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MEMORANDUM

No. 1

TO: All Medical Personnel

SUBJECT: Housing

Through the courtesy of Mr. Crawford, Director of Housing, Medical Division has now reserved a very limited number of apartments in Block 46 and Block 35, for the use of such medical personnel who would prefer to move into either of these two blocks to be nearer the hospital. When these are filled, we may use some apartments in Block 31 and Block 32.

In the spaces below, please indicate your answers to the following questions, which will enable me to determine whether or not there are any members of our staff who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to locate themselves nearer to their work:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Position held in Medical Division \_\_\_\_\_
3. Present address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of members in family \_\_\_\_\_
5. I would prefer to move to Block 46, Block 35, Block 31, Block 32  
(Cross out three)
6. I do not wish to move from my present address. (Check if so.)

As I do not wish to overlook any one who wishes to move at this time, please complete the above form and return immediately.

LS:d

Leo Schnur, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
June 12, 1942

TO: Mr. Wade Head  
Project Director

SUBJECT: Justification for Additional Modified  
W-1 Ward

Dear Mr. Head:

I was informed on June 11, 1942, by Mr. Ellis Georgia, Area Engineer, that his office had <sup>been</sup> given orders to stop construction on the additional modified W-1 ward which has been under construction to take care of the needs of the military personnel and members of the Caucasian staff here at Poston, Arizona.

It appears now that it will be necessary for this office to present additional justification, and I shall herewith give you the entire background leading up to the construction of this addition to the Base Hospital.

I am attaching copy of a letter dated April 27, 1942, from Colonel Samuel D. Hays which is self-explanatory, and a copy of your reply of May 1, 1942. Colonel Hays' letter is the basis for the subsequent action which led to the construction of the ward in question. We, at first, gave consideration to the possibility of taking care of members of the military establishment at Poston in our general wards, but this was ruled out by Captain Groate in conversations with him and members of his staff.

Quite naturally, therefore, in order to render the type of service to the army officers and members of their command in the fashion that was insisted upon, it was necessary to request additional facilities. On May 1, 1942, following conferences which included Mr. Allen, and

*Assistant District Reg. Engineer*

*Dep.*

Mr. Wade Head

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June 12, 1942

*Operations Officer 1st District Region*

Lieutenant Loring, I prepared a modified floor plan using the outside dimensions of a standard W-1 ward. The reason for the detail in this building is due to the fact that we would not only have military personnel to take care of, all of the male sex, but also women and children who would be part of the administrative staff.

I believe there is considerable misunderstanding as to the amount of equipment which this ward would require. It has come to my attention that the fact that the floor plan shows a delivery room has led to the belief that expensive sterilizing equipment would be required. This is not the case at all. The only fixed equipment required in connection with this delivery room would be a "scrub-up" sink, which I do not believe is unreasonable.

The floor plan indicates a kitchen, dish-washing room and justification for this was that it would be necessary to prepare separate types of food for military personnel.

At the time that this plan was given consideration, I raised the question of the additional white nursing personnel which would be required, but Captain Groate agreed that he would find sufficient number of his staff to take care of the sick from his command.

As far as I can understand, the floor plan which I presented with your approval was approved by Mr. Allen and subsequently orders were given for the construction of this ward.

There has been considerable pressure brought to bear from various members of the military establishment for adequate medical care for the soldiers at Poston. I believe everything has been done to insure such care. The most recent study regarding this was made by Major Saylor from the Medical Corps out of General Thomas' office. You will recall that we were in conference with you on the question of medical service to both the 749th and 323d Companies, and the general plan met with Major Saylor's approval, and he stated at the time that he would indicate so in his report to the Commanding General of the Southern Defense Area.

Mr. Wade Head

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Considering the fact that nothing has been said until yesterday regarding this ward, during which time I am sure the Los Angeles office has been aware of its construction, I am completely at a loss to understand the reason for the stop order, but trust that a presentation of the facts as outlined above will clarify any question in the minds of higher authorities.

Very respectfully yours,

Leo Schnur, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

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MEMORANDUM

June 25, 1942

No. 1 - Supplemental

TO: All Medical Personnel  
SUBJECT: Housing

Since the submission of Memorandum No. 1 on the subject above under date of June 23, 1942, I have been authorized by Mr. Ralph Gelvin, Associate Project Director, to inform the personnel of Medical Division that with the opening of Camps No. 2 and No. 3, there will develop a critical shortage of vehicles so that it is very likely all personnel will have to walk between their homes and places of employment.

In the light of this, do you wish to reconsider your decision in regard to the opportunity offered to Medical Division personnel to move to Blocks 46, 35, 31, or 32?

As Mr. J. D. Crawford, Director of Housing, must know by Saturday morning, June 27, 1942, the names of all persons who wish to move. No applications for this privilege will be accepted after the close of business Friday, June 26, 1942.

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Leo Schnur, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

MEMORANDUM

July 7, 1942

No. 3

To: All Medical Division Personnel  
Subject: Medical Transportation

I wish to take this opportunity of introducing Mr. Harry Fujii, who is in charge of the maintenance and operation of all Medical Department vehicles.

Please be advised that all trucks, ambulances and passenger cars will be under the supervision of Mr. Fujii. It will be the responsibility of his department to know the use of all forms of transportation, repair schedules for transportation of personnel and check to see that the transportation equipment is being properly maintained and serviced.

The purpose of this department is to more efficiently utilize the very limited transportation available and at the same time center the responsibility for distributing our limited transportation where it is most urgently needed.

All requests for transportation should be cleared through Mr. Fujii or his representative in the Transportation Division.

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Leo Schnur, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

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MEMORANDUM

July 9, 1942

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TO: Mr. Wade Head  
Director of W.R.A.  
Poston, Arizona

FROM: Dr. Frank Saito  
Dr. Wakatake  
Helen Shoji  
Mutsu Nobe

We are submitting to you our notice of intention to organize various professional societies. These groups to be represented include most of the medical personnel. Our aims are to:

1. Become better acquainted among ourselves by seeking social diversions. This being best accomplished by meeting together at certain intervals.
2. To promote greater cooperation among ourselves in our daily work and to understand our various problems.
3. To encourage more social contacts between ourselves outside of our regular medical duties. In this way, we may be able to seek greater enjoyment in our daily life.
4. To co-ordinate our combined efforts in co-operating with the administration in many ways.

Our plans and rules will be based on organization procedure of such a nature that it will not conflict with any established policies of the administration. Minutes of meetings will be kept. Plans for social gatherings; recreational activities; and welfare work; shall be our basic aims.

We shall hold our first organization meeting on Sunday, July 12, 9:00 P.M. at dining hall Block 21 at which time

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July 9, 1942

We shall draw up more concrete plans and attempt to elect officials and representatives from various groups. We do not seek to bring about class discrimination because of professional standing, but hope to include all workers connected with the various Medical Departments.

We have not yet chosen the name of our organization until we have obtained your approval for holding meetings and organizing our various groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank H. Saito, D.M.D.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

July 11, 1942

Dr. Frank H. Seito  
Dr. Wakatake  
Helen Shoji  
Mutsu Nobe

In answer to your memorandum dated July 9, 1942,  
I am in accordance with your plans for the organi-  
zation of your medical groups.

As long as you follow the aims as cited in  
your memorandum, I feel that the organization as  
you plan will be a fine thing for the community  
of Poston.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Head,  
Project Director

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COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
July 13, 1942

Ralph B. Snavely, M. D.  
District Medical Director  
Box 527  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Snavely:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 7 and take this opportunity of replying to your letter as well as to submit my weekly report.

Completion of the Hospital is still very slow, as there seems to be great difficulty in getting the fixed equipment. Mr. Shiddell from the Los Angeles Office and Captain Lazenby from San Francisco were both in yesterday to look into this problem. As yet we have nothing but the wooden structure and a few sinks that were temporarily installed.

The first high pressure boiler was due to be delivered yesterday but has not arrived. The sterilizer came in but, of course, it cannot be utilized until high pressure steam is available. However, as there seems to be every indication now of soon having at least one boiler, I sent a wire to Mr. Stewart advising that we would not need the sterilizer which is located at the Fort Wingate Hospital.

We expect to open a third ward tomorrow. With this increase in bed capacity, it is very likely our average daily census will go up. At the present time it is running around 70. This does not indicate the illness rate for there are a great many sick who are being cared for in their homes under very trying conditions.

Since I last wrote you, the professional staff is very much the same with one notable exception. Miss Brouillet finally decided that the load was too heavy for her and asked to return to her regular station. She left on Saturday, July 11, 1942. Miss Vickers has taken over the position of Senior Chief Nurse and is also directing the training program.

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Ralph B. Snavely, M. D.

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July 13, 1942

I am glad to know that you find the "Press Bulletin" of interest. There is no regular mailing list as yet so that I shall continue to send you copies so long as I can continue to get the six copies which I am receiving now.

I am sure that Mr. James will appreciate hearing from you. His first name is Norris, and his official title is Press and Intelligence Officer.

I am glad to note your reaction to the question of birth control clinics. I have discussed this with Dr. Wakatake and we have agreed to eliminate such a clinic entirely. Where individual patients require such advice, they will be handled in the obstetrical and gynecological clinic. The question is too much of a mooted one for us to become exposed to any debate on this subject.

We are urgently in need of "in-patient" and "out-patient" cards, as well as the 5 x 8 cards used for recording dental examinations. I would very much appreciate it if a few of these could be borrowed from any of our Indian Service hospitals who could spare a few until such time as we can obtain a supply from the Washington Office. We are also urgently in need of a Dispensary Narcotic Record ( No. 5-364-b) and a Narcotic Stock Record Book ( No. 5-364-a).

Except for a great many details which are by now becoming routine, I think this brings you up to date on the outstanding events since I last wrote you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Schmur, M. D.  
Director of Health and Sanitation

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cc:MFC

COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
July 15, 1942

Mr. Barney T. Ferguson  
Area Engineer  
U. S. Engineer's Office  
P. O. Box 1898  
Parker, Arizona

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

On July 6, 1942, in conference with Mr. Ellis Georgia, Mr. Charles Newell and yourself, the question of chlorination for the water supply at Camp No. 2 was discussed.

At this time Mr. Newell indicated that two chlorinators were on hand and he agreed to have one of them installed in Camp No. 2. I was advised that as soon as this installation was completed, proper notification would be made so that our Public Health Division could assume the responsibility for the chlorination of the water supply for Camp No. 2.

Our first bacteriological examination of the water supply at Camp No. 2 indicates that it is contaminated with B-coli germs and that it is unsafe for human consumption. I understand that the chlorinator has not been installed.

I consider failure to chlorinate this water supply a serious menace to the health of this community and would appreciate being advised as to what steps you are taking to procure and install a chlorinator at Camp No. 2.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Schnur, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

LS:d  
cc: Mr. Wade Head ✓  
Dr. Leighton

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MEMORANDUM

August 15, 1942

No. 5

It has been called to my attention that recently the number of guests who have been invited to the hospital dining hall has been excessive.

This condition can be improved if the personnel will voluntarily refrain as much as possible from bringing guests to the dining room.

If a person should desire to invite a guest, he must obtain a permit from Dr. Leighton, Miss Vickers or Dr. Wakatake and present it to the Head Waiter. He must also notify the Chef three hours in advance that a guest will be present. Otherwise, persons other than medical personnel will not be admitted to the hospital dining hall.

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A. H. Leighton, M. C., U. S. N. R.  
Acting Director of Health and  
Sanitation

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MEMORANDUM

No. 5

August 15, 1942

To: All Medical Division Personnel

Subject: Guests at the Hospital Dining Room

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A. H. Leighton, M. C., U. S. N. R.  
Acting Director of Health & Sanitation

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Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

October 24, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Division Heads

SUBJECT: Auditorium Room in Ward 7 at the Hospital

It has been brought to my attention that conflicts have arisen from time to time concerning the use of the so-called auditorium in Ward 7 at the Hospital.

In the future, please arrange with Miss Vickers for the use of this building in order to prevent two activities from scheduling its use at the same time thereby causing inconvenience and confusion.

Ralph M. Gelvin  
Associate Director

Dr. Cary  
Mr. Empie ✓  
Mr. Evans  
Miss Findley  
Mr. Fister  
Mr. Head  
Dr. Ishimaru  
Mr. James  
Dr. Leighton  
Mr. Mathiesen  
Dr. Powell  
Dr. Pressman  
Mr. Rupkey  
Mr. Sharp  
Miss Vickers

COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
October 24, 1942

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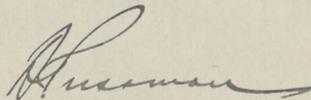
Memorandum To: John G. Evans ✓  
Assistant to Project Director

Subject: First Aid Kits

Reference is made to your memorandum of October 23, 1942. I do not recall your memorandum of September 1, but I have had some discussion with the block managers with regards to the first aid kits and the arrangement you speak of was agreeable to us.

Up to the present the block managers have not provided the containers. As soon as they do, we will make some effort to furnish as much first aid material as we possibly can.

You might be interested to know that some six weeks ago I ordered a considerable quantity of first aid kits to take care of our needs in the three camps, but so far have not received these.



A. Pressman, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

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January 3, 1943

MEMO TO: Mr. Head, Project Director

SUBJECT: Unit Ambulance Service - *Unit II.*

In connection with the resolution submitted to you by the Local Council of Unit II and the letter of December 22 from Kenji Uyeno, Administrator of Unit II, I am submitting for your consideration the following comments.

The Ambulance Department in Unit II served to transport patients from Unit II to Unit I for emergency treatment or for hospital admission. In view of the fact that no medical service is available to the residents of Unit II after 5 p.m. and that all cases requiring such service were being transported to Unit I, it was deemed advisable to render this service from the Ambulance Service in Unit I entirely. This obviates the necessity of keeping the Clinic in Unit II for the whole 24 hours.

This step made it possible to reduce the staff by three ambulance drivers, one orderly, and one janitor. The change was undertaken after prolonged discussion and with consideration for all the factors involved. Plans were made to relay calls for medical service directly to the reception desk of the hospital instead of to the Ambulance Department in the Unit II Clinic building. It is realized that it would take a little longer for the ambulance from the hospital to reach the patient, but the time element would not exceed 15 minutes at the most. To meet the expected increase in service from the Ambulance Department of the hospital, an additional driver was employed to answer calls from Unit II.

This new policy should not occasion any feeling of insecurity among the residents as we are in a position to render ambulance service in a matter of minutes from the time a call is received to the time ambulance reaches the patient. The drivers of the Ambulance Department have been instructed to be especially prompt in accepting calls from Unit II.

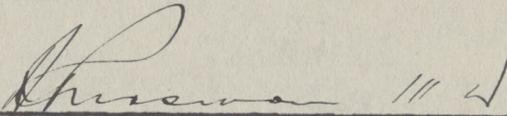
The records of our Ambulance Department do not disclose that there have been any inconveniences or delays during the time this new policy has been in operation. It is difficult to see wherein this new policy entails extra trips or the consumption of extra gasoline, oil, and rubber. Whether the calls are made by the ambulance from Unit II to Unit I or from Unit I to Unit II the same number of trips and the same distance is covered. On the contrary, it allows for an additional vehicle between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. for use in case of extreme emergency.

Mr. Head

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January 3, 1943

It is my conviction that this new policy is desirable from the standpoint of good administration and efficient handling of our transportation facilities, and it is my hope that it will be continued, at least, until such a time as it has proven itself to be unwise.

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A. Pressman, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston Two, Arizona

In reply, please refer to:

December 22, 1943

Mr. W. Wade Head  
Project Director  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Sir:

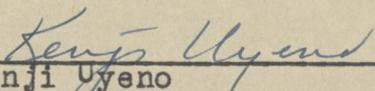
Enclosed you will find a resolution adopted by the Local Council of Unit Two and submitted to me for approval with the request that the copy be forwarded to you. Reviewing the facts presented in the resolution, I wish to state that it is essential that ambulance service be dispensed from Unit Two during twenty-four hours of the day in order to give the residents of Unit Two the full assurance and the feeling of security as to their medical care.

The service from the Unit One Hospital would naturally cause a delayed service. In times when Camp One has emergencies, it would cause further delays before our residents are taken care of. The commuting of the ambulance from Unit One would require twice the mileage in the usage of the vehicles. Although the Unit Two Clinic has tried out Dr. Pressman's plan, it is not a satisfying plan to give assurance to the residents.

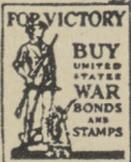
I sincerely believe that your consideration in the reopening of the Camp Two ambulance service would be greatly appreciated by the residents of Unit Two.

Hoping that you will give your immediate attention to the above matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
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Kenji Uyeno  
Poston Two Administrator

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Enclosure



UNIT II COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Poston, Arizona

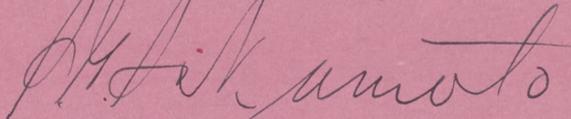
December 22, 1943

Mr. W. Wade Head  
Project Director  
Poston, Arizona

Dear sir:

We are herewith submitting a resolution regarding the emergency ambulance service in Unit II. We have spent considerable time since this problem has been placed before us. In order to be fair to all we went into details, selecting special committees and calling special meetings. Finally it was decided to give the new Clinic Policy a trial. After the operation of the new ambulance service, the residents has called upon the Council to refer the matter to you for a change as embodied in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



S.G. Sakamoto, Chairman  
Unit II Local Council

Approved,  
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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the Council has spent considerable time since November the seventeenth collecting detail information from all angles, selecting special committees, holding special meetings with the intent to settle this Clinic problem through proper channels; and

WHEREAS the transfer of emergency Ambulance Service to Unit I Hospital under the new Clinic Policy has created many preventable inconveniences and delays; and

WHEREAS the present emergency ambulance service has increased a general feeling of insecurity among the residents of Unit II due to increasing number of emergency cases; and

WHEREAS the ambulance service was put into operation with the knowledge that added inconveniences and delays would occur immediately; and

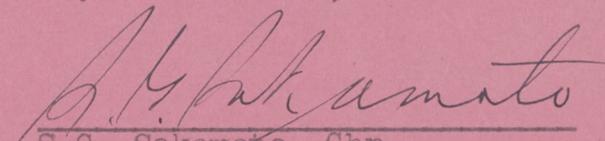
WHEREAS the ambulance commuting from Unit I inevitably call for extra trips involving the consumption of extra gasoline, oil and rubber; and

WHEREAS the Council has taken steps to remedy the objectionable conditions that existed at the Clinic in the past, by making alterations such as partitions and extension telephone.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Unit II Community Council respectfully petition that you will give this matter your immediate consideration;

Be it further resolved that the emergency ambulance service be kept in Unit II and that Dr. Pressman be instructed to hire three more drivers, making a total of five ambulance drivers at Unit II Clinic.

This resolution duly adopted and passed at the Local Community Council on the 20th day of December, 1943.

  
S.G. Sakamoto, Chr.  
Unit II Local Council

COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
January 6, 1943

Ralph B. Snavely, M. D.  
District Medical Director  
Navajo Service  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Snavely:

Your letter of December 26, 1942, addressed to Project Director Wade Head with regards to the assignment of Miss Grace Engleman as instructor in our public health visiting section was referred to me for answer.

Your letter has been under discussion for the past three or four days with Mrs. Olmstead and Miss Vickers, and it is our opinion that the assignment of Miss Engleman should be held in abeyance until the program that is being developed by Mrs. Olmstead is more under way. Mrs. Olmstead has been working with Miss Matsmoto, the only public health trained nurse among the evacuees, and also with the nurses in charge of Units #2 and #3 who will eventually head up the public health visiting service in their respective communities. It is believed that until such time as the necessary personnel has been recruited and the program well on its way to begin action, the matter of instruction and demonstration can be approached then.

Another factor has entered the situation in that Miss Jean has had a letter from Miss Elma Rood only yesterday, in which she expressed herself as extremely interested in the possibility of directing the public health visiting service at Poston. Both Miss Jean and Mrs. Olmstead are quite elated at the prospect of having such a well trained and experienced person available. I have written to Miss Rood and sent her along the necessary civil service forms to complete so that we may look to having her with us in a pretty short time. Should this eventuate, the training program would be her first responsibility and it is doubtful whether the services of Miss Engleman would be needed. However, we are keeping an open mind on this and will have an opportunity to discuss it at a later date.

I might add that we have appreciated the work of Mrs. Olmstead and hope that it might be possible to extend her assignment here for at least until the end of January.

Sincerely yours,

A. Pressman, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

AP:d  
cc: Mr. Head ✓

January 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO:                   POSTON III COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FROM:                           Moris Burge  
                                  Administrator Poston #3

I have your memorandum dated December 25th, received on January 15th, on the subject of hospitalization and service, and I am writing Dr. Pressman for his comments on this.

I fully appreciate your concern with the medical service in Poston, and realize that every effort should be made to give the residents here the highest possible medical care. However, I feel we must also recognize the severe limitations under which the medical department must function. As you know there is a desperate shortage of doctors and nurses throughout the country, and the demands of the armed forces are rightly given precedence over all others.

In general your criticism of the hospital, based according to your memorandum on the experience of one patient, is directed against the nursing service. I am sure you are aware that there is an insufficient number of registered nurses available in Poston, and that our medical department has had to depend to a large extent on nurse's aides. I presume that Dr. Pressman will answer more specifically the points you raise. I do feel that your suggestion that patients be allowed to bring their own nurses or friends to take care of them is impracticable. No efficient institution could function under such an arrangement.

As far as transportation to the hospital is concerned, it is my understanding our transportation department has been able to meet the demands for evening visitors, and a nightly service would be instituted if it were justified by the demands. The acute shortage of equipment does not allow us to handle any visitors' service during the day, except in emergency cases.

Moris Burge  
Administrator Poston #3

MB:ym  
cc: Mr. W. Wade Head  
      Miss Nell Findley  
      Dr. Pressman

Box 527  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
January 23, 1943

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AIRMAIL

Mrs. Helen P. Olmstead  
Field Nurse Supervisor  
War Relocation Authority  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Olmstead:

I wish to acknowledge the cordial invitation to attend a tea for the Public Health Visiting Service personnel on Monday, January 25, at 4 P. M., Social Hall Block 34.

I regret that I shall be unable to attend this tea, but I should like to express to you personally my thanks for being included among those invited, and I should like to have you express to the Visiting Service Personnel my regards and best wishes for success in this highly important community enterprise. According to the information which I have received as to the organization of this activity, it is my belief that it will prove one of the most important of the public health functions for the community and will be reflected in a strengthening of the medical and public health service with ultimate benefit to the entire resident population.

The monogram which will identify the workers is, in my opinion, attractive and thoughtfully designed. It certainly will serve as a badge of distinction to those who wear it.

Sincerely yours,

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cc - Project Director Head

Ralph B. Snavely  
District Medical Director



January 26, 1943  
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Mr. J. H. ...  
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I wish to express my appreciation to you for the information you have furnished regarding the ...

I have been advised that you are interested in the ...

The enclosed will be of interest to you ...

Very truly yours,

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For Camp #2 file  
Sanitation

January 26, 1943

To: A. Pressman, MD  
Director of Health and Sanitation

From: George S. Kido  
Supervisor, Division of Sanitation

SUBJECT: PEST SURVEY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The following is a summarization of the pest survey in Poston as it pertains to public health. The notes cover a period from May 1942 to December 1942.

Mosquitoes. The following species of mosquitoes have been collected and identified.

1. Culex tarsalis. By far this was the most common species found in Poston during the late summer period. The immature forms were first collected in a stagnant pond in September 1942, at the northwestern corner of Camp #1. Subsequent to the above date, they have been collected in the stagnant seepage water from the irrigation canal, in the effluent sewage water in all three camps, and in unstocked fish ponds. They do not take to artificial receptacles such as fire barrels. Though it normally prefers other animals, the adult is a persistent biter and readily enters homes and attacks man. Recent investigations by the Hooper Medical Foundation in the Yakima area in Washington uncovered the fact that this pest is a vector of encephalitis. Although the United States Public Health Service reports the absence of encephalitis in the Parker, Arizona area for the past three years, a potential danger exists due to the presence of the carrier and the reservoir hosts i.e. horses in the environ of Poston.
2. Culex quinquefasciatus was found breeding in firebarrels in all units of Poston. The mosquito was readily controlled by oiling the firebarrels at weekly intervals or by changing the water contained therein. It is an established carrier of filariasis which is indigenous to Polynesia and other tropical regions. One known case of filariasis exists in Poston according to clinical laboratory reports, consequently a potential danger in the transmission of the disease exists. The filaria concerned is wuchereria bancrofti or the nocturnal filaria. The mosquito is a night feeder.

3. Theobaldia inornata was found breeding in huge numbers in the effluent sewage water in Camp #2 in October 28, 1942. The mosquito is primarily a feeder on larger mammals such as cattle and horses. The pests are not important from a public health standpoint.
4. General remarks. Thus far no Anopheles was collected nor has there been any reports of malaria for the past three years in the environ of Parker, Arizona. Anopheles pseudopunctipennis is the only vector of the disease listed in the State of Arizona and these have not been collected to date.

#### Kitchen and household insects and arthropods.

1. The common housefly (Musca domestica) is by far the most important insect in the kitchen.
2. The croton cockroach (Blattella germanica) is established both in the kitchens and in the barracks. The dry air seems to hold the pests in check, and thus far, they are not important. Not all kitchens are infested.
3. The black widow spiders (Latrodectus mactans) is present in Poston both in the mess and in the living quarters. Thus far it is the only venomous arthropod found in Poston.
4. Hadrurus hirsutus, a scorpion is found in Poston. It produces only a local reaction, and the poisonous types have not been found as yet.
5. Ants of many species are found. Some invade the homes especially where particles of food are left about on the floor.

#### Field insects.

Cone nose bugs have been identified and were largely those of Rasahus thoracicus and Triatoma protracta. Both are fierce biters and may produce systemic disturbances. The latter bug is known to be a vector of (Trypanosoma cruzi) the chagas disease. The reservoir hosts are the rodents. Thus far, the trypanosomes isolated from the bugs by other investigators have shown that they are of the non-virulent strains in the United States.

Warehouse storage pests.

1. Oryzophilus surinamensis the saw-tooth grain beetle has been reported attacking such stored products as rice, figs, and prunes.
2. The Indian meal moth (Plodia interpunctella) was found in the subsistence warehouse and some 384 boxes of (25 lb. box) dried prunes were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Rodents.

No work has been done with rodents to date. Suffice to say however, that kangaroo rats belong with various species of field mice have been collected by the people. Reports from the U. S. Public Health survey shows that there has been no incidences of selvatic plague in the environ of Poston during the past 3 years. Two cases of tularemia have been reported however, so that rodents are potential carriers.

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George S. Kido  
Supervisor, Division of Sanitation

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cc: Mas Yamamoto  
Supervisor, Division of Sanitation  
Camp #2

Ed Takahashi  
Supervisor, Division of Sanitation  
Camp #3

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona  
March 3, 1943

In reply, please refer to:

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Merchandise Mart Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 19, 1943, to which is attached memorandum from Mr. Harvey, Director of Classification, with regards to the request for reallocation of the position of Miss Elizabeth Vickers. In further justification of the above request, the following information is furnished:

1. Duties of Miss Vickers comprise nursing services for a population of about 18,000 people, in contrast to other relocation centers which are approximately half this size.
2. Miss Vickers supervises the nursing services of:
  - a. Poston General Hospital, comprising a personnel of 6 head nurses, 1 operating room nurse, 7 staff nurses, 65 nurse aides and orderlies.
  - b. She also has supervision of one assistant chief nurse, and an additional assistant chief nurse position is yet to be filled.
  - c. Out-patient department of Unit I, comprising a staff of 2 registered nurses, 3 nurse aides and 1 orderly.
  - d. Out-patient department of Unit II, comprising 1 graduate nurse, 4 orderlies and 2 nurse aides.
  - e. Out-patient department of Unit III, comprising 1 head nurse, 2 nurse aides and 2 orderlies.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs

March 3, 1943

In reply, please refer to:

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3. Her supervision includes the housekeeping and laundry sections, comprising a supervisor for each section and a staff of 30 other workers. She also has direct charge of the dietetics department of the hospital mess hall, consisting of 2 dietitians and 4 dietician helpers.
4. In addition to these supervisory duties, it is her responsibility to recruit hospital nursing personnel and nurse aide candidates and to plan for a training program. This latter program must of necessity be carefully outlined in detail and to be applicable to our own peculiar situation. This is aggravated by the tremendous turnover in the nurse aide personnel due to almost daily resignations incident to the program of relocation.
5. It is contemplated to embark on a more extensive training program because of the difficulty in procuring professionally trained nurses to whom some of these duties might be otherwise detailed. It is the opinion of the Director of Health and Sanitation and the Chief of Community Services that the responsibilities of supervising such an extensive nursing program in the hospital and out-patient departments have increased beyond what was at first contemplated, and that Miss Vickers is exceptionally well qualified to effectively discharge these duties.

It is therefore urged that reallocation of this position be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Wade Head  
Project Director

AP:d  
cc: C. Smith  
N. Findley



Colorado River Relocation Project

Poston, Arizona

May 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. Wade Head  
Project Director

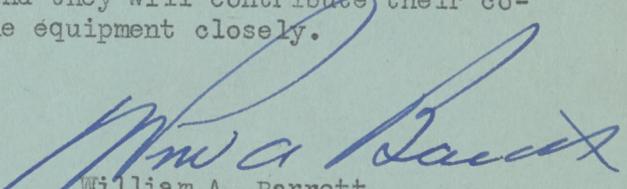
SUBJECT: Transportation for Unit III Hospital

Reference is made to your memorandum of May 17 regarding ambulance and car in Unit III.

Kindly be advised that I had a conference with Gilbert Kurihara, Chief Dispatcher for the Hospital, Frank Hiratsuka, Dispatcher for ambulance equipment at Camp III, and also Charlie Nakamura, Pool Dispatcher. The entire equipment situation was reviewed with these gentlemen, and they fully understand the emergency that exists at the present time.

We have made available through the Pool at Camp III the use of A-20-W, a Buick sedan, and we are endeavoring to put their own equipment in good shape. Of course, the lack of parts and the amount of repairs that have accumulated in the garage makes the problem rather slow, but all efforts will be made to take care of the situation.

As the matter now stands, everyone realizes the problems that we face, and they will contribute their cooperation in watching the equipment closely.

  
William A. Barrett  
Dispatcher

Box 527  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
May 27, 1943

Miss Elma Rood  
Supervisor of Public Health Nursing  
War Relocation Authority  
Poston, Arizona

(Through Mr. W. Wade Head and Dr. A. Pressman)

Dear Miss Rood:

I wish to thank you for sending me copies of your monthly reports for March and April. I appreciate having this material so that I may add it to my files of health activities at Poston. It is a source of satisfaction to note the progress that the public health visitors are making. I was somewhat dismayed to note that the visitors in Camp No. 2 were not making progress in March, and I hope office space and other things have been supplied and that Dr. Kazato has returned to duty. The April report for Camp No. 2 showed considerably more promise, and I assume that some of the shortcomings were corrected.

I do think it would be helpful to you if bicycles could be secured for the visitors in Camp No. 1 at least. I asked somebody about bicycles when I was at Poston, and they said they were trying to purchase them for some other activity; so I hope you will keep in touch with the situation. It would provide the means for inexpensive transportation which would be reasonably effective.

I believe the presentation of the tuberculosis films is timely inasmuch as a generalized survey is being planned.

I sincerely hope that the poliomyelitis situation has become quiescent and that there will be no further cases. We must be constantly on the alert, however, inasmuch as we have every reason to expect at least a few more cases during the coming months.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ralph B. Snavely  
District Medical Director

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Health

Miss Elizabeth Vickers,  
Senior Chief Nurse,  
Through Project Director, W.R.A. CHICAGO

JUN -1 1943

My dear Miss Vickers:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 24 concerning your present nursing situation. It is very much regretted that the nurse shortage is so acute. It is poor consolation to know that both civilian and Indian Service hospitals suffer similar shortages.

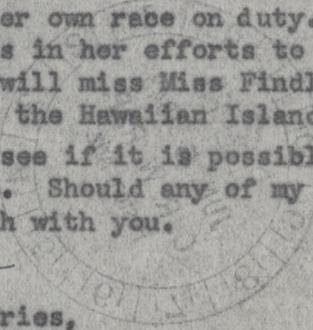
We have had a letter from Miss Mabel E. Cleaveland advising that she expects to report to Poston on or about June 10. Mrs. Rice has been in the Office several times and on each occasion she firmly maintained the stand that she will not go to Poston until she knows that there will be others of her own race on duty. I shall phone again and see whether she has had any success in her efforts to get some of her friends interested. Undoubtedly all of you will miss Miss Findley, although she will probably be very happy in returning to the Hawaiian Islands.

I am going to Washington this coming week and will see if it is possible to secure any of the Freedman Hospital graduates for Poston. Should any of my efforts meet with success, I shall immediately get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

*Sallie Jeffries*  
Sallie Jeffries,  
Director of Nursing.

SJ:yb (5/31/43)  
cc - Project Director, WRA ✓  
Dr. Snavely, Dist. Medical Dir.





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COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT  
Poston, Arizona

June 28, 1943

Dr. Ralph B. Snavely  
District Medical Officer  
Box 527  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Snavely:

It is some time now since I have been in touch with you and I am glad to note that you are back in your office. There are several matters of importance which will be of interest to you, and I am therefore writing this letter to acquaint you with them.

1. The poliomyelitis situation appears to be entirely under control as we have had no case since April. Dr. Hammon and an associate of his, Mr. Reeves, were in Poston for two days making an epidemiological survey. The results of their investigation will be the subject of a report from them sometime soon. You will no doubt receive a copy of the same. There may be some significant relationship between the disappearance of flies in this community and the subsidence of poliomyelitis.

2. In the early part of June I made a trip to Denver in order to contact the officers of the Denver Medical Depot. This was for the purpose of completing arrangements for the procuring of hospital supplies through army sources. This was made possible by an understanding between the W.R.A. and the Surgeon General's office. In the coming fiscal year nearly all of our supplies and equipment will be procured through the Denver Medical Depot, and it will be of considerable help especially in the matter of priorities. Before we can do this, however, our stock accounting system and inventories will have to be placed on the same basis as that of any other army medical establishment. Certain preliminary steps to accomplish this have already been taken and it should be completed in the very near future. I have suggested to the administrative officers that an executive assistant be furnished my office in order to take the details

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of procuring and stock accounting out of my hands and leave me free to the strictly medical affairs of the department. This matter is under consideration by Mr. Empie at the present time, but no decision has been arrived at as yet.

3. Dr. Wakatake is leaving the Project today for postgraduate study in obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard. This necessitated a rearrangement of surgical services with myself as chief and Drs. Iseri, Wada, Kazato, and Murakami, rotating periodically as associates.

4. We have been delayed in starting the tuberculosis survey due to the fact that the several thousands of films which were sent to us were found to be considerably out-dated. Tests made with some of them proved that the films were diagnostically unsatisfactory. Mr. Hayden, the technician of the U. S. Public Health Service, arrived last week and requested a shipment of fresh films. So far these have not been received. As soon as they arrive, we are ready to proceed with the work.

Dr. Kasuga left for the Herman Kieffer Hospital in Detroit as per arrangements made by Dr. Hilleboe. He is to stay there for about four weeks to gain experience in reading 4 x 5 films. The expenses for the entire trip, including living expenses, were contributed by the National Tuberculosis Association, through the good offices of Mr. Cuvellier. I was happy to learn of your offer of a position in the Indian Service for Dr. Kasuga. He was extremely pleased and of course readily accepted. I suppose, though, it will take a few months for the clearance of the papers by which time he should be through with the reading of our survey films.

Dr. Kawaichi has been very anxious to go on the outside and I know he will be more than pleased to be considered for a position in the Indian Service. Needless to say, I would recommend him very highly.

As you no doubt know, I stopped in at your office and spent a day in Albuquerque. I had an extremely enjoyable visit with Dr. Pijoan and also visited with Dr. Frank and Dr. Ira Nelson in the sanatorium.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

A. Pressman, M. D.  
Director of Health & Sanitation

AP/pt

Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Peston, Arizona

November 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director  
FROM: John W. Powell, Acting Chief of Community Management  
SUBJECT: Matters Affecting the Health Department in the WRA Change-over

Dr. Pressman has reminded me a number of matters on which we should have agreement with WRA in the process of transfer to their authority.

I believe that it is urgently desirable that Dr. Thompson be asked to visit Peston as early as possible for the purpose of assisting in many decisions which will have to be made in connection with the change-over from Indian Service. Because of our Indian Service connection, it has been Dr. Snavely who has had the most intimate knowledge of our personnel, our procedures, our hospital arrangements, and our health practices in this Center. I do not know whether Dr. Thompson has ever been here. It is difficult to convey the background and detail of many of our problems here merely through correspondence to one who has not seen the situation with his own eyes. Particularly in view of the probable change in the Chief Medical Officer's position, I should very much appreciate having Dr. Thompson come here in the near future.

The first of these matters is the necessity of making our procedures in the hospital and clinics conform with WRA requirements. It will be necessary to request WRA to furnish all standard departments of health forms at the earliest possible date. In this same connection, we should ask Dr. Thompson for the nomenclature of diseases to be used henceforward in Peston. The department previously followed the Indian Service and U. S. Public Health terminology.

I believe Dr. Pressman has already written Dr. Thompson about the operating agreement which the Project has had with the Indian Service for the hospitalization of tuberculosis cases at the Phoenix Indian Sanitarium. This has been a most useful arrangement, and it is highly desirable that it be continued. We probably should have a formal statement from the WRA agreeing to continue this service.

We have also submitted to Dr. Thompson our recommendation that the tuberculosis survey, 1/3 of which was completed by Dr. Kasuga, should be carried through. This would entail eight to ten thousand additional films and the purchase of a photo-roentgen unit. If the Authority decides to purchase such a unit, we should suggest that Mr. Suzuki's experience in organizing the survey and his abilities as an x-ray technician should be utilized by WRA in completing the Project-wide tuberculosis survey.

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Mr. Head

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Certain changes in classifications of health personnel are being discussed with Duncan Mills at the present time. These changes, however, such as the trans-  
lation of our two Public Health Nurses to the classification of Medical Social  
Workers and Assistant Chief Nurse, should be referred to Dr. Thompson for his  
approval, as will the assignment of Mr. Prather to the position as Hospital  
Administrator. These matters bring me back again to the first, and I believe  
the most urgent item: namely, the desirability of having Dr. Thompson confer  
with us in person.

John W. Powell  
Acting Chief of Community Management

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cc: Dr. Pressman

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Foston General Hospital  
Foston, Arizona  
March 10, 1944

Personal

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.  
Miss Sally Lucas Jean  
Consultant in Health Education  
120 Broadway  
New York - 5, New York

Dear Miss Jean:

I have postponed writing until we could consider in the light of possible reactions here in Foston the directions recently received (2/25/44) from Mr. Wear, Director of Organization of the National Foundation office, to the effect that 100 per cent of all Infantile Paralysis funds raised in Foston this year, and all of what is left of last year's fund, be sent to the National Foundation.

We are very much afraid of the effect which this announcement might have, not only on the attitudes of the young evacuees who took an active part in the recent campaign, but also on the entire evacuee population and in relationship to any future drive for funds.

The feeling generally among the active evacuee workers, both before and after the campaign, was in favor of sending a donation from the entire fund--such an amount as \$250 was mentioned--and keeping the rest here in case of a polio epidemic again this year. The Caucasian workers concerned were unanimous in feeling that Foston should follow the standard regulation accepted throughout the country, of sending 50 per cent of all net proceeds to the National office and depending on them for any assistance needed in time of emergency. It was hoped that a definite request for 50 per cent might come from Mr. Carson and that this request would be met promptly and fully. Throughout, we have wanted Foston to feel and to be like any other American community.

No announcement has been made of Mr. Wear's request pending an explanation of the reasons for this action which might be interpreted clearly to the active members of the various committees and which might be announced in the Foston Chronicle.

This request, you see, puts Foston into a distinct class by itself and might easily be misunderstood to mean that this community

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March 10, 1944

is not capable (or for some other reason) of handling and administering the fund, and that therefore the entire sum is taken out of their hands.

My attention was called yesterday by one of the interested evacuee teachers to the excellent article on polio appearing in the March N.E.A. Journal written by Dr. Gudakunst. This article is marked and in the school library and will be read broadly by the educational group. This will only add to their puzzlement.

Please enlighten us at your very earliest convenience since we have two applications right now for aid from polio sufferers that must have prompt action.

Perhaps knowing the Boston situation so much better than others in the New York office, you can interpret the anxiety we all have that nothing shall be done to change the fine spirit that was put into the drive.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Fresman, M. D.  
Principal Medical Officer

cc Mr. Carson, State Chairman

Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

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March 27, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. A. Pressman  
Principal Medical Officer

SUBJECT: Dr. Thompson

I understand that Dr. Thompson will arrive on Thursday morning of March 30 and will stay several days, but that you will be leaving Thursday night. I believe that every effort should be made to bring to Dr. Thompson's attention some of the problems with which we are confronted in the medical services to the residents of Poston.

While Dr. Thompson has agreed to stay on here after you leave, some of these matters should be discussed while you are here.

This morning I received a delegation from the Council of Poston III protesting against the closing of ambulance service on Saturday afternoons, Sunday, and nights. I suggested that they put their objections in the form of a memorandum to you and that this be brought before Dr. Thompson while he is here. I also understand that a similar protest is being made by Poston II against the closing of the chiropractic clinic there.

Will you arrange a meeting of the three Community Council hospital committees at which these matters can be discussed with you and Dr. Thompson on Thursday.

MB:hf  
cc: Dr. Powell

Moris Burge  
Deputy Project Director

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
Poston, Arizona

April 17, 1944

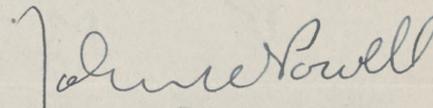
MEMO TO: Customers Service Bureau  
FROM: John W. Powell  
SUBJECT: Expenses of trip to Phoenix in connection  
with Poston Infantile Paralysis Fund and  
its administration.

I return herewith my check for sixteen dollars (\$16.00). A Bureau check for forty dollars (\$40.00) was issued to me to cover trip expenses. I cashed this check in Phoenix, April 6, and paid out twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) as follows:

To Tak Nimura, chairman, per diem  
allowance @6.00 a day for  
2 days. . . . . \$12.00

To Mrs. D. Yoshimura, vice-chairman,  
per diem allowance @6.00 a  
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The attached check represents the unused balance of the funds advanced for the expenses of this trip.

  
John W. Powell, Chief  
Community Management

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
Poston, Arizona

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April 26, 1944

Captain William L. Gilbert  
Commanding Officer  
416th M.P. Escort Guard Company  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Captain Gilbert:

This will confirm our conversation of last week with you and Dr. Boardman, Dr. West, and Captain Brizzolara, concerning the medical service furnished to your company by the Project Health Staff.

It is my understanding of the agreement that Dr. West of our staff will be available and on call for you between the hours of one or two o'clock every week day; that he will be notified by telephone shortly before one o'clock each day whether there are cases requiring his attention; and that you will provide transportation for him to your infirmary when he is wanted. Dr. West will submit his recommendations and reports to you, through the assistance of the men in charge of your infirmary. Routine ex-rays and non-emergency hospitalization will be handled, as I understand it, with Luke Field. Emergency, medical care, hospitalization, and ex-ray and laboratory work will be taken care of by our hospital on the Project as in the past.

We are happy to be in the position to give you this service. Dr. West is a physician in whom we have complete confidence and has, in addition, had Army medical experience. I am sure that the arrangement will prove satisfactory to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Moris Burge  
Acting Project Director

JWP:mf

INFANTILE PARALYSIS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: June 15, 1944  
TIME: 11 A.M.  
PLACE: Office of Principal Medical Officer  
Poston General Hospital

PRESENT: Dr. Balderston, Miss Butler, Dr. Powell, Reverend  
Tsunoda, Miss Rood, Miss Vickers, and Dr. West.

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Requests for grants from the fund will be submitted through Miss Rood and approved by the Chief Medical Officer. The bills will be paid by check signed by the Project Director.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Approved:

John F. West, M. D.  
Acting Chairman, Poston Infantile Paralysis Committee

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
POSTON, ARIZONA

June 21, 1944

Mr. Roy J. Takeda  
Secretary and Treasurer  
American Red Cross, Poston Chapter  
Poston, Arizona

My dear Mr. Takeda:

At the last meeting of the Poston Infantile Paralysis Committee held June 15, it was decided to accept the recent recommendations of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in regard to the handling of polio funds.

This recommendation provided for a transfer of the Poston Infantile Paralysis Fund amounting to \$1,143.05 held in trust by the Poston Chapter of the American Red Cross, to a new account under the trusteeship of the project director.

Steps have been taken to open this account in the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, and upon the deposit of the Poston fund to the amount as stated above, a check for 50% of the total amount collected in Poston will be sent to the National Foundation, and all bills for service to polio patients will be settled from this amount.

As the new account is in the name of Mr. Duncan Mills, will you kindly make your check payable to him and forward the same to his office, at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you most cordially for the very satisfactory service which the chapter has rendered in connection with the Poston Infantile Paralysis work, I am,

Yours very truly,

Elma Rood, Secretary  
Poston Infantile Paralysis Committee

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*Dr. Powell*

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Acting Chairman, Poston Infantile Paralysis Committee

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
POSTON, ARIZONA

May 27, 1944

Memo to: Dr. John W. Powell, Chief  
Community Management Division

Subject: Infantile Paralysis Fund

In going over the Infantile Paralysis account with Mr. Takeda of the Poston Red Cross, I saw that he was quite concerned that the entire transaction of transfer of funds be clear in his files. He said it was specified in 1943 that all funds withdrawn should be on order of the Welfare Department. All disbursements from the 1944 fund should be approved by the Principal Medical Officer who passes on eligibility of polio patients applying for assistance. I believe Mr. Takeda wishes an official statement clearing Red Cross responsibility for the funds left in their care.

I assured him that the transaction was with the approval of the administration and according to directions of the National Foundation.

In order that all members of the Infantile Paralysis Committee understand the change, it might be a good thing to call a meeting soon to hear the recent correspondence and to approve immediate action. If you feel this would be a good thing, such a meeting might be arranged early next week or such time as might be convenient.

Attached please find financial reports of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign for 1943 and 1944.

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Elma Rood  
Assistant Medical Social Worker

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
Poston, Arizona

August 1, 1944

Memo to: Dr. A. Pressman  
Principal Medical Officer

From: Elma Rood

Subject: A resume of the functions of the School health  
service

*Health*

A meeting was called by Dr. Pressman to discuss the provisions for a school health service. Attending were Dr. Harris, Superintendent of Education; Miss Vickers, Miss Crawford, Miss Rood, Dr. Pressman. Dr. Harris outlined briefly what it was proposed that the new school health service comprise. Dr. Pressman outlined its relationship to the medical program as a whole.

At Dr. Pressman's request, I am outlining in greater detail the opportunities which I see in this new set up. These details are subject to changes as the needs of the program dictate. However, in the main, the following will interpret the services to be rendered:

In July of 1944, it was proposed that I shift my former work to that of school health and health education of the community. That these could with advantage be consolidated under one person working out of the Education office but coordinating her activities with the medical department and the various clinics, utilizing the services of all these as needed in the child health program. This job is to be called "Guidance Counseling", but will be concerned chiefly with problems, guidance and counseling along health lines. In order to keep this work as an integral part of the community health the worker will attend all staff conferences of the medical department and thus be cognizant of changes taking place which may affect the service to children. This service will have to do with all children of Poston from nursery school through high school. The educational program will reach the teachers and parents primarily. The first hand contact with the child will depend mainly upon the parent in the home and the teacher at school. The service will reach all three Poston Units, two days of each week will be spent in Camps 2 and 3.

### Protection of Health

The first responsibility of the school is to make the environment and practices of children as safe as possible. The following protective services will be developed on an educational basis--both with teachers, parents and children:

1. First aid for minor injuries will be given in each classroom. Equipment will be available and the experience will be made as meaningful as possible to the child and an occasion for stressing prevention. Serious injuries will be referred to the clinic.
2. Children will be watched daily in classrooms for signs of contagion, stress being placed on any departure from normal in skin, eyes, throats, upset stomachs, and signs of fever. Such children will be sent home where they should be put to bed until symptoms subside. In case of doubt as to a child's condition, parents should take the child to the clinic.
3. Children who have been absent for illness more than 3 days should be inspected before reentering school so as to make sure that no contagious disease is being introduced to the classroom. In case of doubt the child should be referred to the clinic.
4. The school will be assisted in understanding and carrying out sanitary provisions of water, milk, care of latrines, supervision of pets, etc., as a means of preventing communicable diseases.
5. Immunizations will be encouraged for all children before school entrance or as soon after this as possible.
6. On all protective services, conferences will be held so that parents see the reason for the protective provisions and understand the school's interest in this phase of the health program.

### Promotion of Health

The second chief function of the school health program is to promote as far as possible the health of each child and to remove any stumbling blocks in the way of his optimum development.

A knowledge of each child's needs is essential in a health promotion program. A re-survey of the health status of Poston's children should be made in the fall of 1944 in so far as medical service is available. If this is not feasible, a careful selection will be made based on 1942 examinations and upon observation in the classroom of children needing special attention.

All handicapped children, including cardiacs, crippled, hard of hearing, cases of poor vision, will be followed up and as much as possible will be done to secure remedial or corrective work. For any group of atypical children special health supervision will be given.

Particular attention will be given to children who for some reason are falling behind in their school work and such steps taken as necessary to prevent further retardation. Children who are mentally, emotionally or socially maladjusted should be studied and conferences held with teachers, parents and medical social worker in an effort to find any possible solution.

#### Special Tests

In order to determine further the needs of each child, testing of vision by means of the Snellen Chart will be carried on in each classroom early in the fall. On the basis of the teacher's findings children will be referred to the optometry department with a statement of the result of the Snellen test and notes on observation of the child's behavior as seen by the teacher in the classroom.

Realizing that many cases of retardation are due to hearing difficulty, an effort will again this year be made to borrow the audiometer from the Indian Service.

An interest will be promoted in dental health and corrections will be secured in so far as dental service is available.

#### Special assistance will be given to teachers:

- (1) In the follow-up of children with specific physical difficulties.
- (2) In developing educational programs centering on some problem of the school.

- (3) In developing programs of homemaking and child care.
- (4) In staff meetings in which health problems common to the group are discussed.

#### Community Health Education

Realizing that the education of parents must parallel that of the children if constructive work is to be done in health:

1. An effort will be made in cooperation with other Poston agencies in developing community programs in health, utilizing dramatics, radio, and other interesting means for interpreting health to the people. Special problems such as the Seal Sale for Tuberculosis, Infantile Paralysis campaign, Safety Weeks, etc., might in this way be approached from the community angle.

2. Adult classes in English will be used as an opportunity for presentation of public health by utilizing current events in Poston as basic subject matter.

3. A collection of illustrative material related to health will be gathered as rapidly as possible. This will be filed in the library. Special assistance to teachers in carrying on health units will be given through the library service.

Other phases of school health will be developed according to the needs of each unit. Monthly reports will be made of activities carried on. These reports will be available to the director of community management, education department and principal medical officer.

cc Dr. Harris ✓  
Dr. Powell

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT  
POSTON, ARIZONA

July 28, 1944

Protective Services

Promote first aid in all classrooms as occasion arises. See that equipment is available. Refer serious accidents to the clinic.

Encourage daily observation in all classrooms for symptoms of contagion.

Inspect children absent 3 days or more because of illness. In doubtful cases refer child to clinic.

Assist the school in carrying out sanitary provisions as a means of preventing communicable diseases.

Confer with mothers preferably at the school on special child problems and interpret to them the aims of the school in the protection of children.

## Promotion of Child Health

Re-survey the health status of all children if medical assistance is adequate --otherwise select children who seem to need special care.

Follow-up and secure remedial work for all handicapped children, including cardiac, crippled, hard of hearing, vision cases, or any other condition interfering with a child's development.

Provide special supervision for the group of atypical children.

Give special attention to discovering possible physical defects in children who are falling behind in school work.

Assist in securing constructive advice for parents of children who are mentally or socially maladjusted.

### Special Tests:

Encourage testing of vision in all classrooms by means of the Snellen chart with follow-up of all children who seem defective, through the optometry department.

Endeavor again to borrow the audiometer from the Indian Service for use in testing all backward pupils, and others if equipment is available.

Promote interest in dental health and encourage corrections insofar as dental service is available.

### Assistance to Teachers

Follow up all children reported by teachers as having difficulties related to some physical defect.

Assist home economics teacher in presenting problems of home making and child care.

Assist teachers requesting it in the development of educational programs related to health.

Participate in teachers' meetings at request of supervisors to discuss health problems common to the group.



• Community Health Education

Cooperate with other agencies in developing health education in the community, utilizing dramatics, radio and other interesting means for interpreting health problems to the people.

Develop special programs such as for the Christmas Seal Sale, Infantile Paralysis Campaign, etc.

Continue developing material for use in adult classes in English, drawing on current happenings in Boston for subject matter.

Continue the collection of picture on public health for filing in the elementary library.

Promote a survey of library material available for reference on health subjects.



*J. Powell*

Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona  
EMERGENCY NOTICE

September 1, 1944

TO : All Appointed Personnel

SUBJECT: Rabies Protection

The Project Veterinarian has examined and ordered destroyed a rabid dog. All appointed personnel are hereby instructed not to permit dogs out of doors except on a rope or leash. All dogs owned by or in the custody of appointed personnel must be reported to my office immediately on the form below. Stray dogs should be reported immediately to the Internal Security Office so that they may be destroyed.

It is planned that the Project Veterinarian will immunize all dogs on his next visit to the Center.

Cats need not be confined but should be watched carefully for indications of rabies.

*Duncan Mills*

Duncan Mills  
Project Director

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Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

TO: Duncan Mills, Project Director

I own or have in my custody \_\_\_\_\_ dog Poston License No. \_\_\_\_\_  
which I am caring for in accordance with instructions dated  
September 1, 1944.

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Signature

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Address

*Mr. Powell*

Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

EMERGENCY NOTICE

September 9, 1944

TO : All Appointed Personnel

SUBJECT: Rabies Protection

In accordance with Emergency Notice dated September 1, the Project Veterinarian will vaccinate all dogs in this Center and it will be required that all dogs be brought to one of the places indicated below at the specified time:

Unit I	Sept. 13	1:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Unit II	Sept. 14	1:00 P.M.	Police Station
Unit III	Sept. 15	1:00 P.M.	Poston Square Garden

Any appointed personnel owning or having custody of dogs which have not been reported to my office must report them immediately. Stray dogs should be reported immediately to the Internal Security Office so that they may be destroyed.

*Duncan Mills*

Duncan Mills  
Project Director

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
Poston, Arizona

Sept. 12, 1944

MEMO TO: Dr. Arthur L. Harris  
Director of Education

SUBJECT: Routine X-ray of All School Personnel

You are aware of the Poston Health Section's interest in making as wide an X-ray survey of the general population in Poston as is possible. Unfortunately we have not the authorization nor the sanction to make a mass population survey, but nevertheless we are able to take routine films of select groups. We have recently completed the X-raying of all food handlers in Poston, approximately 3500, and continue to X-ray new employees of the Subsistence Dept. as they are employed.

We are now anxious to complete our protection from a second major contact hazard, those handling groups of children. It is suggested that all members of the Education Dept., irrespective of appointed or resident status, have a chest X-ray, if they have not already had one at any time during their stay in Poston. We will take this opportunity to review all films previously taken of Education Dept. employees. This program might best be initiated with the lower school personnel, since the younger the child the more susceptible to infection.

Many of your department have been X-rayed already, but it is our experience that unless everyone is X-rayed, it is from among those who have somehow, knowingly or unwittingly, overlooked having this done, that we find significant cases of pulmonary disease.

X-rays of the appointed personnel of your staff are to be at no cost to themselves.

If this proposal has your approval, please advise me and provide this office with a list of Education Dept. personnel of Camps 1, 2, and 3, subdivided into grade school, junior high, and high school. We shall proceed with steps for scheduling appointments forthwith, taking care to coordinate the X-ray appointments with the school program.

Donnell W. Boardman, M.D.  
Senior Medical Officer

Approved:

A. Pressman, M.D.  
Principal Medical Officer

cc: Dr. John Powell

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*John Powell*

EMERGENCY NOTICE

September 26, 1944

TO : All Appointed Personnel

SUBJECT: Rabies Protection

The second injection of rabies vaccine will be given to dogs by the Project Veterinarian at the places indicated below:

Unit I	Sept. 27	1:00 P.M. Elementary School Auditorium
Unit II	Sept. 28	1:00 P.M. Police Station
Unit III	Sept. 29	1:00 P.M. Poston Square Garden

Dogs which have not yet received their first injection should also be brought to the stations, where they will be given a larger amount of vaccine than the dogs receiving their second injections.

Certificates will be given the owners of all dogs vaccinated to show that their dogs are protected against rabies for a period of one year.

*MORIS Burge*  
Moris Burge  
Acting Project Director

*Dr. Powell*

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
Poston, Arizona

October 23, 1944

MEMO TO: Dr. Arthur L. Harris  
Supt. of Education

SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Survey in the Schools

Steps are in progress in the Poston General Hospital to effect an early chest X-ray survey of the employed personnel of the Education Dept. for the three camps. We expect the machinery to be in readiness upon receipt of your list of staff members.

Because of a reasonable limitation upon the number of available X-ray films, it is suggested that the tuberculosis survey of the senior high school students be conducted by the use of the tuberculin test, confining X-rays to those with a positive reaction.

With this in mind, Miss Crawford has estimated that a hundred students an hour could be tested at the schools. She suggests the first test be given on Monday and read on Wednesday, students with negative tests receiving a stronger dilution at that time to be read on Friday. Records will of course be kept and the hospital will follow up positive test cases in a routine fashion through the Chest Clinic. We suggest the use of the last school period on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons and that twenty-five students be scheduled every fifteen minutes.

We believe it is in order for the Education Dept. to obtain parental permission for tuberculin testing before initiating this program.

You are probably aware of the fact that a negative tuberculin test is more conclusive evidence than a negative chest X-ray in the exclusion of tuberculosis, and that a positive tuberculin test requires clinical and X-ray confirmation before a diagnosis of active tuberculosis can be made.

We hope that this program meets with your approval and that we may commence with it in the near future.

cc: Dr. Powell  
Miss Hood  
Miss Crawford

Donnell W. Boardman, M. D.  
Senior Medical Officer

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Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

November 9, 1944

Memo To: Dr. John Powell, Chief  
Community Management

From : Itaru Kubota, Chairman  
Poston Community Council

In the past, those physicians leaving the project to visit other centers for the purpose of observing the operation of hospitals have been allocated a certain sum from the hospital trust fund to help defray expenses.

Since the trust fund has been depleted and as contributions have not yet been solicited from the residents for the coming year, it is the suggestion of the Council to utilize the optometry fund for this purpose until such time as the hospital trust fund has been accumulated. Both Dr. Sugino, who has already returned from his trip, and Dr. Murase, currently on a visit, have not been presented with this allocation; therefore, we should like to have your approval in assigning ten (10) dollars each to them from the optometry fund.

We shall greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

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Itaru Kubota, Chairman  
Poston Community Council

cc: Miss Elizabeth Vickers  
Mrs. Onami ✓

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
POSTON, ARIZONA

December 1, 1944

Mr. H. Y. Yoshimine  
Administrator, Unit III  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Yoshimine:

After the conversation with you and discussion among us in the Health section, with consideration of your reaction from the Council, we have decided, effective December 11, 1944 that ambulance will be operated from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday from clinic III. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. ~~Monday morning~~, the ambulance will be parked at the police station. please notify your residents to call your police department for emergency during the hours from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 12 noon Saturday to 8:00 a.m. Monday.

After a telephone conversation with your Chief of police, the police Department will relay the emergency call to the ambulance man who is on call, or if he is not available, then relay the message to the General Hospital.

This is to avoid the confusion among your residents. The Ambulance Department of General Hospital will be responsible for your emergency calls during the week-end, and while your ambulance is busy with other emergency calls.

It was a kind gesture of your police Chief to take this responsibility to relay the message during the hours while the clinic is closed.

Could you take necessary steps to inform the residents that this plan was set up to meet present day emergency and at the same time be more beneficial to your residents.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

M. J. Suzuki  
Acting Health Section Agent

cc: Itaru Kubota, Chairman  
Unit III Local Council  
Block Managers Supervisor  
Bob Sugimoto, Motor pool  
Shintaku, Chief police  
Irene Oki, Receptionist  
Poston General Hospital  
Transportation Department, Unit III ✓

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
POSTON, ARIZONA

December 6, 1944

MEMO TO: J. L. Horn  
FROM: Health Section  
Transportation Department  
SUBJECT: Proposed Health section Routine Trip Schedule

I Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday A.M.

A. Doctors who are scheduled to conduct a clinic at Units II and III are provided a vehicle from the Hospital. This vehicle also may carry:

1. Pharmacist to Unit III
2. Sanitation Department Technician to Unit III for collection of water and sewage samples. (once a week this vehicle will be assigned to field detail of Sanitation Technician while the vehicle waits for the doctor at Unit III)
3. Medical Social Employee for their field work.
4. Reports and messages from:
  - a. Clinical Laboratory
  - b. X-ray Laboratory
  - c. Hospital Receptionist
  - d. Public Health
  - e. Dental Clinic
  - f. Optometry
  - g. Record Librarian (including patient's chart from clinic to clinic).
5. Medical Warehouse Supply
6. Linen Supply

B. Returning Trip:

1. Vice Versa
2. Bring Dr. Kuwada to Unit I for P.M. treatment. (Miss Crawford will take him back to Unit II)
3. Bring requisitions to Medical Supply
4. Soiled linen from Unit II, III and Rest Home

II Monday P.M. Surgical Diagnostic Clinic

Unit III ambulance bring the patients from Unit II and III for Surgical Diagnostic Clinic, and X-ray patients (Dental excluded).

III Tuesday A.M.

Sanitation Department may collect Unit I samples including M. P. Camp

IV Tuesday P.M.

Unit III ambulance brings:

1. Patients for Chest Clinic from Unit II and III
2. X-ray patients (Dental excluded) from Unit III

V Wednesday P.M.

Dr. Bartlett to Unit II prenatal clinic  
Bring urine specimen to G. H. Clinical Lab.

VI Thursday

Leave Dr. Bartlett at Unit III Clinic

1. Vehicle released to Sanitation Department for inspection of;
  - a. Unit III
  - b. Unit II
  - c. Slaughter house
2. pick the doctor from Unit II Clinic at closing hour (noon)

VII Thursday P.M.

Unit III ambulance brings

VIII Friday P.M. (2nd and 4th Friday)

Dr. Bartlett to Unit II (2nd Friday)  
Dr. Bartlett to Unit III (4th Friday)

IX Saturday A.M.

Sanitarian's inspection and collection of samples

1. Parker Warehouse
2. War Prisoners Camp at Parker

X Dr. Kuwada

1. To Unit I for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with returning trip vehicle.
2. Thursday and Saturday A.M. to Unit III per Unit II ambulance.

PATIENT DISCHARGE SCHEDULE: Units II and III

MONDAY P.M.

Unit III ambulance will be responsible for Unit II and III  
Dr. Kuwada goes home.

TUESDAY P.M.

Unit III ambulance will be responsible for Unit II and III

WEDNESDAY P.M.

Sedan or ambulance from General Hospital will take discharged patients home.  
Dr. Kuwada goes back to Unit II.

THURSDAY P.M.

Vehicle from Unit I will be responsible on the way to meet Dr. Bartlett at Unit III clinic.  
Dr. Kuwada goes home.

FRIDAY P.M.

unit III ambulance will be responsible for Unit II and III  
Dr. Kwada goes home.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY varies

Colorado River Relocation Center,  
Poston, Arizona

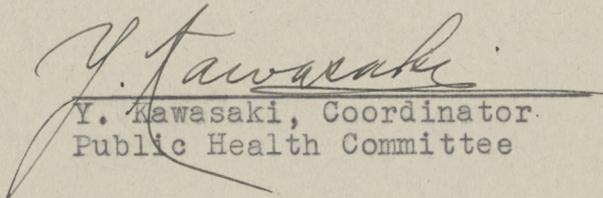
December 8, 1944

Memo To: Dr. J. Powell, Chief  
Community Management

From : Y. Kawasaki, Coordinator  
Council Public Health Committee

The annual Christmas social for the Poston General Hospital employees will be held in the very near future. Previously, the sum of \$25 had been allocated for this purpose from the hospital trust fund, but since this fund has not yet been accumulated, it is suggested to assign this amount from the optometry fund.

Will you kindly approve the withdrawal of \$25 from the optometry fund to be expended for this appreciation party?

  
Y. Kawasaki, Coordinator  
Public Health Committee

cc: Mrs. Onami  
Miss E. Vickers

OK - *[Handwritten initials]*

Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

March 2, 1945

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Memo to: Mr. Maurice Lipian  
Assistant Project Director

Subject: Contractual funds for the Health Section

I. As of March 1, there was a \$4300.00 balance earmarked for patients at the Indian Sanitorium. Not more than \$3300.00 of this will be needed to pay them for February and March. This leaves \$1000.00 which can be recovered for application to other off-Project expenses.

II. \$950.00, owing to Dr. Owens for services in 1944 for which funds were not obligated at the time, was paid in February out of the 3rd quarter allotment.

III. Mr. Prather, who made the 3rd quarter budget in Poston, wired back to us from Washington suggesting that an additional \$1500.00 be set up to cover surgeons' fees in Phoenix. I have recently found that this money was not allotted.

IV. The \$1500.00, plus \$950.00 to Owens, together with the \$1000.00 recovered from the Indian Sanitorium estimate would have more than covered all off-Project expenses during March. As matters stand today however we shall be short by from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00.

V. March expenses are estimated at \$3000.00 maximum as follows:

Psychiatric services, Dr. Blank	\$ 300.00
1 amputation already arranged for (Hospital and surgeon)	300.00
Appliances	300.00
Dental and laboratory services	200.00
Estimated operations, hospital and surgeon, based on normal lot	1600.00
Obligations outstanding from February	300.00
	<u>\$3000.00</u>

VI. We should therefore ask for the \$1500.00 which should have been set up in the 3rd quarter budget originally, and an additional \$500.00 to cover the new services of the psychiatrist, and the appliances which happen to fall in this month.

It may be that our actual expenses will be covered by the \$1500.00 alone, but I prefer to have elbow room and return the surplus instead of finding ourselves pinched when an emergency arises.

Will you please ask Washington for the additional allotment?

John W. Powell,  
Assistant Project Director

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
Pesten, Arizona

April 25, 1945

MEMO TO: John W. Powell  
Dr. J. D. Dunshee  
James Le Berthon  
Maurice Lipian  
Ora A. Dennis  
Mr. Sumida - Unit I  
Mr. Uyeno - Unit II  
Mr. Yoshimine - Unit III  
Philip J. Cassilly  
Pauline Bates Brown

SUBJECT: Rabies Prevention

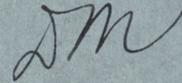
This will confirm the following decisions made at the weekly staff meeting, April 25.

1. Dr. Dunshee will prepare in draft for my signature, a notice to residents calling their attention to the danger of rabies and asking their cooperation in presenting their dogs for vaccination at designated times and places.
2. The Unit Administrators will give me, not later than Wednesday morning, May 2, their estimates of the number of dogs to be vaccinated in their respective units. Mr. Cassilly will provide similar information as to the number of dogs owned by appointed personnel which require vaccination.
3. Mr. Le Berthon will take immediate steps to see that the pound and the lethal chamber are placed in order. It will be the responsibility of the Internal Security Section to pick up, impound, feed and water stray dogs, and to destroy and dispose of unclaimed dogs. It is the further responsibility of the Internal Security Section to report immediately to Dr. Dunshee all dog bite cases, to cooperate in seeing that persons bitten report immediately to the hospital for treatment of wounds, and to see also that all biting dogs are impounded for observation. Dogs so impounded should not be released without the prior approval of Mr. Dennis.
4. Mr. Lipian will discuss with Mr. Palmer the necessary fiscal arrangements for the purchase of vaccine from the contract veterinarian. He will also assist Mr. Le Berthon in seeing that a supply of scrap meat or other food is provided for dogs impounded.

Rabies Prevention - April 25, 1945

5. Mrs. Brown is requested to publicize the campaign, and to arrange for translation of the notice to residents.

It is planned that the Project Veterinarian, Dr. Caldwell, will vaccinate all dogs on his next visit to the center, May 23, 24, and 25.



Duncan Mills,  
Project Director

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