
Acting Project Director

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