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Memo from Yust to ^{E.R.} Smith, Gila
Sept. 1, 1942

Reference is made to your two letters of Aug. 23, in which you seem to be concerned over your food allotments.

No attempt is being made, in any way, to hamper you in feeding the people of your Project with the necessary quantities of wholesome foods at all times. The rumor which you heard regarding Tule Lake is entirely unfounded and you should take these rumors with a grain of salt. When all is said and done, the job of feeding the people on the Project is left up to the good judgment of the Chief Steward of the Project. He should, however, keep these points in mind; waste, and the control of it; to remain within the stipulated amount of ration allowance, that is, the 45¢ maximum, per day per person which has been set by the Regional Office. That office has also established that 40¢ per day per person is an adequate ration allowance.

The basic menu, which you were given, is sufficiently elastic to enable you, if need be, to increase or decrease the component parts in order to adequately feed the people at your project.

In order that you may have sufficient quantities of food in your warehouses at all times and so that emergency requisitioning of food can be avoided, it is wise to stipulate your delivery dates so that you will always have two or three days' supply of food on hand to take care of possible delayed deliveries. In other words, cognizance must be taken of the existing transportation difficulties and the possibility of delayed deliveries.

I hope this will clear up your questions.....

AIR MAIL

Sept. 23, 1942

Gila

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 ~~only~~ 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

Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Rivers, Arizona

In reply, please refer to:

November 14, 1942

MEMO TO: Mr. R. B. Cozzens, Acting Project Director

FROM: Firman H. Brown

SUBJECT: Status of Camp Construction *at Gila River*

The outline below represents my idea of the status (as of November 13, 1942) of the construction of the facilities of the Gila Project. The short notes under each item will serve as the subject for any detailed discussion you may have.

1. Sewage Disposal in both Communities

- a. Delivery line from booster station to clarifier in Camp 1.

Comments: Has been leaking and repaired intermittently since August. The last work done here was the week of November 1.

- b. Three booster pumps, Camp 1

Comments: Should be housed against dust and weather.

- c. Clarifier--Digester

Not complete mechanically and not in use.

- d. Drying beds

Re-orientation by W.R.A. incomplete.
Wooden checks and turnouts unsatisfactory.

2. Domestic Water Supply

- a. Pump houses in both camps--Incomplete.

- b. Stand by pumps in each Camp
Are They ordered?

c. Chlorinators

Being set permanently tomorrow.

3. Power & Light

a. Fuses

Missing because buildings were not locked.

b. Street lights

Sockets not standard.

4. Gas

a. Valve boxes

In streets until paving is outlined.

5. Roads

a. Community service

Equipment not available for proper maintenance.

How soon will the camp roads be graded and oiled?

6. Building

a. Refrigerated warehouse

Drainage unsatisfactory.

b. Visitors' building -- 2

c. Postal inspection -- 2

d. Quadruplex Ap't. -- 4

e. Dormitories -- 2

f. Automotive Repairs -- 2

g. Firehouse -- 2

h. Partitions in Women's latrines

Approximately 16,000 F.B.M. and hardware.

i. Partitions in Women's showers

Approximately 8,000 F.B.M.

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504,000 sq. ft. barracks in Camp 1.

772,000 " " kitchens " " "

18,790 " " M. P.

594,790 " " Camp 1.

Used		2
Linoleum	478-25 yd. rolls	11,950 yd.
Centerboard	2369-4'x6' pieces	6,317 yd.
Felt	237-216 sq. ft. rolls	5,688 yd.
Paste		1,885 gal.

On hand		2
Linoleum	152-25 yd. rolls	3,800 yd.
Centerboard	415-4'x6' pieces	1,107 yd.
Felt	1100-216 sq. ft. rolls	26,400 yd.
Paste		40 gal.

k. Women's latrines--boilers, Camp 2-3

Men's	"	"	"	"
Laundry	"	"	"	"

Boilers in only 6 of the 108 above buildings have safety valves.

Firman H. Brown
Senior Engineer

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Rivers, Arizona
November 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Firman H. Brown

SUBJECT: Status of Camp Construction

I am returning your memorandum of November 14 concerning status of camp construction. Referring to Page 2, I understand from Major Sharp that the visitors' building will not be constructed.

I believe we should prepare a material list for placing sub-floors and drains in refrigerated warehouses and believe this could be handled by placing concrete on top of the present floor. Though it might not be good construction, I believe we could get by with a 4-inch slab in the center and taper same so that we would have at least two inches against the present wall. If this meets with your approval, please prepare necessary material lists and we will approve this along with others as soon as I return on November 30.

We further need a material list for partitions in women's latrines and women's showers. Also, a list of openings and the amount of screen that will be needed for windows in dormitories should be submitted. I would add to this list screen doors and hardware necessary for placing screen doors on administrative dormitories in both Canal and Buttes Communities. I have already prepared a justification for changing the fans and I am not sure what my comment was on the administrative building for Canal Community. It seems to me that one building will probably be sufficient to handle most of the administration in Canal Community, but I will check on this further and we could request material for this if we believe it is absolutely necessary.

R. B. Cozzens
Acting Project Director

Attachment - 1

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:
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MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director
Gila River War Relocation Project

SUBJECT: Additional Camp Construction

Your letter of December 23 has been discussed with Major Sharp and we find that the status of additional camp construction is as follows:

Item 1: Directive has been issued for materials for two warehouse refrigeration floors. Major Sharp suggested that these floors be laid with a heavy slab in the center of the warehouse, tapered to a light slab at each side with a slight depression probably made by a two-inch pipe, or something similar, along the side, and drains put through the side of the building. In this way the heavy slab would be in the center of the building where any heavy traffic would be concentrated.

Materials under Item 2, for screened garbage racks, we understand have been requisitioned, or ordered requisitioned, by WCCA. Materials may be furnished for a concrete slab but no drains or traps will be furnished as outlined in Mr. Brown's plan. The District Engineer may wish to furnish wood for the floor of these screened garbage racks rather than concrete aggregate. Hot and cold water faucets will not be provided as suggested. It is impossible, I understand, to get these materials.

Materials for partitioning the women's shower rooms, under Item 3, will be taken care of.

Materials for partitioning the women's toilets and washrooms will be taken care of except that, if floor drains are provided as outlined, no traps are available and this item will not be requisitioned, neither will hose bibbs, as suggested under Item 4.

Under Item 5, WCCA figure that they have furnished sufficient materials for kitchen floors and therefore are not in position to furnish the additional materials necessary for concrete flooring in kitchen and pantry, as outlined in Item 5.

/s/ R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

December 16, 1943

Construction

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett
Project Director

SUBJECT: Status of Camp Construction *at Gila*

I understood that W. R. A. would be supplied materials by the U. S. E. D. to construct various essential facilities or to improve already existing ones. Major Sharp, on his last visit, agreed to procure these materials upon our request.

It was necessary for us to survey, with Dr. Sleath, the several additions requested by the Hospital. Some of these project have been estimated and appear on the following tabulation together with an attached material list.

1. Material for the installation of concrete floors over the present wood floors in two refrigerated warehouses.
2. Materials for 60 (54 blocks, 2 hospitals, 2 staff messes, 1 M. P. mess, and 1 high school mess) concrete garbage can slabs, and hot and cold water faucets for cleaning of cans and mops.
3. Materials for partitioning the women's shower rooms in 54 blocks.
4. Materials for partitioning the toilets in the women's latrines and floor drains (54 blocks). Hose bibbs to be provided in all latrine buildings.
5. Materials for flooring in the kitchen, pantry, and scullery section of the 18 mess hall in Canal Community.

The following projects connected with the health division have been designed and submitted to Dr. Thompson in the San Francisco office for approval by Major Sharp.

1. Remodeling the Dispensary in Canal Community.
2. Addition to Hospital Kitchen (Canal Community).
3. Central Supply Room with warehouse covered and uncovered passages (Butte Community)
4. Addition to X-ray room for Consultation (Butte Community)

No material lists for the Health Division projects will be made until these projects have been approved by the U.S.E.D.

Firman H. Brown
Deputy Project Director

Attachment

CC: L. J. Neftzger

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MATERIAL LIST

1. Cold Storage Floors

2 x 20' x 90' x 3" - 34 Cu. Yds. concrete mix

5 ga. water per sack of cement

Material per yard of concrete:

Cement 7.2 sacks x 34 = 250 sacks

Sand 1220 lbs. x 34 = 23 tons

Gravel 1950 lbs. x 34 = 38 tons

15# felt

2 x 20 x 90 - $\frac{3600}{325}$ sq. ft. - 15 rolls
325 sq. ft./roll

Nails

30 lbs. rooding nails

Asphalt

50 lbs.

2. Concrete Slab and Sump for Garbage Cans

7 gal. water per sack of cement

Cement 4.8 x 35 = 175 sacks

Sand 1500 x 35 = 30 tons

Gravel 1800 x 35 = 35 tons

Rock for sumps

$\frac{4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 60}{27}$ - 165 cu. yds.

Forms

#2 D.F. 2x4 500 lin. ft. S4S

Nails

20# 16d

Plumbing

Hose bibbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ " rough - 120

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Round G.I. pipe - 1200 lin. ft.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Round G.I. L fittings - 240

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Round G.I. T fittings - 120

3 & 4. Shower and Toilet Partition

Lumber

975 pieces 2"x 2"x 14' S4S #1 D.F.

600 " 2"x 2"x 12' S4S #1 D.F.

54 " 2"x 2"x 8' S4S #1 D.F.

925 " Masonite 4' x 6'

3520 " T & G 1"x 4" D.F. "C" Grade

41400 lin. ft. of $\frac{1}{2}$ round

Plumbing

50 12 x 12 G.I. floor drain with bell trap
4" outlet

120 $\frac{3}{4}$ " G.I. street L

120 2" x $\frac{3}{4}$ " G.I. bushings

120 $\frac{3}{4}$ " rough hose bibbs

Hardware

702 pairs	3" spring hinges
702 "	3" hooks and eyes
200 lbs.	4 penny finish nails (2 kegs)
324 "	6 penny common nails (3 kegs)
432 "	8 penny finish nails (4 kegs)

Paint

80 gal. good grade water resisting paint,
white color

5. Materials for Flooring in kitchens, pantry, and
scullery sections in Canal Community.

Area each 1120 sq. ft.

18 mess halls

Plumbing

36 --	1½" C.I. Traps P
36 --	1½" C.I. Y Fittings
36 --	C.I. Floor drains , removable type
72 ft. --	1½" G.I. pipe

Concrete Slab

3½"	average thickness
7½ gal.	water per sack of cement
Cement --	1037 sacks
Sand --	162 tons
Gravel --	203 tons
G.I. Mesh Reinforcing	
1½" chicken wire mesh --	21,200 sq. ft.
15" Felt Asphaltic Paper	
<u>21200</u>	- 70 rolls
324	

Nails

4 kegs 8d common

Lumber

#2 D.F. S4S

1x2	4500 lin. ft.
1x4	5500 lin. ft.
1x8	4500 lin. ft.