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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

April 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John E. DeYoung
Social Science Analyst

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing
Division and minutes of the block
managers' meetings for week ending
April 16, 1943.

The new Adjustment Board is working very smoothly. Since the number of leaves is increasing, this Board finds itself busy making new assignments. Gradually many of the housing problems are being solved, and we have begun to feel some of the pressure lifting. We expect construction to progress according to our plans.

--Y. Fujii
Acting Superintendent
of Housing

E. B. Ingham

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Superintendent of Housing

April 17, 1943

Result of moves on April 16th

VACANT APARTMENTS

Capacity						Capacity					
Blk.	2	3	5	7	8	Blk.	2	3	5	7	8
1			1			24			2		
2	1	1	2			26			1		
3	1	1	1	1		28		1		1	
4	3	1		4		29			1		
5						30		2	2	1	
6	3	1				31			1		
7		1				32					
8		1				34		1			
10				1		35		3			
12						36			1		
13	2	2				37			1		
14		1				38		1	1	1	
15			1			39			1	1	
16			1	1		40	1	1			
17	3	2				41	1	2			
19		1	1	1		42	2		1		
21		1				44	2	1		2	
22			1								
						19	26	20	14		78

Apts. assigned, moves not completed

Apts. for visitors temporarily

Apts. for hospital: Unoccupied

Number of unauthorized moves

No. of rooms to be partitioned

Total

Apts. Available for Housing Use

Today

Overcrowded apartments

No. of guests cared for during week

Property movement

Blankets

Cots. S.

" C.

Mattresses

Issued

Returned

438

205

12

67

36

138

38

193

STAFF MEETING OF THE HOUSING OFFICE

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fujii at 9:10 a.m., April 13, 1943. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The reorganization of the Housing Adjustment Board was explained. The new rotating Board consists of four investigators, and when any one of the four is investigating a case, he has no authority to make decisions; therefore, the remaining three shall act as the Adjustment Board.

The resignation of Mr. S. Osawa and Mr. Y. Fujii from the Housing Board was announced.

Mr. Hashiguchi explained that partitioning has been completed in Blocks 2, 4, and 6. Upon the completion of Block 13, on April 15th, work in Block 17 will be started. Volunteer resident carpenters are working now and as their number increases, work is expected to be finished at a faster pace. Also many are leaving the project, resulting in more vacancies. This would greatly facilitate the work of the Adjustment Board.

George Miyazaki and Mr. Yorita have informed Mr. Fujii that the number of visitors greatly increases over the week end. Last Saturday after office hours, 59 visitors entered the gates. Bedding for 37 was provided and it is presumed that the rest were accommodated by their hosts. This problem was presented to Mr. Schafer and it was decided that the gates should be closed to visitors after 8:00 p.m. If this does not discourage the frequency of visitors, the Administration may charge for the meals and lodging.

Gardening residents are not leaving Room in front of barracks for the passage of trucks. This inconveniences the work of the Housing trucks, as well as other trucks which may have to drive in on emergency cases. Most of the block managers seem to understand and are willing to cooperate with us on this point.

Akio Hoshino explained the point rationing system which is being used within the Centers as well as outside. He pointed out the difficulty we will have in obtaining canned goods, and with the shortage of fresh vegetables, it will become necessary for us to raise our own. The irrigation system should be ready by the 20th of this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick O'hara
Secretary

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12th, in Dining Hall 14.

1. Mr. Hara asked the block managers who have not yet submitted the name of a representative to the Parent-Soldier Assn. to do so at once so that the Committee may be formed as soon as possible.
2. A memo from Mr. Townsend suggesting several proposals for a new mail delivery system was read and the block managers decided on Proposal A for the best choice. This system would have one carrier for two blocks, 16 in all, who would take care of everything including delivery and also dispose of q.d., insured and registered parcels.
3. A request for a secretary-messenger for each office was made by all managers since there was much office work to be done which could not be done by the managers alone as they must be out, contacting people, much of the time.

Mr. Akio Hoshino, Property Control Supervisor of the Housing Division, was present to explain the new system of taking up various property issued to the residents before they leave the Project. He explained the various types of leaves such as indefinite, short-term, group, etc. A form prepared by the Housing will be sent to the Block Managers with the amount of property charged to the individual on it and the block managers are asked to check these in before a pass will be given out. All leaves going out after 9 a.m. will be cared for the Housing Office but it is difficult for them to be responsible for the people leaving early in the morning. Therefore, the block managers are asked to see that these articles are turned in to their offices or else, if not, to call the Internal Security which division will stop the party at the gate. Blankets, stove poker, coal shovels and buckets are the main concern since the bedding is very rarely taken out. To summarize the new system, the people will not be able to leave unless they have checked with the block managers beforehand. In this way, the managers may keep track of who has left and what has been turned in. A suggestion by Mr. Nakamura to have the pass forwarded to the Housing Division was made and Mr. Hoshino will contact the Leaves Section to see if this can be done.

Mr. Stafford, Project Director and Mr. Sprinkel, Sr. Administrative Officer, spoke on the enlistment of residents for the Victory Garden Program. Mr. Stafford stressed the necessity of growing vegetables for our own sustenance in the future months. The Victory Garden Program is being carried out by almost every housewife in the country, and with the soil available here on the Project, the public relations would be sorely effected if the farms could not be worked out so that we may have our own food raised here. The rationing program has seriously curtailed many canned and dehydrated foods which we had heretofore been getting and just as the coal situation had been taken care of last winter, we must interest the people in the farm program. What vegetables are grown by the farmers are now

being used up by the Army which is growing larger daily and also by the Lease-Lend program. Mr. Davidson and his crew must have full support while the season is here and although Mr. Stafford does not wish to alarm the residents, he doubts very much if we will get much in the way of vegetables this winter. Whatever is raised here will be used by the Project and none will be shipped out unless, as Mr. Sprinkel suggested, they wish to exchange vegetables with other Centers. No one outside will support our demands if we do not help ourselves now. The water will be in about the 20th of this month as they are fixing up the canal so that it can be brought in from 44 and on down and then pump it into Section I and II area. The Project has ordered another pump for this purpose.

Many people may not care about working out on the fields but there may be many farmers who are doing something else and they could be called on to give us a boost while here. Japanese foremen will be in charge.

Mr. Sprinkel explained about the point rationing of canned foods in much the same manner as Mr. Wilder at a previous meeting. 48 points are allowed per person per month which is not very much. Different colored stamps are given out for canned goods, meats and fats, and other rationed foods on the outside. Anything less than 5½ oz. is free from rationing but from 6 oz. it takes 1 point. He told the managers that regardless of other matters, if we are to have all the vegetables we want and at the same time, have all we want, we must grow them right here ourselves. Purchase of a few cans of fruit or vegetables would use up 48 points right away and then we must face a shortage but the people must understand this program before they will appreciate the problem confronting them, and the block managers must also study this in order to bring the facts to the residents.

Mr. Stafford was asked if all the canning will be done on the Project, and his answer was that it would be the matter of getting enough glass to put them up but they were hoping to obtain enough containers and store them in the mess hall for winter consumption. He also talked about the rabbits and other rodent pests. The farm project will have a belt of poisoned grain all around the area to be cultivated which will be harmless to birds but deadly to rodents.

Forums on 'Victory Gardens and Farms' will be given on the following nights and everyone is urged to attend.

April 12th	D. H. 26
" 13th	D. H. 33
" 14th	D. H. 17
" 15th	D. H. 6

Miss Bennett, Principal of the Elementary Schools, presented her plans of organizing a PTA among the nursery and grade school children parents. In order to elect the officers in the most democratic way, she asked the managers to call a meeting of such parents in the two ends of the camp, namely Blocks 1 to 19 and Blocks 21 to 44. Stafford School will have its election first and as soon as arrangements are

made, the election for Mantville School will be held. Instruction sheets are ready and these were passed out to blocks 21 to 44. Since the Camp is so widely spread apart, it was thought best to have two PTAs each, both collaborating with the other.

Mr. Yamano, Block 31 Mgr., asked where the solution for washing off the bathroom ceiling could be obtained. The Sanitation Inspector told the Sanitation man in the block to get it from the block manager but he does not have such a solution. Mr. Ingham expressed the thought that the Sanitation Dept. and not the block managers should provide for such necessities.

In Block 15, there was a ladies meeting which they decided to help out voluntarily wherever they could better the block. As they use the bath tube daily, they took turns to clean them but were stopped by the Sanitation Inspector who said that if they did such a thing, it would look as if the Sanitation Crew was inefficient. The block manager who did not know anything about it was also reprimanded but it is the manager's opinion that this is a wrong attitude to take since the ladies had taken the initiative to help, not hinder.

Mr. Ishikawa, Block Mgr. 40, asked when the shoe repair tickets were to go out as some residents have already come to him for them.

Mr. Frank Okada, Block Mgr. 3, made the following complaints:

- a. Instead of coming to the block managers every time a completelist of the residents is needed, each division should be instructed to go to either the Housing or the Statistics for them because the block managers do not have any secretary or typewriter to make out these copies.
- b. Half of the bath tube and many of the wash basins can not be used because the plugs are missing and although an order has been placed several times, they are never filled. The Utility Foreman never makes his rounds now.
- c. Electrical Division is giving very poor service in the matter of replacing blown-out fuses. Formerly, a slip would be placed in a box whenever a fuse blew out and a man would come around to collect and replace such daily but he never shows up anymore.
- d. The Lost and Found copy issued by the Internal Security fades out when exposed to the sun for even one day and is very illegible. Ask them to use a different kind of ink or not have them printed at all.

Mr. Hosokawa, Block Mgr. 8, asked that hereafter, whenever any division wants the block managers to do anything, have it go through the Central Block Office and have the instructions and explanations come from there.

Mr. Obazawa, Block Mgr. 6, asked that the stove crew come back to the Dining Hall in this block and replace the stove that was removed--without permission from either the chef or the manager--and exchange the position with the other one in there as they have taken the wrong one out.

Requests from Block 42:

- a. Test out fire hydrant in this block to see if it is in working condition.
- b. If given kalsomine or paint, the block residents will voluntarily clean and paint the dining hall as it is beginning to look dingy.
- c. Sprinklers for the women's showers are needed as the present ones spurt it out too harshly.
- d. Have Mr. Matsui, Block Mgr. 32, give a talk on the trip of Commodore Perry to Japan since he is well learned on that subject.

Block 35 Mgr. was quite concerned about the effects of the water brought through the ditch as this block may be flooded over again as in the winter time. If the sand piled by the highway could be used to fill in the lower places in the block, it might help. This situation will be looked into.

Mr. Ingham requested that all blocks have a passageway included in the plans in front of their apartments so that the Housing Crew may handle the baggage more easily. Sometimes the boys are compelled to carry a freight which weighs about 350 lbs. and if the roadway is there, it will be a big help to them and it would also provide the children with a playground in front of their homes.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

April 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John E. DeYoung
Social Science Analyst

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing Division
and minutes of the block managers' meetings
for week ending April 23, 1943.

The weekly block managers' meeting was attended on Monday, and the minutes have been typed. Names of residents above seventy years of age were reported to the Adult Education Department. These persons are to be guests at the Kei-rokai, a gathering honoring the elderly people. We have been busy organizing the Minidoka Parent-Soldiers' Association, and conducting the election of the Parent-Teachers' Association. A meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee was held. We have contacted various divisions in order to obtain answers to questions brought before the block managers' meeting. We are now collecting household equipment from residents who leave the center.

S. Hara--Head Block Manager

Wince the gates have been closed to visitors after 8:00 p.m., the hostels have been functioning very well. Formerly Housing workers were obliged to take care of visitors who came in at all hours of the night. The hostels have accommodated twenty-five visitors during the past week.

H. Hikida--Sr. Personnel Officer

E. B. Ingham
Superintendent of Housing

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

April 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John E. deYoung
Social Science Analyst

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing Division and minutes of the block managers' meetings for week ending April 28, 1943

Most of the people know each other in their own blocks. Moreover, now that they are well settled in their rooms, they do not wish to move. It is difficult to have them move from their entitled rooms. Due to these circumstances, our work is a most difficult one, a work that most people dislike.

To date, partitioning of ten barracks is nearly completed; and we are awaiting the completion of four or five more barracks. In Block 4, there is a room for semi-invalid women now. Dr. Neher has moved a patient's family from Block 34 to Block 4. There is an elementary school age child who was to go to the Block 10 school. He was told that the classes were full. To accomodate this inconvenience, we moved a family living in the room next to the classroom and thus enlarged the room for the school.

Due to the increasing number of short-term, indefinite, and group leaves during the last two weeks, there is a great number of small families now. Moving these families to smaller quarters was another difficult task. Those leaving on short-term leaves to nearby towns like Twin Falls, Jerome, etc., come back every so often that they do not desire to return their beds and beddings nor give up their large rooms.

In about two weeks, it may be possible to admit people from other relocation centers.

J. Hara--Adjustment Board

Being a receptionist is an experience new to me. It is interesting to see the steady increase in the number of persons leaving for outside employment, schools, etc. The office is especially busy now because large groups are leaving for cannery work, and for farms.

Fusako Mori--Receptionist

E. B. Ingham
Superintendent of Housing

STAFF MEETING OF THE HOUSING OFFICE

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fujii at 9:00 a.m., April 27, 1943. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Partitioning has been completed in Blocks 40, 41, and 42. Block 39 is expected to be finished today. Stoves have not been installed in Block 40 as yet. The work is being finished at a rate of one barrack in two days, providing the barrack is entirely vacated. Movement of the residents in Block 37 has hit a snag; barrack 11 in Block 35 is half vacated. If these blocks are not ready for the carpenters, work will have to be transferred elsewhere.

Plans for the long anticipated trip to Twin Falls were made, and Mr. Hara was appointed Supervisor of the group. The party will leave Wednesday on one of the Housing trucks.

Mr. Hikida informed us that Takeshi Nakasone, file clerk, has quit work because she expects to leave the project in the near future. Fusako Mori, our new receptionist, was introduced to the office force.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

April 27, 1943

Meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m., Tuesday, April 27th, at D. H. 16.

Mr. Daniel Sheehan, Chief of Public Works Division, introduced Mr. Maxey, from the Bureau of Reclamation, who illustrated on a map of the Project how the water will be brought into each block through the ditches from the canal. The camp will be divided into 4 parts in order to facilitate the handling. Starting from May 1st, the water will be brought in to each block for three days and then shut off in order to have the flow go into the next one. The present plans are to build as many as laterals as possible to supply each block. After the water has been brought into the block, it will be up to the residents to make the little ditches between the blocks. Block managers must work together on this problem so that each block will get the proper amount of water. You must lead the water around with a shovel. As the block have individual problems to deal with, Mr. Sheehan's men will contact each block separately and give them the instructions.

Removal of outside structures--It is against government regulations to build additions on the outside of the barracks without special authorization. The residents are given the opportunity to remove all porch roofs that have been built without permission by May 1st, after which date the Public Works Division will send a crew to take them down. This ruling does not apply to porch benches or additions on the inside but to anything jutting overhead. However, since single door apartments do not have hallways or other protections, Mr. Sheehan will allow them to keep their roofs until the Division can make a uniform shelter later on.

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Uniform blanks for answering recommendation letters which is being sent out by the War Relocation Authority will be distributed as soon as Mr. Schafer's office has prepared them.
2. The matter of securing ice for the dining halls will be taken up with the Co-ordinating Committee for consideration and action.
3. The talk to be given by Mr. Matsui on his trip to Japan with Capt. Hardy, survivor of the Commodore Perry expedition to Japan, has been scheduled for May 9th, Sunday, at D. H. 23 from 2 p.m. As it is a very interesting subject, everyone is urged to bring their friends with them. Bulletin notices will be prepared and sent out.
4. Plugs for the washrooms and bathtubs will be supplied when a supply comes in.
5. Work orders are out for single door apartments to have the screen doors put on.
6. The Steward Division has been contacted in the matters of procuring snacks for the Farm workers and also about the awning by the window by the dishwashers.

7. The Community Services will send a truck out to pick up the tables in Block 5.

6. Mr. Hara will see Mr. Kanno about transferring me as hall employees so that they will each work in their own respective blocks.

Mr. Townsend requested that the residents make mail boxes outside of their doors to ease the work of the mail carriers.

Clean-up Campaign--Three managers will be chosen by Mr. Hara to represent this division in the Clean-up Committee. May 4th has been officially set for the Clean-up Day when all work will be stopped in the afternoon to have everyone participate in it. Poster, prepared by the high school students will be distributed to the blocks to encourage everyone to take part in this program. As soon as the Farm Program has been smoothed out a little, a crew will make the sidewalks within the blocks at which time all boardwalks that have been made will be taken up. Kindling wood piled in front of the apartments must be removed to one side of the block.

Flag Dedication Ceremony--A ceremony will be held on Friday, April 30, from 4 p.m. in the Administration Area. The Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps will participate and all volunteers are asked to be present to make a good showing. The American legions over the country haven't shown too much friendliness or understanding towards the people and to better public relations, the Twin Falls Post has been invited to attend. Everyone possibly able to go are requested to be there.

If any more sewing machines are needed, notify Mr. Hara and it will be sent up.

Mr. Beeson of the Placement and Employment Division dropped in to say hello.

Mr. Ingham was also present at the meeting and the following questions were asked of him.

1. Shoe ration certificates--If these certificates are not used during the period it is made out for, would it be possible to have them reissued for the next period. The answer was that if the certificate or Stamp No. 17 is not used within the period it is allotted for, it becomes void.

2. When will the next shoe repair ration tickets be issued? As soon as the repair shop finds it possible to make new ones. Mr. Ingham asked that the persons who have turned in their shoes the latter part of last year to be notified that they are ready to be claimed now. The Shoe Repair Shop is trying its best to do everything possible to hurry production.

3. Baby bath tubs are not available at the present time. Mrs. Evans of the Hospital has even asked the Community Enterprise if they could buy large pans for this purpose and so the Hospital can not obtain them either.

Mr. Yamane complained that when the driver came to pick up the bed and mattress of one resident who had left, he became angry when he found a canvas cot instead of the steel cot listed on the pick-up sheet. Since it was the understanding of the block managers that they were to be responsible for only the blankets, pokers, shovels, and buckets, he had not checked up on what kind of bed had been left. Whose responsibility will this be?

Before leaving, Mr. Beeson reported that Lt. Davis from the Camp Savage Language School will be here in the very near future to recruit men who has a speaking, reading and writing knowledge of Japanese. Anyone is eligible and it is hoped that the response will be good. Also Mrs. Flynn from a glove manufacturing concern will be in about the same time to recruit women who are interested in this kind of work. Anyone who desires an interview are asked to come to the Employment Division in the Ad Area.

A suggestion that the laundry room be washed by hose every other day to conserve water was made. Toilet rooms should be washed every day from the standpoint of health. Also if the plumber could check up on certain blocks where the water flushes too much in the toilets, it would help to save,

Mr. Linville, Personal Property Supervisor, announced that the Forms 155 and 156 were ready for distribution. His office will return Form 83 to the people to have them check against previous requests for shipment. If there any changes to be made, it may be done so now. After these copies have been made out, Mr. Linville asks that they be turned in to Mr. Yorita by the end of this week. If a person should want a property shipped at once at his own expense without waiting for government transportation, it will be possible todo so if he contacts he Property Office and puts in a deposit and fills out Form 156.

Recently the government has asked for survey of all farm equipment which are lying idle. If the people are planning to resettle in agricultural work in the next few months, it would be wiser to keep them but if they not intend to use them, the government is asking that they be sold and put into use. The Office of Price Administration has recently sent out a resale price on used automotive equipment. They vary from the price based on factory retail price. Automotive equipment less than 6 mos. old takes a discount of about 12%. For anything from one to 6 yrs., a discount of 26 % is made from the factory cost plus freight. Offers will be submitted for the people's consideration but under no circumstances will it be sold for below the asking price. Forms to list these equipments were passed out and asked to be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Hara asked for 3 men to serve on the Clean-up Committee and Mr. Okada, Mr. Yamane and Mr. Ishikawa were chosen.

Mr. Fujii of the Housing Division explained that if the Housing Stamp is on the Clearance Paper, the block managers may sign it. They will

not be able to get their passes with just the stamp. For visitors to the Project, Housing will reserve a room if the host will notify them before hand of their arrival. Otherwise they can not give the service.

Mr. Ochi, Photographer, requests that the family having funeral pictures taken call for them at the end of one week when they will be ready. Many people are very slow in claiming them.

Mr. Ishihara, Community Activities Supervisor, asked for the cooperation of the blocks in donating enough lumber to make back stops on the baseball diamonds. After much pro and con, it was decided that he ask the Section Co-ordinators to contact each block manager individually.

A motion was made and unanimously seconded that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Schafer who is leaving in the very near future and who has done so much assist the block managers in so many ways.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

May 1, 1943

VACANT APARTMENTS

Result of Moves on April 30, 1943

Capacity						Capacity					
Blk.	2	3	5	7	8	Blk.	2	3	5	7	8
1			1			24	-	-	1		
2	1	1	3			26	1	1	-	-	
3	1	2	1	1		28		1	1	1	
4	2			6		30			1	2	
5						29				1	
6	2					31			1	2	
7		1				32					
8		1				34			1	-	
10						35		2	-	1	
12						36			1	1	
13	2	1	1	1		37			1	1	
14						38	3	2	1	2	
15	1		1			39	4	1			
16			1	1		40	3	1			
17	3	2				41	1	2	1	1	
19		1	1	1		42	1	1	2		
21		1				44	3	3		1	
22		1		1		28	25	19	23		95
Apts. assigned, moved not completed						3	6	2	3		14
Apts. for visitors temporarily						2	1	1	2		6
Apts. for hospital: Unoccupied						3			6		9
Number of unauthorized moves											
No. of rooms to be partitioned								2	4		6
Total						8	7	5	15		35
Apts. Available for Housing Use Today						20	18	14	8		60
Overcrowded apartments											
No. of guests cared for during week						34					
Property movement						Issued			Returned		
Blankets						201			388		
Cots. S.						7			46		
Cots. C.						54			236		
Mattresses						56			278		

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

May 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Philip Schafer
Assistance Project Director

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing Division and minutes of the block managers' meetings for week ending May 14, 1943

The Housing Adjustment Board has been quite busy lately, vacating apartments to be partitioned, and making new assignments. There are twenty-eight additional apartments since the construction work has started, and quite a number of families not in proper sized apartments have been readjusted.

The Board feels that the residents as a whole have been educated to the fact that those in large size rooms will have to be reassigned. Those who refuse to cooperate have been taken over to Mr. Schafer, and he has settled cases and has done an excellent job for Housing. However, we still feel that there will be similar cases coming up in the future.

It is our desire to keep up the same relation ship between the Administration and Housing, as this is the only way to solve the Housing problems.

Y. Fujii
Acting Superintendent of
Housing

May 15, 1943

Results of moves on May 14th

VACANT APARTMENTS

Capacity					Capacity						
Blk.	2	3	4	7	8	Blk.	2	3	5	7	8
1			1			24			1	1	
2	1	3	5	5		26	1	1			
3	2	2	1			28	2	2			
4			2	7		29	2		1	1	
5	1		2			30		1	1	2	
6	1		2			31			2		
7	1	3	1	1		32					
8		2		1		34				2	
10						35	2			1	
12						36	3	1			
13	1	1	2	1		37	1		2	1	
14						38	2	2		2	
15	1	3	1			39	4	2			
16			1	1		40	2	2			
17	3	2				41	1	2	2		
19	1		2	1		42	2	1	2		
21			3			44	4	3		1	
22		3	1	1		37	38	35	27		137

Apts. assigned, moves not completed	10	18	7	4	39
Apts. for visitors temporarily	1	2	3		6
Apts. for hospital: Unoccupied	1		4	7	12
Number of unauthorized moves					
No. of rooms to be partitioned			4	5	9
TOTAL	12	20	18	16	66
Apts. available for Housing Use					
Today	25	18	17	11	71
No. of guests cared for during week					59

	Issued	Returned
Blankets	324	527
Cots. S.	40	58
" C.	92	166
Mattresses	82	218

STAFF MEETING OF THE HOUSING OFFICE

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fujii at 9:10 a.m., May 12, 1943. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The property accountant announced that the report in the Irrigator in regards to bedding pick-ups was erroneous. Bedding of the volunteers and those leaving for over thirty days will be picked up as usual. In order to prevent the recurrence of such mistakes, it was requested that any statement to be published be first approved by someone qualified to do so. Mr. Hikida was appointed to check all reports and be responsible for their accuracy.

Nineteen visitors have used the hostels in the past week, bringing the total accommodated to 124, since the opening on April 3rd.

Partitioning of Block 23 is expected to be finished today. Half of Barrack 12 in both Blocks 22 and 24 will be worked on, then then the crew will be transferred to Block 21 to await the vacating of the other half.

A memorandum was received from Mr. Townsend stating that the model apartments will be turned over to the Housing Division for use as hostels for special guests. At present, 23-6-A is being used for that purpose, but as soon as the exhibit is over, 29-11-B will be available.

Mr. Hikida informed us that there are four swampers left in this division.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA PROJECT
Hunt, Idaho

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June 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John deYoung
Social Sceince Analyst

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing
Division for week ending June 4, 1943.

The number of persons going out of the project has diminished slightly and has given us a little time to catch up on our work. The transfer of property accountability from Mr. Ingham to Mr. Abbott-Housing, Mr. Townsend-Block Managers, and Mr. Sprinkle-Administrative Quarters has been agreed upon and will be accomplished in a short while. With the new procedure of charging visitors to the project, all extra bedding now issued is being picked up.

A. Hoshino
Property Accountant

Since members of the Adjustment Board have been contacting persons who refused to give up bedding, fifteen cases have been cleared up. It was decided that this method of handling difficult cases be continued.

The system of time-keeping has been changed so that I am to keep time for four department: Housing, Clothing Allowance, Rationing Board, and the Counselor's.

H. Hikida
Sr. Personnel Officer

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

June 7, 1943

VACANT APARTMENTS

Capacity					Capacity						
Blk.	2	3	5	7	8	Blk.	2	3	5	7	8
1	2		1			24					
2	2	5	5	1		26	1				
3	1	3	2	3		28	1	5		2	
4		1	2	7		29			2	1	
5	1	1	2			30		1	1	2	
6	1		3			31	3	1	1		
7	1	3	2	2		32					
8		2	2	1		34				2	
10						35		1		2	
12		1		1		36	2	1			
13	3	4				37			1	1	
14				1		38	2	2		2	
15	1	4	1	2		39	3	2	1		
16		1		2		40	1	2		1	
17	1	1	1	2		41	3	2	2	1	
19	1	1	3	1		42	2	1	4	1	
21	1	2	1			44	6		1	1	

Total	39	46	38	39	162
Apts. assigned, moves not completed	9	18	9	7	43
Apts. for visitors temporarily	2		1	1	4
Apts. for hospital Unoccupied	1		5	7	13
No. of Rooms to be partitioned			3	8	11
Total	12	18	18	23	71
Apts. available for Housing use today	27	28	20	16	91
No. of guests cared for during week					59

	Issued	Returned
Blankets	98	282
Cots. S.	20	38
" C.	32	94
Mattresses	39	117

This is to inform you of the status of Block 22

V.....Vacant apartments

A.....Family assigned, but no date set

Date....Indicates when the family expects to move out

June 5, 1943

To date, 13 apartments have been vacated.

22-1-A
22-1-B
22-1C
22-1-D
22-1-E
22-50A
22-5-C
22-7-A
22-7-D
22-7-E
22-9-A
22-9-B
22-5-B

AFTER PARTITIONING WORKS ARE COMPLETED

2 person apts.	(old)	-----	152 apts.
2 " "	(new)	---Blk. 29-2 apts.	138 "
3 " "	(blk 29-1 apt.)	-----	933 " (-10 blk. Mgr. off.)
5 " "	(blk. 29 1 apt.)	-----	787 "
7 " "	(blk. 29 1 apt.)	-----	715 "
			8 "

No. of apts. (new)-----2733 "

No. of apts. (old)-----2664 "

Partitioning gain no.-----69 "
(exception of Blk. 44)

2 person apt. (old)	4	2 person apt. (old)	12
2 " " (new)	4	3 " "	24
3 " "	26	5 " "	16
5 " "	22	7 " "	14
7 " "	20	8 " "	8
in each block	176 apts.	in Blk. 44	74 apts.

Occupied by:

	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Canteens</u>	<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Total</u>
2 person apts.	16	4	8	0	28
3 " "	32	12	5	0	69
5 " "	44	12	4	2	62
7 " "	40	10	2	5	57
Total	152	38	19	7	216

Canteens

Schools

Block 6---1	Block 23---76 apts.
" 12---8	" 32---38 apts.
" 30---8	" 10---38 apts.
" 40---2	152 apts.
19 apts.	

Total apts. ----- 2733
School &

Offices----- 216

Block Mgrs' Offices-- 10
Using for residents--2507 apts.

STAFF MEETING OF THE HOUSING OFFICE

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Abbott at 9:00 a.m., June 1, 1943. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Fujii inquired as to what has been done about providing transportation for employees. Mr. Abbott replied that the survey of transportation needs has been made, and plans will be formulated with the aid of the survey.

The Motor Pool sends down daily reports showing the times during which a car was used by Housing. We are to fill in the names of those who used the cars at such times, and keep the report in the files.

In Block 22, ten of the twenty-seven designated apartments have been vacated, and ten more are expected to be vacated by next week. Six of the families have yet to be assigned new rooms.

The Board is now concentrating on the adjustment of families into proper size apartments. The office manager is making a list of families not in proper size apartments. He reported that half of the project has been covered so far, and that there is an average of twenty such families in a block. In the list will be shown such information as : The capacity of the apartment, the number of occupants, and the number out on group leaves. Mr. Fujii explained that if there are reasons for the family's needing a large room, the information will be entered in the list, and taken into consideration. This list is expected to facilitate to a great extent the work of the Adjustment Board.

The number of vacancies on May 31st has been reported as ninety-one, which is the highest, so far. One disadvantage of this fact is that people in large rooms become reluctant about moving, saying that there are plenty of vacant apartments. However, they have been told by rumors that others are waiting to come in from various centers.

A list of frequent visitors has been made so that bedding will not have to be delivered and picked up each time they come in and leave.

Mr. Hikida reported that there are three full-time and two part-time swamper. He is having difficulty in getting workers. In connection with this, Mr. Abbott informed us that the Administration's policy of providing work for the greatest number of people has been changed. Because of the labor shortage, workers will be shifted to the divisions where they are most needed.

The Property Division is making a survey of all stoves in vacant apartments, in order to report all damaged ones to the survey Board. All stoves, bedding equipment, and housing office equipment had been charged to Housing. It has been decided that the Housing Janitors should also inspect all rooms which have been vacated, and report any damages.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

June 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. John deYoung
Social Science Analyst

SUBJECT: Comments and statistics on Housing
Division for week ending June 11, 1943.

I have found that the Housing Department is staffed be a hard work, efficient group of people. The work seems to have gone about as well without a superintendent as with one.

A survey recently completed, shows where adjustments may be made in order to keep the camp at capacity. The policy to be followed in adjusting families in apartments is contingent upon the wishes of the administration in the matter of maintaining capacity availability of housing in the project.

The women bachelor problem is rather serious. The Adjustment Board feels that the solution lies in some sort of dormitory scheme. The Board feels that this could be accomplished without needing furnace installations and by using barracks which are already constructed.

We believe it necessary to increase the number of hostels for the purpose of caring for the now paying guests. If we refuse to deliver beds after hours, but furnish hostel service, which is very meager, we think that persistent visiting will be reduced.

--C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

In accordance with the new system of charging visitors for bedding and meals, Housing Division has been picking up all extra bedding. Visitors must show the receipt from the Fiscal Department showing that they have paid, before bedding will be issued to them. The number of persons leaving the project has decreased to an extent, and work has resumed its normal pace.

--Fusako Mori
Receptionist

C. W. Abbott
Superintendent of Housing

Results of moves on June 11th

VACANT APARTMENTS

Capacity					Capacity						
Blk.	2	3	5	7	8	Blk.	2	3	5	7	8
1	2		2			24					
2	3	7	3			26	1				
3	4	5	1			28	1	2	1	1	
4		1	2	7		29			2		
5	2		2	2		30		1	1	2	
6	2		3			31	1	1	2		
7	4	2	3			32					
8		2	1	2		34				3	
10						35		1	1	1	
12				2		36	1	1			
13	3	3				37			1	1	
14				1		38	2	2	1	2	
15	1	3	1	1		39	4	2	1		
16			1	1		40	1	2		1	
17	1	2	1	2		41	3	2	1	1	
19	1	1	4	1		42	2	2	3	1	
21	2					44	5		1	1	
22			1	1		Total	46	42	40	36	164
Apts. assigned, moves not completed							11	14	12	10	47
Apts. for visitors Temporarily							1		1		2
Apts. for hospital: Unoccupied							2		4	7	13
No. of rooms to be partitioned									4	5	9
						Total	14	14	21	22	71
Apts. Available for Use today							32	28	19	14	93
No of guests cared for during week											39
						Issued				Returned	
Blankets							28			258	
Cots. S.							22			29	
" C.							22			103	
Mattresses							27			112	

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Housing Form #4-B

BLOCK # 22

JUNE 12, 1943

BARRACK
No.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
11	3	2	5	2	22	5	2	3
			PLACEMENT					
9	3	7	5	5	7	3		
	✓	JAPANESE LIBRARY	JUNE 16	✓				
7	3	7	5	5	7	3		
	✓		JUNE 15	✓			✓	
5	3	7	5	5	7	3		
	EVACUEE PROPY LEGAL		AID	✓	✓	✓		
3	3	7	5	5	7	3		
	A	JUNE 14	✓	✓	JUNE 15	✓		
1	3	7	5	5	7	3		
	UNITED BUDDHIST CHURCH		✓	✓	✓	JUNE 15		

This is to inform you of the status of
Block 22.

V.....Vacant apartment

A.....Family assigned, but no date set.

Date..indicates when the family expects
too move out.

June 12, 1943

There are 14 vacant apartments:

22-1-C
22-1-D
22-1-E
22-3-C
22-3-D
22-3-F
22-5-D
22-5-E
22-5-F
22-7-A
22-7-D
22-7-F
22-9-A
22-9-D

STAFF MEETING OF THE HOUSING OFFICE

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Abbott at 9:20 a.m., June 8, 1943. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

First, the employment situation was discussed and it is said that transfers of employees are at a minimum. Transfers are being made only where the need is very urgent and those who quit in order to get termination will most likely not get new jobs.

The survey of damaged stoves from Blocks 1 to 19 have shown only two or three such stoves. The other half of the project is expected to be covered soon.

A member of the Housing staff wished to say that the Housing Board and employees work very hard. Some work nights, Saturday afternoons, and Sundays, as well as week days.

The survey of families in over-capacity apartments has been finished. Such families will be notified that they will have to move eventually. The Housing Board intends to maintain the policy of adjusting families into proper size apartments.

120 to 150 washtubs to be used in place of baby bathtubs, have been delivered. Some of the tubs have been taken over by the Steward Division for kitchen use.

All bedding is being picked up in accordance with the new policy of charging visitors for bedding and meals. A problem concerning this ruling is that a volunteer must leave camp to be inducted into the army. When he returns in a day or two on furlough, he would have to be classed as a visitor. There also seems to have some misunderstanding of this ruling, as visitors have come to Housing without the receipt from the Fiscal Department.

Since June 7th, Mr. Hikida, personnel officer, has been keeping time for four departments under Mr. Townsend: Clothing Allowance, Rationing Board, Social Service, and Housing.

The Housing janitor has reported to Mr. Hikida that there are closet boards missing from many of the vacant apartments. This matter will probably have to be taken up with the Internal Security.

The move of people from Block 22 has progressed quite well, and the assignment of office space has been turned over the Administration. Mr. Fujii was of the opinion that as a whole, the attitude of the people toward the adjustment of families has been favorable.

As soon as a caretaker can be found, it is planned that the hostel should be in Block 2 for convenience. If any of the visitors should plan to stay longer than two or three days, it was suggested that a truck running schedule pick them up, so that room may be made for other visitors.

Since Mr. Fujioka's absence, the Housing Board had been short of help, Mr. Fujii, Supervisor, and Mr. Kurata, former Housing investigator, have offered to work with the Board until someone is found to take Mr. Fujioka's place.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

June 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Carl Sandoz

SUBJECT: Comments on Housing activities for
week, June 13th to June 19, 1943.

The outstanding thing which happened in the Housing Division this week was the receipt of a telegram from Washington, D. C. requesting information concerning project housing. A copy of the telegram is enclosed, also a copy of teletype which was sent in answer.

In order to adequately explain the Housing situation to Washinton, we sent a letter of explanation following the teletype explaining many of the problems of housing in the Minidoka Project. In order to make this report, we had to survey carefully and recheck our figures on vacancies, size of family and the number of apartments.

Block 22 will be entirely vacated by Tuesday, except for Mr. Shiota who is coming in on Monday to make arrangements. We have been asked to vacate two more barracks in Block 22 for purposes of office space. Block 10 and 32, schoo blocks, are being vacated rather slowly. There seems to be some opposition in Block 32 on the part of the Block Manager. We are trying to get this matter straightened out through Mr. Hara, head block manager's office.

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

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WRA, WASHINGTON
D. S. MYER

PLEASE WIRE THE NUMBER OF VACANT EVACUEE APARTMENTS AT YOUR CENTER AS OF JUNE 15 BY SIZE OF APARTMENT, ALSO, ESTIMATE HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL VACANT SPACE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BY READJUSTMENT OF RECENT HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS, IF SUCH READJUSTMENT WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS COLON

1-THAT OVER-ALL PROJECT AVERAGE OF LIVING SPACE AFTER THE READJUSTMENT SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 105 SQUARE FEET PER PERSON.

2-THAT NO PERSON SHOULD HAVE LESS THAN 80 SQUARE FEET OF LIVING SPACE AS A RESULT OF ANY MOVE OR CONSOLIDATION.

3-THAT NO PERSON NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY UNIT OF PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD SHARE AN APARTMENT WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY AS A RESULT OF ANY MOVE OR CONSOLIDATION, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE AND APPROVED BY THE WELFARE SECTION.

ABBOTT
CC:STAFFORD
CC:SPRINKEL

T E L E T Y P E M E S S A G E

June 17, 1943

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War Relocation Authority
Washington, D. C.

Rourtel June 15, number of vacant apartments as of June 15. Two person (12' x 20'), 29; two person (14' x 20'), 17; three person (16' x 20'), 45; five person (20' x 20'), 34; seven person (24' x 20'), 26; eight person (32' x 20'), none.

Total vacant apartments if adjusted on the basis upon which we have been making adjustments: Two person, none; three person, none; five person, none; seven person, 191; eight person, none. This leaves 81 seven person apartments with only 69 square feet per person. (Our basis for adjusting has been: place a family of two in a two person apartment; a family of three in a three person apartment; a family of four or five in a five person room; a family of six or seven in a seven person room; a family of eight or more are given two apartments.)

Apartments available if conditions stated in your telegram are met: two person, none; three person, none; seven person (capacity six), 110; eight person, none.

Air mail letter of explanation will follow.

Harry L. Stafford
Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

June 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Sandoz
(for Mr. John Bigelow)

SUBJECT: Comments on Housing activities for
week, June 21 to June 26, 1943

Moves in Block 22 have all been completed with the exception of one family, the Shiotas who have promised to move. All offices have moved into Block 22 with the exception of Mr. Sandoz's. Barrack nine will be occupied by Monday or Tuesday, next week.

Letters were sent to residents of half of Block 32 which is being vacated. We are urging them to vacate their apartments by July 1st. Those who have contacted Housing from Block 32 are to be contacted in a meeting with Mr. P meroy and the Housing Board, on Monday.

Assignments for Block 10 have been made. This block also should be cleared by July 1st.

Housing office is now located in 22-7-A, B, C.

Housing blankets have been cleaned and we will soon start to exchange clean blankets for the ones now being used by the residents in apartments throughout the project, and at the same time we will check property and make out new property accountability slips.

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

July 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. C. Sandoz
(for Mr. Bigelow)

SUBJECT:

Comments on Housing activities for
week, June 28, to July 3, 1943.

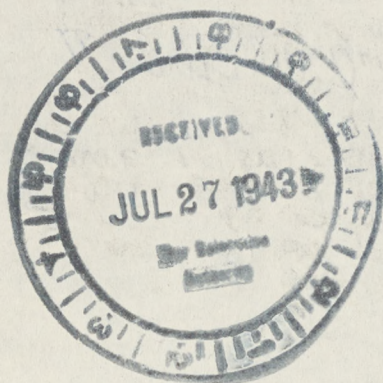
Housing sent notices to all men living alone on the project asking them to come in to make adjustments in their living quarters. All these men reported and adjustments have been agreed upon. Notices were also sent to families of two living in a large 24' x 20' apartments. Agreements on adjustments have been reached with these people. One more category of people are to be notified. This group is the women living alone.

Movement from Blocks 10 and 32 is slowed down by the slowness of the carpenter crews in partitioning barracks into smaller apartments.

Revision of the Housing regulations was done. These are to be submitted for approval to the administration.

C. W. Abbott

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

Housing

July 10, 1943

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. Sandoz
(for Mr. Bigelow)

SUBJECT: Comments on Housing activities for
week ending July 10, 1943.

Notices have been sent out to women living alone in apartments, asking them to come to Housing office to make arrangements to move into small 12' x 20' apartments, two in an apartment, or else move into bachelor quarters. More than one-half of these women have come and have reached an understanding regarding their rooms.

Block 2, we hear, is having a sit-down strike against Housing. Internal Security has been asked to talk to these people.

Moves in Block 10 are nearly all accomplished and those that are not, will be done by early next week. Moves in Block 32 have been assigned for next week, Monday or Tuesday.

Housing has planned a policy of notifying people who are in apartments larger than the size of their family warrants. In order to make it easier to move these people in case of a great influx of people, this plan was made. Mr. Stafford was consulted and he has given his approval.

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C. W. Abbott
C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

Office

July 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Carl Sandoz
(for Mr. DeYoung)

SUBJECT: Comments on activities of Housing for
week ending July 17, 1943.

Housing sent notices out to families in larger apartments than the size of the family entitled them to, in these categories:

1. Two persons in a seven person apartment
2. Three persons in a seven person apartment
3. Four persons in a seven person apartment

We have gotten notices ready to send to three persons in a five person apartment. Response has been better than expected, although these notices were just the first notice and was not asking people to move. Many have come in, requesting to move now while they had a better choice of apartments.

This warehouse has been recently checked through the Washington office and surplus on certain housing equipment has been declared. We are checking our records against this as it seems that mistakes have been made which will leave Housing without enough equipment.

Blanket exchange has been accomplished in two more blocks, No. 2 and 3.

Since the cut in employees and the change of transportation to Transportation and Labor Reserve, we have had to inaugurate a new pick-up and clearance system. This has worked satisfactorily, so far this week. Transportation and Labor Reserve have been able to do our work for us in a satisfactory manner.

C. W. Abbott

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

Housing *W-1* *File*

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

July 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Carl Sandoz
(for Mr. Bigelow)

FROM: Housing

As it has been mentioned in the previous report, Housing has been busy contacting those bachelor women occupying apartments alone, the families of two, three, and four occupying seven person apartments, and the families of two occupying five person apartments. It has been made clear to them, that they have to be moved into proper size apartments whenever Housing needs the space.

The lists of those improperly assigned persons and families have been checked and completed. Also the number of vacant apartments has been kept up to date.

Since Housing has turned over the trucks to Transportation and Labor Reserve, under the new system, some difficulty with the moving of families has been reported.

In anticipation of the big move, an additional member was assigned to the Adjustment Board, making the total, four. Also an additional file clerk was added to take care of the extra clerical work.

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Y. Fujita
Housing Supervisor

C. W. Abbott
C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

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August 7, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Carl Sandoz
(for Mr. Bigelow)

SUBJECT: Comments on Housing activities
for week ending August 7, 1943.

We are working hard to make all necessary adjustments in preparation for the large number of people who will come as the result of segregation. The final notices have been sent to all those categories that are badly out of adjustment and for whom rooms of the right size are available on the project.

The transportation system has been causing a little difficulty, as some moves have been held up; deliveries and pickups have not always been made when scheduled. We think that this situation is being corrected.

We have added several members to the staff for the present emergency, four men to the Adjustment Board and a file clerk to help keep the records straight.

The school half of Block 32 has been entirely vacated.

We have worked out a procedure with Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Stafford for the handling of those cases where people will not move, so that adjustments may be made.

Plans have been formulated for assigning to apartments and delivering supplies to people from Tule Lake, and the clearing of people to leave this project to go to Tule Lake.

C. W. Abbott
C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

File
P. 3140

August 28, 1943

Memorandum to: Mr. Carl Sandoz

Re: Comments on Housing activities for
the week, August 23rd to 28th in-
clusive.

During this week Housing completed most of the moves that had been contemplated in making adjustment for segregation. Internal Security took over the moves of four families, three of whom moved themselves.

It has been a rather trying time for the adjustment board and all members of the staff, as there have been many difficult cases to solve during this last week. Pressure from the residents has been great, causing it to be difficult to make necessary adjustment.

Plans are made for taking care of the repatriates who are going to the hospital, Saturday, August 28th. Housing will check baggage and trunks in to the customs inspector.

C. W. Abbott

C. W. Abbott
Housing Superintendent