

Suggestions for new setup - 7/25/44

Empire Builder enroute To Spokane, June 1, 1942

Dear Clarence and Dr. Barstow:

This is a supplementary report regarding meeting in Chicago on Saturday, May 30 as you will have heard already from Dr. Barston and Naomi.

This is a supplementary report to Joe Conard (under separate cover) regarding results of hours and hours of hasing since Chicago by Joe, Bob O'Brien and me (my function having been to absorb as much as possible of their experience in the thick of this thing and their steers as to wise contacts, etc. I shall hope to bring back more of their wisdom in person than there is time to write when I come, (though we hope Dr. Barston will have come out here himself by that time).

I expect to be back in Philadelphia on or about June 22. I shall be in Portland c/o Dr. G. C. Shauffler-2745 S. West Summit Drive-June 2-4, night train meeting with Pacific Northwest Committee Friday noon, probably seeing Puyallup Reception Center and conferring with Floyd Schmoe, B. Shipley and Tom, leaving Seattle Sat. P. M. reaching San Francisco in time for meeting with Joe's committee, in company with Marian Reith and Joe Sunday evening, Monday in San Francisco Center with Mary Kimber and others; night train to Los Angeles arriving Tuesday June 9, reachabâ Pasadena Friends Center. I leave on Santa Fe Thursday evening at 8:15 reach Chicago Sunday A. M. -spend Sunday in Chicago c/o Mrs. D. B. Fulton-1318 Ritchi Court, and take Philadelphia Ltd. Sunday at 5:39 reaching Philadelphia 9:50 A. M.-Monday June 22. (this specific in case you want to catch me with instructions en route). I will spend 2 or 3 days on Japanese or Center business while in Southern California and will hope to visit Santa Anita, meet with M. Reith's Committee and such others as she suggests, as well as Center contacts and confer as much as he wishes in home if he is there.

In Portland tomorrow night there is to be a meeting of the Oregon section of the Pacific Northwest Committee of the Student Relocation Committee with Joe, Bob, and me.

If you want me to change any of the above plans or add other contacts let me know. The only necessity for me is to have three days with Dick in Portland and a week with mother in Sierra Madre.

Now for the report--Dr. Barstow will have reported the recommendations of the Sat. group in Chicago (Barstow, Provinse, Goodycoontz, O'Brien, Conard, Reith, Masaoka, Benford and me) to call the overall organization the National Student Relocation Council--through which vehicle the A.F.S.C. cooperates with the other already interested group to get the job done. The Council would consist of all individual and organization representatives who should be pulled in. The Executive and operating and geographic organization chart to function under the Council will be given later. The first thing in important is the relation to the A. F. S. C.

It would seem to us that the Council obviously would not be a section of the Service Committee, but a new area of activity for the Service Committee administratively related closely to the Service Committee under Clarence and utilizing such administrative and service and staff resources already there in any sections as may apply--and obviously calling similarly on the resources of the other groups that are cooperating. This separateness of entity--at least in title--seems advisable as a further step in mollifying the groups that resented the assignment to the A.F.S.C.

If it is to be the above picture--and in any case--what is the relation of this new program and of Joe Conard to (1) Homer Morris and (2) to the West Coast Bureau of the A.F.S.C.? Is Homer in charge of all activities of the Service Committee (including the West Coast Bureau) relative to all Japanese work including the Student Relocation Program or exclusive of it? In other words, if as we gather, Joe is to be the West Coast Executive, heading up the activities of all three areas (staff suggestions for all three areas later) and making contacts with regional government officials working in and out of San Francisco, is Joe responsible (1) directly to Barstow, or (2) through Homer. The three of us strongly recommend the first. Will you clarify this point at once in a letter to Homer for Joe's sake. You can readily

see its importance and we recommend copies of your letter go to all West Coast Centers, to O'Brien, to Reith, and me (so I can explain as I go along).

The second thing in importance is to reinforce from all three of us Joe's suggestions regarding the necessity of two jobs ~~being~~ done at once. (1) the pulling together of the organization East and West learning the West Coast job, and getting the whole running, the financing started, etc. and (2) The approach to Universities and Colleges for openings and free tuition. Neither job ^{can} wait for the other. Dr. Barstow obviously must do the first. We suggest seeing whether Aydelotte or Graham or Nason would do the second or at least a few days of it to get the big boys that are needed to set the pattern which the lesser lights will follow. They could at the same time get these names for the Council and the Executive Committee, which will bring the other boys along, if such names are on the letter head as Executive Committee. The first persons (as keys to others) to get seem to be, in order of importance:

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| For Midwest: | 1. Dykstra--Wisconsin |
| | 2. Coffey--Minnesota |
| | 3. Hutchins--Chicago |
| For East: | 1. Conant |
| | 2. ^N icholas Murray Butler |
| For South | 1. Graham |

The third thing is to write to Col. Carl C. Bendetson Wartime Civilian Control Authority, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco referring to letter Mr. Provinse was going to have C. Cress write from Washington to Bendetsen today, explain assignment of job of student relocation to you and Service Committee to work out in cooperation with other organizations a set up to handle, and requesting Bendetson's cooperation with Joe Conard, O'Brien, Reith and other west coast representatives as need to enter camps etc. Your letter to Bendetson should explain briefly the organization and the general west coast function of student relocation, should name Joe as the west coast executive, with whom R. W. O'Brien will work in the Pacific Northwest and Mr. Reith

in Southern California and Arizona. It should request Bendetson's and other W.C.F.A. official's cooperation with Joe and such other staff as are named by him/ following by granting permissions: to enter Assembly Centers as necessary, to interview applicants for study, to distribute the questionnaire for applicants which has been worked out in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education, and engage in such other activities within the Centers as the program may require. A similar letter should go to Mr. E. R. Fryer, Regional Director of War Relocation Authority, Whitcomb Hotel for similar permissions for Relocation Centers.

Copies of both these letters should go to Joe, to Bendetson, To Fryer, and to the following persons in W.R.A.-Whitcomb Hotel-M. Coverly, Regional Director of Community Services, Lester K. Ade, Service Specialist on School Facilities, Edwin Bates, Chief Information Division, Richard M. Neustadt, Federal Security Administration, Tom C. Clark, Chief of Civilian Staff, Dr. Calvert D. Dedrich, Chief of Statistics, R. L. Nicholson, Chief of Reception Centers, Mrs. Lucy Adams, Regional Educational Director.

Now to organization chart and functions.

The functions are in general: In Eastern Area, student placement, financing including tuition scholarship, promotion of good community and campus attitudes and use of publicity material furnished from West Coast, contact with Federal officials in Washington.

In Western area: Student selection in following steps:

(a) Thoroughly canvass all assembly and Reception Centers for information regarding all college level students, including college graduates and high school graduates--and their ability to contributing to costs.

(b) Interview personally all worthy candidates and find what recommendations should be made for each regarding continued education and financial subsidy, etc. These interviews by highly competent persons with experience with Japanese.

(c) Secure full information from references, including college and school transcripts.

(d) Secure suitable government certificate for all likely candidates.

(e) In consultation with representative from East familiar with admissions policies of Eastern and Midwest institutions do preliminary matching of students to openings secured by Eastern Committee. Send papers East with recommendations

(f) Arrange government permits for travel, etc.

The Council should contain East and West names and organizations and can be shirts stuffed or otherwise; the two geographic areas of it will function under or collectively in advisory relation to East and West Coast Committees as called upon by the latter. We suggest Aydelotte as Chairman of Council and Executive Committee because the chief need is to carry weight among academic institutions East and West. Yet the Chairman must be deeply committed to the importance of the program (Dykstra might not be) and understand and handle cleverly the political elements involved. Clarence can pinch-hit as Vice-Chairman for actual meetings as much as desirable and Barstow for both, in the Executive Committee, when Clarence is on vacation or away. The Executive might be eight or ten in East and Midwest and three on West coast--Conard, O'Brien, and Reith.

We think of the Eastern Committee as covering geographically everything east of the restricted area. The whole West coast operating area would clear though Joe in San Francisco, and he would have contact with all Regional Government officials there in W.R.A. and W.C.C.A.

The Public Relations Directory, we think, should be located on the West Coast to collect information and human interest stuff regarding students but someone in Eastern office should be delegated for this contact also. All speeches, releases, or official statements regarding N.S.R.C. (National Student Relocation Council) program should clear through this person, but if this is to ~~be~~ done, which is very important immediate clearance must ~~be~~ given. (Program must move ~~fast~~).

The approach to President Coffey of Minnesota to get him on the Executive Committee we think very important on account of the letter from him of which I enclose copy which came to my hand confidentially in Chicago. But we feel Coffey

would be strongly effected by Dykstra' action, hence suggest getting him first if possible. Suggest you find out what Provinse learned of Dykstra's attitude when they breakfasted together in Chicago, Friday morning, May 29.

The list of suggestions for Councilmembers enclosed. We've listed everything that occurred to us, and then Bob and Joe have marked those, 20-25 they consider ~~exxential~~. The whole list could probably appear on the back of the Council letter paper with Executive Council on front. We suggest that no list of either Council or Executive be made final or public until Bob and Joe have time to consult their area Committees of the old Student Relocation Committee so that they may feel included in consultation as to appointments for the new set-up.

They stress the importance of having Roland Elliot on the Executive Committee. Also of describing Joe, in connection with the new appointment, as formerly Chairman of Student Relocation Committee rather than as staff of A.F.S.C. (strategy!)

Now for a lot of scattered recommendations before going on to budget and staff suggestions for West Coast.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS

1. Required reading, for anybody having to do with Japanese program, is Tolan Committee Report-4th Interim Report; (white about 3/4 in. thick) House Report 2124, of May, 1942 of 77th Congress--2nd session.
2. Mr. Provinse was going to write a letter probably for Eisenhower's signature regarding the assignment of this job to C. P. and Service Committee (he should be given the name of Council also if approved for this purpose) and requesting cooperation particularly by Colleges and Universities. Miss Goodypoontz promised Office of Education would transmit this letter to all institutions desired and is to go over a list with Barstow early next week.
3. The above is in line with strong recommendation from Saturday group that selection of institutions for suitability be as careful as the selection of students.
4. It was also the strong recommendation of the Saturday group that all possible

areas of training and professional preparation be opened up in spite of probable limitations of job placement opportunities for Japanese issued after war; that these limitations be discussed with students fully but those who wish to take medical, engineering, etc. etc. training in spite of them with view to being trained and ready if and when professions open up, even if many years later, be aided to do so. Miss Goodypoontz was especially favorable to this recommendation.

5. C. P. of Chairman if not he and if selected should formally invite Eisenhower Province, Col. Cress, John Studebaker and Miss Goodypoontz to be on Council and Eisenhower and Studebaker should respectively be requested that Province, Cress and Miss Goodypoontz serve as Consultants to Executive Committee as and when possible.

6. Barstow should be sure to visit Pacific North West (Portland and Seattle) while on Coast. Very important.

7. Mrs. Lucy Adams, Regional Educational Director for W.R.A. on Coast, is following through on prompt release of some specially fitted College graduates for Normal School training in State Normal Schools--Greeley College, Eastern Washington State College at Cheney, Washington, etc. Joe will follow this up with her.

8. Send to the U. S. Office of Education for their lists of Colleges and Universities which lists names, positions, etc. of all administrative staff and faculty. Part three (3) is the West Coast Areas, but if you haven't these already (Kathleen Hanstein) probably has them) they'll all be valuable.

9. Very important--Joe and Bob feel it is very important that no Service Committee person should state that evacuation was necessary, unavoidable, or justified.

They themselves feel it wasn't and could have been avoided and while they avoid the issue wherever possible as it's obviously now a "fait accompli", but they feel that most liberal West Coast people do not think it was necessary and would feel very badly if A.F.S.C. spokesman gave the opinion that it was. The issue can certainly be avoided by saying it's too soon to know, but Joe agrees with many whose testimony appears in the detailed Tolan Committee Proceedings that the long run picture will not justify the move.

10. Will Clarence^{please}/write letters to "Gasoline Rationing Officials for Joe, Bob and Marian explaining their functions in this program requesting that they and such others as they may designate be furnished if possible with adequate quantities of gasoline to perform their duties--the A.F.S.C. and Council in order to carry out the assignment from the W.R.A. will appreciate, etc., etc. This is important to do at once. Gas Rationing will begin on West Coast very soon and many of our camps can't be reached except by car.
11. Please send list of names and addresses of all people at Chicago Conference to Provinse (at his request) to be put on his mailing list. Also ask him to put on his mailing list the names on Joe's former letterhead (Reed has several letters on it).
12. Please, Clarence Pickett, send a letter to President Siego of the University of Washington (for full name see Council list) thanking him a friendly way for understanding and help he has given in this program and for sparing R. O'Brien time to come East to conference (any words you care to add about R. O'Brien's apparent importance and favorable impression he made on it (present world problem and selection if approved will not be amiss, though this is my idea, not Bob's)).
13. We believe that one of the good, well-known Deans or Secretaries of Admissions at one of the Eastern schools, who attends conferences of such officials and knows well the admissions policies and peculiarities of many of the Eastern and Midwest Colleges and Universities might be asked to go West, as soon as possible and act as Consultant to Western offices to (1) Advise with interviewers going into Centers and take part in their training, and (2) Help Western offices in preliminary matching students with descriptions of openings sent out from East. Ideally this person should stay a month, preferably two. Talk this idea over with Miss Goodypoontz . If all approve, select P.D.Q. and send out at once.
14. Provinse says to consult Abbott of Tolman committee staff regarding strategy of approach to and influence on Congressmen.
15. Bob met Fred Libby on the train going to Chicago. Libby told him that the

Saturday Evening Post, at the suggestion of President R. was now preparing a series of Japanese atrocity stories from the West Coast to stir up war feeling. Do you wish to sound out Fred Libby, the authenticity of this report, and if verified by him, check it further?

The Staff on the West Coast

Joe apparently feels irrevocably bound to give full time to San Francisco Institute until July 8, but will give his own outside time to this program in supervision of an assistant. It seems clear to me that if he does this at the expense of his personal time and energy he should be paid in addition to his Institute salary. He feels he could not possibly give up the Institute at this late date even to Cope whom he feels is competent to do it, without irreparably damaging his relationship with Allen Barr and sacrificing any chance of continuing with the Institutes. Very soon he will have to know, I believe, whether the A.F.S.C. sees a continuing job either full or part time for him, other than the Institutes, either in the Japanese work or elsewhere. He should have some vacation, possible in September especially if he does this double program in June (though he himself doesn't seem to think so! and should return $\frac{1}{2}$ time to the Institute program October 1 is he is to return to it.

It apparently was entirely a misunderstanding that he took any of the Peace Section time for the Japanese Student work. He continues to give $\frac{1}{2}$ his time to the Institute through May 15 and after that time paid the salary he received for working for the Student Relocation Committee to Cope to do the Institute, which he feels the latter did well. He did, however, definitely promise Barr when he came to Chicago and return to the Institute and feels he must carry through.

I can't tell you how much I have appreciated this leisurely opportunity to get the experience and viewpoints of these two men and how much I admire the judgment and capacity they have both shown as well as the devoted energy and enthusiasm they have thrown into the job. They work excellently together and supplement each other well. They seem to feel Marion Reith is the good person as executive for the

South working closely, of course, with Mendenhall. But her organization contacts and knowledge of people make her good for the job. They hope Dick Mills can be released from C.O. camp to work in Southern areas too. I feel sure Eastern Committee will do well to continue and follow the judgment of this group who have had so much experience. But I will, of course, welcome and try to collect as fully as possible the experience of Southern California Friends when I get there. Though Homer has undoubtedly passed on to you much of their thinking.

Budget for Western Committee on a separate sheet.

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William Lindsay Young
President

att. of college
PARK COLLEGE . Parkville, Missouri

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June 2, 1942

Rev. Gordan K. Chapman
2729 Elmwood
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr. Chapman:

A letter from Glenn Moore, dated May 29, has just come to my desk in which he recommends that I clear with you on all Japanese students coming to Park. I am happy to follow this procedure, or any other that makes for the best efficiency. For your information, therefore, I am submitting the following information as to Japanese students now enrolled, and prospective students as well:

1. Noshie Iwakiri has been with us four years and received her B. A. degree at commencement, just closed. We are keeping her on the campus for the duration.
2. Elaine Matsumoto has been with us one year and will continue, so far as I know, until she completes her four-year program leading to the B. A. degree.
3. Ted Tajima has been accepted and will come to us in the fall as a Junior.
4. Calvin Tajima, a brother of Ted, will be here no later than the opening of school early in September.
5. Naomi Iwasaki has been accepted and, I think, plans to come in before the opening of school.
6. Toki Kumai may have received her degree at U.C.L.A. this spring. She was in the middle of her last semester when evacuated. I have offered her a position that will pay her a nominal salary in addition to her board and room. How long it will be before she can get here, I do not know. Dr. Glenn Moore and Rev. W. Felston Christopher are working on this case.

If the above come through as planned, that will mean that we have now arranged for six Japanese students to be at Park next fall. If you care to direct another six or eight in this direction, we shall be pleased to cooperate further. Our latest catalog and a book of views are being sent to you in order that you may have a better picture of the situation at Park.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours
(signed)
William Lindsay Young
President

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cc to Dr. Glenn Moore

cc for N.S.R.C. 7/15/42 :ph

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AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

212 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

June 2, 1942

att. of college

Mr. Calvin C. Cope
Union Street at Allston Way
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Cope:

You are quite right, we are interested in helping Japanese-American students transfer for the fall term. We do not have a limit set upon the amount of scholarship money that we will have available. We are thinking at the present time in terms of \$5,000 to \$6,000 but there may be more if it is needed. I have just received word from some of our Baptist colleges that they would like to have Japanese students in attendance next year.

William Jewell at Liberty, Missouri has asked for two students.

Kalamazoo has simply said they would accept Japanese students on the same basis as Caucasian young people.

Colby, Waterville, Maine has asked for a number of students.

Colorado Women's College in Denver, a junior college for women, has asked for two students and has indicated the willingness to provide practically all expenses. I have already sent this information to Clarence Pickett of the Friends Service Committee.

You can call upon us at any time to help in any way that we can. If you have names to suggest for these various schools, I should be happy to pass them on to the interested people.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John W. Thomas
Secretary
Department of Cities

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Lt. Gen. John L. Dewitt
Western Defense Command and Fourth Army
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

On May 21 the Assistant Secretary of War gave formal approval to the efforts of this Authority in relocating in inland educational centers those university and college students of Japanese ancestry whose advanced training was interrupted by the Pacific Coast evacuation order. Assisting in this relocation is a non-governmental National Student Relocation Committee, headed by Mr. Clarence E. Pickett of the Friends Service organization, which recently met in Chicago to discuss procedures. A short report of this meeting is attached for your information.

In order to plan for such student relocation on the most intelligent lines, it becomes necessary to obtain from the prospective students personal data and academic history records which can become the basis of recommendation for educational furlough. In order to obtain this required information, Mr. Pickett's committee has established on the West Coast a subcommittee, three members of which would like permission to visit the assembly centers on which the students are now resident. These individuals are:

Mr. Robert W. O'Brien
Assistant Dean of Men
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Mr. Joseph Conard
Japanese American Student Relocation Committee
2031 Baker Street
San Francisco, California

Mrs. M. B. Rieth
National Student Secretary, Y.W.C.A.
715 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, California

These representatives will work those assembly centers most conveniently located to Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, respectively, and may from time to time wish to employ an additional person to help them in procuring records.

This Authority is desirous of facilitating the conscientious and helpful work which the Student Relocation Committee is performing and requests that permission be granted them to enter upon the assembly centers under your jurisdiction for such periods as may be necessary to obtain their information. They will, of course, conform strictly to such regulations as you may prescribe.

These preliminary records will cover only the students' academic records and personal qualifications. They are not designed to investigate loyalty and will constitute neither a loyalty record nor a promise of furlough to the evacuee. Final decision on who shall be allowed to leave the centers will remain with the Army authority.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the three committee members mentioned above, and Mr. Conard, whose headquarters are in San Francisco, will call at Col. Bendetsen's office soon to secure the necessary credentials. Your help in this important undertaking will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eisenhower
Director

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C.

June 10, 1942

Copy to

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Possibility of
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Mr. Robbins W. Barstow
c/o American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barstow:

This is a belated acknowledgment of your good letter of May 31. I have not acknowledged it sooner because I hoped to have answers to all the questions you raised before reporting. Unfortunately I do not yet have such answers, but I will inform you as to progress in trying to get answers.

1) With regard to the designation of restricted and non-restricted areas for relocation, I discovered that there is no one government agency which can formulate a policy. In other words, it means clearing with a number of different agencies which are interested in war work and which must be reached to determine what their objections might be. Mr. Marks of this office is now working on the problem and we have secured from the Office of Education a list of all the schools and colleges in the United States. The Army and Navy and other interested agencies are being contacted to secure from them the names of those schools to which no objection can be raised. A number of inquiries are coming to this office, and I imagine you are receiving similar ones, asking for a uniform statement of policy. I hope that we can have one out by the early part of next week.

2) As to what students will be included in our efforts at relocation centers, I have checked with Mr. Eisenhower and he agrees that we should not discriminate against recent high school graduates. In other words, we should consider all eligible for advanced training.

3) We are expecting soon to complete furlough regulations, which are being drawn in such a way that they will include other furloughs as well as those designed for educational training. In this connection, it is my understanding that as soon as these regulations are prepared the Army and the WCCA, now operating the assembly centers, will release students in accordance with our procedure.



4) In a separate memorandum I have advised you with regard to the frozen funds situation.

5) There seems no possibility that we can grant subsistence commutation for relocated students in lieu of food, quarters, and clothing that would be supplied on the relocation centers. I am preparing a letter for Mr. Eisenhower's signature to President Sproul covering this decision. In a conversation with Dr. Hedrick at Chicago I told him informally that I thought that would have to be the decision.

6) I have also prepared for Mr. Eisenhower's signature a request to the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command that Mr. Cardon, Mr. O'Brien, and Mrs. Rieth be permitted to go onto the assembly centers for purposes of collecting their student information. A copy of this letter was sent to you.

I take it that you have been so busy that you did not get to Washington last week as you thought you might. I expect that I will be here most of next week, but I hope to get out West again sometime around June 20.

The possibility of establishing junior colleges on the relocation centers has been given consideration. Mrs. Adams of our San Francisco office has informed us by wire recently that she can establish such schools under the provision of the California junior college act, but she needs financing for the first year. Mr. Eisenhower states that this is impossible under our program, largely because college work cannot be publicly financed without danger of defeating our program by an unfavorable reaction. You will recall that Dr. Hedrick at the Chicago meeting expressed doubt that the universities on the Coast would be able to carry the expense of providing instruction at the centers.

I know that the burden for your committee is already great, but if there is the possibility that funds could be raised for providing education for some of these people at the relocation centers on some kind of part-time work and part-time study basis, it would help to solve the problem for a large number for whom places might not be found easily in inland institutions.

In this same connection, I think it is wise also to bear in mind what Dr. Hedrick said at Chicago - that the Pacific Coast schools would make an attempt to expand their extension work to provide greater services on the relocation centers. Even under this extension program some additional financial support to the students would be necessary for tuition, books, etc., and I hope that could be taken care of.

I am sure that you know how much both Mr. Eisenhower and I appreciate the responsibility that you and Mr. Pickett are carrying for us, and I am sure that a great many of our Japanese people will be very grateful to you in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division

P. S. This was dictated before you were in my office today, but I am sending it along for the record.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

June 11, 1942

Mr. Joseph Conard
Student Relocation Committee,
West Coast Area
Union Street at Allston Way,
Berkeley, California

My dear Conard:

e. critiques w. i. i. method of clearing students

It is very trying to have to work across a whole continent when we are dealing with matters of such immediacy. But that can't be helped. May I assure you that we are trying to clear things just as rapidly as possible at this end. You will have to give us time for necessary consultations.

First, as to the student questionnaire blanks. Have you consulted other college administration officials to be sure you have all the information they would need, and in the form they want it? In conference with one of Miss Goodykoontz's associates yesterday, certain important points were brought out. One was that the personal aptitudes and attitudes of each student should be discovered somehow, as, for example, how widely has he (or she) traveled, how is his (or her) spirit standing up under this difficult situation, what sort of first impression is created by the particular individual. Now not all of this could be discovered by a questionnaire filled out by the individual. But these points should be kept in mind by the interviewers, who, in Dr. Fowlkes judgment, should all be college or university people and not religious or social workers.

As to specific wordings on the questionnaire:

Instructions 2. "War Department" not "Department of War."

Question #8 Why emphasis on the negative? Fowlkes made the point that somewhere, perhaps just here, should be a positive statement by the student that might be quite revealing. Therefore, I suggest this: "Please add a statement enlarging upon this answer and giving reasons."

Question #11 In view of Mr. Province's letter about frozen funds, I should not introduce this matter. (Copy of his letter sent to you.)

Question #10 Could this not be worded in a way to bring out positively certain personal attitudes rather than just (to be a plumber) etc. For example, instead of just vocational plans, why not ask, "What are your plans as to life work?" This question, I think, should precede #8, 8 becoming 9, and 9 becoming 10.

These are all the comments I have concerning the questionnaire, but I believe they are worth, perhaps, holding it up a couple of days.

As to the special cases desiring immediate release, that is pretty complicated, particularly, if in addition to the thirty you sent me, O'Brien has another batch. I went over that pretty thoroughly with Mr. Province. His first reaction was that W.R.A. could certify a few special cases and request release and travel. But there are three conditions: (1) that there be full academic acceptance by the receiving institution; (2) that there be federal approval of the receiving institution; and (3) that financial arrangements be clear.

As to these, (1) the sketchy list you sent us would not do at all as a basis for W.R.A. clearance. I assume, of course, that more exact information is available. As to (2) we are being slowed by the Army in the matter of the approved check list. We are waiting for their final word, all other departments having given the green light. As a matter of conjecture, I fancy that the list may be rather discouragingly small. But until we get that approval, no college of university can be sure it is O.K. to enroll one of these transfers. As to (3), I am not yet clear just what to say. Is it fair to let a few students skim off the cream of the scholarship grants? In one way, they deserve something for their foresight and initiative. You see, our Executive Committee has not yet worked out the plan for administering scholarships and other funds. But naturally, the colleges would give the maximum help to these first few enrollees.

All this sums itself up in my mind this way; if there are not more than twenty bona fide acceptances, with all academic steps cleared, and financial arrangements adequate, preferably by personal funds, we might try to get them certified and released. If there are more than twenty, I feel it is only fair to the larger program to insist that they wait and take their place at the top of the list when the relocation program really gets moving. If the Executive Committee here approves, and if there are only these few, the process is to be this: Send via air mail to Eisenhower, with copy to me and to Fryer, the list of students, present addresses, receiving institutions (assuming that you have checked official acceptances). Then W.R.A. will request the regional office to make required investigation, certify the matter to W.C.C.A. and arrange for travel authorization. Let me emphasize again that these must all be students who have independently completed negotiations with other institutions. The Relocation Committee cannot begin passing on a few. Otherwise the whole major plan will be handicapped from the start.

Now for another important matter referred to in your letters. You speak of great concern for the "hearings" and the danger of further impairing the morale of individuals and the group. Mr. Provinse advises me that no third degree is contemplated. When our committee is satisfied in any given case, and recommends Student A. or Elfor approval, the matter will then be referred through the Project Director to the Regional Office. The name will then be submitted to the Federal authorities, who will check over their master lists, and unless there is some definite reason for holding up approval, the name will be okayed for release. This is the general pattern he envisages, the detailed techniques to be worked out. But I think you all may rest assured on the matter of unpleasant hearings or inquisitions.

As to another point, any who have enlisted in the work corps may ask for discharge for student transfers if and when everything is in order.

As to what students we should include in our planning, Mr. Eisenhower agrees that we should consider "all eligible for advanced training," i.e. recent high school graduates as well as college and university people.

There seems no possibility that the government can grant "subsistence commutation for relocated students in lieu of food, quarters, and clothing that would be supplied on the relocation centers."

As to your west coast staff set-up, as we have wired a couple of times, you people there will have to decide what is absolutely necessary. We cannot determine at this distance. You will keep in mind reasonable economy as to all expenses, but this is all in the nature of emergency work and we will trust your judgment.

In the matter of your organization, it seems to us here that you have an unduly formidable list of names. If you feel it absolutely essential to drag them all in officially go ahead. We have decided at this end to keep the organization as simple as possible. Because of the urgency of the job itself, we are not trying to develop a big overhead organization. Everything is on a functional basis--even though it may seem arbitrary to some.

As to information from colleges, please refer all that to us here. Send on what ~~you~~ have. As to the actual process of matching individual students and colleges, our Executive Committee here is giving that particular study. It is perhaps the most knotty problem of all. We are making careful note of all the other items you suggest we should consider. This is practically identical with our own informal agenda of concerns.

We have not been able to do much yet in the way of publicity. For one thing, everything hinges on the master list of approved institutions. We are working on other releases of various sorts. I am returning the article by Mrs. Watson. We must be very careful in anything that emanates from our Committee not to be critical of the government, even by inference. The fine relations existing and the grand cooperation we are receiving from Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Provinsé would be seriously impaired, if we swing over to the role of reformers or propagandists. We have a specific job to do, which is entirely constructive. This should be clearly kept in our minds, whatever our personal feelings as to some of the underlying issues of the evacuation in particular or the war in general.

Mr. Joseph Conard--Page 5 6/11/42

For expense funds, enclosed herewith is a check for \$500. More is to follow when our financial pattern is a bit clearer.

Just as soon as things here are a little more advanced, I plan to hasten west, presumably first to see you and others in your area, then South and North (or vice versa). Will you bear in mind the most advantageous disposition of my time. Should I go first to Los Angeles and work north? If so, wire instructions. I will probably leave Philadelphia Monday, stopping at American Legion headquarters at Indianapolis.

Sincerely,

R. W. Barstow, Director
Japanese-American Student Relocation

COPY

June 13, 1942

Dr. Robbins Barstow
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Barstow:

Thank you very much indeed for your frequent and prompt telegrams and also for your most helpful letter of June 11. You have gotten into this problem with amazing rapidity and completeness. Your answers are most gratifying and I agree with every criticism you have made concerning our own questionnaires etc.

Now I shall reply to your letter of June 11 in detail.

1. In your second paragraph you suggest additional information we should secure on each student. We shall specifically list each of the points you raise on the general form which interviewers will be required to fill out. I agree with you that none of this information can be adequately secured from the questionnaire which will be filled by the students.

2. You will note from the enclosed questionnaire that we have made the changes you propose.

3. Also, we have made a change suggested by Miss Goodykoontz and we have made two or three changes suggested by other people. I hope and believe all of these changes will be acceptable to you. I heartily agree that it was well worth while and worth the delay in order to get these changes from you. Frankly, my impatience was caused only because Bob O'Brien was quite impatient for me to give him more adequate information. Indeed, he would have distributed the questionnaires a week ago except for a wire from me urging that he should not do so at that time.

4. I agree with you that the list of persons sent whose arrange-

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ments have been completed is highly inadequate as a list to be officially presented to any government agency. I sent it simply to give you a picture of the applications we had. Also, I feel with you that we could not permit immediate evacuation for any except particularly worthy emergency cases. I shall prepare information on a few of these and shall ask O'Brien and Reith to do the same. It is probable that there will only be two or three in this area, but I may find a number more.

5. I'm delighted with your comments on hearing boards. This answers all my questions and will be a very real relief also to some of my committee members.

6. I share your concern regarding the long list of names we have submitted to you. I am not sure we can get away with fewer, but your letter gave me courage to try. A major difference between our situations at this point may exist because of the fact that a great many groups and colleges have already taken an active interest in this work here, whereas, it is my impression that fewer colleges, at least, have already become involved in the work in the East. Because of these "vested interests" in the work we may have to include more names than we should otherwise wish to list.

7. Since your letter states that you are leaving for the East on Monday I shall hold for your arrival accumulated material which could not feasibly be sent Airmail, and give it to you on your arrival. This includes our college data etc.

8. Thank you very much for your \$500 check. That will help us a great deal. I am sorry to have bothered you with my wire of last night which is now unnecessary.

9. I am afraid my long letter of June 6 needed correction at a number of points and may even have given the wrong impression in some cases. Since, as I indicated in it this letter was dictated but not read before being sent. As this is water under the bridge I shall not bother you by giving all the corrections but trust you will have made allowances for the errors.

10. We have done a great deal more thinking on the "matching process" and I believe this is something we shall have to talk over together while you are here. Certainly our own proposals should undergo considerable revision.

11. Could you tell me when the statement about the National Student Relocation Council will be ready for distribution? We have great need for something of this sort. Naturally I have had to answer great hosts of letters and I have accordingly done the best I could without word from you. I hope the enclosed letter which we have mimeographed is satisfactory. We have not distributed it widely, but have simply sent it in reply to letters asking us for information which it gives.

12. Marian Reith may have mentioned to you a lady by the name of Masami Beede _____ whose last name escapes me now. I should like to suggest that you consider Masami very definitely, and keep her in mind as you think of your staff. She could presumably come from the West Coast on one of the permanent furloughs on which Mr. Provinse is working. She should be considered for a number of reasons, one of which is that she takes shorthand about like a court reporter and is an excellent typist. Another reason is that she would be able to give tremendously helpful information about the West Coast situation and about Japanese-American thinking particularly. Another fact of interest

is that Masami had completed arrangements to work for the Service Committee before her evacuation was carried out but had to give up these plans because she could not get permission to leave. Living arrangements and all other matters had been settled. A point of interest is the Masami was adopted as a child by Willis Beede, A Whittier Quaker, and raised in his home. Masami has a husband and child whose arrangements in Philadelphia had also been completed at the time of her previous plans to go East.

13. Our present policy of forwarding to you all inquiries concerning colleges and East Coast opportunities of education will be continued unless we hear from you to the contrary.

14. I hope that in considering institutions of learning the War Relocation Authority or the Wartime Civilian Control Administration will be sure to include institutes such as Art Institutes, Academies of Music, Nurses training schools, and even the training in design, dressmaking, etc.

With thanks and,

Cordially,

Joseph Conard

P.S. There is one bit of highly confidential information which I should like to pass on to you. You should not mention it but you can act with knowledge of it. The liaison officer from Los Angeles in the San Francisco Wartime Civilian Control Administration has frequently talked with me about evacuation problems. He's a Legionnaire from Kansas, very well acquainted with Harry W. Colmery who is a very important Legionnaire in Kansas and also, I believe,

Legion Commander at one time. At my suggestion my friend in the WCCA wrote a letter to Colmery presenting asympathetic understanding attitude toward receiving them in the Middle West.

Mr. Colmery's too-brief reply dated June 6 indicated an exceedingly sympathetic attitude, and I believe you should know of this. I do not feel it would be right for me to send you a copy of the letter without approval and I do not have time to get that approval now, but a quotation or two may be legitimate.

"...but these second and third generation ones (Japanese) born in the United States and unquestioned American Citizens are entitled to be treated fairly and decently. After all, one of the problems of this country is that we ourselves have not done a good job of assimilation."

"...I am not afraid to take a stand on a matter of this kind. But as you know the majority, particularly in public life, sieze upon what seems to be the popular thing to do politically."

If you could call on Mr. Colmery completely independent of anything I have said or write him and secure an answer on the same basis, you might find a useful friend who would be willing to help in the Legion.

J.C.

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STUDENT RELOCATION COMMITTEE . WEST COAST AREA

June 13, 1942

*Review of Barstow
Letter to Board.
Releo-frozen funds
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To: Marian Reith
Robert O'Brien
Marnie Schaeffler
George Odgers

Dear Friends:

I am writing to report the information received in an excellent letter today from Dr. Barstow. I shall give this topically for your convenience.

1. Dr. Barstow gave his own comments and those of the United States Office of Education concerning our questionnaire. I am now enclosing an official copy of this questionnaire which you may mimeograph for distribution. I presume that Dr. Odgers will check with Dr. O'Brien to find where copies should be prepared for distribution in Portland.

2. Among the points which should be regarded by interviewers are answers to the following questions.

- a. Aptitudes and attitudes of each student.
- b. Breadth of experience including travel etc.
- c. Capacity to withstand difficulties without bitterness or too great discouragement as evidenced by experiences, such as the evacuation itself.
- d. Impression made upon first appearance and general personality.

3. Interviewers should, in the opinion of Dr. Fowlkes of the United States Department of Education, be college or university people not religious or social workers. I don't know how you feel about this last point, but I am recording the judgment expressed.

4. The problem of frozen funds should not be a difficulty in any sense. At the present time the only frozen funds are those of aliens who have not lived in the United States continuously since 1940 and in a very few cases European-Americans or Nisei who have had direct trading arrangements with Japan. Even those whose funds are frozen can draw up to \$500 per month for special purposes, which should include education. If the blocked National wishes to draw more than this amount within one month he can fill out an application for a special withdrawal (C.F.E.-1). Inquiries from anyone on the West Coast may be directed to Mr. Phillip Hale at the Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco. It is possible that there may be arrangements for the immediate release of a very few persons whose situation particularly justifies immediate action. Such exceptions should not exceed 20 for the entire Coast. The procedure has not been definitely passed upon, but if the Executive Committee in Philadelphia approves the applications should be filled out in detail on each students' case ~~and~~ when we recommend immediate transfer. These should go to

Mr. Milton Eisenhower with a copy to Dr. Barstow and a copy to Mr. Fryer at the War Relocation Authority will ask the national office to make

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required investigations, certify the individual to the WCCA and arrange for travel permits. The only cases to be considered would be those who have individually completed negotiations with an educational institution.

Dr. Barstow did not indicate when the Executive Committee would meet, but I suggest that each of you prepare information on your cases and send it to me in order that I may act at once if I receive approval. With my present lack of information, your guess is as good as mine concerning the details which should be given in each case. But I am enclosing an outline which I have prepared as suggestive of the information which would probably be needed. I have still not heard from the two cases presented to Mr. Fryer when Mr. O'Brien first wrote me about one from the Northwest, namely Miss Okuda.

5. The Federal Government is passing judgment on colleges which will be approved for receiving students. Dr. Barstow is afraid this list may not be very long, but we shall see. Failure of the government to approve any given college is no reflection whatever on that college.

6. The present problem for certification of applying students involves no embarrassing 3rd degree. When our committee is satisfied in any given case and recommends a student for approval, the matter will then be referred through the Project Director to the National office. The name will then be submitted to the Federal authorities who will check their master list and approve the transfer unless there is some definite reason to the contrary. I am personally delighted beyond measure with the procedure here recommended.

7. Any persons who have enlisted in the work corps may request discharge for student transfer if and when everything is in order.

8. Mr. Eisenhower agrees that all students eligible for advanced training, such as graduates, and including high school graduates, should be given immediate opportunity under our program.

9. There is no possibility that the government can grant subsistence commutaries for relocated students in lieu of food, shelter and clothing that would be provided in Relocation Centers.

10. Please inform me of all changes in staff requirements in order that I may make proper arrangements to meet your needs. I still do not know what money is available but Dr. Barstow writes emphatically that our job is to meet this task, get it done right, and we should certainly keep him informed if we need more help than we can finance on the present basis.

11. Dr. Barstow feels that our list of names is unduly formidable. He may mean this in regard to all committees proposed by us as mentioned in my long letter, but in any case, I should like each of you to very clearly examine those lists, suggesting any names from your own area which could be deleted without harm.

12. As I judge you already know, it is suggested that the information from colleges be referred directly to Dr. Barstow. I should say this applies also to inquiries from colleges.

13. Dr. Barstow is taking the matter of publicity information into consideration but he believes that we must regard the central task as one of placing students and that any publicity emanating from our committee must under no circumstances impair our relations with the government or government agencies. This means it must not be critical, even by inferences, of government activities. I believe that it is absolutely essential for someone to do an important educational job with Freedom but I also think that Dr. Barstow is right in believing we shall have to confine our own educational activities to work directly needed to aid in student relocation.

14. Please let me know what your financial needs are far enough in advance for me to secure money from Philadelphia to cover them. An arrangement of West Coast fiscal set-up will be made soon, but has not yet been completed.

Dr. Barstow plans to come West to the Coast leaving Philadelphia at the early part of next week.

I shall continue to try to keep you informed of developments.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Conrad

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE
(see case of Harvey Itano):

June 16, 1942

Mr. M. R. Fryer, Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Fryer:

The following telegram has just been handed to me by Mike Masaoka.

"Harvey Akio Itano family unit number 6535 present address Sacramento assembly center future address commencing June 23rd Tulalake Relocation Area California BS degree May 1942 University California admitted medical school St Louis University Mo. for term commencing June 15. Gold medalist Phi Beta Kappa Sigma and straight A grades through college. Financially able to maintain self throughout but if scholarship available would greatly help. Your immediate action appreciated. Regards and success y and George.

s/ Walter T. Tsukamoto"

Mr. Joseph Conard, San Francisco representative of the American Friends Service Committee, of 2031 Baker Street, undoubtedly has already made investigation of this individual from the standpoint of his personality and academic qualifications. A number of other students have also applied through Joseph Conard for a transfer to inland universities, and he has previously been advised to keep in touch with you so far as securing certifications for them and releasing them from assembly centers in case they have not yet moved to relocation areas. A copy of this letter is going to Mr. Conard with a request that he communicate with you at once.

Upon receipt of the application from Mr. Conard, please take the necessary steps with the local representative of the FBI, the Army and Navy Intelligence service to see whether or not they have any reports against this person. If not, please certify him as eligible for educational furlough and request Col. Bendetsen's office to release him from the Sacramento assembly center if he is still there. A copy of the certification should also be furnished to Joseph Conard for transmission to St. Louis University.

Mr. Conard has previously submitted a list of other students desiring to transfer for the summer session, but sufficient information was not forwarded concerning the students, and Mr. Itano's case represents the first one for which certification will be made.

We have agreed to furnish transportation for students being evacuated to inland universities, and such travel authorization should be issued from the regional office.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eisenhower
Director

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NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL . WEST COAST AREA
2227 Union St., Berkeley, California

June 21, 1942

Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen
Assistant Chief of Staff, CAD
Whitcomb Hotel
San Francisco, California

Attention: Major H. P. Goebel

Dear Colonel Bendetsen:

This letter is to supplement our informal discussion of June 19th and acknowledge receipt of the instructions governing interviews of prospective students in Assembly Centers by order of Colonel Bendetsen signed by Captain Moffitt dated June 19.

It is our understanding that these instructions refer only to our work in the WCCA Assembly Centers and that we are to work out with the War Relocation Authority comparable techniques for interviews in the Relocation Centers.

We have studied the nineteen points in the detailed instructions and accept them as a basis of operations. Except in Item 9 on page 2, we find no specific reference to our holding meetings of interested students, but in our conversations with you and various members of your staff we understood that it had been agreed that we would be permitted to hold meetings in the centers of those students interested in the program, the meetings to be arranged in consultation with the center manager and the Japanese Committee in the center. Each meeting would be confined to a description of the program and a detailed explanation of the questionnaires.

Although we realize that the present arrangements do not cover any students who are not citizens, we would like to record our hope that the program will eventually include certain of the non-citizens.

We are deeply appreciative of the time and consideration that you and members

*Re WCCA
Instructions of 6/19*

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Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen

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June 21, 1942

of your staff have given us, particularly when you are faced with many grave responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Conard
Executive Secretary, West Coast Area
National Student Relocation Council

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NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION CENTER. WEST COAST AREA
2227 Union Street, Berkeley, California

June 22, 1942

Mrs. Marian Reith
Mr. Robert O'Brien
Dean George A. Odgers

*discussion by
points of WCCA
stipulations*

Dear friends:

I am sending you copies of the instructions which are being sent to Assembly Center managers from Col. Bendetsen's office. They should reach the managers in a few days, perhaps by Wednesday, June 24. These instructions are issued by WCCA and apply to Assembly Centers only. The work in the Relocation centers will be carried on under directions from WRA.

I would like to mention some of the numbered instructions individually since they depart somewhat from the procedure as we originally had it outlined.

#4. This restriction concerning submission of publicity material applies to all offices of the National Student Relocation Council including the one at Philadelphia. The Public Relations Branch of WCCA will check any such material for the correctness of its facts.

#5. The restriction of interviewing to United States citizens is based on the original letter of Eisenhower which mentions only Japanese American citizens. We tried to have this restriction omitted, but were not able to do so.

#9. This is another limitation which we had not foreseen originally. The actual implication of the presence of a member of the internal police probably will vary in each camp. We hope that it will create no real impediment to adequate interviews.

#10. Persons who get into Assembly Centers on official business have not been accorded the privilege of free movement in most centers. So this provision is nothing new, except perhaps to O'Brien.

#12, #13. The WCCA no longer will pay transportation or incur any other expenses in the relocation of students. We are trying to arrange with WRA to have WRA pay transportation for students from Relocation Centers. Perhaps this

can be arranged so as to include persons now at Assembly Centers.

#14. We presume that this means the printed questionnaire which was submitted to WCCA and was approved by it. The questionnaires will be finished on Tuesday, June 23, we hope, and copies will be mailed as soon as we can get them off after that.

#18. The NSRC can arrange for no immediate releases until after a list of approved colleges and universities has been received from the War Department in Washington. Once we know what institutions will be permitted to receive students, we can arrange for immediate release of emergency cases to such places.

#19. We have had a struggle on this subject. The addition of the clause beginning "except those relocation projects under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority" means that students may be able to rejoin their families after the completion of their studies, and it is therefore more acceptable.

For your additional information I am enclosing copies of our letter to Bendetsen yesterday.

Although the instructions will shortly be in the hands of the center managers, you will not be able to begin work until the necessary passes have been issued. It may be Wednesday, June 24, before we receive them. These instructions govern only the general procedure to be followed in each camp. The detailed arrangements will have to be worked out on the spot with the administration of the individual camp. The final procedure will probably vary somewhat according to the ideas of the Center administration and the facilities and size of the Center.

Perhaps I should give an outline of the procedure as we now envisage it. There are a number of problems involved in it which will have to be settled as we go ahead. The suggested steps are as follows:

(1) Representative of NSRC goes to Center to have talk with Center Administration.

(2) Representative of NSRC will organize a committee of Japanese and members of Center staff.

(3) A meeting will be held of "those interested." The discussion will have to be confined to a detailed explanation of the questionnaire and a description of the program (see letter to Bendetsen).

(4) Distribution, filling out of questionnaires in triplicate, collection of questionnaires.

(5) A preliminary sifting of the filled-out questionnaires to eliminate from immediate consideration non-citizens and those who have no present interest in college work. It may be advisable also to separate those cases where the applicant is without funds and his grade point average is below C since such people would have great difficulty in obtaining scholarship aid.

(6) Tabulate questionnaires. This means to form card lists of all applicants by religious denomination, field of study, and academic average. This will probably be done in San Francisco.

(7) Counseling of individual applicants. In these interviews, among other things, the counselors should try to find out how much money the applicant has. They must be as accurate and precise in this as possible as there will be a check later before the student is released. They should determine the source of funds if possible. If there is a continuing income, it is desirable to know how certain the income is.

In addition to checking on the academic interests, the counselor should keep in mind the personality of the applicant and attempt to assess the effect that the applicant will have on others in the new community.

(9) Write to references

(a) those given by students

(b) write to school for extra references

(10) Get academic transcripts.

(11) Classify students.

(12) Match students with the college opportunities.

The later steps that have been outlined are still only outlines, and the details will have to be worked out later. I suggest that special attention be given to those cases for whom immediate release is urgent so that they can be rushed through if necessary.

Joe Conard and Barstow have just gone to Los Angeles after a very busy three days here, most of which the two spent in WCCA and WRA offices. They will be back here on Wednesday.

A telegram has just been received from the two of them asking that the printing of the questionnaires be held up pending work from the south. I don't know what the delay will be, but you can be sure that we will get the questionnaires to you as soon as we can.

Dean Odgers letter has just arrived with the names of interviewers for the Portland area. We will push the matter of permits through as soon as possible. We will certainly get in touch with Dr. Coleman when he arrives for the Mills Institute next week.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Bodine
Assisting Joseph Conard

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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

JUNE 19, 1942

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING THE INTERVIEWS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS IN ASSEMBLY CENTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY, BY THE NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL FOR PLACEMENT IN EASTERN UNIVERSITIES, NOT IN DEFENSE AREAS, ARE PUBLISHED FOR THE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE OF ALL CONCERNED.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL BENDETSEN:

Albert H. Moffitt
ALBERT H. MOFFITT, JR.,
CAPTAIN, F. A.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Restrictions:
① That supposed to have Japanese committees to aid. Actually, later, were allowed to get
② That allowed to have public meetings to distribute questionnaires. Bendetsen specifically said was O.K. These orders said nothing of this ~~fact~~ the above, assumed O.K. — + went along +

1. The purpose of this communication is to provide an operating procedure under which representatives of the National Student Relocation Council will be permitted to visit the Assembly Centers for the purpose of interviewing prospective students for placement in colleges or universities outside of Military Areas Nos. 1 and 2.
2. To efficiently carry out this operation, close coordination between the Wartime Civil Control Administration, War Relocation Authority and the National Student Relocation Council is necessary.
3. The executive officer of the Wartime Civil Control Administration will issue the required passes, directing the individuals or committee to visit the assembly centers for the purpose of the interviews. The chief of the Operations Branch, T.S.O. Division, will be notified in writing by the executive officer of the passes issued and will state the approximate date of visit and the name of the individual or individuals to whom the passes were issued. The manager of the center to be visited will be notified in advance by the Operations Branch of the T.S.O. Division.
4. Individuals or committees of the National Student Relocation Council will make no release to the press or public in any

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manner, except through the Public Relations Branch of the
Wartime Civil Control Administration.

Censorship!

5. All interviews will be conducted in the reception rooms or other designated places of the assembly centers, as directed by the center manager.
6. Interviews will be confined to qualified Japanese American citizens and the Japanese committee appointed to circulate the appropriate questionnaires.
7. The National Student Relocation Council will be allowed to organize a Japanese committee of Japanese citizens within the center for the sole purpose of assisting in the circulation and collection of the appropriate educational questionnaires. *IS+ Re-litely said no.*
8. Interviews of the prospective students will be limited to the personal data and academic history records which can be the basis of recommendation for educational furloughs.
9. A member of the Internal Security in each center will be present during all meetings and interviews held by the National Student Relocation Council and will be so detailed by the Chief of Internal Security in each center.

10. The individuals or committee members conducting the interviews will not be allowed in the quarters of the Japanese, nor will they be allowed to make inspections or visits in the assembly centers.
11. All interviews will be conducted in the English language only.
12. Japanese students receiving educational furloughs will have sufficient finances to pay all transportation cost and for their upkeep while attending college or university. 77
13. The Wartime Civil Control Administration will make no effort to secure financial support for Japanese students seeking educational furloughs, nor will any expenses be obligated for this educational project.
14. A copy of all instructions or directives furnished the Japanese students and Japanese committee will be forwarded to the Temporary Settlement Operations Division of the Wartime Civil Control Administration. C
15. The sifting, from an intelligence point of view, of those finally approved for placement in eastern colleges will be conducted by the Government intelligence agencies.
16. All educational questionnaires will be forwarded to the

National Student Relocation Council, 2227 Union Street, Berkeley, California, and will be carefully sifted by Mr. Conard's committee.

17. The applications of qualified students who have been approved by the National Student Relocation committee for placement in eastern colleges will be forwarded to the Wartime Civil Control Administration for further investigation. A statement will accompany these applications, to the effect that the applicant is acceptable to a particular university and that financial arrangements are adequate for tuition and upkeep.

18. Release of evacuees will be granted for educational purposes, on Government approval, to qualified members at those eastern universities, not in defense areas, which have agreed to accept such persons.

19. Release of evacuees from assembly centers by the Wartime Civil Control Administration for placement as students will be permanent, and the evacuees will not be allowed to return to areas under the control of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, except those relocation projects under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority, which are located in the area of the Western Defense Command.

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

JULY 11, 1942

SUBJECT: Supplement No. 1 - To instructions covering
Interview by National Students Relocation Council.

1. Attached hereto supplemental sheet No. 5, covering addition of paragraphs Number 20 and 21 to Instructions dated June 19, 1942, governing interviews of prospective students in assembly center by the National Students Relocation Council.
2. Instructions contained therein will be placed in effect immediately.

By order of Colonel Bendetsen:

Albert H. Moffitt, Jr.
Albert H. Moffitt, Jr.
Captain, F. A.
Executive Officer.

20. "Group gatherings of prospective students for the purpose of lectures, interviews, instructions, discussions, etc., by members of the National Students Relocation Council or the representative Japanese committee, will not be permitted."

21. "A Japanese committee of not more than seven members selected to assist the Students Relocation Council in circulating the approved questionnaire, may be assembled only for the purpose of instructions pertaining to the circulation of the questionnaires."

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NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL - WEST COAST AREA
2227 Union Street, Berkeley, California

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June 21, 1942

Mrs. Marian Reith
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Dear friends:

I am sending you copies of the instructions which are being sent to Assembly Center managers from Col. Bendetsen's office. They should reach the managers in a few days, perhaps by Wednesday, June 24. These instructions are issued by WCCA and apply to Assembly Centers only. The work in the Relocation centers will be carried on under directions from WRA.

I would like to mention some of the numbered instructions individually since they depart somewhat from the procedure as we originally had it outlined.

#4. This restriction concerning submission of publicity material applies to all offices of the National Student Relocation Council including the one at Philadelphia. The Public Relations Branch of WCCA will check any such material for the correctness of its facts.

#6. The restriction of interviewing to United States citizens is based on the original letter of Eisenhower which mentions only Japanese American citizens. We tried to have this restriction omitted, but were not able to do so.

#9. This is another limitation which we had not foreseen originally. The actual implication of the presence of a member of the internal police will vary probably in each camp. We hope that it will create no real impediment to adequate interviews.

#10. Persons who get into Assembly Centers on official business have not been accorded the privilege of free movement in most Centers. So this provision is nothing new, except perhaps to O'Brien.

#12, #13. The WCCA no longer will pay transportation or incur any other expenses in the relocation of students. We are trying to arrange with WRA to have WRA pay transportation for students from Relocation Centers. Perhaps this can be arranged so as to include persons now at Assembly Centers.

#14. We presume that this means the printed questionnaire which was submitted to WCCA and was approved by it. The questionnaires will be finished on Tuesday, June 23, we hope, and copies will be mailed as soon as we can get them off after that,

no immediate

#18. The NSRC can arrange for releases until after a list of approved colleges and universities has been received from the

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War Department in Washington. Once we know what institutions will be permitted to receive students, we can arrange for immediate release of emergency cases to such places.

#19. We had a struggle on this subject. The addition of the clause beginning "except those relocation projects under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority" means that students ~~may~~ be able to rejoin their families after the completion of their studies, and it is therefore more acceptable.

For your additional information I am enclosing copies of our letter to Bendetsen today.

Although the instructions will shortly be in the hands of the Center managers, you will not be able to begin work until the necessary passes have been issued. It may be Wednesday, June 24, before we receive them. These instructions govern only the general procedure to be followed in each camp. The detailed arrangements will have to be worked out on the spot with the administration of the individual camp. The final procedure will probably vary somewhat according to the ideas of the Center administration and the facilities and size of the Center.

Perhaps I should give an outline of the procedure as we now envisage it. There are a number of problems involved in it which will have to be settled as we go ahead. ~~We suggest that we go ahead as follows:~~
The suggested steps are as

- (1) Representative of NSRC goes to Center to have talk with Center Administration.
- (2) Representative of NSRC will organize a committee of Japanese and members of Center staff.
- (3) A meeting will be held of "those interested". The discussion will have to be confined to a detailed explanation of the questionnaire and a description of the program. *(see letter to Bendetsen)*
- (4) Distribution, filling out of questionnaires in triplicate, collection of questionnaires.
- (5) *over* A preliminary sifting of the filled-out questionnaires to eliminate from immediate consideration non-citizens, those who have no present interest in college work, and those who are without funds and whose academic average is below C. This last provision is simply to eliminate those who will need scholarship aid and will not be able to show an academic record which will give them a chance. But we have some hesitation about the elimination of these of poor scholarship since special groups ~~might~~ be interested in them personally.
- (6) Tabulate questionnaires. This means to form card lists of all applicants by religious denomination, field of study, and academic average. *This will probably be done in San Francisco.*
- (7) Counseling of individual applicants. In these interviews, *among other things,*

- (5) a preliminary sifting of the filled out questionnaires to eliminate from immediate consideration non-citizens and those who have no present ~~at~~ interest in college work. It may be advisable also to separate those cases where the applicant is without funds and his grade point average is below C since such people would have great difficulty in obtaining scholarship aid.

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the counselors ~~should have several points in mind.~~ They should try to find out how much money the applicant has. They must be as accurate and precise in this as possible as there will be a check later before the student is released. They should determine the source of funds if possible. If there is a continuing income, it is desirable to know how certain the income is.

In addition to checking on the academic interests, the counselor should keep in mind the personality of the applicant and attempt to assess the effect that the applicant will have on others in the new community.

- (9) Write to references
 - (a) those given by students
 - (b) write to school for extra references.
- (10) Get academic transcripts.
- (11) Classify students.
- (12) Match students with the college opportunities.

The later steps that have been outlined are still only outlines, and the details will have to be worked out later. I suggest that special attention be given to those cases for whom immediate release is urgent so that they can be rushed through if necessary.

Joe Conard and Barstow have just gone to Los Angeles after a very busy three days here most of which the two spent in WCCA and WRA offices. They will be back here on Wednesday.

A telegram has just been received from the two of them asking that the printing of the questionnaires be held up pending word from the south. I don't know what the delay will be, but you can be sure that we will get the questionnaires to you as soon as we can.

Dean Odgers letter has just arrived with the names of interviewers for the Portland area. ~~We appreciate this very much~~
We will push the matter of permits through as soon as possible.

We will certainly get in touch with Dr. Coleman when he arrives for the Mills Institute next week. ~~For your information~~

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Bodine
Assisting Joseph Conard

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WAR DEPARTMENT
War Department General Staff
Military Intelligence Division G-2
Washington

MID 291.2 Japanese 6-22-42

June 23, 1942

Mr. John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Provinse:

Mr. Marks of your office has informally submitted to this office a list of educational institutions which, it was stated, have tentatively agreed to accept a limited number of American citizens of Japanese extraction as students. It is understood that the personnel which it is proposed to send to these schools are presently in the assembly centers or relocation areas and that they are American citizens who have not been educated in Japan.

This Division will raise no objection to the attendance of American citizens of Japanese ancestry at the schools on the list attached.

Exclusion of the other schools on the list submitted by Mr. Marks was based upon the following considerations:

Persons of Japanese extraction should not be permitted to attend schools at which classified research projects are being carried on or which are located within twenty-five miles of important power installations, defense factories or railroad terminal facilities.

Further ~~xx~~ consideration will be given, upon request, to individual cases where positive evidence of byalty is submitted.

Very truly yours,

s/
JOHN T. BISSELL
Colonel, General Staff
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

C O P Y

Room 5500
49 West 49th Street
NEW YORK

Community
accept
June 23, 1942.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

In a letter I sent east after my talk with you the end of April, I mentioned the situation regarding Japanese-American students which we discussed in Berkeley. I do not believe there was much done towards following up the idea you mentioned "making some effort to get word from President Roosevelt which might emphasize the fact that Japanese-American students are American citizens and should be treated as such". Last Saturday at a meeting in Washington I brought the matter up again and a small committee consisting of President George W. Shuster of Hunter College, Dr. Stephen Duggan of the Institute of International Education and myself was appointed to draft a recommendation for possible submission to the President on this matter.

I do not know whether solution of the difficulties you mentioned is nearer now than it was when I saw you, and it so happens that I must leave today for a conference in the Middle West. So I am going to ask you to send what documentation and suggestions you may have to President Shuster.

At the meeting in Washington President Shuster suggested that a letter from the President directed to the associations of American universities and colleges would probably be more satisfactory than incidental mention of the subject in a radio talk. The problem, as I see it, is not so much to convince the administrative officers of different inland colleges and universities that it would be desirable to afford proper opportunities for Japanese-American students to pursue their studies under favorable conditions as it is so to arrange matters that the communities in which these colleges are located would be willing to accept these students as loyal and desirable elements in their society. The other day I happened to mention the subject to President Willis of the University of Vermont and, looking back to his experience as Dean of Lawrence College, he stated that he believed there would be no difficulty in having Lawrence College accept a few Japanese-American students but that he could not be so sure about Appleton, Wisconsin. If the President were to address a letter to the associations of colleges and universities stressing the fact that Japanese-American students are good American citizens and should be treated as such, this letter, along with supporting documents and opinions from other leading Americans, could be used by the administrations of inland colleges and universities to pave the way for the proper attitude among the citizens of their respective communities. I believe you will agree that it is preferable to send not more than six Japanese-American students to one university rather than fifty or sixty to a campus so that they will not form a block, but rather can become normal parts of the general campus life, as would any other loyal American citizen. And if I remember correctly, you felt that it would be a good idea to send a number of these students to campuses in relatively small towns. The preparation of a desirable attitude on the part of the communities in which these colleges and universities are located, is, as I see it, the most difficult and the most important point.

Any materials or data which you could send to President Shuster at the earliest possible date would help us to do what we can on this coast to bring

about a solution which you desire. It goes without saying that you are more informed on the difficulties and possibilities involved in this problem than any of us, and I am sure that President Shuster and Dr. Duggan would appreciate any help and suggestions you may wish to give us.

With every good wish to you, please believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(s) William Berrien
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Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, Provost
University of California
Berkeley, California.

cc - President Shuster
- Dr. Duggan

Signed in Mr. Berrien's absence

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*Thanking
you for offer
of financial
aid*

June 23, 1942

John W. Thomas, Secretary
Department of Cities
The American Baptist Home Mission Society
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your splendid letter of June 5, informing us that \$5,000 or \$6,000 are available to aid evacuated students. It is grand news to all persons who are interested in helping innocent Japanese who through no fault of their own have had their lives dislocated and their continued education threatened. The Eastern office will be very glad to clear with you on this matter of scholarships, and when their representatives come to the West Coast to allocate students to the colleges and universities of the East we shall be very certain to need all the scholarship assistance we can find.

Procedures have been cleared with the officials in the War Relocation Authority and the Wartime Civil Control Administration, in San Francisco, and we are about ready to enter the Centers to counsel with candidates for transfer.

Inasmuch as there are many persons who are good students deserving of further education who have no money and whose people are no longer able to earn money and inasmuch as the authorities are requiring proofs that students have funds with which to complete at least a year in college, your scholarship funds are more important than ever.

Thank you again for your fine work and your great interest in this entire problem.

Sincerely yours,

CALVIN C. COPE
Assisting Joseph Conard

Exchange of Telegrams Between R. W. Barstow of the Student Relocation Council
and H. Provinse of the War Relocation Authority

June 24 Telegram from John H. Province to Barstow

*relations
with army*

ARMY HAS GIVEN CLEARANCE OF ONLY ONE FOURTH OF NAMES (of colleges)
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CASE WHERE POSITIVE EVIDENCE OF LOYALTY SUBMITTED[AIRMAIL
LETTER FOLLOWS[MR FRYER BEING INFORMED[

JOHN H PROVINSE

*any sent after this, would only approve
colleges after kids were accepted. This
reversed procedure & complicated
committee's work. 1st got kids accepted
1st — with no idea whether
army would approve. Previously,
had waited in getting acceptances —
hoping to get blanket approval.*

*Later, whole army - very ~~not~~ relationship
reversed. Very tougher, army more
liberal.*

*ack
17
approved
of 1st bunch*

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1942

Mr. Robbins W. Barstow
c/o Joseph Conard
2227 Union Street
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Barstow:

As indicated in my telegram of today's date the Offices of Army and Navy Intelligence in Washington have indicated that military considerations will require exclusion of a number of colleges and universities which might otherwise participate in student relocation plan.

The Army has ruled that persons of Japanese extraction may not attend institutions "at which classified research projects are being carried on or which are located within 25 miles of important power installations, defense factories or railroad terminal facilities."

The Navy will interpose an objection to the attendance of relocated students at universities and colleges which carry on naval scientific research or those where Naval R.O.T.C. units are established.

For your information I enclose a list of the colleges reported by your committee to be favorable to the plan, indicating those institutions which have received Army and Navy approval. This list is confidential.

The two services have not specified any further conditions and will presumably raise no objection to the use of schools not falling within the categories specified above. The Army, moreover, has stated that "further consideration will be given, upon request, to individual cases where positive evidence of loyalty on the part of the student

is submitted."

While the Army's decision to rule out institutions within 25 miles of strategic locations excludes many of the more desirable urban universities, I am hopeful that an appeal will broaden the list, and that permission to attend some of these institutions may be obtained, at least in the case of individuals whose loyalty can be established. For the present, however, the criteria stated above should be used as a guide in making approaches to colleges and universities which may be interested to participate in the student relocation plan.

The Army and Navy Intelligence offices in Washington have expressed their willingness to pass on the names of additional institutions as they are submitted to us. A list of universities and colleges where Naval R.O.T.C. units are established, which I enclose, may be of some assistance to you in making a selection of possibilities.

While the Army permission applies only to "American citizens who have not been educated in Japan," special cases of issei and kibel students will be among those given further consideration where loyalty can be established.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division

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LIST OF COLLEGES GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO RECEIVING
JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approved by</u>	
		<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>
Arkansas A. & M. College	Monticello, Arkansas	X	X
Colorado State College of A. & M.	Fort Collins, Colorado	X	X
Colorado, University of	Boulder, Colorado	X	
Denver, University of	Denver, Colorado		X
Yale University	New Haven, Connecticut		
Florida Southern College	Lakeland, Florida		X
Idaho, the College of	Caldwell, Idaho		X
Idaho, University of	Moscow, Idaho		
Bradley Polytechnic Institute	Peoria, Illinois		
Carthage College	Carthage, Illinois		X
Central YMCA College	Chicago, Illinois		X
Elmhurst College	Elmhurst, Illinois		X
George Williams College	Chicago, Illinois		X
Knox College	Galesburg, Illinois		X
Lake Forest College	Lake Forest, Illinois		X
MacMurray College	Jacksonville, Illinois		X
McKendree College	Lebanon, Illinois		X
North Central College	Naperville, Illinois		X
Rockford College	Rockford, Illinois		X
Hanover College	Hanover, Indiana		X
Indiana Central College	Indianapolis, Indiana		X
Central College	Pella, Iowa	X	X
Coe College	Cedar Rapids, Iowa		X
Drake University	Des Moines, Iowa		X
Iowa State College	Ames, Iowa		
Kansas City, University of	Kansas City, Kansas		X
Southwestern College	Winfield, Kansas	X	X
Sterling College	Sterling, Kansas	X	X
Bates College	Louistown, Maine		X
Colby College	Waterville, Maine		X
American International College	Springfield, Massachusetts		X
Harvard University	Cambridge, Massachusetts		
Smith College	Northampton, Massachusetts		X
Springfield College	Springfield, Massachusetts		X
Wellesley College	Wellesley, Massachusetts		X
Emmanuel College (Missionary)	Berrien Springs, Michigan		X
Hillsdale College	Hillsdale, Michigan		X
Olivet College	Olivet, Michigan		X
Augsburg College and Theol. Sem.	Minneapolis, Minnesota		X
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota		
Central College	Fayette, Missouri	X	X
Culver-Stockton College	Canton, Missouri	X	X
Park College	Parkville, Missouri		X

<u>College</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approved by</u>	
		<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>
Washington University	St. Louis, Missouri		
Westminster College	Fulton, Missouri	X	X
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln, Nebraska		X
York College	York, Nebraska		X
Nevada, University of	Reno, Nevada		X
New Mexico State College of A. & M.	State College, New Mexico	X	
Columbia University	New York, New York		
Cornell University	Ithaca, New York		
Wells College	Aurora, New York	X	X
Guilford College	Guilford College, N. Carolina	X	X
Antioch College	Yellow Springs, Ohio		X
Baldwin-Wallace College	Berea, Ohio		X
Bluffton College	Bluffton, Ohio		X
Defiance College	Defiance, Ohio		X
Denison College	Granville, Ohio		X
Fenn College	Cleveland, Ohio		X
Heidelberg College	Tiffin, Ohio		X
Marietta College	Marietta, Ohio	X	X
Otterbein College	Westerville, Ohio		X
Western College	Oxford, Ohio		X
Wooster, The College of	Wooster, Ohio		X
Youngstown, College	Youngstown, Ohio		X
Alleghany College	Meadville, Pennsylvania		X
Elizabethtown College	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania		X
Lebanon Valley College	Annville, Pennsylvania		X
Swarthmore College	Swarthmore, Pennsylvania		
Washington & Jefferson Col.	Washington, Pennsylvania		X
Wilson College	Chambersburg, Pennsylvania		X
Brown University	Providence, Rhode Island		
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell, South Dakota	X	X
Huron College	Huron, South Dakota	X	X
Cumberland University	Lebanon, Tennessee	X	X
King College	Bristol, Tennessee	X	X
South, The University of the	Sewanee, Tennessee	X	X
Brigham Young University	Provo, Utah		X
Utah, University of	Salt Lake City, Utah		X
Milton College	Milton, Wisconsin		X
Milwaukee-Downer College	Wilwaukee, Wisconsin		X
Northland College	Ashland, Wisconsin		X
Wyoming, University of	Laramie, Wyoming	X	X

NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL . WEST COAST AREA
2227 Union Street . Berkeley, California

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with center*

Duplicate

(Proposed letter to be sent immediately to all Assembly Center Managers)

June 25, 1942

Dear Sir:

We have been informed that Colonel Karl. R. Bendetsen has issued information to Assembly Center Managers providing that the National Student Relocation Council will have certain responsibilities in connection with the relocation of Japanese-American students.

In the early part of May, Mr. Clarence E. Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia was asked to form a committee of distinguished educators to develop a program of college education for United States citizens of Japanese ancestry. Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy wrote to Mr. Pickett on May 21, expressing his hearty approval of this proposal. We enclose a copy of his letter.

Mr. Pickett called a conference of representatives of colleges, college associations, and other agencies which have been active in relocating displaced students. This conference met in Chicago on May 29, and established the National Student Relocation Council. Dr. R. W. Barstow was appointed National Director and Joseph Conard was named Executive Secretary for the West Coast Area.

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As you know, a number of students have already applied for entrance to Eastern colleges and have been accepted or favorably considered. Not all of them could complete their arrangements to go. Our Council has information about a number of these students. The Headquarters of the WCCA in San Francisco has referred additional names to us with the request that we assume responsibility for them.

In order to carry out this assignment as well as the larger program we shall want to confer with you and members of your staff in the near future. Since some of these students are accepted for summer sessions, prompt action is essential.

We are enclosing an additional copy of this letter. If you think it desirable this might be given to the editor of your Center paper for general release.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH W. CONARD
Executive Secretary, West Coast Area

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NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL . WEST COAST AREA
Union Street at Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif.

(Proposed letter to be sent immediately to all Assembly Center Managers)

June 24, 1942

Dear Sir:

The instructions from Colonel Bendetsen dated June 12, 1942, concerning the relocation of college students now in Assembly Centers have no doubt reached you. These instructions, signed by Captain A. H. Moffitt by order of Colonel Bendetsen, provide the structure within which the National Student Relocation Council, the agency charged with this responsibility, is to perform its task.

This responsibility was assigned by Mr. Milton S. Eisenhower, then Director of the War Relocation Authority, in a request to Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, that he form a committee of distinguished educators to develop a program of college education for United States citizens of Japanese ancestry. Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, wrote to Mr. Pickett his hearty approval of this proposal. We enclose a copy of this letter. Mr. Pickett called a conference of representatives of colleges, college associations, and other agencies which have been active in relocating displaced students. This conference met in Chicago on May 29, and established the National Student Relocation Council. Dr. R. W. Barstow was appointed National Director and Joseph Conard was named Executive Secretary for the West Coast Area.

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Joseph W. Conard
Executive Secretary,
West Coast Area.

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NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL - WEST COAST AREA
2227 Union Street at Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif.

Xtra copies

lt. Col. Wm. A. Boekel
Ass't. Provost Marshal
War-time Civil Control Administration
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, Calif.

June 25, 1942

Relocation with army

RE: RELOCATION OF STUDENTS
ALREADY ACCEPTED BY
EASTERN COLLEGES.

att: Mr. Victor M. Nielson

Dear Colonel Boekel:

The National Student Relocation Council has received the request from your office to assume responsibility for some of the students who have applied for permission to go east to college. On June 22, Mr. Victor M. Nielson of your staff gave the following names to our representative, Thomas R. Bodine. We have studied the file in your office concerning each of these six students and submit herewith brief reports on each, regarding the action we are taking or are prepared to take.

Sakai, Henry K. We shall reply to his letter to your office dated June 19. Already known to National Student Relocation Committee.

Ichiyasu, Ben M. We shall reply to his letter to your office of June 9.

Iwasaki, Naomi, Mr. In his letter to your office of June 18 he says he has asked Park College and the Beverly Hills National Bank and Trust Co. to write to you direct. We shall check with Mr. Nielson to see if these letters come in.

Sadanaga, Kuga She wants her mother to accompany her to Denver, arrangements having been made for both of them there. We shall welcome a ruling on wives and parents, in order to move on this case.

Fukushima, Toshiyuki He wants his mother to accompany him to Boulder, Colorado, their funds being sufficient for both. We shall welcome a ruling on wives and parents in order to move on this case. Already known to the National Student Relocation Committee.

Murase, Kenny We hope you can release him for his summer work camp opportunity independent of us. We shall take up with him his desire to go to Howard University next fall. Already known to National Student Relocation Council.

If there are similar cases other than these six which you wish our office to undertake, we shall be glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Conard,
Executive Secretary
National Student Relocation
Council, West Coast Area.

NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

of the
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST (Student Y.M.C.A.) and ASILOMAR (Student Y.W.C.A.) REGION
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June 26, 1942

AIR MAIL

Mr. Joseph Conard
2031 Baker Street
San Francisco, California

*Picking
Students*

Dear Joe:

To keep you up to date with the Southern Relocation Committee, let me list the following:

1. Dr. Fitts, Mendenhall, Henley, and I met yesterday afternoon and discussed the securing of personnel for evaluation and rating. We decided to approach the various educational groups who have every reason to be concerned about this problem. We are amplifying your conference with Mr. Gould by talking to both city and county high school people about releasing the best personnel people at the high school level to work on such a committee. WE've already contacted Pasadena Junior College system and they are willing to release Miss Brubaker or John Anderson on their staff for two weeks work on this rating job. We are also contacting Mr. Sandmeyer of the Junior College Association who has been assigned the special responsibility of the Japanese Student evacuation, asking him to supplement this release by Pasadena Junior College with one or two other people. Dr. Mendenhall is contacting Dr. Dexter to secure free transcripts from the state colleges and also ask for any suggestions which he might have about a person to work from the state college staff. We have allocated the responsibility of contacting USC and UCLA to see if they have any personnel who might work in such capacity, inasmuch as they have large numbers of Japanese students who will be rated. Dr. Mendenhall is talking to Father Caffrey to secure the same information. It begins to look like a good committee. By getting this group together the last of next week, I think we can find a common standard of rating and perhaps where we do have responsible raters, in the different areas of education, assign the questionnaires from their department, ie., high school, JC, etc., doing the cross rating following their analysis of the material and interview with the students.

One thing came out of our discussion which was of particular interest to the whole procedure, namely, what material other than transcripts we might get from registrars and college presidents who in Dr. Bird's words, "knew all of their children so well". We wondered if it might not be wise to prepare a form which we would enclose with the letter requesting transcripts asking the most responsible person in each college to rate their own Japanese students on the basis of one or two categories: "Outstanding should definitely continue college, etc." In other words, without much effort we could attempt to gather in all of this wealth of information which Dr. Bird says each registrar has about his own children. In this way, we would be following out Dr. Bird's sug-

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Mr. Joseph Conard - 2
June 26, 1942

gestions and I believe in some cases get some additional material which would be helpful.

We interviewed Clare Brown Harris and asked her to begin work on July first, in the capacity of an office secretary. She did her graduate work at Columbia in personnel and has worked as an assistant Dean of Women, Y.W.C.A. Secretary, and so forth. In the two weeks in which we will have to work together, we will see whether she has the capacity to carry on as an administrator after I leave. She has abilities as an office person and enjoys administration.

I am very eager to receive from you your best ideas about the system to be followed on the coast in regard to the filing of material on each college student. We ought to begin on Wednesday to set up files and get in readiness for the onslaught from Santa Anita which perhaps may be with us the last of next week. Is it your idea to have a manila folder on each student. Ideas, please, about the best procedure which you see should be followed in cataloging our information on the various students for I do believe there will be value in having it uniform up and down the coast.

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Hope the questionnaire gets to Santa Anita on Monday and that before long we will be able to receive back from there the material upon which to set to work.

Every good wish to you all up the coast.

As ever,

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