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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

July 8, 1943

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How segregation would effect center will depend on two things:

- a.) Method by which program is carried out.
- b.) State of other things affecting stability and security of community.

In regard to a.) - less disturbance will occur if the people understand the segregation move and are thoroughly prepared for it by education. This should include definite statements as to where those removed are going and under what conditions they will live. An effort should be made to counteract feeling that the move is punitive. The segregation of children over a certain age should be optional with them. The citizen status of younger children who are segregated because of parents should be stated.

In regard to b.) - the community feels very uneasy, caught between WRA relocation program and popular feeling on the outside against the Japanese. A segregation program on top of this will be very disturbing. If on the other hand, it were a policy to make the community a secure place for those unsuited to relocation, and programs for developing the community were launched, then the jolt of segregation might be absorbed. Since the only people who will be left in camp, if the relocation program succeeds, will be those on the stop lists, people wonder what is the sense of additional segregation.

The people in the center are expecting the move. Some look forward to it, others agitate against it. Most are just anxious and fearful and look on it as one among a number of threats to their future security.

*Provision for Segregation*

Colorado River War Relocation Project  
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August 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: F. M. Haverland  
J. W. Shepard  
C. H. Smith  
✓ C. S. Brereton

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In so far as the Supply and Transportation Division is concerned, thought should be given to the many phases of procurement and transportation which facilities will be called upon to a great extent. Contact should be made with the Community Management Branch as well as the Project Director's office and the Project Attorney's Office to discover wherein various types of supplies and materials will be needed in excess of normal stocks and every effort made to secure additional stocks where necessary and immediate replacements where current stocks are drawn upon heavily.

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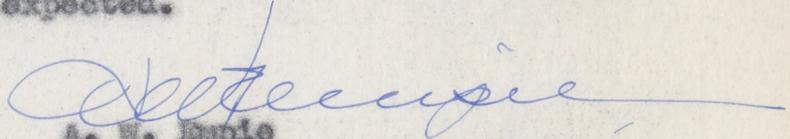
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The whole-hearted cooperation of everyone in the Branch is anticipated and will be expected.



A. W. Duple  
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: W. H. Head  
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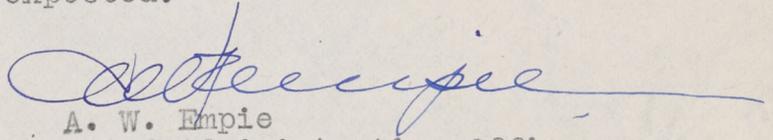
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Segregation Meeting  
Ward 7 Hospital  
3:00 Pm to 4:15 PM

August 3, 1943

MINUTES

Those present: Units 1, 2, & 3 Block Managers  
Units, 1 2, & 3 Council members  
Units 1, 2, & 3 Evacuee Administrative Staff  
Observers

BURGE: Mr. Head's return has been delayed and in view of the fact that the Segregation Program is starting immediately I felt it would be wise for us to get together and for me to give you as much information as I can at this time. There is going to be a number of things which I cannot tell you until Mr. Head and Mr. Gelvin return. As it affects Poston, I will start by giving you as concise and accurate statement of segregation and in addition to that I will answer or will have Mr. Haas, Dr. Powell, or Mr. Zimmerman answer any questions that you may want to ask.

Those who are to be segregated are those persons of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty lies with Japan, those who refused to swear allegiance to the United States. The decisions were of the people themselves and not ours.

Tule Lake is the center to which they will be moved. The Block Managers will be used for distribution of official notices and requests and the Councils will be kept informed at all times.

The first group of people who will be segregated will be those requesting repatriation or expatriation prior to July 1, 1943 and did not have it cancelled prior to that date. A question of the families of those people is more involved. In most cases the families signed up as a group, but where that was not so the cases will be interviewed by the Department of Welfare as soon as that persons is going to Tule Lake.

The second group will be those persons who answered 'no' to question 28 in the registration or who refused to register. It has been ruled that the neutral will be considered as the answer 'no'. Each of those persons who

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answered 'no' or who refused to answer will be given a chance to state whether they changed their mind or whether they still answer the same. If the original answer is clear they too will be placed on the list to leave for Tule Lake. If they state that they misunderstood the question or some other reason they will be given a re-hearing before a Board of Review. This Board will be appointed by the Project Director. At the interview the Board will attempt to obtain the true feelings of the persons interviewed, and they will recommend on the basis of their re-hearing stating if they do or do not believe that the person should be segregated on the basis of the recommendations <sup>by</sup> the Project Director and state whether or not that persons who answered 'no' desires to change, or answered in a qualified way will be sent to Tule Lake or remain on the project for further hearings under the Administrative Instruction 22 in which case a detailed hearing will be held and detailed recommendations sent to Washington. I would like to make one point clear, as well as the persons who answered 'no' and the ones who answered with a qualified 'no' <sup>will go to Tule Lake;</sup> those who did not answer unqualified 'yes' will have a re-hearing here. In addition to these groups all persons who have been denied clearance by the Director in Washington by reason of belief are on the stop list will also be given hearings under Administrative Instruction No. 22 and it will be determined by that by the Director in Washington whether or not they go to Tule Lake in all cases of persons going to Tule Lake the order of their family as to who in the family will <sup>to will</sup> be checked carefully by the Welfare Department.

According to the time-table set by the WRA, the first movement from Poston to Tule lake will take place early in October. No one will go to Tule Lake before the first week in October according to the present plan. It is probable from information we have that those persons who are not included in the first two categories mentioned hearings will be held sometime here before they go to Tule Lake if they go. Probably there will be some time

elapse before all the hearings under Administrative Instruction No. 22 will be completed. Contemplate the first two moves in October.

As far as Tule Lake basically it will be run as any other relocation center. Naturally no leave permits and there will be no evacuee government as we know it. An evacuee board will be set up, no evacuee Judicial Group. One important point, Appeals Board will be set up in Tule Lake. If a person feels that he went there unjustly he will have a chance to present his case. As far as people who are not being segregated and later going to Tule Lake to join the family will have an opportunity to do that.

As you know this whole matter concerns the movement of a great many people to and from Tule Lake and for that reason the WRA has set up the very rigid time-table to which all projects will attempt to adhere. It involves trains, transportation, and the help of the army in the moving of the evacuees. During the next 2 or 3 weeks we will have a tremendous job. Give people the correct information. I am sure there are a great many questions and I would welcome those questions that you have. We will do our best to answer them.

QUESTION: Will minors under 21 have to go along?

ANSWER: (Haas) The answer to that question is no. However, children who are very young and a guardian cannot be provided it would be best to go with their parents. This can be taken up with the Community Welfare.

QUESTION: At the end of the War would such minors be sent back to Japan?

ANSWER: (Haas) Such minors are citizens or aliens, we cannot predict what will happen at the end of the war. They will likely be sent back but it depends on Congress and the public. My personal opinion is under the present clause as there are no implications as to the rights of citizenship are concerned.

BURGE: I would like to correct one statement I made. I said there would be

no leave clearance from Tule Lake. In case of an extreme emergency there would be leave clearances and Dr. Powell says possibly some student relocation leave.

QUESTION: In what category are the parolees?

ANSWER: (Haas) In the first place, the fact that one is paroled does not mean that he will be sent to Tule Lake. The classes to be sent to Tule Lake are clearly set forth; (1) those who asked for repatriation and have not cancelled their request prior to July 1, 1943 and (2) those who have answered 'no' and haven't changed their answer before July 15, 1943. There is no truth in that rumor.

QUESTION: Parolees are on the stop list.

ANSWER: (Zimmerman) The parolees are on the stop list for their protection. If an alien leaves this center without our understanding and his adjustment for proper regulations he jeopardizes his alien standing. He is on the stop list to be called to our attention. We write to Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service where he wishes to go and what he wishes to do and they review his papers and if that person gets to go the Immigration and Naturalization Service is notified in Philadelphia and the District Attorney into whose District he is going. He is eligible for internment for the duration of the War.

QUESTION: Will those Issei who have expressed their desire to go to Japan after the war or at their opportunity?

ANSWER: (Burge) It will depend on the large extent on the Japanese Government. We do not know the status of Japan at the end of the War. He will have to pay his own expense at the end of the War.

QUESTION: Can a person change his 'yes' to 'no' to question 28?

ANSWER: Yes, disposition would be held with the other cases for a hearing under Administrative Instruction No. 22.

QUESTION: If a person has no citizenship in Japan and answers 'no' does he

have to go to Tule Lake?

ANSWER: (Burge) Yes, after the hearings indicate that is settled.

POWELL: In 9 of the present 10 relocation centers will be no one who cannot go as he wishes after this move is completed. Persons with different loyalties will be in 1 center. In every center people will be given leave clearances to go out into the country for work, but in this one center their movement will be restricted. Those persons who are of one mind will be in the one center. After the completion of the leave clearance hearings Poston will have no stop list and people will be cleared here to stay or to go unrestricted for the duration of the war. The one center will have 1 or 2 additional restrictions which we do not have at the present.

QUESTION: Will there be any centers closed?

ANSWER: (Burge) There are no immediate plans to close any WRA center. We will have Mr. Head make a statement when he comes back.

QUESTION: What is the United States Program for those who are in Tule Lake after the war, will they all be deported or repatriated?

ANSWER: (Burge) I cannot answer any further than I have already.

QUESTION: How long after a person has his hearing will he know the answer?

ANSWER: (Burge) According to the WRA time-table by August 23 we will have sent into WRA the entire list who will be moving to Tule Lake who are in the first 2 categories. Will be notified immediately as soon as the decision is reached. The Board of Review will be set up as soon as Mr. Head returns and it will start its hearings.

QUESTION: What percentage of Tule Lake will remain there?

ANSWER: (Burge) I cannot answer that question.

QUESTION: What will happen to expectant mothers?

ANSWER: (Burge) Expectant mothers and in cases where there is an illness in the family, those families will be held over until they are in a position to leave for Tule Lake. They will be carefully checked by the Medical

Authorities.

QUESTION: Will the belongings of people be taken care of by the Government?

ANSWER: (Burge ) yes. (Haas) It would apply to necessary furniture and articles needed by the residents. Ornamental objects such as ironwood and mesquite pieces will be required by the residents to pay for their transportation.

BURGE: Take enough clothing to take care of themselves for 60 days and other possessions will be sent later.

QUESTION: Will those persons who have not cancelled their repatriation or expatriation request before July 1, 1943 be given a change too?

ANSWER: (Burge) No, they will go to Tule Lake.

QUESTION: Will the clothing allowances and wages be the same in Tule Lake as they are here?

ANSWER: (Burge) Yes.

QUESTION: Will visitors be allowed?

ANSWER: (Haas) A procedure will be established that will permit relatives and friend to visit within Tule Lake.

BURGE: The Welfare Department in this work, will act as a Counselling Agency not to advise persons what to do. The staff will try to find out exactly how the thing stands, but beyond that we do not wish to go. It is persons own serious personal decision.

QUESTION: If a husband applied for repatriation and his wife did not or visa versa will the wife have to go with him to Tule Lake or may she stay?

ANSWER: (Burge) That decision is of the wife. If the wife goes to Tule Lake with the husband it does not mean that she will have to apply for repatriation. While she is in Tule Lake she will be bound by the same regulations and rules as other people are.

QUESTION: The head of the family applied for repatriation last year and had it retracted. The head again applied for repatriation after July 1, 1943

and all signed except a 14 year old child. How soon will they be able to go and what will the child do or what can he do.

ANSWER: (Haas) The head of the family and other members of the family did not answer no to Question 28 is that correct? (correct) The head of the family will have a hearing under Administrative Instruction 22 revised, Supplement 12. They will be denied indefinite leave from Washington and go to Tule Lake. The child may go to Tule Lake and he need not ask for repatriation.

QUESTION: About the 18 years of age persons.

ANSWER: (Haas) Some children 18 years old are pretty mature and others are not. As a rule persons 18 unless very mature must make arrangements to make sure that persons can be adequately taken care of and receive adequate guardianship. It is felt that minor children may get into trouble if not adequately taken care of by those with experience. Should be taken up with the Community Welfare Department.

QUESTION: Who will be on the Board of Review?

ANSWER: (Burge) The Board of Review will be composed of appointed personnel. However, provision will <sup>be</sup> made to have working with the Board of Review one or more evacuee advisors.

QUESTION: If a family is repatriating and going to Tule Lake may the child of 16 years of age go outside.

ANSWER: (Zimmerman) Not unless he is accompanied by parents, or close relatives, or friends, if he goes out he doesn't have to have leave clearance from the Leave Department, but he must have someone's jurisdiction while on the outside.

QUESTION: Are they still accepting requests for repatriation since July 1, 1943 or cancellation?

ANSWER: (Haas) No such application to be received after July 1, 1943, but he may let known that he wishes to repatriate under Supplement 12, Adminis-

trative Instruction 22, revised. On the other hand withdrawal after July 1, 1943 would have to bring that question out there. Train movement has to be planned out a long time ahead.

QUESTION: How would people know if their repatriation request is accepted or if it is cancelled.

ANSWER: (Burge) Should check with the Community Welfare Department.

QUESTION: From what I hear I gather Crystal City, Texas is full. Will families and internees be united in Tule Lake?

ANSWER: No, internees will not be reunited. No wife or family of the internee will be sent to Tule Lake unless they have requested repatriation.

QUESTION: What is the climate in Tule Lake?

ANSWER: (Burge) It is cooler in summer than Poston and colder in winter than Poston.

QUESTION: What is the status of the people who did not request for repatriation who are in Tule Lake after the war.

ANSWER: We do not know the status of the people after the war/<sup>who</sup>do not sign for repatriation.

QUESTION: If a person is out on short-term leave and he want to join the family that is in Tule Lake can he go there?

ANSWER: Yes. It is requested for the same as in any other relocation center.

QUESTION: Are the members of the family bound by the answer of one member.

ANSWER: No, that decision will be made by those members of the family.

QUESTION: If people go voluntarily to Tule Lake to join a member of the family are they bound by the restrictions in Tule Lake?

ANSWER: (Burge) Yes. An Appeals Board will be established.

QUESTION: Will the people who have applied for repatriation after July 1 be placed in the same category as those who did not cancel their request for repatriation.

ANSWER: No, will be held over pending further hearing.

No action will be taken ~~until-the~~ on new requests for repatriation, under Administrative Instruction 22; for the 3rd category, at present.

I would like to explain a little further on that. WRA established certain time limits on this action.

It is expected in the very near future questions and answers will be published and made available to us. Block Managers and councils will be given correct information.

QUESTION: Status of Poston.

ANSWER: No plans to change the status of Poston in any way. There will be no sudden changes.

QUESTION: What of relative in Tule Lake?

ANSWER: I believe that the answer to this question would be the same answer that was given to the Santa Anita. Can apply to the center they are going to be sent and ask for the transfer.

QUESTION: Services in Tule Lake.

ANSWER: (Burge) WRA and US Government permitted to bring certain services to the evacuees including Medical Services. Services rendered the same at Tule Lake as at any other center.

BURGE: On the Board of Review, evacuees may be asked to participate as witnesses. It may be necessary to have some to act as interpreters. It is not a cross-examination.

QUESTION: If a person goes to Tule Lake who answered negatively will he have the chance to request the Japanese citizenship.

ANSWER: As far as I know, yes, whether or not ~~eh~~ the Japanese Government will accept such a person I cannot answer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Burge:

"Already, Mr. Head's return has been delayed slightly, and in view of the fact that the Segregation progress is starting immediately, I felt that it would be wise to get together and for me to give you as much information as I can at this time. There are a number of things which I cannot tell you until Mr. Head and Mr. Gelvin return. Segregation is not a new idea. The evacuees, the Army, the WRA, Congress have all agreed that there should be a progress of Segregation".

It was announced that the center for the "unloyal" ones was set for Tulelake Relocation Center--He strongly announced that this center was NOT a punishment center, but a place to gather those whose sympathy lies with Japan.

"Those to be Segregated are:--

1. First Group: Those people who will be segregated are those who requested Repatriation prior to July, 1, 1943. The families of those persons: a little more involved. A great many have signed up for repatriation as a group, and there will be interviews of these people by the Department of Welfare as soon as we know that the person is going to Tulelake.
2. Second Group: These will be those persons who answered "no" to Question #28 in the registration or who refused to answer the question. It has been ruled that the statement "neutral" would be considered the same as the answer "no". Each of those persons who answered "no" will be given a chance to change their minds. However, if their original answer is correct, they will be placed with those who will leave for Tulelake.

If they state that they misunderstood the question and that they desire to change it, they will be given a hearing by the Hearing Board. This Board will be appointed by the Project Director, who will make recommendations on the basis of the hearing to the Project Director, stating that they do or do not believe that those persons should be segregated. On that basis, the Director will then reach the decision and state whether or not that person who answered "no" and desires to change, or who answered "no" in a qualified way, will be sent to Tulelake or remain on the Project. In case he remains here, instruction #22 states that this person will remain in the center until further hearings will be held.

All persons who had been denied Clearance by the

Director in Washington will also be given hearings under instruction #22 and they will be determined by that whether or not they go to Tulelake. All cases going to Tulelake who have families, those families will be interviewed by the Welfare Department to determine whether or not the members of the family desire to go.

According to the Time table set up by the WRA, the first number of persons from Poston to Tulelake will take place early in October.

In case of Strict Emergency, there will be Leave Clearance; there will be no Evacuee Government as we know it. Although an Advisory Evacuee (Evacuee Advisory Board) will be set up, there will be no Evacuee Judicial Board. An Appeals Board will be set up so that virtually if anyone who goes to Tulelake feels that he went there unjustly, will have a chance or an opportunity to appeal to the Board.

Questions from the floor were opened at this time. The following are the answers to the questions asked:

1. Will minors go? No, if the children who are very young and have a guardian to be provided for them, they need not go.

2. At the end of the War, will minors be sent to Japan?

Such minors or aliens, or citizens, unlikely will be sent back...I cannot predict this.

3. In what case would the paroled be?

The fact that a person has been paroled does not mean that he will be sent to Tulelake. There is no truth in that they will be sent to another camp either.

4. Will those Isseis who have expressed their desires to return to Japan be sent back to Japan at the earliest opportunity?

The question will depend on the Japanese Government. The status of Japan at the end of the War is something none of us knows. The Isseis will probably be returned at the end of the War.

5. Is it possible for a person to change his affirmative answer to a negative answer?

Yes.

6. Who will care for our belongings when we leave for Tulelake?

The Government will take care of the belongings. That would apply to necessary furniture and articles; however, ornamental things, such as iron-wood ornamental objects will be paid by the evacuees themselves. The necessary possession of those leaving will be required to take clothing for a period of 60 days, and the rest must be sent after they reach Tule.

7. Will Clothing Allowance and the Wage Scale be similar to that of the WRA Centers?

Yes, they will be exactly the same.

8. In case the husband applies for Repatriation, and his wife does not, can she remain, or must she join with the husband and leave for Tule?

The decision lies with the wife; if she desires to go with the husband, she need not file an application for Repatriation. If she wishes to remain, she may.

9. If a boy, 18 years of age, wishes to remain here instead of accompanying the parents who have applied for Repatriation, may he do so?

The matter will be handled by the Department of Welfare here at the center.

10. What will happen to those persons, or what will be the case where the cancellation of Repatriation was done after July 1?

No such application are to be received after July 1. After July, withdrawals will not be effective.

11. What will happen to the families of those interned?

Unless the family requests for Repatriation, the family will NOT go to Tulelake.

12. If persons go voluntarily, will they be bound by the same restrictions? Yes. (Those going voluntarily to be with the family)

13. If the Doctors leave for Tululake with the unlyal ones, what will happen to Poston?

The WRA will care for that.

14. What will happen to Tululake if there are no doctors there?

the same goes for Tule. The WRA will handle that.

it was announced by Mr. Burge that by August 23, the list of those person who will leave for Tululake, will be submitted to Washington D.C. Therefore, persons leaving Poston will be notified about a week before.

The review board will be set up immediately after Mr. Head's return?

15. Will the Review Board be made up of Caucasians?

Yes, they will be chosen from the appointed personnel.

The Conference adjourned at 4 o'clock P.M.

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
POSTON, ARIZONA

August 6, 1943

*Burden*

MEMORANDUM TO: All Division and Section Heads  
FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director  
SUBJECT: Segregation Program

The segregation program is now under way and it will be necessary to call upon all Divisions for assistance. Work in connection with this program will have priority over all other activities.

Moris Burge has been appointed to take charge of the operation of the program in all three camps. The headquarters of the segregation staff will be Room 42, Administration Building, Poston 1. The phone number is 162.

Will you please give Mr. Burge and his staff every possible cooperation.

*Wade Head*

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Project Director

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
POSTON, ARIZONA

August 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman, Poston Community Council

FROM: W. Wade Head  
Project Director

It is my desire to have the evacuees participate to the fullest extent in the handling of the segregation program in Poston. I am, therefore, most anxious to have a body representing the residents to work closely with the Administration in all phases of this program.

I, therefore, am requesting that the Community Council appoint a committee representing the entire project who will act as consultant and advisor on segregation. It is my suggestion that from three to five members be appointed from each Unit and that these members include representatives of such organizations as Parent Teachers Association and women's clubs. It should not necessarily be composed of the members of the local councils.

As you know, the work on segregation has already started; and I would appreciate your taking action on this matter as soon as possible, so that we may have the benefit of such a committee in the early stages of the program.

W. Wade Head  
Project Director

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August 16, 1943

SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Unit I Conference Room by Temporary Chairman, Mr. Thomas Masuda, on August 16, 1943. He said at this time that as far as this Board is concerned, it will not do the actual work but merely to advise the Administration group, and to give suggestion or recommendations that it may have. He said that the Advisory Board is representing the residents of Poston.

Mrs Kawahara brought up the question of how the administration was questioning the people and when they are to be notified when they are to leave. Mr. Imahara said that these people will be notified sometime today. It was said that the Social Welfare is giving a hearing to those who have answered negative to the 28th question.

Mr. Burge said that in general the hearing was getting along smoothly without any unfavorable action from the people, which shows that they all understand this hearing clearly. He said that here are two groups of people who will be segregated to Tule Lake: (1) Those who have expatriated or repatriated and (2) those who answered "no" to the 28th question and who still maintain their loyalty to Japan. He said that the question that comes up in the first group is the status in the family as there are, in some cases, where the mother and the father repatriated, and the sons and daughters over the age of 20 that do not wish to do so. These families will have consultation with the Social Welfare group. He also said that there are two other questions that are still undecided in regards to the first group--(a) the status of those who applied for repatriation thru the Spanish Consul where there is no record either here in Poston or in Washington, D. C.; (b) and the people who have applied for repatriation since July 15. If these people can present enough evidence that they have tried to repatriate before this date, they may be considered of going to Tule Lake. Mr. Burge said that the repatriates number from 550 to 600 people including the family.

The second group involve the question of loyalty. The instructions say that all those who have answered "no", refused to answer, or answered neutral are to be interviewed by the Board of Review for Segregation, and a recommendation is to be made by the Board to the Project Director, and the Project Director decides who is to go to Tule Lake. He stated that if the Director desires any further questioning about a particular person, he will be held over to the third group. Further hearing for qualified answers and those who have changed the answer since the date of registration prior to July 15 will be held. Mr. Burge said that the Administration had no official approval of any mechanism of changing the answers for question 28; so at the present time they are not accepting any application for changes until further instructions are received.

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Mr. Burge continued saying that the administration is now in the process of giving hearing to the family that answered "no" and meant "no" to determine who in that family will go to Tule Lake. He said that there is one exception to the repatriation and to the "no" list--any family that has applied for Crystal City are not to go to Tule Lake. Mr. Burge declared that he was not positive whether these people will be able to go to Crystal City.

Mr. Burge said that withdrawal of repatriation should have been done before July 1. He said that anyone who had repatriated had several opportunity to withdraw. However, he said that if those who have not withdrawn prior to that date can present enough evidence that they had attempted to withdraw prior to July 1, their application will be considered.

Mr. Burge said that about one-third of the people who had answered "no" have requested their desire to change. These people will be given a very full hearing.

One of the members asked whether the in-laws would be considered as a member of the immediate family, and he said that he did not think so. He said going to Tule Lake is not just like going to another relocation center so the people should consider the future of their children.

Mr. Burge continued to outline what the Administration is doing in regard to this segregation. He said that from this group the administration is compiling a list of all those people who are leaving for Tule Lake from Poston, and he believes that this list will be completed this week. This list will be compiled by blocks so that the Administration will know how many from each block is going. Mr. Burge said that everything in regards to segregation will be done on block basis, such as movement of property, transportation, cars, etc, so the Block Managers and the Block Councilmen will aid in this work. He said in general, the adults will be allowed to take 150 pounds of baggage and the children about 75 pounds. He said that in this 150 pounds there should be enough for 60 days, since the other property will be sent after the people have been assigned to their quarters and ready to receive them. These properties will be sent free of charge to the evacuees and it may include only household goods and some furnitures that the people had manufactured here in Poston, but is not to include any decorative articles such as polished ironwood.

Mr. Burge stressed the point that since everything is done on block basis, the people of one block will not be allowed to go with another; and all housing will be frozen for these people--that is, they will not be allowed to move from one block to another here in Poston.

The Question about the lumber was brought up, and Mr. Burge said that it was one of the details that he could not answer at the

present time since the administration had not yet decided how the property of these people will be crated--whether the administration will do the crating or the individuals themselves. However, he said that as soon as these small details are completed the Administration would like to present it to the Board for discussion.

A question was asked whether the parolee were required to go to Tule Lake, and Mr. Burge said that they are not and that they are also eligible for leave clearance.

Depending on how many cars are available, Mr. Burge said that there are approximately 400 leaving from Poston to Tule Lake, but he said that no set date as to their leaving is not definite.

One of the members of the Board asked whether the people from Tule Lake will be allowed to come to Poston, Mr. Burge said that they must first go out to another center and then transfer to Poston because of two reasons: (1) the difficulty of Japanese coming into the military zone, and (2) it is the policy of the WRA to relocate these people; so they want them to go to centers where opportunities for outside employment is near at hand. He definitely denied the fact that these people are not allowed to come to Poston directly because the Government is planning to close this center.

One of the members of the Board said that some people hesitate to change their negative answer to the question 28 to affirmative because they are afraid that they might be forced to relocate or join the armed force. Mr. Burge said that no one is forced to relocate if he does not desire to do so, but in regards to the Armed Force the Administrative group has no power. He stated that all those eligible for the Armed force are classed as any other United States Citizen. He also said that he did not know how the selective service will affect those who are going to Tule Lake as they, too, are legally American Citizens and eligible for the Armed Force.

Mr. Burge said that the pamphlets on Segregation both in English and Japanese will be distributed to each apartment in the three units.

The matter about the Information Bureau was brought up, and it was asked whether this Bureau should be set up in each Unit or in each block since everything is done on block basis. The members thought it was not necessary to set up an Information Bureau and have a secretary, so it was decided that the Advisory Board give the correct information to the Block Managers and the Block Managers in turn give it to the residents of their block. It was stressed again by the Chairman that the Advisory Board was to only advise the Administration and not to go into individual problem.

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At this time the Chairman said that a permanent chairman should be appointed and establish headquarters. Mr. Masuda was unanimously elected as the permanent Chairman and Mr. Yahiro as the Vice-Chairman. As Mr. Masuda is not an original member of the Board, he is to be recommended for appointment by Mr. Burge. It was also decided that a weekly meeting will be held every Wednesday morning at 9:00, but if anything special comes up and the Administration wants the Board to discuss it, a special meeting will be held.

Since there was no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director  
FROM: Manager, Block 45  
SUBJECT: The Segregation Case of Mrs. Fukumatsu Kawai  
DATE: August 18, 1943

Mr. Kazuo Kawai of 45-4-C $\frac{1}{2}$ , who has been recommended by the Board of Review for Segregation to go to the Tule Lake Center, called at my office Monday morning, August 16, 1943, for advice concerning the future welfare of his mother. He explained that when he was interviewed by the Welfare Division on Thursday, August 12, he had told Miss Cheney that it was his mother's wish as well as his that she remain in Poston with his stepfather rather than accompany him to Tule Lake. At that time Miss Cheney had decreed that his mother must either transfer to Tule Lake or live separately from her husband in Poston since she was not legally married to him. She had instructed him at the close of the interview to send his mother and her common-law husband to her office on Monday but he wanted my advice before informing them.

I immediately consulted Mr. Haas to the legal status of common-law marriage in Poston and was informed that there was nothing in the legal machinery here to prevent a couple from living together. However, since the Attorney General of California has ruled that evacuees still hold legal residence in California we are theoretically supposed to abide by California law which does not recognize common-law marriage although it is sanctioned in most of the other states.

I subsequently contacted Miss Cheney to verify the statements made by Mr. Kawai earlier in the morning. When I protested that common-law marriage is not considered illegal here she replied: "What's the use of getting a marriage license then?" She was greatly concerned that the condonation of such a practice would be bad influence on young people. I argued that that depended on their age -- if they were very young they would not understand; if they were old enough they would not mind. Since we were obviously approaching the problem from different angles we could reach no agreement and dropped the matter at this point.

At lunch time I cornered Mr. Kawai, his mother, and Mr. Ikuno, his stepfather, and acquainted them with my experiences during the morning. They unanimously agreed that it was none of Miss Cheney's business to meddle in their private affairs. Mr. Ikuno then assured his stepson in my presence that he would continue to take good care of his mother as he had done in the past eight years.

After lunch I revisited Mr. Haas to inquire whether the case in his opinion would fall within the category of illicit cohabitation as defined in the penal code of Poston. He explained that the framers of the penal code did not intend common-law marriage to be included in that classification unless the residents protested against such a practice.

I then took Mrs. Kawai to the Welfare Division to be interviewed by Miss Cheney. She wished to know why Mrs. Kawai had not brought her husband along so I explained that this was a hearing on segregation and that he had nothing to do with it. All that was really necessary as far as I could see was for her to ask Mrs. Kawai whether she desired to go to Tule Lake or not. Miss Cheney retorted at this point that the Welfare Division liked to handle every social problem as it came up. She elaborated that she was not insinuating that Mrs. Kawai was a bad woman but advised her to go through a marriage ceremony immediately if she preferred to remain in Poston. When Mrs. Kawai replied that many circumstances were involved and that she did not wish to decide the issue at the moment Miss Cheney demanded to know why she refused to get married. Mrs. Kawai explained that she had always entertained the idea of returning to Japan someday but since her husband had no such desire they had decided it was wiser to retain their present status. Miss Cheney interrupted at this point that if she wished to return to Japan she should transfer to Tule Lake. She argued that after the war boats would be unavailable for some time and that she would secure earlier passage by going to Tule Lake.

When Mr. Ikuno was brought to the Welfare Division at the insistence of Miss Cheney later in the afternoon he contended that the marriage problem was an entirely separate matter from segregation and did not desire to discuss it at the moment. Furthermore, he maintained that it was his personal affair and did not wish to be molested.

From all indications it appears that unless Mrs. Kawai undergoes a socially acceptable marriage ceremony in the immediate future Miss Cheney is determined to send her to Tule Lake or compel her to live separately from her husband in Poston. As block manager keenly interested in the welfare of my block residents I wish to raise the following objections to such an administrative attitude:

(1) I am convinced that segregation is a momentous event, second only in importance to evacuation in the lives of those affected, and feel that it should not be confused with extraneous matters which have no relevance whatsoever to the question. I strongly believe that the making of a decision by Mrs. Kawai should not be influenced by personal matters which have absolutely no connection with the primary question of segregation. It is my understanding that only those who desire to follow the segregant to Tule Lake are supposed to do so and that the administration will not compel anyone to transfer their against his wishes. Hence the main issue to me is not whether Mrs. Kawai will remain in Poston with her common-law husband but whether she wishes to follow her son to Tule Lake. The fact that Mr. Ikuno has assured his stepson in my presence that he will take good care of his mother should be sufficient evidence that she will be well taken care of during the segregant's absence. I have known Mr. Ikuno for over fifteen years and can vouch for his honesty and sincerity in carrying out his promises.

(2) Miss Cheney's main contention is that both Mrs. Kawai and Mr. Ikuno have legal residence in California, a state which does not recognize common-law marriage. My argument is that common-law marriages have flourished for years in California but the law-enforcing agencies have not bothered to suppress them. Mrs. Kawai and Mr. Ikuno have lived together for eight years and entered Poston as man and wife. As far as the residents are concerned, there is no moral issue involved, except perhaps in the minds of Caucasian ex-missionaries and evaguest Christian leaders who I feel interpret the teachings of their Master rather narrowly. If objections on moral grounds had been raised by the block residents, I, as block manager, would have acted upon it even before it reached the Family Welfare Division. I am by no means advocating the wholesale practice of common-law marriage in Poston but feel that those who entered camp as man and wife should not be molested at the present time. As far as Miss Cheney's fear that it will be bad influence on young people is concerned, I wish to state that there is no such danger from that quarter. The Nisei, with only a few notable exceptions, have swallowed into the virtues and prejudices of Middle Class American societies so it will not occur to them to indulge in such a practice.

(3) All residents of Camp I did not come from California. According to Mr. Haas many states sanction common-law marriage so confusion will surely result if we attempted to enforce the laws of various states in Poston.

(4) According to Mr. Haas there is no WRA regulation prohibiting common-law marriage in relocation centers. The fact that so many individuals have lived in this state unmolested for over a year implies silent acceptance by the WRA. Furthermore, when the legal status of common-law marriage came up for discussion in the fifth meeting of the Temporary Community Council on August 12, 1942, in connection with the section on Illicit Cohabitation in the Proposed Code of Offenses, it was generally agreed among the council members that any couple who entered camp as man and wife even though they actually were not should be recognized until the real husband appeared to protest. According to Mr. Haas this attitude has been carried over into the newly revised code of offenses.

(5) My contention, therefore, is that if the residents of a block are willing to accept common-law marriage the administration should not instigate otherwise unnecessary dissension by suppressing such a practice. Common-law marriage is a deep-rooted institution in Japanese culture. Acculturation studies conducted by anthropologists all over the world indicate that sudden attempts to eradicate age-old traditions by government edict or missionary zeal generally have a chaotic ending. Since deep-rooted social institutions cannot be changed overnight I believe that the best policy for the Welfare Division -- anyway, for the present -- will be to adopt the attitude: "Let well enough alone."

To eliminate the anxiety of the Kawai's and to facilitate the making of a decision by Mrs. Kawai I respectfully appeal to you as project director to request the Welfare Division to adopt a more tolerant and realistic approach to the disposition of her case. I reiterate that segregation is a vital matter in the lives of those affected and the making of a decision should not be influenced by extraneous matters which have no pertinence to the question. If Christian prudery demands that the couple be married to entitle them to live together in Poston, I believe it should be requested later when the problems of segregation have been settled. I protest that method of Miss Cheney threatening to send Mrs. Kawai to Tule Lake unless she goes through a marriage ceremony with Mr. Ikuno immediately. I interpret such action to be punishment for Mrs. Kawai for practising common-law marriage. It is my understanding that the punishment center for undesirables is Leupp, not Tule Lake; that Tule Lake, according to your Segregation Release No. 3 A, is for "those people who have indicated their desire to follow the Japanese way of life, or who have renounced their allegiance to the United States and whose movements must therefore be restricted in time of war."

Your prompt consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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Richard S. Nishimoto  
Manager, Block 45

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August 25, 1943

Brief Notes - meeting of the Advisory Committee  
Segregation Program

Subject of coolers owned by segregants was being discussed.

Question raised about the people under medical attention, will they be allowed to stay until well?

Answer People who are ill if advised by the medical director will be held here until they are able to be removed. The families of the person will also be held until the person under medical care is able to travel. This will keep all family members together.

Segregation Release. Copies of all Segregation Release will be distributed through the Unit A administrators Office. Back issues will also be distributed to the Unit A administrators.

Burges The preliminary figures of segregants were sent to Washington. There have been additions and people being removed. On August 23, a list of segregees by Blocks was made. The total figure is 1453 for the three units. Poston I - 647; Poston II - 703; Poston III - 101. We were requested to send to Washington the estimated number of pullman accommodations which will be needed. The basis was made by the interviews of public welfare and the medical division. The list have been broken down to people needing upper and lower berth. This subject to change. The list is a very tentative schedule.

There will be just three trains from the Colorado River Relocation Center. We are not certain whether we will increase the number in each train or whether the army will give us another train, but not more than 500 per train. Our present plan is as follows:

- October 3 - Train trip No. 7 - total evacuees 467  
Camp III (all) 101; Camp II - 366  
(Blocks included - 229, 207, 208, 220, 221, 222, 226, 227)
- October 5 - Train trip No. 8 - total evacuees 448  
Camp II (remainder) 338; Camp I - 150  
(Blocks included - From Camp I - 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17)
- October 14- Train trip No. 10 - total evacuees 437  
Remaining people in Camp I  
(This is the tentative schedule)

There are three main groups, and we have tried to keep the natural grouping of people as much as possible.

The arrangements of Blocks have been made so that the pullman accommodations will be equal. Also we did not want to break up the camps. Information has been sent to Washington According to that basis. This information has been released to the public. The

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reasons for not splitting people from the blocks is that it will complicate the whole program of baggage, etc. People will move as blocks regardless of reason for going to Tule Lake (whether Repatriation or Segregation)

A preliminary memorandum on contrabands has been received by Air-Mail from Washington. This is a rough guide of things that cannot be taken to Tule Lake-firearms, ammunition, bombs, explosives, papers and documents with invisible writings, flash lights (over 2 cell), all flash lights with colored bulbs, etc. This information will be released at a later date.

We are starting a general plan of how baggage will be handled. 150lbs is the amount of baggage allowed on a full ticket, and 75 lbs on half ticket. If we can make provisions for excess baggage we will handle this at the same time, but this will have to be limited. All excess baggage will be sent later by freight under the government.

Question: Can person pay for his own baggage over the limit?  
Answer-Burge This might be probable but there probably will be a limitation on this also. There is a plan presented by Mr. H cad that there will be a crew sent to each block at least 24 hours ahead equipped with a scale and other necessary material. At the time the baggage is picked up checks will be made as to how many pieces there are from each family, the weight of each, etc. And each article will be signed by the family head. If we are able to handle any baggage over the 150 limit it may be done at that time, and they may pay for same. Form 156 will be filled out by persons wishing excess baggage sent later by freight.

Handling of freight: Crating, inspection, etc., will be handled 2 or 3 days beforehand. Handbags are extra.

Question: What about the babies' milk?

Answer-Burge Babies' milk will be provided and handled by the medical department.

Instructions and a list giving information of things that cannot be freighted will be released later.

Crating must be done by the crew because of inspection, weighing, etc.

Planned time of departures: (recommend against giving information wide distribution, because subject to change)

Train No. 7: Leave Parker at 7 p.m. October 3rd, arrives in Tule Lake 9:45 a.m. October 5th  
Train No. 8: Leave Parker same time October 5th  
Arrive Tule Lake same time October 7th  
Train No. 10: Leave Parker same time October 14th  
Arrive Tule Lake same time October 16th

Question: Will decorative objects be considered as excess baggage?

Answer-Burge All articles of this sort will be shipped later. The manual states that only necessities will be considered--household goods, etc. Block Managers will be instructed in regard to all this.

The housing department has been notified of changes to be made of segregants.

Question: How will the food situation be handled?

Answer-Burge The food on the train will be taken care by the Army. They will have kitchen cars, and volunteers will be asked from the evacuee groups for cooking serving, etc.

Question: Can special requests for changes be made?

Answer-Burge Cases of repatriation and expatriation should all be taken to Miss Butler. People who applied for repatriation and didn't retract before July 1st will be given a hearing at Tule Lake.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

August 25, 1943

Family Welfare Department

Persons wishing to make application for repatriation may apply now at the welfare division offices in the different units, for an appointment.

Interviews will not begin until September 2, and those who had made application prior to August 1 will be interviewed first. Repatriation applications have not been accepted since August 1 because of the segregation priority.

Miss Alice Cheney, associate counsellor, will be in charge of repatriation interviews in Unit 1; Miss Esther Rhoads, assistant counsellor, in Unit 2; and Miss Alice Grube, assistant counsellor, in Unit 3.

*Lou E. Butler*  
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Chief of Welfare Division

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

August 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Nelson, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burge  
Mr. Haverland, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Zimmerman  
and Block Managers

FROM Segregation Office

SUBJECT Block Lists for Segregation

We transmit to you herewith preliminary lists of persons, who will be transferred to Tule Lake Center, arranged alphabetically by blocks.

Supplementary lists will be forwarded to you, if necessary, within a few days and omissions from this present list does not necessarily mean that there have been oversights.

It is recommended that you await the further supplementary lists before calling discrepancies to the attention of this office.

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Assistant Project Director

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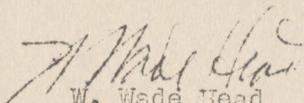
COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
POSTON, ARIZONA

September 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR        DIVISION HEADS  
FROM                    Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director

The last phase of the Segregation Program is now underway. It will involve considerable work in crating and moving evacuees' household goods and baggage, and transportation of the evacuees who are leaving. This will mean that the Segregation Program will be making urgent calls on almost all divisions for both personnel and equipment, including carpenter tools and trucks.

I have already stated that this work will have priority over all other project business for the period of segregation. Will you please meet all demands that are made on you and your staff and give this work your full cooperation.

  
W. Wade Head  
Project Director

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

September 13, 1943

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPPING PETS OF SEGREGANTS NO. 18 A

Pets ~~with~~ as dogs and cats will be shipped by express at Government expense. The project is to make arrangements for the crating and forwarding of all pets to be shipped. Crating must meet the carrier's requirements. Under no circumstances, is it permissible to forward animals on the passenger trains moving the evacuees. Baggage cars will have to be used exclusively for checkable baggage.

The owner of a pet shall notify the designated official of his desire, at least one week in advance of his departure, so that arrangements can be completed for proper crating, marking and labeling. Shipments shall not include reptiles of any kind, or animals of a dangerous character, or any animals which are not normally classified as household pets. Shipping of ~~pets~~ is also subject to state and interstate health and other regulations.

It will be necessary for evacuees who wish to ship their pets, to furnish the designated official with a form WRA-156, giving therein a description of the pet, or pets involved. The number of forms required will be the same as for other shipments.

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Project Director

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

September 29, 1943

INSTRUCTIONS TO TRAIN MONITOR AND COACH CAPTAINS

1. Coach Captains are responsible for the following activities within their coaches:

a. The organization of details of evacuees for the maintenance of sanitation within coaches, lavatories and toilets.

b. The observance by evacuees within their coaches of all regulations and instructions of the train commander.

c. Coach Captains will draw cleaning and sanitary supplies from the mess and supply officer. (These include brooms, mops, buckets, toilet paper, paper towels, soap, paper cups.)

2. Each Coach Captain will designate a female assistant and will cause frequent inspections of dressing rooms, lavatories and toilets to be made, not less often than thrice daily. Any irregularity or unsanitary condition will be immediately remedied.

3. Kitchen police and mess details will be made up of evacuees. A roster of the personnel from each coach will be kept by each Coach Captain and he will be responsible for requiring that the personnel from his coach who join the kitchen police and mess details report at the designated times to the mess sergeant in the kitchen car and attached diner to which assigned.

4. Coach Captains will receive any questions or requests from evacuees in his coach and after noting them will communicate such questions or requests to the evacuated Train Monitor for transmittal by him to the War Relocation Authority representative. Coach Captains, so designated, are authorized to go to the Train Monitor's coach on official business for the purpose of communicating with the Train Monitor or the War Relocation Authority representative.

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6. The Train Monitor is responsible for the coordination of Coach Captains activities and for the communication of the Train Commanders instructions and regulations to the Coach Captains and evacuees generally.

7. Baggage will not be placed on seats or in the aisles. Coach Captains will require evacuees in each coach to keep hand baggage securely placed in overhead racks when not in actual use.

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Mr. Wade Head  
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Poston, Arizona

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

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Teletype Message No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your correction of September 11, 1943, to the Form WRA 278 (see Segregation Manual, Page 15, Paragraph 5, Sections A and C) agrees with the total number of individuals sent to Tule Lake; however, we are not certain of the number of individuals in the various categories. Please teletype the following summary of segregees:

- Group A. Total number of individuals segregated and sent to Tule Lake.
- Group B. Segregees remaining at your Project because of illness or other reasons.

Within Groups A and B, give the number of persons in the following subgroups:

1. Repatriates and expatriates.
2. Family members of repatriates and expatriates.
3. Registration segregees.
4. Family members of registration segregees.
5. Other segregees.
6. Family members of Other segregees.

The definitions of these subgroups are the same as those given in the Segregation Manual for Form WRA 278.

In addition, please submit the following:

1. Number of families with applications on file for family internment camp.
2. Total number of persons included in these families.
3. Were any of these persons processed for segregation? If so, how many were sent to Tule Lake in regular segregation moves?



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SEGREGATION MEETING  
February 18, 1944

PRESENT: Mr. Mills, Mr. Burge, Miss Butler, Mr. Crawford

Mr. Mills announced that he had spoken over the telephone with Mr. Myer and asked about moving a special car to Tule and was referred to Mr. Pitts, now at Manzanar in connection with the Manzanar movement. He then had talked to Mr. Pitts at Manzanar and Mr. Harry Black from Tule, who was also at Manzanar. They said it was impracticable to hook another car on to their train, but approved of our sending along a car, to arrive not before March 2.

Project is to confirm to Mr. Best this verbal agreement, and indicate:

1. Number to be sent who are joining families and will not require additional housing.
2. Number that will require additional space.

Mr. Pitts stated that nothing could be done about the larger movement (of 500 or 600) until after the Project Directors' meeting in March, depending upon which center is to be closed, but assured movement would take place in late April or early May.

Persons to be moved:

1. Those with family problems (approximately 18)
2. Medical cases left from first movement (approximate 40)
3. Those the project desires to move now. (to be decided by Burge, Nelson & Crawford)

Problems involved:

1. Escort arrangements
2. Handling of food (Mr. Crawford to work out with railroad)
3. Baggage
4. Freight - including lumber
5. Internee families (to be cleared with Mr. Stauber, particularly Raehibana & Kobayashi)
6. Method of announcing move to residents to avoid being swamped with requests.

It was decided Miss Butler would follow up on immediate details and that further information would be obtained from Tule, San Francisco & Washington.

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RETURN TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. PITTS (2/18/44):

Project to clear details through Mr. Cozzens, who will clear through Civil Affairs in California. Also take up question of escort with Mr. Cozzens.

Train run only goes as far as Klamath Falls, and special arrangements will have to be made, either to take the train on thru to Tule, or provide other means of transportation.

Also going on the first train are Blocks in Unit Two, Blocks 207, 208, 221, 222, 226, 227, 229 and 214. On train number 32, the balance of Unit Two are going, Blocks 209, 211, 213, 215, 216, 219 and 220. Also going on the second train are blocks from Unit One. On the third train only blocks of Unit one.

That is when the balance of the people of Poston are going to Tule. The order was arranged with several factors in mind. The army had assigned to us diners, pullmans, coaches and baggage cars. The diner will serve only the pullman passengers. The lunch cars will serve the coaches. The persons going on the pullman will be for reason of health or infirmity, pregnant women and those who have a doctor's certificate stating they are to ride pullman. Pullman space is limited. The family members are to go on the same train. All the families of those pullman people will go in the car right after the pullman, so in case anything happens they will be there to help. As far as household effects and crating of baggage are concerned, Mr. Poplkins and Mr. Andersons have taken complete charge of the crating. Mr. Anderson will ask for cooperation of the block managers. To begin with, Mr. Popkins and his carpenter crew have practically completed making 400 crates. They will be distributed one to a family of two or more. Where the family needs more, they will tell their block managers who will make a requisition to the warehouse for the needed amount. The size of the boxes are 2'x2'x 3'.

The crates should not be sealed until it is inspected by the property department. On Sept. 15, there will be 10 trucks assigned to Mr. Anderson. A driver will be assigned to the truck and an appointed personnel supervisor will be on each truck. The trucks will be loaded with lumber, nails and rope and whatever else Mr. Anderson decides to put on it. They will go to the blocks in the order slated to move. They will go to all the blocks. The people who are to do the crating Mr. Anderson will work with you. We will have a representative of the Evacuee Property department and Mr. Reinhardt working with the crew inspecting the baggages. Inspection will be made here, but I don't know to how great an extent. Each piece will be inspected. (Piece of baggage.) When you get to Tule Lake there will be a much more intensive inspection at Tule Lake by the Army

Burge:

We are planning on haveing a receipt form for the block managers. It will be for the list of things to be turned in. The morning when they leave, they will have to see that the stuffs they have charged out are turned in and the receipt for property signed. They will not be allowed to leave without having the receipt for signed by the block managers. The Evacuee Property department under Mr. Schmitt is nearly finished with interviewing those persons who are leaving in regard to their property. Each adult and children, 12 years or over will be permitted 150 pounds of checkable of baggage. Age 4 through 11 years (those

on half-fare) will be allowed a maximum of 75 pounds. Question was raised at the advisory board meeting whether there would be any allowance made as to those children between 1 and 4 years. No allowance will be made for that age category. Allowances are made only for paid tickets. Children between 1 and 4 years do not pay for fare. It is to be recommended that you pack only as much as you need as the amount of baggage is limited that you can take with you on the train. Each evacuee, if he wants to, can take all of his belongings free of charge. You will have to live with 150 pounds of checkable baggage for two months after you get to Tule Lake. The balance of your stuff can be transported by freight which will reach you about two months after you reach Tule Lake. However if any of the members of the block come to ask you if they can send things ahead of time at their own expense--they may do that. They can send by express and address it to Tule Lake Center at Newell, California. If they do that, Tule Lake will know whose it is. Each package should be marked "Segregant" and they will wait for you to come to collect it there. If they do it, they will have to pay for it themselves. Each person can take with him the hand luggage which must be necessarily limited. (The package should have on it, the address here at Poston too) There will be no porter to carry your luggage for you. I will be pretty largely like the time we had when we were evacuated. I don't think the army will provide for any one to help you with your baggages. The hand baggages must be light enough for each person to carry and to put on the overhead rack and under the feet. (in regards to size)

Drennon:

We have adopted the date, September 30, 1943 to distribute baggage tags to the block managers. These are regular WRA tags and tag numbers of each tag are strictly accounted for. The block managers are to keep a record on a sheet given to you, accounting for every tag. Returning each surplus tag and to account for any inadvertently destroyed tags. Each person will have crating provided for freight goods. All should be marked with the name and the family number assigned to you many months ago and the address of the departing center, in this case the Colorado River War Relocation Center and the name of the center where they are going, Tule Lake. All should be marked "segregant". These WRA tags are in two parts. The top half is to be put on the luggage and the lower half you keep as a claim check for your baggage. Cars will be assigned by the transportation department and equipped with scales, labels and paint to take care of all the labeling. They will make a list of the numbers of tags for each family and label the baggage if necessary and pick them up and deliver it to the train for you. For train No. 31, starting at Unit III, they will be picked up on Saturday, October 2, at 8 o'clock. Saturday pick up may over-run into Sunday. Unit II and One baggage will be picked up the balance on Sunday and Monday if necessary. The baggages of Unit I, the balance of it, will be picked up on Tuesday morning, October 5 at 8 o'clock. This is

the basic plan for operation. If there are changes in very minor detail. Mr. Anderson will report to you in regard to crating.

Burge; It is advisable for every one to put inside the checkable baggage a slip of paper with his name and family number if in case the identification slip on the outside of the baggage should be lost. This should prevent any difficulty arising from the labels missing from the outside of baggage.

Question: Will the hand baggages be picked up?

Answer: Yes, the hand baggages will be picked up. They will be picked up with you. The 150 pounds of baggage goes with you. It will be picked up about 48 hours before you leave. They will arrive at Tule Lake with you.

Question: If their belongings are crated, is it checkable?

Answer: The poundage is the only restriction. 150 pounds will be allowed for full fare. Inspection of the checkable baggage will be done when it is picked up. Hand baggage will be inspected at the time you leave.

Question: I have some names missing from my list, what shall I do? Where can I find out if they are going or not.

Answer: A completely revised list will be sent you in a few days. Tear up the other list. A letter is going to every person going to Tule Lake. When each block manager gets his list, contact each family and check with them. There may be a case of a letter being lost in the mails.

Question: Will there be a separate list for the repatriates and the double "no" persons?

Answer: No. They will all be listed together. Every person staying behind who were scheduled to leave this time will be given a certificate. The list you will get from us will be only those who are leaving on the train.

Question: There are some names left off. Should we notify you?

Answer: Wait until you get this other list. If there are any omissions, then check with us.

Question: When is the second hearing?

Answer: The leave clearance hearing is apart from segregation. First hearing was a hearing for segregation to determine simply the fact of whether they want to change the answer. We send in the list of names to Washington with request that they be given them a second hearing. They will not be segregated until called for hearing. Hearing will be held upon the recommendation of the Project Director. Washington will advise us whether to segregate

them or not.

Question: Suppose the family doesn't want to go?

Answer: No changes are being made now. There will be a board at Tulare Lake to hear such cases. It would be difficult to come back to Poston. Even if the hearing allowed it over in Tule Lake.

Anderson: We have a big job ahead of us. Need a lot of help from the block managers. I will make a schedule on this. I would like to recruit enough men to do a block each day. Clean it up each day. They are going to have a member of the personnel going around with the crews. I hope to get experienced men. We are going to have a tool shortage. I don't have enough tools. There are some few people who have tools of their own. They are going to have to use their own. I am going to turn this over to the block managers. The block manager is to see that they get the materials to work with. We are going to have 10 men from the property department. I would like to recruit enough men in the blocks. First 10 blocks, we will take that first day. We have to work with the block manager on this thing. See what you can do. People who are going to leave themselves are going to have to be there and assist in the crating. Anybody needed for this job will be taken from their regular jobs. No activity on the Project must interfere with this. Each block is assigned to take care of his own block. We have one hundred boxes made for camp II, we can use those. I would like to hold my carpenter shop crew back as reserve. in case an emergency arises. Each block takes care of their own. They should get enough men to do the job on that one day. On the tools, that is going to be the bottleneck. I will try to gather all the tools I can get. We have to be sure to get them back to the supervisor in order that the next block may be able to use it. We have just a short time to do this in.

Question: Who will be responsible for the tools?

Answer: We will have an appointed personnel there. It is more or less up to the block manager to help pick up the tools. We are going to do 10 blocks a day.

Question: Some blocks have just one or two families going.

Answer: What are you going to do in that case?

Answer: We will just shift the crew to the next block.

Anderson: I would be glad to contact each block manager personally. You should be notified a day ahead of time. We will know in general within a few days what the schedule will be like. The man of the family should have started crating their things now. Even from Saturday. The truck and the needed material will be sent to you.

Blk. Mgr. The only thing we have to know is the time you are going to come around.

Anderson: We will do the crating in the order the blocks are leaving for Tule.

Question: There is no possibility for getting the materials to the blocks before the time?

Answer: There will be a truck going to every block in Poston III on the day they are going to start crating.

Question: Just those families going to Tule who need the lumber are to get it, is that right?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Will it be possible to get the crates out before the 15th?

Answer: Yes, we will give the crates out sooner than the 15th.

Burge: The idea for making of these crates was to have the people leaving have something to put their small things that couldn't be crated. Every family could use about five of these boxes if we had them.

Drennon: Please impress upon the people not to pull the barracks apart as we are going to be using them.

Question: They can be assured that they will be enough lumber?

Answer: Yes, as long as they use just as much as they need and as long as we have the material.

Burge: Every block will be assigned one truck; If they need more lumber they will go after it.

One thing that is going to be difficult is the making of the list of things they are crating at the time of inspection. Please see that the people don't crate until after inspecting is done. As soon as the crating is finished, call Mr. Haverland's office, and he will send a truck down after the crated baggage. Please give him a rough idea as to how much stuff you have and he will send a truck to go after the things accordingly. The crew crates the things and it is inspected the same day. It is a big job. We suggest that we dispense with the block manager's meeting during this time. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. But no suggestions as to how to get more lumber, please anything but that.

Question: What happens to the family having their belongings at the camp two warehouse and which are not crated. Things such as washing machine, refrigerators, etc.

Answer: I will find out about it. But first get them to notify the block managers if they have anything in the warehouse

Burge: I don't think there will be moves at Tule Lake. There will be no leave clearance from Tule Lake. In general there will be very few moves from Tule Lake

Question: In case a person moves to Tule and is returned to Relocation center and then goes out and relocates, does the move from the Tule Lake to the relocation center constitute an initial move in

- regard to the things he had shipped to Tule by freight?
- Answer: Yes. We'll have to transport it by own expense when he relocates.
- Burge: Because he wants to go to Tule Lake is a strong indication where his loyalty lies. Any consideration given to a case will be judged by that fact.
- Question: Can the crating be used for checkable baggage?
- Answer: All crates and cratings are to be used for freight only. We are not supplying any material for checkable baggage.
- Question: Will the freight and checkable baggage be picked up the same day?
- Answer: No. Freight is picked up after crating and inspection is finished. Checkable baggage will be picked up just before you leave.
- Question: Will there be any rope and how much will they be allowed?
- Answer: The rope will be given out as needed. Rope is very hard to get.
- Burge: It will be up to the transportation department to pick up the freight.
- Question: Do you count the weight of the box in with the weight or do you count just the weight of the material crated?
- Answer: We go according to gross weight. Crating will be counted in the weight of the checkable baggage--included in the 150 pound or 75 pounds whatever it may be. No more than 150 pounds will be allowed.
- Comment: Those family who have children between the ages of 1 and 4 will have a hard time in keeping within that limit. It makes it hard on the family.
- Answer: Every traveling on the trains have to observe that rule. Its not only you people.
- Burge: The crated baggage will be picked up the same day crated. The transportation will request for man-power to help load the trucks. Those people who are leaving for Tule should help load the trucks, and others in the block who can, should help. We will try to pick it up the same day. It will be picked up either that day or the following day. We will try to but we may not be able to and yet we may be able to.
- Mild Milk ~~and~~ will provided and there will be a doctor and nurse on board the train. The evacuee themselves will have to furnish the personnel for serving and cooking the food on the train. The plans for recruiting the crew have not been made as yet. All baggages or otherwise is to be receipted.
- Question: Suppose some of the freight is to be store in Poston.
- Answer: Those persons are to fill out form No. 156

Burge; The person will hold his receipt for checkable baggage in order that he can claim it when he gets to Tule.

He can have the balance of his baggages sent by freight or express at their own expense if they have more than 150 pounds and want to take it with them. The 150 pound limit is a railroad rule.

Question: Will they be given any leeway--a little over the amount of 150 pounds?

Answer: No they will be allowed only 150 pounds. No more than that.

Question: Suppose the total weight for the family is about 5 pounds over the amount of the poundage they are allowed to take?

Answer: Officially the answer is no--they will not be allowed of space for extra 5 pounds. We are only assigned a certain amount of space for checkable baggage. We can't anticipate any more room.

Question: Will the weight for the 150 pounds of the checkable baggage include the crating too?

Answer: The crating material will not be used for checkable baggage but if an article will be included in the weight.

Burge: The pullman cars are for only those women who are pregnant, women who have babies under a certain age and those who have been examined by the Public Health. All these persons must have a certificate stating that they are to ride pullman.

Crawford: Are there any further questions? No.

Thank you Mr. Burge and Mr. Drennon and Mr. Anderson for coming to our meeting this morning.

The general meeting with the Unit Three Block Managers and Mr. Burge, Drennon, and Mr. Anderson was adjourned.

FUNCTIONS INVOLVED AND TIME TABLE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

FUNCTIONS	NUMBER OF DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THAT FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED		Relocating Evacuee	Assistant Relocation Adviser	Relocation Adviser	Leave Officer	Assistant Relocation Program Officer	Relocation Program Officer	Project Director	Military Police	Statistics Section	Evacuee Property Section	Asst. Proj. Director Administrative Mgt. Division	Finance Section	Supply Section	Motor Transport & Maintenance Section	Ration Clerk	Assistant Director Washington, D. C.	Immigration and Naturalization Service	Evacuee Car Captain	Train Commander	Parker Railroad
	ALL SPECIAL TRAIN MOVEMENTS	SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 5, 1945																				
1. Finish review of case control cards. Final day for voluntary determination of destination.	18	Aug. 18																				
2. Finish preparation and distribution of forms: WRA-156 WRA-303 WRA-178 WRA-Colo. River-86 AC-PS-9 (parolees) 16-86 (parolees)	14	Aug. 22																				
3. Arrangement for special train by teletype or telephone through the WRA Washington Office.	14	Aug. 22																				
4. Begin delivery of boxes to residences by Property Control & Warehousing Unit on information supplied by Evacuee Property Section.	13	Aug. 23																				
5. Designation of Train Commander by Project Director. Transmission of Ration application forms to Ration Clerk who issues books and delivers to Leave Officer.	9	Aug. 27																				
6. Begin pick-up of Evacuee properties and delivery to Crating & Shipping Stations.	8	Aug. 28																				
7. Preparation and distribution of Train Lists using form WRA-178 as basis. Original and six copies.	7	Aug. 29																				
8. Notice of train car assignment and instructions to evacuees. Designation of Evacuee Car Captains.	6	Aug. 30																				
9. Begin distribution of relocation assistance grants by Agent Cashiers in Units II and III.	5	Aug. 31																				
10. Pick-up of checkable baggage in the morning and delivery to baggage car of special train.	1	Sept. 4																				
11. Pick-up of evacuees in Units and transportation to bus loading points and final gate checkout. Busses proceed to Parker.	0	Sept. 5																				

Note: Solid line indicates responsibility;  
 Broken line indicates documentation and assistance.