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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
San Francisco 2, California

January 9, 1945

Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
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Dear Mr. Cozzens:

I have your letter inquiring what services Farm Security Administration can make available to returning Japanese farmers.

The following FSA services are available:

Rural Rehabilitation or Operating Loans

Rural rehabilitation or operating loans may be made to citizens, and aliens not of enemy nationality who have indicated their intention of becoming citizens.

Low-income farm families, including owner-operators, tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers with sufficient family manpower for farm and home operations, except possibly at peak seasons, will be eligible for standard loans, provided:

1. They can conduct (a) approximately full-time operations on farms which effectively utilize available family manpower, or (b) part-time farming operations which may be supplemented by off-farm employment that will not interfere with successful operations of the farm in order to maintain full employment and a satisfactory level of living.
2. There is need of supervised and financed farm and home management services of the FSA, together with willingness to assume the necessary responsibilities in order to make an effective contribution to the Nation's war effort.
3. The family is unable to obtain adequate farm and home financing at reasonable rates and terms from sources other than the FSA.
4. There is reasonable possibility of repaying the loan.
5. The family's health and level of living can be maintained or improved.
6. The family has some background of rural experience and shows evidence of having or being able to develop acceptable industry, skills, and managerial ability deemed necessary to conduct a farming enterprise.

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Loans may be made to heads of families eligible as standard borrowers to provide for family and farm expenditures (except for the purchase of land) when the approved Farm and Home Plan indicates that such expenditures are necessary for successfully conducting the family's war production program and the rehabilitation of the farm family. The family and farm expenditures may include, but will not be limited to, the following items: live-stock, farm equipment, and furnishing minor repairs and improvements for the farm and/or home; participation in group health, hospital and/or dental services; for emergency health services and for correction of physical conditions.

Loans will not be made for refinancing, either secured or unsecured debts, except in extreme cases where the refinancing of non-real estate debts is determined to be absolutely necessary to (1) save valuable equities in live-stock or equipment essential to the war effort and/or (2) where the refinancing of non-real estate debts results in an adjustment without which the family could not utilize its resources in the war effort.

Farm Ownership Loans

Farm purchase loans, which run for 40 years at three percent interest, are available to veterans of the present war, farm tenants, renters and laborers, who are American citizens. At present FSA offices in California have on hand 413 applications for these loans. In view of the limited loan funds available and the inability of farm families to buy farms at earning capacity prices, it is unlikely that more than 12 farm ownership loans can be made in California this year. Although qualified Japanese-Americans are eligible for these loans, it seems questionable that they will be able to secure them in the near future, because of the long waiting list.

Health Services

Farm families, whose income for taxable purposes has averaged \$2,000 or less per year during the last five years, are eligible for prepaid medical and hospital care through membership in county health associations established by FSA in cooperation with California Physicians Service, county medical societies and local farmers.

Water Facilities Loans

Water Facilities loans, which run up to 20 years at three percent interest, are available to farm families for repairing, rebuilding or constructing farm and irrigation water systems, provided the family cannot secure adequate financing from other sources.

Group Services Loans

Group Services loans are available to groups of farmers who wish to pool their resources for the purchase and use of services and equipment -- such as pure-bred sires and machinery -- which they cannot afford to own individually. These loans, which carry three percent interest, run for a period not to exceed the lifetime of the facility purchased.

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Before a loan can be made to any applicant, the County FSA Committee composed of three prominent local farmers must pass on his eligibility, character and integrity.

If you desire more information, or if I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. W. Hollenberg

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2. There is need of supervised and financed farm and home management services of the FSA, together with willingness to assume the necessary responsibilities in order to make an effective contribution to the Nation's war effort.
3. The family is unable to obtain adequate farm and home financing at reasonable rates and terms from sources other than the FSA.
4. There is reasonable possibility of repaying the loan.
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Health Services

Farm families, whose income for taxable purposes has averaged \$2000.00 or less per year during the last five years, are eligible for prepaid medical and hospital care through membership in county health associations established by FSA in cooperation with California Physicians Service, county medical societies and local farmers.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL PROJECT PAPERS

Scope of the services the Farm Security Administration (FSA) can make available to returning evacuee farmers has been outlined in a letter sent to WRA by R. W. Hollenberg, Regional Director of the FSA, it was announced today by R. B. Cozzens, Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority.

Before a loan can be made to any applicant the FSA county committee, comprised of three prominent local farmers, must pass on his eligibility, character and integrity, Mr. Hollenberg said.

RURAL REHABILITATION OR OPERATING LOANS

Rural rehabilitation or operating loans are available to citizens who qualify as low-income farm families (including owner-operators, tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers with sufficient family manpower for farm and home operations, except possibly at peak seasons) if certain other requirements can be met.

These other requirements include: the necessity of full-time farm operations effectively utilizing family manpower or part-time operations which may be supplemented by off-farm employment that will not interfere with successful operations in order to maintain full employment and a satisfactory level of living; a willingness to assume the necessary responsibilities in order to make an effective contribution to the Nation's war effort; a family background of rural experience and managerial ability; that the borrower be unable to obtain adequate farm and home financing at reasonable rates and terms from sources other than the FSA; that there be a reasonable possibility of repaying the loan and that the family's level of health and living can be maintained or improved.

Heads of families eligible as standard borrowers can get loans for livestock, farm equipment, minor repairs and improvements for farm and/or home, par-

participation in group health, hospital and/or dental services, for emergency health services and for correction of physical conditions when the approved farm and home plan indicates that such expenditures are necessary to successfully conduct the family's war production program and rehabilitation of the farm family.

However, loans will not be made for refinancing, generally speaking, although exceptions may be made.

FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS

Farm purchase loans, which run for 40 years at three per cent interest, are available to veterans of the present war, farm tenants, renters and laborers who are citizens. FSA reports that due to the limited funds on hand for this purpose and the large number of applications already on hand it is unlikely that more than 12 farm ownership loans can be made in California this year.

HEALTH SERVICES

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PROJECT RELEASE NO. 2

San Francisco, January 18 -- Robert W. Kenny, attorney general of California, has written the law enforcement officers of the state calling upon them to see that returning Japanese-American people are given full protection. In his letter he quotes the text of a statement issued by the State Law Enforcement Advisory Committee after a special meeting called at the suggestion of Governor Earl Warren. The statement follows:

"We consider it our sworn duty as law enforcement officers to fully cooperate with the Army authorities in dealing with the return of the Japanese residents of this state. All persons, regardless of race, are entitled to the full protection of the law. The Army has carefully investigated each person to be permitted to return and will not allow those who are potentially dangerous to return.

"There should be no difficulty involved in this transition unless incidents are provoked by intemperate words and thoughtlessness.

"During this period of adjustment the reputation of each of our California communities will be at stake. We have faith in the good judgment of the people of California. We confidently expect all citizens to join with us in furthering full respect of the individual rights involved.

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