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Miss Yoshi Uchida
Block 7-Barrack 2-Apartment C
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Miss Uchida:

We have received your letter of October 19th and are sorry to have been so slow in replying. We are working with a good many students, attempting to get them placed for the second terms, and we have been trying to decide how best to advise you.

Dean Hoyt tells us that she has as yet had no reply from Smith College. We are very much afraid it will not be possible to place you there in February unless funds for you could be found from some other source. There is a faint possibility that we could secure some scholarship aid, but we do not want to raise your hopes unduly on this score.

In any case, before going into the financial aspects of your problem, we would like to know if you have any interests more definite than the rather general major in education in which you have indicated you are interested. If Smith is not available for you, it will help us considerably in suggesting other institutions if we know of a more specific field in which you would like to work. If you had been able to take a fifth year at the University of California, without the teaching experience at Tanforan, what field would you have selected? We are not trying to discourage you from your interest in elementary school teaching in the relocation center, but in view of your general background, which is good, and the exceptionally fine references you received, we feel you are capable of undertaking work in addition to the amount of education you would need to take for an elementary school certificate. Teaching requirements for other states are not nearly as high as they are in California.

We would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible. There is a considerable amount of red-tape involved in securing a travel permit and the sooner we are able to suggest a college to you and you to the college, the sooner we can begin assembling the documents necessary for a travel permit.

Sincerely,
HOWARD K. BEALE, West Coast Director

By Virginia Scardigli Placement Supervisor

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This Council has been formed at the request of the War Relocation Authority to aid in the relocation of students who have been evacuated from the West Coast war zones and who wish to continue their study on the college or university level.

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Central Utah Relocation Center

Topaz, Utah

Dear Miss Uchida:

Today we received your letter of November 12th enclosing the very nice letter from Miss de Forest. Your letter no doubt crossed ours of the 14th which you have probably received by now. We would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible.

Yes indeed, we do have a folder for you in our files with your transcripts of record and very excellent recommendations from Mr. John Soelberg, Miss Eleanor Knight, Dean Hoyt, and now from Miss deForest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

HOWARD K. BEALE

West Coast Director

By Virginia Scardigli
Virginia Scardigli
Placement Supervisor

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Bl 7 - Bar 2 Apt C.
Tupas, Utah.
Nov. 24, 1942

Miss Virginia Scardigli
Supervisor Placement Dept
National Student Relocation Council
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Scardigli

Thank you very much for your letter of the 14th. I appreciate your kind consideration when you have so many othercases to handle.

In regard to your question as to a more specific field in which I might have continued at the University of California, had evacuation not intervened, I believe I would have gone on with History (especially as related to present world events.) I also would have liked to continue in the fields of English, Art, etc... on the side.

I realize that having taken such a broad and general major at the University, in History, English and Philosophy, it is probably very difficult for me to be placed as a graduate student. However, I had always felt that a good, broad background of four college years followed by some sort of specialization would be the sort of education I desired.

I know that I have no right to be particular in selecting a college which I might attend, but I do want very much to attend a smaller college with good liberal arts courses, preferably back East, and in going on with graduate study, I would like to work in History and at the same time obtain an elementary teaching credential, if possible.

I am at present asking the advice of a few of my friends, Mr. Galen M. Fisher for one, and should like to write you, if I may, upon receipt of advice from them as to what college I might apply should Smith College be definitely out of the picture.

I hope this bit of information will have been of some assistance to you. I shall look forward to hearing from you again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

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Topaz, Utah

Dear Miss Uchida:

Today your letter of November 16th arrived. We are most sorry you had not yet received our letters of the 14th and 18th. The mail service between this office and the relocation centers is appallingly bad. We are sending this letter air mail and hope it will reach you a few days sooner than if it went by ordinary mail.

In case it is not the fault of the mail service, and the letters really did go astray, we are enclosing copies of these letters which we wrote you. Joe Goodman and I are arriving at Topaz this coming Friday morning and will be spending two days there and would like very much to see you. We will be in touch with Kay Yamashita and Fred Hoshiyama.

I have been trying to get Dean Hoyt on the telephone this afternoon to see if she has yet had any word from Smith, but she has not returned to her office. I hope we will have this information for you soon.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA SCARDIGLI
Placement Supervisor

By

Elizabeth B. Goodman
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Assistant, Placement Department

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Dear Yoshi:

This is just a note to let you know that today we have sent off to Mt. Holyoke College your questionnaire, transcripts of record, and a synopsis of the recommendations sent us by your references. We are submitting, at the same time, the names of two other girls, and hope most sincerely that the college will be in a position to admit the three of you.

May I say again how very sorry I am that we missed you on Sunday morning, and pass this message on also to your family whom I was most anxious to meet. We were detained longer than we expected talking to Mr. Roscoe Bell and a nail in my shoe did nothing to speed our progress across the camp. We must have just missed you.

It was very pleasant to meet you and I hope it will happen again. With best of luck,

Sincerely,

Betty Goodman

ELIZABETH B. GOODMAN
Assistant, Placement Department

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lock 7 Barr. 2 Apt. C
Topaz, Utah
December 23, 1942

Dear Mrs. Goodman;

Forgive me for intruding on your holidays with business, but yesterday I received a letter which I would like to pass on to you. It was sent to Dr. Charlotte B. DeForest (former President of Kobe College in Japan, and the sister of Miss Louise DeForest who wrote a letter for me,) by Miss Bryson of Smith College. From its contents, I gathered the impression that Miss Bryson was not aware of my desires to go to Smith next year----or perhaps by "next year" she meant next September. I am wondering if Miss Hoyt's letter inquiring about possibilities for my entering ever reached her.

At any rate, I thought you would be interested in seeing this letter, and I would appreciate any advice from you as to what action I should take in this matter. I realize that February is rolling closer and I should like very much to clear things up as soon as possible.

With sincere good wishes to you and Mr. Goodman for a happy holiday season and thank you so much for your kind interest in me during the past year.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

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Central Utah Relocation Project
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Dear friend:

We have an extremely interesting suggestion to make to you and we sent you a telegram today briefly outlining it.

The Hessian Hills School at Croton-on-Hudson, New York, which is not very far from New York City, is a very progressive school for children. We have just heard that they can take on their staff a Nisei student of education as a student teacher. We know that the school will give excellent training and I suppose you know that an increased number of schools are using these "teacher internes" - college graduates who want to continue in the field of education are taken on the staff for definite work which is very adequately supervised.

While waiting for your reply to our telegram we are writing the Hessian Hills School to see just what they offer in the way of financial assistance, if anything, other than room and board. We will suggest to them at the same time that we are in correspondence with you and we shall also give them a resume of your transcripts.

The Hessian Hills School has always had a number of student teachers most of whom leave to work in other modern schools so that you can see the Hessian Hills School has had considerable experience in training young people.

Cordially yours,

Virginia Scardigli
Virginia Scardigli
Supervisor, Placement Dep't

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JAN. 1, 1943

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To:

MRS. J. GOODMAN

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1830 SUTTER ST.

JAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Thank you for kind
consideration but since slight
possibility of ~~going~~^{for} Smith according
Miss Bryson's letter prefer to wait
Appreciate your efforts on my behalf.

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wds

Signed
Yoshi Uchida.

Block 7 Barr. 2 Apt C
Topaz, Utah
January 1, 1943

National Student Relocation Council
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Goodman;

Thank you so much for your wire to me on the 31st.
I certainly appreciate the Council's kind consideration for me.

I thought the situation over very carefully, for I know that such a fine opportunity does not come often, and I appreciate your considering me for a candidate. I talked the situation over carefully with my family and also with our youth counselor Kay Yamashita, but finally decided that inasmuch as there seems yet to be a possibility of my entering Smith College some time during 1943 according to Miss Bryson's letter which I forwarded to you, I believe I would prefer to wait for that opportunity. Somehow I feel I should like to go there especially since I seem to have the closest connections and contacts there, and feel perhaps it might be worth waiting till later in 1943 if I would be sure of entrance.

However, I may be taking too much for granted, so I would appreciate it very much if you could check once more with Smith College as to whether I would be accepted in February, June, or September of 1943.

I do sincerely appreciate your efforts on my behalf when you must have hundreds of others to consider, and hope that some deserving student may be accepted at the Hessian Hills School.

I hear that the Delta telegraphic service is appallingly slow and hope that my wire did not reach you too late.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

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Dear friend:

Thank you for your telegram. I am sure you have given this careful thought and that your decision is final.

We have received your letter of December 25 as well as two letters from Mr. Chas. Warren. The first letter makes the suggestion to us that if you go to Holyoke that his daughter and her husband would be very glad to have you live in their home. The second letter from Mr. Warren indicated that he had heard from you and believed under the circumstances that you were not going to consider his suggestion. He, therefore, gave us the name of another Japanese American.

Thanks for sending us Miss Bryson's letter to Miss DeForest. The situation seems to be that Holyoke has refused your application because they do not have graduate courses in education. Smith College does not at this time have available place for you for the second semester but apparently are quite anxious to consider you for work there next fall. Have you decided that you prefer now to wait for Smith, if they accept your credentials, until September 1943? Personally I wish you would give reconsideration of the possibility of getting some excellent experience in teaching at the Hessian Hills School with the thought that you could go on from there for some courses at Smith next winter. I suppose you have seen a Smith College bulletin as there must be a copy available to you at Topaz. Their graduate courses include problems of American Education with Mr. Kotschnig, Problems in Secondary Education, Experimental Educational Psychology, Practice Teaching and Advanced Studies. Just as soon as I have word from you as to your final decision, I will get in touch with the Hessian Hills School and with Smith College.

Write us whenever you wish. That is what we are here for!

Cordially yours,

Virginia Scardigli

MEJ:me

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January 4, 1943

Miss Virginia Scardigli
National Student Relocation Council
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Scardigli;

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 28th. It came to me just after I had sent my air mail to you on the first. Incidentally, I have been sending all my communications to Mrs. Goddman since I had been making my other contacts with her, and trust that you have seen these previous letters.

It was very nice of you to send me all the details of this new possibility which truly sounds very interesting, and I do appreciate very much your considering me for a candidate. The one thing however which makes me hesitate to accept is the fact that I still feel I may have an opportunity at Smith College, and, as I explained in my other letter, feel perhaps it might be worth waiting till later in 1943 if I can be certain of entrance then. I hope the letter of Miss Bryson which I forwarded to your office has reached your hands and will explain why I have such hopes for Smith.

I would appreciate your ascertaining the fact with Smith as soon as possible, and if there is absolutely no hope of going there, then I would like to know more about the Hessian Hills School. However, I know that this is taking a great deal of advantage, and if there is another student anxious to go, I certainly would not want to stand in her way.

I hope this will not cause you too much trouble, for I know how terribly busy you must be. I do appreciate your efforts for me tremendously. It is the knowledge that there are people such as you who serve on the Council, that gives many of us in Camp the encouragement and faith which are so needed in these trying times.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

Block 7 Barr. 2 Apt C
Topaz, Utah
January 7, 1943

Miss Virginia Scardigli
National Student Relocation Council
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Scardigli;

Thank you so very much for your letter of January fourth. I appreciated your advice to me immensely, for I didn't exactly know where to turn or how to make my decision.

If I could receive teaching experience at the Hessian Hills School, and then go on to Smith in September as you suggested, it would truly be more than I ever dared hope for. I wonder if I could apply for the Hessian Hills School under those circumstances?

With your letter today, I also received such a very nice letter from Miss Bryson. She stated that there were no openings at Smith for February, and said, "I should hope hard that you could eventually get to Smith, but we can't know for some time how many openings for next fall we may have, if any. You keep in touch with me, and be very sure that we are much interested."

I would like very much to be placed on the waiting list at Smith for September 1943 if possible, and if in the meantime I could be at the Hessian Hills school, I could ask for nothing more. However, I'm afraid I would have to receive financial aid for tuition, besides room and board, as under the circumstances, I cannot receive much aid from my father. I would also like to know more about the school, what would be expected of me, where I would stay, etc.....

I have filled out a form 126 (for leaving camp), which seems to have gone through the office already, so now I shall wait for results on it.

I shall be waiting to hear from you again. My sincere thanks to you for all you are doing for me.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

January 8, 1943

To: Miss Virginia Scardigli
National Student Relocation Council
§ 1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

NIGHT LETTER

THANKS FOR LETTER OF FOURTH. DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN HESSIAN
HILLS IF POSSIBILITY OF GOING SMITH FROM THERE IN SEPTEMBER
AS YOU SUGGESTED. LETTER FOLLOWING.

Yoshi Uchida

7-2-C Topaz, Utah

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Dear friend:

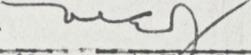
This is just a note to acknowledge your letters of January 4 and 7, and your two telegrams. We appreciate tremendously your acceptance of our Hessian Hills School suggestion. We still have no definite word from them except this letter dated January 7 which we quote:

"Thank you very much for your letter of December 28. Miss Uchida sounds like a very good person. When I wrote you on December 8 we were just beginning to explore the idea. Your letter gives us much more to go on. Within the coming week our staff will meet and I will be able to reply more specifically to the various questions you raise."

It sounds hopeful and we are counting on the whole thing working out happily for you. Please be assured that just as soon as we have further word we shall write you.

Cordially yours,

Virginia Scardigli
Supervisor, Placement Dep't

By 
Margaret E. Jones

MEJ:me

Block 7 Barrack 2 Apt C
Tappaz, Utah
February 8, 1943

Miss ~~Margaret E. Jones~~ Virginia Scardigli
National Student Relocation Council
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss ~~Jones~~/Scardigli;

Thank you very much for your letter of January
18th.

This is just to let you know that contrary to
what I wrote ^{you} the Council regarding my clearance papers
in my letter of January 7, all of my leave clearance
forms are being held here. The leave officer advised that
this be done (at my recent interview), since I was applying
for leave through your office. It seems that the duplic-
ation of forms is confusing to the Washington office.

^{thought I should}
I ~~wanted~~ to clarify this point with you. Please
advise me if I should be taking any other steps ^{here} to speed
my clearance procedure.

I hope I shall be hearing of the decision made
by the Hessian Hills School soon.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

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Yoshi Uchida
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Central Utah WRA
Topaz, Arizona

Dear Yoshi ---

Such a new problem! Mr. Hymes, of the Hessian Hills School, has written a very nice letter saying how much they all want you with them, but - since it seems to take some time for all permits to come through, he is afraid you won't get there until pretty late in the spring. The school closes on May 30th and he doesn't know what you could do during the summer. The second semester has begun - they have 2 weeks' vacation in March - and then school closes in May.

If you go next fall, they will provide you with room and board and arrange your program so that you can take special courses in New York City (an hour from Croton), and would in addition pay you a small sum that would cover incidental spending money and transportation to NYC.

This office is closing up for at least 2 weeks - we are moving to Philadelphia, 1201 Chestnut Street. So we can't do much about anything for anyone for a while. If you get some word meanwhile from Washington about your travel permit, why don't you write at once to Mr. Hymes, saying that you could come very promptly, and that you would no doubt find some work during the summer, either in NYC, or in the vicinity of Smith. Just as soon as possible we shall get in touch with you, perhaps around March 1st. (Address, James L. Hymes, Jr., Hessian Hills School, Cranton - on - Hudson, New York) In the meantime, we expect a report from Washington that the school is approved - things do move very slowly!

I am awfully sorry for this new delay. Needless to say, we all hope some satisfactory solution can be found.

Cordially,

Margaret E. Jones

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February 18, 1943

Miss Margaret E. Jones
National Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Jones;

Thank you so much for your letter of February 8th which brought me such good news. The Hessian Hill School offer sounds wonderful and I am certainly looking forward to going there.

I immediately went to our Student Relocation office and learned that I would have to send copies of Form 26 (the "Individual Record")--for Washington and no further steps were necessary until I heard from you. (I would have sent this in sooner if I had known about it.) Please advise me if I should be taking any other steps here.

Following your suggestion, I wrote to Mr. Hymes of the Hessian Hills School and asked if I could possibly enter in mid-semester if my travel permit should come. I also told him that I was quite sure I could obtain a position during the summer months through the several friends I have in the East, since I gather from your letter that they cannot use me during the summer. I wonder if I would be given room, board, and similar financial arrangements even if I entered in the Spring---or was this offer to begin in Fall?

My very best wishes to you all for success in your new office.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

Block 7 Barr 2 Apt C
Topaz, Utah
February 22, 1943

Miss Margaret E. Jones
National Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Jones;

I just received a letter from Miss Bryson of Smith College which now adds to all the confusion! She wrote saying ".....I write today to say that we have been authorized to continue next year in having several Japanese American girls at Smith, and it looks as though one or two of the girls now here will move out to something else. If you are still interested, I suggest that you send us your application, so that we may view it along with others which will be reaching us. I am so sorry that the opportunity at Mt. Holyoke fell through, and I sincerely hope there may be no hitch in the proceedings for Smith."

Since the Hessian Hills School offer also seems to be largely for the Fall semester, I really didn't know what to do, and have talked the matter over with Dr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman who are now here, and also with our Youth Counselor. They both thought I should send in my application to Smith since it is such a very fine opportunity. Then if I could possibly get out to New York before summer, and if I am accepted at Smith, I could explain the situation to both parties and perhaps some solution could be found. It would be so much easier to explain in person than by letter.

Miss Bryson already knows about the Hessian Hills School but does not know that I have been accepted there for the Fall semester. I believe however, that the Hessian Hills School knows nothing about my application at Smith.

Would you please send in to Miss Bryson, Chmn, Committee on Exchange of Students with Foreign Countries, Smith College, a transcript of my records etc..to make my application official? I shall also write to her in reply to her letter.

In the meantime, I believe the only thing I can do is to wait for an answer from Mr. Hymes of the Hessian Hills School to my inquiry about entering this Spring, wait for my travel permit, and wait for word regarding my application at Smith. I would certainly appreciate your advice in this matter as I realize it is going to be a complicated situation if I am accepted at Smith. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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February 25, 1943

Miss Yoshi Uchida
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Dear Yoshi Uchida:

Miss Jones is perfectly delighted to know
that you are to go to the Hessian Hills School.
Just as soon as the staff from the West
Coast office arrives here with the records, they
will proceed with the steps that must be taken
in your behalf.

Meanwhile, I have written to Mr. Hymes to
re-inforce your letter, urging him to permit you
to come as soon as the necessary documents are
forthcoming, even though there is only a little
of the school year left.

From my own experience in training teachers
I know that it would be helpful to you to gain a
foothold this spring in preparation for next
year's work.

Miss Margaret Jones believes that arrange-
ments can readily be made for your employment
during the summer.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth F. Johnson

Elizabeth F. Johnson
Assistant to the Director

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Miss Yoshi Uchida
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Dear Yoshi Uchida:

We were so glad to have your letter of
February 22 and to hear of the fine chance you
have to go to Smith next fall.

In compliance with your request we have
just mailed a transcript of your high school
and college records to Miss Bryson at Smith
College and assume that you have replied to
her letter to you in the meantime.

We have again written to the Hessian Hills
School urging them to consider your application
for as much of the Spring Term as is left by the
time you can come east. We mentioned that, if
you had the chance to go to Smith next fall,
you would want to take advantage of that oppor-
tunity. Even if your stay at the Hessian Hills
School should turn out to be a short one, you
would probably benefit greatly by it.

Sincerely yours,

Doro C. Maier

Doro C. Maier
For the Director

Block 7 Barr. 2 Apt.C
Topaz, Utah
March 7, 1943

Miss Elizabeth F. Johnson
Miss Doro C. Maier
National Student Relocation Council
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Johnson and Miss Maier;

Thank you so much for your very nice letters of the 25th and 27th. It was very kind of you to write Mr. Hymes for me, and thank you too, for sending my records on to Smith College.

I received a letter, along with a catalog, from Mr. Hymes a few days ago, which leads me to doubt very much if I shall be able to go the Hessian Hills School this Spring.

He wrote, "My earlier letters to the SRC were intended to be exploratory of the possibilities but replies and action growing out of them have come faster than we here have been able to act. Just at present we are in the midst of our Spring Vacation which means that our staff is scattered somewhat and that I cannot bring them together to make some remaining decisions that must be made before we can move ahead. One relates to such a simple thing as housing. We have a small boarding department which we are planning to expand by next fall. For all of this year the House has been filled.....It may be possible, if we can go ahead, to work out some other living arrangements for the spring but I will have to write you in a week or so about this.from the simple academic standpoint there is no insurmountable obstacle in arriving in mid-semester."

I also wanted to inquire about one other thing. My sister may have an opportunity to go East in June. If she is able to go, then, my parents would like very much to have us travel together. I wonder if you know of any work which would be available during the summer months, preferable in New York City, or at some school or College. I am able to do a little typing and would like some clerical work if possible. I could then go on in the Fall, either to Hessian Hills or to Smith.

I would appreciate any information along this line as soon as possible. In the meantime, I shall also contact one of my friends in NYC about possibilities for a position during the summer months.

I shall let you know if Mr. Hymes' next letter brings any added information.

Thank you again for your efforts in my behalf.

Most sincerely,

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Miss Yoshi Uchida,
Block 7, Bldg. 2, Apt. 6,
Topaz, Utah.

Dear Yoshi:

Everybody seems to have had a chance to write you and so now it is my turn. We have just heard from Smith College - "It looks as though we were going to have a place for Yoshi Uchida next year and I am awfully glad. We can't make our decision just yet but I am pretty sure of the opening".

We have also heard from the Hessian Hills School. They regret not having answered us sooner but state that it was because of their vacations. They feel very badly about the way things turned out in regard to you - "I took my letters inquiring about the possibility of someone's coming up to be of an exploratory nature, in large part because we have not yet been able to work out here such practical questions as where she would live I was sorry, however, that Miss Uchida had been told her coming was a definite thing."

Personally I believe your chance at Smith College is by far the best and that it will take some time before Hessian Hills School decides one way or another.

Thanks for your letter. To answer your question we were thrilled that your sister may be going East in June. If you have been officially accepted at Smith College, if we are able to work out the financial picture, if you have been checked with the F.B.I. and if your educational leave has been issued you should be able to go with her. You might also try it on the employment angle and see if you could not get out that way and then turn up at Smith College or Hessian Hills School in the fall. There probably is work available during the summer months in New York City. You might contact John Thomas of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City. There might also possibly be work in our Philadelphia office. Of course, the chief difficulty at the moment from the employment angle is that of having to go before a Review Board in order to enter the Eastern Defense Command Area for employment purposes.

I am sorry I do not have any more exciting news for you at the moment, but we hope that soon something will break for you for you have been waiting so very long.

TK:mcm

Cordially, Trudy King *Trudy King (R.E)*

Block 7 Barr.2 Apt C
Topaz, Utah
March 25, 1943

Miss Doro C. Maier
National Student Relocation Council
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Maier;

I received today, a letter from a friend in the East, who very kindly acquired for me as much information as possible about the Hessian Hills School, after I had mentioned a possibility of my going there. She also inquired among her friends, and one who has quite a good knowledge of the teaching field felt that I would not be too happy in this particular school for several reasons. I realize that I should not be swayed by one person's opinion, but since I am at such a great distance from New York, I can only rely on the advice and information given me by my friends.

I have been waiting several weeks for word from Mr. Hymes of the H.H. School, but have heard nothing since I last wrote you. Thus I believe it is very improbable that they want me this Spring.

I hope you will understand when I say that I feel now that I would rather concentrate on getting to Smith rather than attempt to go to Hessian Hills at all. I am enclosing a copy of the last letter I received from Miss Bryson, and wonder if I should have copies of my letters of recommendation sent too. If you think this should be done, would you kindly forward them to Miss Bryson?

As I wrote you in my last letter, if my sister should go out in June, I would like very much to go at that time too---and I have just received a letter from my friend Mrs. W. Bellew of New York who very kindly invited me to stay with her family until such time that I could get settled. I believe she has written your office about this too. I wonder if I could be released to go to New York in June even though I may not have an acceptance from Smith at that time? I would appreciate any information about this point.

I sincerely regret that all did not work out well regarding the Hessian Hills School after all that you on the Council have done for me in connection with this situation, and do hope that some one else will be able to benefit from an internship there.

I appreciate your efforts in my behalf more than I can say, and regret having caused you such trouble.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

Block 7 Barrack 2 Apt. C
Topaz, Utah
May 18, 1943

Miss Trudy King
National Student Relocation Council
1210 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss King:

Just a note to tell you that I have received permission from our Elementary school Principal and from our Curriculum Director that I would be able to leave by the middle of June as they have found someone to take my place after I leave. This is to correct the information in the letter of the Community Welfare Section to you, dated May 12th, which stated that would not be ready to leave until June 30th.

I would appreciate very much your efforts to obtain my leave by early June, so that I shall be able to leave with Kay. She would like to leave on or about the 15th.

Thank you so much for your many efforts on my behalf.

Most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

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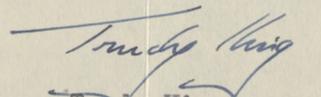
Dear Yoshi:

Thanks for your letter. We agree with you that you may as well consider the H.H. School as so much water under the bridge, and that, as long as there has been so much trouble, or perhaps we might say "delay" as regards this school, and as there has been a certain uncertainty on your part, we are just as well off.

So we'll put all our eggs in one basket, and I hope that you'll soon be on your way to Smith. As to sending your transcripts and recommendations there, we are one step ahead of you. We sent them on March 15. As soon as we receive a definite letter of acceptance from the school, and as soon as we are able to clarify the financial picture, we'll apply for an educational leave, and we are keeping our fingers crossed, so that everything will break right and you can go out with your sister in June. You might, of course, on your own, try to get out on a work permit basis this summer.

Do say "hello" to Betty and Joe Goodman for us. That is all for now.

Cordially yours,


Trudy King
Leave Department

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

April 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Miss Yoshi Uchida
7-2-C

We have received a letter from Mrs. Waldo Sellew of Brooklyn, New York, asking the Student Relocation Unit to help you obtain your leave.

We have spoken to Mr. Twohey, the Leave Officer, about your problem, and he has suggested that you bring this original letter that we have received from Mrs. Sellew, plus a memo from us, and he will do his best to obtain a leave for you to go to Brooklyn to be Mrs. Sellew's guest.

The problem of a leave for anyone leaving these centers becomes complicated because of the restrictions imposed upon us by the Eastern Defense Command. To date, there have been but two cases of people obtaining leaves to go to the east coast for employment. We are afraid that if we asked for an employment leave for you, it will be a long and tedious process, and, therefore, Mr. Twohey suggests that we obtain a special kind of leave for you. He seems very kind and interested, and we are sure he will do his utmost to obtain your leave at an early date.

Please come in at your earliest possible convenience to Recreation Hall #30.

KY/j

Student Relocation Unit

Kay Yamashita

miss yoshi uchida
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CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

Community Welfare

April 2, 1943

Mrs. Waldo W. Sellew
450 Clinton Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Sellew:

We were very glad indeed to receive your letter about Miss Yoshi Uchida, who is very well known to the Student Relocation office at Topaz. We hope that in the very near future Miss Uchida will be able to find a cleared eastern school which will offer her the graduate work in which she is interested. There seems to be quite a good possibility that she may be accepted at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and we believe she would be a very fine choice for the available scholarship there.

As matters stand at the present time, she will have to have an educational leave to go to the east coast inasmuch as the Eastern Defense Command is not yet open to persons of Japanese ancestry who wish to go directly from a relocation center into that area for employment purposes only.

We are glad to know that Miss Uchida would have a place to stay should she go to the New York area, and we feel that this must be very encouraging both to her and to her family.

You will be glad to know that her sister Kay has been accepted for the summer term at Pendle Hill Graduate School in the country outside Philadelphia and will be able to continue on there until Mount Holyoke College opens for the fall term.

If we can at any time be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to write. We appreciate your interest in the problems of our nisei students.

Sincerely,

James I. Lamb, Acting Chief
Community Welfare Section

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Man Yoshi Uchida

7-2-C

7-2-C
Topaz, Utah
May 11, 1943

Miss Trudy King
National Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss King;

It's been such a long time since I've written--I don't believe I've ever written to thank you for your last letter of April. I kept putting off my letter in hopes that I would have some definite word from Smith, and finally, today I received word that I have been accepted for graduate work there this Fall in their Dept. of Education and Child Study. I have also been ever so fortunate in being granted a full fellowship in this department. Truly, it's a dream come true for me and I'm simply thrilled to think of such a wonderful opportunity.

I know I owe my good fortune to the very kind efforts of the NSRC and want to thank you sincerely for your efforts on my behalf.

I am hoping very hard that I can make arrangements to leave with my sister Kay, in June, and think that I can work out some arrangement here regarding my work. I do hope my leave clearance will come by then, for I should like to go to New York to accept an invitation from some friends there.

Kay Yamashita is sending to your office the original letter of acceptance from Smith and is very kindly handling all necessary procedures for my leave clearance which I should like to obtain as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for all that you have done, and are doing for me. I appreciate your many kind efforts more than I can say.

Yours most sincerely,

Yoshi Uchida

ROUTE SLIP

TO Yoshi Uchida
7-2-C

FROM Student Relocation Unit

DATE 5/17
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Student Relocation Unit

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

May 13, 1943

Miss Trudy King
National Student Relocation Council
1201 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss King:

Re: Yoshi Uchida

Enclosed please find two letters Yoshi has received from Smith College. Smith offers Miss Uchida a graduate fellowship for graduate work in the Education Department -- which covers the graduate tuition of three hundred dollars and five hundred dollars for maintenance. In addition, Yoshi has adequate finances to take care of all other expenses.

Mrs. Waldo W. Sellow of 450 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, has written us requesting to assist Yoshi to leave the Center in order that she may be her guest during the summer months. Yoshi will be ready to leave the Center immediately after the Elementary School closes on June 30. We would appreciate your processing her educational leave at an early date so that she may be able to leave at that time.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES F. ERNST
PROJECT DIRECTOR

By _____
George Lafabregue, Head
Community Welfare Section

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May 21, 1943

Miss Yoshi Uchida
7 - 2 - C
Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Yoshi:

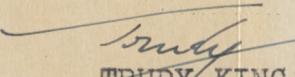
We are as thrilled as you are at the prospect of your fellowship at Smith College! Boy, you and your sister are certainly cleaning up in the Connecticut Valley! With Kay at Mount Holyoke and you at Smith you will hear the many legends about the different types of girls that go to each place. The meeker ones who make wonderful wives are said to go to Mount Holyoke, and the more exciting and datable go to Smith. Of course, we hate to bring it up now, but you are missing something by not going to my alma mater, Vassar.

We do hope that your and your sister's permits come soon. We sent your documents to Washington on the 18th, requesting that your leave be issued as soon as possible so that you could go to Brooklyn to assist in a center there.

Do let us hear from you when you finally reach Brooklyn and/or Smith. And say hello to your sister for us. We hope soon to be able to welcome her in person here in Philadelphia.

Cordially,

TK:MJS


TRUDY KING
Permit Department

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May 26, 1943

Miss Yoshi Uchida
7 - 2 - C
Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Yoshi:

Thanks a lot for your letter. Glad to hear that your elementary school principal and your curriculum director feel that someone will be ~~there~~ to take your place almost immediately.

We are doing our darndest to get your leave and your sister's leave issued so that both you and Kay can come east together.

Cordially,

Trudy

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