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AMERICAN RED CROSS

PACIFIC AREA

CIVIC AUDITORIUM

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

June 3, 1942

Mr. Wade Head
Director Colorado River
Relocation Center
Parker, Arizona

My dear Mr. Head:

Realizing the emotional strain, the downcast and abused feeling that children can acquire upon disruption of family life, and more particularly when they leave their classmates, their homes, and original habitats, the question comes to mind as to possibilities wherein students back home may play a part in the allaying of these feelings on the part of their Japanese friends in our Relocation Centers.

For 25 years the American Junior Red Cross, composed of school children throughout the nation, has carried on an international program of good will through gifts and interchange of correspondence. It now appears that this same program could be extended to our evacuated Japanese children within our borders.

In pursuing this problem further with the view of setting up such a program, you could help us immeasurably by supplying us with the following data:

1. Your personal reaction to this special need, if any, as far as the Colorado River is concerned.
2. The reaction to such a proposal by your "Community Council".
3. The number of school children, teachers, grades, or other pertinent information along this line.
4. The reaction of your school director, teachers, or principal.

We all know that these Japanese children are not responsible for the predicament in which they suddenly found themselves. We realize quite well, however, that they will definitely play a part in the building of a better nation and a better world when the war clouds have lifted. The American Junior Red Cross desires to contribute in a small way at least to the development of proper attitudes and appreciations in these growing children which will assure their loyalty to the ideals upon which this country was founded, during the years to come. We would appreciate greatly your help and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Schafer
Director, Junior Red Cross
Pacific Area

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
Poston Chapter
Block 30, Recreation Hall
Poston, Arizona

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September 9, 1942

Dr. J. M. Powell
Administration Building I
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

We appreciate very much your attending our last Executive Committee Meeting. Your speech made a very good impression with the members of the committee and also the representatives of Camp No. II and III.

Since the opening of our office, we have been working very hard and our work has been progressing very smoothly.

Thank you for your past favors and continuence.

Very sincerely,

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
Poston Chapter

September 10, 1942

Dear Mr....., Block Manager:

We would like to notify you and your block formally of a Chapter organization of the American Red Cross here in Poston.

In accordance with the purpose of the Red Cross, our local Chapter is working towards the improvement of health, the prevention of disease, and the mitigation of suffering.

The first step we intend to take is to enlist volunteers for First Aid and Water Safety, and train them for emergencies, such as epidemics, pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great calamities, and devise and carry on measures for preventing them. These training courses will be started in about two weeks. The exact date will be published in the Press Bulletin. Since every individual will be vital in the event of an emergency, we are asking you to encourage as many people in your block as possible to turn out for training.

SPECIAL REQUEST to the Block Manager:

1. Kindly announce the above message to isseis and niseis in your Mess Hall.
2. Please post copies of these announcements in: a) Bulletin Board, b) Mess Hall, c) Men's and d) Women's Latrines.
3. Please have applicants furnish data listed below, in your office, and send the information to:
Chapter Headquarters: Block 30, Recreation Hall

EXPLANATION OF FIRST AID COURSES:

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Instruc. Hours</u> | <u>Context</u> | <u>Award upon satisfactory completion</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <u>Junior</u> | 12-16 yrs. | 15 | | Certificate |
| <u>Standard</u> | 17 yrs. & up | 20 | | " |
| <u>Advanced</u> | Standard Certificate | 10 | Drill & practical review | " |
| <u>Instructor's</u> | Advanced Certificate | 30 | Instructor's training | Certificate & Instructor's Pin |

EXPLANATION OF WATER SAFETY COURSES:

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Requirement</u> | <u>Instruc. Hours</u> | <u>Award upon satisfactory completion</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <u>Swimming</u> | All ages | 15 | Certificate |
| <u>Junior Life Saving</u> | 12-16 yrs. | 15 | Certificate + Jr. L. S. Insignia |
| <u>Senior Life Saving</u> | 17 yrs. & up | 15 + 2 Hr. Examinations | Certificate + Sr. L. S. Insignia |
| <u>Instructor's Course</u> | 19 yrs. & up | 15 | Instructor Insignia |

APPLICATION FOR FIRST AID & LIFE SAVING COURSES

1. Name and address
2. List previous courses completed in First Aid or Water Safety. Indicate Certificate or Certificates received, the year, place, and name of Examiner. If none, write none.
3. Indicate specifically, the Course in which the applicant wishes to enroll. (ie. First Aid-Instructor's Course, etc.)

The local Chapter will appreciate your full cooperation in its future undertakings, and hopes that you and your block members will help to make it a success.

I thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

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Memorandum to: Miss Nell Findley
Date : December 9, 1942
From : Aijiro Takahashi

Event : Red Cross - Public Health Nursing Conference
Date : December 3, 1942
Time : 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Place : Hospital Auditorium Annex

Co-Chairmen : (Miss Nell Findley- Administration
(Mr. Aijiro Takahashi- Red Cross

I. Decisions

- A. Execution of Home Nursing Program by Hospital --
Public Health Departments.
 - 1. Responsibility and supervision to be left up to Department of Public Health and Hospital.
 - 2. Prompt action to be taken in this service to relieve those in need.
 - 3. Duplication of services shall be avoided by the Red Cross.
- B. Closer relationship of Red Cross and Hospital-Public Health.
 - 1. Conferences at frequent intervals shall be held by the parties concerned to:
 - a. Exchange views.
 - b. Adopt suggestions for improvement.
 - c. Adjust existing situations in the Hospital and extension-services more in line with constructive demands and necessities of the general public.
- C. Cooperation of the Red Cross in Recruitment of Nurses.
 - 1. The Red Cross shall aid in recruiting nurses presently unemployed by the Hospital to increase the Public Health personnel.
- D. Total enrollment of Hospital and Public Health personnel particularly (doctors, nurses aides) for Red Cross Disaster Relief Reserve Corps.

II. Request

- A. The Red Cross requests Miss Nell Findley as the proper Administrative representative to see to the immediate execution of the Home Nursing Program as above-outlined.

CC. Miss Elizabeth Vickers
Dr. George K. Kawaichi

Aijiro Takahashi
Chapter Chairman.



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
 POSTON CHAPTER
 RECREATION HALL, BLOCK 30
 POSTON, ARIZONA

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December 7, 1942

Dr. John M. Powell
 Administration #I
 Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

Will you kindly see that the following Life Guards are placed on the payroll, working as of December 7, 1942:

| Name | Address |
|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Eiichi Uyeda | 45- 7-B |
| 2. Saburo Uyeda | 45- 7-A |
| 3. Yoji Uyeda | 45- 7-D |
| 4. James T. Sakuma | 45-10-A |
| 5. Tetsuo Sakamoto | 14-11-A |
| 6. Chester Sugimoto | 18-11-C |
| 7. Kenji Shiozaki | 22- 8-A |
| 8. James Kasai | 46- 2-B |
| 9. Masaru Doi | 21- 3-B |
| 10. Morizo Tanouye | 43-14-A |

I thank you.

Aijiro Takahashi
 Chairman

R. J. Takeda
 Secretary

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P.S. Saburo Uyeda appointed Captain of Life Guards and we recommend \$19.00 a month.

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
POSTON CHAPTER

Block 218, Administration B
Poston, Arizona

December 17, 1942

Mr. James D. Crawford, Administrator,
Unit II, Block 218, Ad. Bldg. "A",
Poston, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Crawford:

This letter is written for the purpose of expressing my honest views regarding the result of my findings on the translation work under the Poston II Administration. I had only one objective in mind when I took the initiative in this matter, and that was how and to what extent translation can accomplish its fullest measure for the welfare of the residents. Moreover, I wanted to establish a reputable translation office in Camp II so that the major translation works in Poston could be done under your Administration.

Having that objective in my mind, I asked both Messrs. Horikawa and Iwamoto, of Press Bulletin, to translate "Administrative Instruction #44" individually so that I would be able to determine their ability and qualifications. My check and re-check up of both men's work had revealed that they lacked thorough knowledge in their interpretation of the original content of the instruction. In other words, they are not yet qualified to translate legal papers such as administrative instructions. These men revealed the need of constant consultation with trained translators.

Since the translation work started to function several weeks ago, the residents, particularly Issei persons in Camp II, began to re-examine the whole set-up of the Administration. People began to re-establish their interests in the project of this center. The vital point in the whole translation work is that the translation must be done exactly as it is written and nothing added or nothing omitted from the original content. In this regard, my recommendation is that the work of Messrs. Horikawa and Iwamoto should be consolidated, and by putting their efforts together, I am sure a better and finer translation can be accomplished. Although I am fully occupied with my time at present, I shall be available from time to time for their consultation if needed. I further recommend that they should be

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Mr. James D. Crawford

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given a room in Administration building so that they will be able to respond readily and effectively when their services are requested.

I shall be glad to give any further views in this matter if you wish to have me do so.

very truly yours,

I. Motoki

I. Motoki, supervisor,
Boston Chapter II.

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Wade Head
Project Director

SUBJECT: Red Cross Accident Prevention
Campaign Week

DATE: January 25 - 30, 1943

Dear Mr. Head:

This coming January 25 - 30, the local Red Cross is sponsoring Accident Prevention Week, at which time, a Poston-wide campaign will be conducted to stress reduction of accident hazards.

Posting of traffic warning signs, specific recommendations to the Block residents and classrooms as well as the initiation of First Aid training courses in Japanese will be among the highlights.

The combination of community forces alone will give the Accident Prevention movement strength and effectiveness. Accident concerns everybody, it concerns the individual and the whole community.

The active participation of you and your department in promoting an atmosphere of Accident Prevention-mindedness among the public will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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cc. Dr. John M. Powell
Miss Nell Findley
Encl: Agenda for program development.
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Block #30, Rec. Hall

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February 3, 1943

Mr. Wade Head
Project Director
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Head:

As a result of our recent joint meeting held on Saturday, January 23rd, 1943 with regards to the Accident Prevention Campaign Week, the following recommendations were made.

1. Provision and distribution of First Aid Kits to:
Police Stations
Fire Stations
(and their trucks)
Personnel Kitchen
Garages
Carpenter shops
Other places where use of machinery is involved.
2. Improvements on Lighting Fixtures of each Block. (present lighting is inadequate, increases danger of tripping, stumbling, etc.)
3. Installation of at least one telephone to each quad for emergency calls in case of fire or physician's calls.
4. "Campaign" to urge Pedestrians to walk on the left side of the street, leaving the center for trucks and automobiles.

The above recommendations were made after a lengthy discussion on Accident Prevention measures by members representing the Police Department, Fire Department, Life Guard Force, Industry Department, Press Chronicle, Red Cross Representatives from Units II and III, as well as members from our local Red Cross Office.

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Mr. Wade Head

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The Accident Prevention Campaign must be carried on every week in order to safeguard the lives of Postonians. Each and every individual attending this meeting has expressed his anxiety to see the above recommendations carried out.

With all this in mind, may we request for your cooperation and extra-special considerations in regards to this matter. Thanking you for your constant services to the Red Cross, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Ajiro Takahashi,
Chapter Chairman.

cc. sent to Dr. Powell

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harvey Iwata, Chairman
Community Council, Poston III, Arizona

SUBJECT : 1943 Red Cross War Fund Campaign

DATE : February 15, 1943

Dear Mr. Iwata:

Of the momentous task of the Red Cross dramatically displayed in a world at war and of its myriad missions of mercy and service to humanity, you are no doubt well-informed.

Obligations of the red Cross, almost overwhelming in the nation's greatest crisis are imposed by the Congress of the United States. Moreover, they devolve uniquely upon the Red Cross because of international treaty, Executive orders, Army and Navy regulations. Out of decades of experience, the Red Cross can cope with them effectively and efficiently as the Red Cross always has, to the extent that support and cooperation is given by the people.

In order to raise the vast sums of money necessary to execute red Cross services to the armed forces, to the needs to distressed civilians, on the battle front and upon the home front, the 1943 Red Cross War Fund Campaign will be conducted in March in a mighty, nation-wide appeal. In March, 1943, in one appeal, each Chapter must secure sufficient funds to finance local and national activities. For the first time in history, every Chapter in the country will go out together on a campaign--the same month - the same purpose--War needs, Chapter needs and National needs.

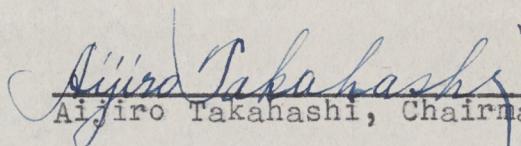
Although primarily national in scope, Red Cross programs are locally conducted as integral parts of a national pattern. Red Cross Units in War Relocation Centers are geared as a medium of relief among the nationals and American citizens of Japanese ancestry in the various Projects.

In view of the financial status of evacuees, Red Cross Units will have as their goal the Chapter Budget. The local budget-estimate of \$2,500, approved by Mr. A. W. Empie (W.R. A. Representative for the Red Cross Finance Committee), is for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 1943. This sum will be used expressly in administering the local Red Cross program. Any amount above the Chapter Quota will be remitted to Headquarters to be deposited in the national War Fund.

The project has the approval and whole-hearted backing of Director Wade Head. The local Unit requests the approval of you and your Council in extending to the Poston residents an appeal for contributions to support their Red Cross which stands for a cause which touches all mankind, every nation, every country, every family.

The cooperation of you and your Council in this endeavor will be very much appreciated.

Very cordially yours,


Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

Date _____

APPROVED:

Chrmn., Community Council
Poston III, Arizona

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
POSTON, ARIZONA

March 18, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: DIVISION HEADS, BRANCH CHIEFS, AND OTHER
APPOINTED PERSONNEL

You are no doubt aware that March 1943 has been designated by the American National Red Cross as the month during which the Red Cross War Fund Campaign is to be launched and carried through to successful conclusion. You no doubt are also aware of the fact that the local Chapter of the American Red Cross has been organized for the past six months and has rendered a very fine and necessary service to the community of Poston Units I, II, and III.

The Local Chapter, headed by Mr. Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman, and Mr. R. J. Takeda, Secretary, operates in exactly the same manner as any local Chapter under the direction of the National headquarters. Local activities sponsored by the Poston Chapter include Disaster Preparedness and Relief, Home Nursing Courses, First Aid and Water Safety Courses, Accident Prevention, Junior Red Cross Work, Public Health and Sanitation, Volunteer Special Services, and other activities vital to the welfare of the community. As you no doubt recall, the Red Cross took a very active and whole-hearted interest in the recent traffic problems and regulations.

The following data are shown to indicate the unusual importance of this campaign during 1943 in light of present world conditions:

- (1) Half of the money collected last year by the Red Cross was spent on services to the armed forces.
- (2) The Red Cross has expended \$65,769,853 on relief to war-torn countries, helping 20,000,000 people in the United States, Asia, and Africa.
- (3) There were 172 disasters last year on which the National Red Cross spent \$1,500,000 without any appeal for funds.
- (4) One-half million surgical dressings each month are made by Red Cross volunteers.
- (5) The administrative expenses of the National Red Cross were 2.88% last year.

In his message regarding the War Fund, Chairman Norman H. Davis of the National Red Cross Headquarters stated:

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"The obligations of the American Red Cross are always heavy. In a world at war, the grimmest one of history, these obligations are almost overwhelming. They shall not become so. The American people, their Red Cross, fulfill their obligations.

"These obligations of the Red Cross are imposed by the Congress of the United States. Moreover, they devolve uniquely upon the Red Cross because of international treaty, Executive Orders, Army and Navy regulations. Out of decades of experience, the Red Cross can cope with them effectively and efficiently as the Red Cross always has, to the extent that support and cooperation is given by the people."

I have stated in behalf of the appointed personnel that members of the Project organization, including appointed personnel of all Divisions, should be given an opportunity to join the Red Cross this year and contribute to the War Fund. For purposes of carrying on the campaign, the heads of each Division and the Branch Chiefs of the Project are hereby designated to act in the capacity of campaign workers, or "salesmen." In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the persons designated, the Heads of the various Divisions and Branch Chiefs are listed as follows:

Engineering Branch:

R. H. Rupkey, Chief Engineer
E. L. Decker, Irrigation Engineer
D. R. Bowman, Utility and Operation and Maintenance Supt.
C. A. Popkin, Building Construction Engineer
H. A. Short, Superintendent of Construction
Lyle F. Warnock, Road Engineer
L. M. Armstrong, Superintendent of Subjugation

Community Services Branch:

Miss Nell Findley, Chief of Community Services
Dr. John W. Powell, Director of Community Welfare and Activities
Dr. A. Pressman, Director of Health and Sanitation
Dr. Miles E. Cary, Director of Education

Agriculture and Industries Branch:

H. A. Mathiesen, Chief of Agriculture and Industries
R. G. Fister, Chief of Community Enterprises
W. C. Sharp, Chief of the Agricultural Division

Administrative Branch:

A. W. Empie, Chief Administrative Officer
Clair S. Brereton, Chief of Mails, Files and Communications
C. H. Smith, Personnel Officer
J. W. Shepard, Fiscal Officer

Administrative Branch (Continued)

R. W. Gribbens, Procurement Officer
F. M. Haverland, Supply and Transportation Officer
C. E. Snelson, Chief Project Steward

Project Director's Office:

Leonard L. Nelson, Executive Assistant

These persons will be responsible for seeing to it that each appointed employee within their particular part of the organization is interviewed and has been given an opportunity to join in this important campaign.

One of the important things to remember this year is that ordinarily to join the Red Cross it is necessary to contribute only the amount of \$1.00. This year, however, with the conditions such as they are it is important that each member contribute as much as possible, and with this in mind the divisional workers are encouraged to remind respective members that Red Cross needs this year far exceed those of any other year in the history of the organization.

It is requested that each Division Head and Branch Chief immediately consult with Mr. A. W. Empie, Chief Administrative Officer, for the purpose of securing required materials in carrying on the campaign, together with instructions as to procedure and disposition of money collected. Please give this matter your wholehearted cooperation and make every attempt to conduct a successful campaign insofar as the appointed personnel of this Project is concerned.

Ralph M. Gelvin
Ralph M. Gelvin
Acting Project Director



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COLORADO RIVER PROJECT

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

POSTON, ARIZONA

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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. John Powell, Director,
Community Activities

SUBJECT : Requisition - boat & oars
for Life Guards of Unit I.

DATE : March 25, 1943

FROM : Aijiro Takahashi,
Chapter Chairman.

My dear Dr. Powell:

As the Life Guards are in immediate need of their boat and oars, your extra-immediate attention is requested in rushing the requisition submitted to you, sometime last week. (Kindly refer to the requisition sheet for Life Guard Equipment.)

Trusting in your prompt actions with regards to this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi,
Chapter Chairman.



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Iwao Aoki
Supervisor, Block Managers
Poston, Arizona

SUBJECT : First Aid Kits

DATE : April 8, 1943

FROM : Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

Dear Mr. Aoki:

Reference is made to your memo of April 8th regarding First Aid Kits, the supplies for which were to be filled in uniform containers submitted by the respective blocks, immediately upon delivery of the emergency materials promised by the W. R. A.

On January 15, 1943 Project Director Wade Head advised the local Red Cross in a memorandum that the requisition for 144 16-unit First Aid Kits had been placed and that delivery of these "General Schedule of Supply" items should be in approximately three weeks. Public announcement of same was shortly made with added promises by our office to paint the proper insignia on the containers turned in by blocks, whereupon, this suggestion was immediately followed by the latter.

Inasmuch as the matter pertaining to provision of highly necessary First Aid Kits for Block Managers' Offices and Kitchens was taken up by our organization, we, too, have been extremely anxious to see that prompt delivery of the emergency supplies be made at the earliest possible moment.

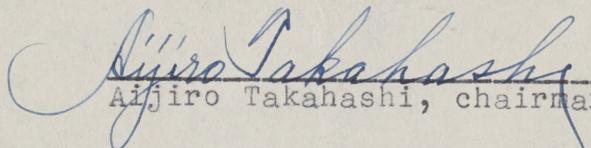
In correspondences of the 1st and 10th of March, we pressed the pending matter to Mr. Head and subsequently received a memo in reply from Dr. Pressman, dated as of the 18th of March, which read as follows:

"With reference to your memorandum of March 10, 1943, regarding first aid kits, please be advised that the requisition for same has been placed with the Procurement Division and I anticipate the material will be arriving shortly."

if no further action is taken by the Administration in fulfilling their promises, the local office has its plans whereby the situation will be relieved and actual provision of the necessary equipment will be made without too much delay.

We know nothing about the Fly Spray Gun mentioned in your memo.

Very truly yours,


Ajiro Takahashi, chairman

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona
April 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: American Red Cross

FROM: Nell Findley
Chief of Community Services

SUBJECT: Custodian of Funds to be used for Infantile
Paralysis Cases in Poston

This is to confirm our conversation wherein it was agreed that the Red Cross would act as Custodian for the funds raised by the Young Buddhist Association for the use of the Poston residents who might be affected by Infantile Paralysis. It was agreed at that time that the Family Welfare would designate to the Red Cross by letter when and for whom the funds were to be expended. The Red Cross would then issue the funds to get the proper receipts to cover the requested expenditures.

Herewith the Community Services, through Miss Findley, turns over to the Red Cross the sum of \$97.85 to be deposited in a fund to be known as the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

May I extend my appreciation to the Red Cross for their willing cooperation in this matter.

Nell Findley
Chief of Community Services

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

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May 7, 1943

Dr. John M. Powell
Director, Community Welfare & Activities
Project Administration
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

In reference to my letters of January 14, March 5th and the conference with you yesterday for the request that the payroll for the entire Red Cross Office Staff be raised to \$19.00, I herewith submit the list of present personnel, their duties, and addresses as follows:

- Aijiro Takahashi -- Chapter Chairman
Chief Executive Officer of the organization for
Poston I, II & III. 35-5-A
- Roy J. Takeda -- Chapter Secretary
Supervision of the entire Chapter offices of
Poston I, II & III. 30-12-B
- Paul C. Takeda -- Chairman, Junior Red Cross
Assigned entire activities of the Junior Red
Cross in Poston I, II & III. 30-14-D
- Koryu Shindo -- Vice Chairman, Public Information
Supervision of the Red Cross Public Activities.
Editor of the Poston Red Cross News and publicity
to the outside papers and magazines. Also, technical
art works in publicity posters. 2-1-B
- Taeko Kato -- Correspondence Secretary
Assigned corresponding minutes and records of
Poston I, II & III Chapter offices. 31-6-C
- Fumiko Kato -- Secretary
Assigned Home Service Department and correspondence
of Poston I, II & III offices. 31-6-C
- Sumiye Tanezaki -- Secretary
Assigned timekeeping and filing of Poston I
office. 35-4-B
- Ruth Tsuji -- Secretary
Assigned finance and accounting of Poston
I, II & III. 30-7-A

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Tomoaki Tanezaki -- Chairman, Water Safety
Assigned supervision of Life Guards in Poston
I, II & III. 35-4-B

Ray S. Nishioka -- Chairman, Inquiry & Message Service
Assigned this department for Poston I, II & III
office. 35-4-C

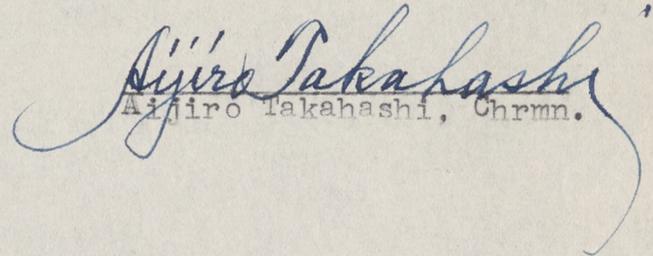
Teijiro Watanabe -- Chairman, Accident Prevention
Assigned supervision of activities for accident
prevention in Poston I, II & III office. 30-9-A

As for the above personnel not receiving \$19.00, I would appreciate your adjustments for their back pay of the difference.

Chie Oike, Shiro Nakamura and Tamio Yamada have left our office. We are looking forward to replacing them and request your keeping the position opened by the employment office.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,


Ajiro Takahashi, Chrmn.

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Colorado River War
Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona

May 13, 1943

Mr. A. L. Schafer, Manager
Pacific Area
American Red Cross
Civic Auditorium
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Schafer:

I am responding to your letter of April 7, 1943 concerning the participation of the Poston Red Cross Unit in a nursery school program. We understand that the American National Red Cross does not have the supervision and operation of nursery schools are part of its program. We understand further that you are not in a position to accept responsibility for any such program that might be carried on by the Poston Red Cross Unit.

The unique nature of Relocation Projects has made it desirable for the Poston Unit to develop parts of its program in fields that in more ordinary communities would be handled by other agencies. The administration of the Poston Red Cross Unit has shown remarkable originality and skill in recognizing our peculiar local problems and in devising means to meet them.

We would like to have your approval for the Poston Red Cross Unit to open and operate nursery schools if that should seem to be necessary and desirable here on the project. The Project Administration has trained supervisors of nursery schools on its educational staff. If such a program were begun here under the name of the Poston Red Cross Unit, it would be with the understanding that the supervision of the nursery schools so set up would be the responsibility of the appropriate branches of the Project Administration. It would be further understood that the National Red Cross would not be asked to assume any responsibility in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. Wade Head
Project Director

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POSTON, ARIZONA

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May 15, 1943

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TO : BLOCK MANAGER
Poston, Arizona

SUBJECT: First Aid Kits and Supplies

FROM : Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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This is to advise that the First Aid Kits made and submitted by blocks to the Red Cross offices have been filled with emergency supplies, and are now ready for distribution. Proper representatives are requested to call immediately at the Red Cross offices of their respective camps to claim their First Aid Kits.

The wooden containers have been painted by your Red Cross with the proper insignia. The green cases, 4" x 1 1/2" x 2", have been provided by the Project Administration; all other First Aid supplies, by your Red Cross.

The local Hospital recently distributed First Aid supplies to all blocks. We recommend that these, too, be kept in the First Aid Kits.

Blocks that have not turned in their First Aid containers (2) will also be provided with the emergency supplies, upon calling at the respective Red Cross offices. It is advisable that these blocks, too, make 2 kits (1 for Block Manager's Office; 1 for Kitchen) in which to place these materials.

Refills: The WRA has made no provisions for refills and the Red Cross budget is limited. Let's use these supplies with utmost care and avoid all waste!

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1515 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1943

TO :
BLOCK MANAGER
Poston, Arizona

SUBJECT: First Aid Kits

FROM :
Ally's [unclear]

This is to advise that the First Aid Kits were submitted to blocks for the Red Cross Office's have been filled with emergency supplies, and are now ready for distribution. First Aid Kits are requested to call immediately to the Red Cross Office of their respective areas to get their First Aid Kits.

The wooden containers have been painted by your Red Cross Office. The Red Cross Office has provided the First Aid Kits, and the supplies, by your Red Cross Office.

The local hospital emergency department has been supplied with First Aid Kits. We recommend that these kits be kept in the First Aid Kits.

Blocks that have not turned in their First Aid Kits (2) will be provided with the emergency supplies, upon calling of the respective Red Cross Office. It is advisable that these blocks, too, make a kit. Block Manager's Office (for kitchen) in which to place these materials.

Bellevue: The WRA has made no provisions for the Red Cross and the Red Cross budget is limited. Let's emphasize supplies with utmost care and avoid all waste.

Ally's [unclear], Chairman





THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

January 13, 1944

Mr. Minoru Okamoto
City Manager
Poston Community Council

Dear Mr. Okamoto:

With regard to the stringent shortage of kitchen help, janitors and nurses in the local General Hospital, I would like to suggest a tip to its management.

According to the way things are being run, the above problem will never be relieved, inspite of the fact that there are more than enough people to fill the empty positions. The matter would be solved, however, if the pay should be brought back to \$19 level for the above-mentioned positions. Hospital work is worthy of \$19. No one would care to work in the hospital the full eight-hours, attending to the sick or being otherwise in constant contact with utensils of the patients, and receiving remuneration no different from that of other jobs.

The local Hospital has requested my assistance with regards to the above matter, but with things as is, I cannot do anything.

Many of our sick patients are in need of blood transfusions. The Community Council should immediately arrange to make blood tests of donors.

In case we can have the cooperation of the management, the local Red Cross can help.

There are many horses every night in camp, ruining vegetation. The Council should certainly try to have this prevented.

Many residents have come to me, asking various questions concerning the above matters, and I have offered to take these up for them.

Trusting that the above will be considered, I am

Yours truly,

Ajiro Takahashi
Ajiro Takahashi, Chairman

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PACIFIC AREA
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

February 4, 1944

Mr. Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Project
War Relocation Authority
Poston, Arizona

Re: Procedure

Attention: Mr. Ayaka Takahash, Chairman
American Red Cross Unit

Dear Mr. Head:

Recently we have had some requests for up-to-date information on Cables and Inquiries. It is felt that you might be interested in the information also. The enclosed P.C.S. letters fully explain Cables, and the letter is an attempt to explain communication and censorship regulations. Some of the information is a repetition but part of it is new.

CABLES

Cable will be used in making inquiries, or transmitting messages, at the request of the sender providing that in each instance the chapter in accepting the request is satisfied that the situation is sufficiently urgent to justify the use of this special facility, and providing the sender or the chapter is prepared to reimburse National Headquarters for the actual expense involved.

Chapters must use discretion in acceptance of only urgent messages and inquiries for cable service. It is necessary to complete Form 1616 for cable messages, 1609 or 1609- A for cable welfare and whereabouts inquiries, giving complete information. No initials for names may be used and a series of names may not be used in a cable. Authorization for payment of cable charged must be sent to National Headquarters accompanied by the appropriate forms. A bill will show the name of the inquirer or the sender of a cabled message and other information which will definitely identify the message. If cabled reply is received, another adequately identifying bill will be sent to the chapter for additional charge.

The following instructions apply to all forms:

1. Forms should be typewritten if possible and wherever pencil is used it should be indelible.

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2. All copies of a form must be filled in with the same wording; this is best accomplished by the use of carbon which should be frequently changed so that all copies will be clear.
3. Translations of messages are to be attached. If not, the reason should be included in cover letter.
4. Citizenship must be indicated on inquiry and message forms or they will be returned to Chapters for completion.
5. Messages are not to be sent to countries in which normal channels of communication are open.
6. However, an inquiry can be attempted where channels of communication are open, if the inquirer has made every effort on his own and has failed to receive a reply over a period of months. If such an inquiry is forwarded by the Chapter, an explanation must be given for the request for the inquiry.
7. Completed forms should be sent to Pacific Area Office, San Francisco, California.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries are questions about the safety or location of persons abroad. They will be accepted by the Red Cross when normal means of communication are suspended, or when the inquirer has not been able to get a response through the regular channels. Inquiries may be made about civilians, our own military or naval personnel, the missing or captured members of the armed forces of other belligerent countries.

If a member of the armed forces of the United States is reported "Missing" an inquiry by the next of kin is not necessary, as the next of kin will be notified immediately by the War Department when more definite information is obtained. Inquiries about civilians, or members of the armed forces of other countries will be handled through the International Red Cross and the Red Cross of other nations whenever this is possible. As soon as information is available, replies will be sent to chapters but so many difficulties may be anticipated that inquiries should be advised not to expect early reports. Wide fluctuations in the number of inquiries may at times cause delays and overseas contacts may not always be possible.

Forms to be used for inquiries or messages are made up in triplicate and bound in pads of 25 sets. The original and the yellow copy are to be forwarded to Home Service, National Headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. the pink copy will be detached, stamped and returned to the chapter with appropriate notation of the action taken. The form must be completely and accurately filled out. When this has

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not been done it may be necessary to return the form to the chapter for completion.

Form 1609 - to be used for inquiries about the location or safety of
civilians.

MESSAGES

Messages which are of a purely family nature and cannot give advantage to the enemy may be sent through Red Cross channels to persons in enemy, or enemy-occupied territory. Units should exercise care and good judgment in determining the frequency with which messages may be sent by any one individual since the Red Cross cannot handle the volume of correspondence that would normally go through the regular postal channels. The frequency with which messages are sent should depend in each case upon the content of the message and the relationship between the sender and the person for whom the message is intended.

Only messages on the standard forms will be handled by the Red Cross. Letters or other documents cannot be transmitted to individuals in enemy or enemy-occupied countries, through the Red Cross. Persons who desire to send material such as business documents, Powers of Attorney, or other legal documents, should be advised to apply directly to the Director of Censorship, Washington, D. C.

Form 1616 (revised) to be used for messages to residents of
enemy, or enemy-occupied territory.

Citizenship (not race) of the person to whom the message is addressed must be noted. Messages sent through the Red Cross may be paraphrased at National Headquarters, for the sake of brevity. In addition these messages must observe the following regulations in order to conform to the requirements of the government censor.

1. The message must be clearly worded, and confined to approximately 25 words. To avoid delays, the message should be in English and typed on all three copies, but if necessary messages may be submitted in foreign languages. The same message must, however, appear on all three copies. If the message is in a foreign language the Chapter will staple to the original and yellow forms on small pieces of paper, the English translation of the message.
2. The text of the message must be of an exclusively personal or family character.
3. Abbreviations, nicknames, phrases, or codes in place of customary references, or descriptions of a person, firm, or location, or other information must be avoided.

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4. No mention may be made of politics or military subjects, defense materials, shipping or weather conditions.
5. Persons employed on munitions or other government work must not mention that fact in writing abroad.
6. No mention may be made of geographic names or business matters.

Messages will not be accepted for:

1. Forwarding to or from prisoners of war as communication is available without cost by international treaty through regular postal channels.
2. Residents of neutral or friendly countries as regular channels are open for such communications.
3. Communications between families and men in our armed forces as the Army Post Office System provides this service.

The following censorship regulations are ones that have been forwarded from time to time by National Headquarters:

1. It is not necessary when reporting a death or a birth in a message which is to go by mail, to submit proof of the event. However, when such information is to be cabled, censorship regulations require verification as well as the full name and address of the deceased, place and date of death, and relationship to sender and addressee both. Even when verification is required, however, a statement from the Chapter or Area Office to the effect that verification has been seen will be sufficient.
2. When a death is mentioned on a return message and it appears that the death occurred outside of the United States, in order to meet censorship regulations it is necessary to give the source from which the sender was informed of the death.
3. Messages must be clearly expressed and confined to 25 words and English translations should accompany any foreign language.
4. Messages may not be sent to one individual for transmittal to another.
5. The use or mention of any of the following is not permitted by censorship regulations.

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| Biblical quotations or references | Money or requests for money |
| Business matters | Nicknames |
| Codes in place of Customary references | Poetry: text in block formation |
| Defense matters | Politics |
| Descriptions of persons, including babies | Radio broadcasts |
| Employment in defense or government work | Radiograms, airmail telegrams cablegrams |
| Firm name | Shipping information |
| Geographic names | Unusual phrases |
| Legal documents | Weather conditions |

6. Only civilian addresses may be used.
7. Erasures, deletions, and crossed-out words are not acceptable.
8. All persons mentioned in message must be identified. Example:

"Mary Smith is well." or "Sister is well."

Will not pass censorship regulations. The message should read:

"Mary Smith, sister, is well."

9. Past messages may be referred to if they were Red Cross messages and are identified as such. It is permissible to refer to a message if the reply is on the reverse side of the same message form.

We hope this clears up some of your questions.

From time to time messages are returned that will not meet censorship regulations. When these messages are returned, a statement for the reason that they will not meet censorship regulations, accompanies them.

In the past, we may have been lax about sending you this information, unless it pertained to your center. However, in the future, we will try to send you all information we receive on censorship regulations.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Ella B. Watland
Director, Home Service

By
(Mrs.) Edythe Davidson
Home Service Correspondent



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Boston, Arizona

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- Military or naval subjects
- Money or requests for money
- Aliases
- Poetry: text in block formation
- Politics
- Radio broadcasts
- Radiograms, airmail telegrams
- Shipping information
- Unusual phrases
- Weather conditions
- Abbreviations
- Alphabetical notations or references
- Business matters
- Codes in place of customary references
- Defense matters
- Descriptions of persons, including babies
- Employment in defense or government work
- Firm name
- Geographic names
- Legal documents

- 6. Only civilian addresses may be used.
- 7. Erasures, deletions, and crossed-out words are not acceptable.
- 8. All persons mentioned in message must be identified. Examples:
"Mary Smith is well." or "Ester is well."
Will not pass censorship regulations. The message should read:
"Mary Smith, Ester, is well."
- 9. Past messages may be referred to if they were Red Cross messages and are identified as such. It is permissible to refer to a message if the reply is on the reverse side of the same message form.

We hope this clears up some of your questions.

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In the past, we may have been lax about sending you this information, unless it pertained to your center. However, in the future, we will try to send you all information relative to censorship regulations.

Very sincerely yours,
 (Miss) Elia B. Wetland
 Director, Home Service
 Home Service Correspondent



February 4, 1944

Memo To: Local Councils
Units 1, 2, and 3

From : K. J. Takashima, Chairman
Poston Community Council

The Japanese Red Cross, through the International Red Cross, has sent shoyu, miso, green tea, drugs, musical instruments, and books to be distributed to Issei residents in internment camps and relocation centers. It has been requested by the Japanese Red Cross that these gifts be acknowledged by a REPRESENTATIVE SPOKESMEN of the Japanese nationals. The WRA has stressed that the food is not to be included in the regular Steward's supply and that the drugs should be dispensed through the hospital to Issei patients only.

At a meeting of the Community Council held yesterday, it was decided to have the Local Councils select members on a 3:2:2 ratio to serve on this representative committee which will also include Dr. Powell, Dr. Pressman and Mr. Takahashi, Chairman of the local Red Cross. This committee shall assume full responsibility in the distribution of materials to Isseis and in the acknowledgment of supplies to the Japanese Red Cross. As this is a very delicate matter, it is advised that the representatives be selected with great care.

The soyu, miso, green tea and drugs have already been accepted at this project, but the musical instruments and books are still in the custody of the Customs Officer and the date of their receipt is indefinite. It would be appreciated if the names are turned into this office as soon as possible as a meeting of this group is desired to make arrangements for proper disposition of the goods.

K. J. Takashima
Chairman

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Administration Building
Poston, Arizona

February 12, 1944

Mr. E. W. Meyer
Assistant to the Delegate
International Committee of the Red Cross
1645 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

This is to acknowledge the gifts of 500 barrels of Shoyu, 27 barrels of miso, 4 cases of drugs and 90 cases of tea which have been received on the 2nd in this Center for distribution to the residents who are Japanese citizens. The Community Councils and Block residents of the 3 Units of the Center have selected the undersigned to speak for them as Representatives of the Japanese citizens, in acknowledging the gifts, and arranging in their distribution for whom it was intended.

Kindly receive and transmit to the Japanese Red Cross the gratitude and appreciation of the residents of this Center for their thoughtfulness and generosity in sending to them these delicacies, the medical supplies, and the books and musical instruments which we hope to receive in the near future.

On behalf of the Issei residents of Poston, we sign ourselves.

Sincerely yours,

Itaru Kubota

Setsugo George Sakamoto

Masayoshi Nagai

Saikichi Shirasawa

Fred Hidetoshi Nitta

Tsuneo Sumida

Saisuke Noguchi

Aijiro Takahashi

Satoru Okabe

Roy Junichi Takeda

Minoru Okamoto

Eigoro Yamamoto



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
 POSTON CHAPTER
 RECREATION HALL, BLOCK 30
 POSTON, ARIZONA

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. James K. Takashima, Chairman
 Poston Community Council

SUBJECT : 1944 Red Cross War Fund Campaign

DATE : February 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Takashima:

March has again been designated as official Red Cross Month by the President of the United States. In collaboration with the 1944 Red Cross War Fund National Campaign, the local organization will too, conduct a similar drive to subscribe to its goal of approximately \$4,000, needed to carry on its program. The nature and scope of the services of the local Chapter should, by this time, be very familiar to Postonese, both young and old. For your reference, statistics and other details of finances and activities of this Unit are contained in the accompanying "Annual for activities' information", Budget Sheet and National Red Cross Pamphlets.

Brief Summary:

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| 1943 Campaign Result | \$6433.27 |
| 1943 Campaign Goal | \$5650.00 |
| 1943 Fund, Estimated Balance of | \$2752.45 |
| 1944 Chapter Budget | \$6350.00 |
| 1944 Campaign Goal | \$3597.55 |

Due to the many courtesies rendered us by National Red Cross Headquarters at San Francisco, totalling approximately \$1,500.00, we feel justified in setting aside a definite amount of the goal to remit to Headquarters for their services. This will be sent to the Area Office regardless of whether the local Campaign Goal is attained or not. Receipt of about \$350 worth of Home Hygiene Text Books (700 copies) free of charge, field services of First Aid and Water Safety Instructors, Itinerant Home Nursing Instructor, Junior Red Cross Representatives, Christmas presents, games and books for school children, First Aid texts and First Aid Emergency Medical Supplies to Schools have been some of the material means in which the ARC Pacific Area Office has come to the aid of this community.

It is very sincerely requested that you and the members of your Council approve the 1944 local Red Cross appeal for contributions and the specified remittance to the Pacific Area Headquarters of the American National Red Cross.

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Mr. James Takachima

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Trusting in the hearty cooperation of the Council in this endeavor for a worthy cause, we remain,

Yours very cordially,

Ajiro Takahashi, Chairman

Date

APPROVED:

Chairman, Community Council
Poston, Arizona

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Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Ajiro Takahashi, Chairman, Red Cross
From: John W. Powell, Community Management
Date: March 10, 1944

I have discussed with Mr. Nelson and Miss Butler the question of the Red Cross fund drive and the proposed allocation of funds between Poston and the national organization.

We are agreed on certain principles which you and your committee may wish to consider and discuss with us.

1. The Red Cross of Poston should regard itself not as a pathological exception, but as a fully responsible community chapter. Its drive should be on the same basis as that conducted in ordinary cities.
2. The American Red Cross gives Poston far more than it gets from here, in money and service. In Poston, far more service and security is furnished by the Government, through competent departmental staffs, than is available to any other city in America. The residents should therefore need less from Red Cross, and return more, than in other cities.
3. If Poston's Red Cross is to keep practically all it receives,
 - a. Appointed personnel will probably conduct a separate drive for funds to be sent to the national organization, since most of them believe the residents are better cared for than the service men to whom most of the Red Cross service goes, and to whom most of the funds should go. This would leave the Poston Chapter dependent on resident donations, all of which would stay here to be used for local residents.
 - b. If this is the case, the Project can not support the claim of the Chapter to the use of the name and prestige of the national organization, of which it would be a beneficiary but to which it would not be a contributor; and
 - c. Government subsidy to officers and office workers would have to be withdrawn. Life guards would continue to be employed by the Project, if Washington approval is received. It should be pointed out that the balance of funds left over from last year would have employed five workers at \$19 and eight at \$16 for the year.

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These principles are not stated in the sense of an ultimatum. They reflect our belief that Boston should stop regarding itself as worse off than other cities in matters in which it is actually better off than most cities--matters concerning Red Cross interests particularly; that we should recognize our obligations in return for services received; and that the staff will feel called upon to contribute more heavily to the national cause than to local services, most of which are duplicated by Government action.

John W. Powell

Jwp: kf

ccs
Nelson
Burge
Butler

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Washington

March 16, 1944

Mr. Duncan Mills
Acting Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mills:

During your recent visit to Washington the question of the workers in the Red Cross chapter has been thoroughly discussed with you. It is our judgment that these workers are not legitimately on the WRA payrolls, and that steps should be taken by you as soon as possible to change their status or to discontinue their work as Red Cross representatives.

From the beginning of the WRA program we have attempted to provide all the various services and opportunity to participate in activities that are available to people on the outside. To this end we have established a number of positions in Community Activities, and these activities leaders or supervisors carry the responsibility for various types of work. They should not, however, be designated as Red Cross, YWCA, YMCA workers and so carried on the payrolls. They are actually to be considered as employed by WRA with their time free to be disposed of by WRA and to be assigned to YW, YM, or Red Cross work, or any other community activities function as the supervisor shall see fit. If we allow the Red Cross workers to be employed and identified as Red Cross workers, we are unable to deny the same privileges to all the many other organizations who would like to have Community Activities people paid by WRA and assigned no other duties than the particular organization itself would wish to see performed. This problem has been thoroughly discussed with the national offices of a number of agencies cooperating in establishing various activities at the centers, and I think is well understood by all of them. We have, however, been unable so far to obtain a cooperative agreement with the Red Cross people, though the point at issue is not one concerning employment and payment.

All organizations with whom we have discussed the matter have agreed to cooperate fully with us even though the employees that we assign to assist in the activity work of their agency are not specifically designated as representatives of that agency.

Duncan Mills - 3/10/44 - 2.

It is suggested that efforts be made to bring the Red Cross work onto as nearly a volunteer basis as possible, and insofar as supervisory personnel is required, to employ such supervisory personnel in the clubs and organizations work and assign them over to the necessary supervisory capacity in the Red Cross work. If this is done, it should be possible to reduce appreciably the number of people now shown on your rolls as Red Cross workers.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division

Mr. Burge

Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

March 26, 1944

MEMO TO: Mr. Ajiro Takahashi
Chairman, Poston Chapter
American Red Cross

SUBJECT: Transfer of Red Cross to Community Activities

As you know, the Community Management divisional quota for the quarter beginning April 1st has been sharply reduced. A list of approved positions has been set up by the W.R. A. in Washington, and all project employment must fall within these titles. Two new positions, Life Guard Captain and Life Guard, were approved by Washington at our request, and 3 Captains and 21 Guards were approved as a summer maximum, with seasonal variations in numbers being understood. These positions were transferred to the Community Activities Section. Our request for approval of positions for the Red Cross Supervisors was disapproved. I have already transmitted to you Dr. Province's memorandum of March 16th recommending the discontinuance of Red Cross positions as such, and the development of more volunteer service under the supervision of persons familiar with the Red Cross program but assigned to the Community Activities Section.

I believe that it will be possible to continue the essential Red Cross services with a considerably reduced staff. Consistently with the divisional quota and the reduction in other organizational personnel, I should recommend that the Red Cross consider the retention of not more than 8 workers during the quarter. I expect that the project personnel will be further reduced at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

I have studied the Annual Report of the Red Cross activities, March 1943 to February 1944, and I wish to congratulate the Chapter on its splendid record of responsibilities undertaken and results achieved. At the same time, I should like to suggest that the essential Red Cross services to the community -- services which do not duplicate those for which the various project sections are responsible -- can be focused into a smaller compass than the Chapter is now including in its program; specifically:

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- I. Accident Prevention -- The maintenance of the first aid kits which have already been distributed, and a watchful eye on the school traffic management and on the maintenance of lights, bridges, and other safety points, for which project sections are responsible, should not require more than part of the attention of a Red Cross worker.
- II. Disaster Preparedness and Relief -- As you know, it is my belief that this function, which is of crucial importance in the ordinary disorganized American community, merely parallels in an administered community such as Poston the administrative machinery which is already established and coordination of which is to be accomplished in the case of disaster through the Project Director's office. In case of a major disaster in Watsonville, the civic and private agencies would be under the direction of the Red Cross in its emergency coordinating function. In case of a major disaster in Poston, the Red Cross itself would be one of the agencies subject to the coordinating control of the Project Director. In any event, I hardly think it likely that much time of the Red Cross staff need be consumed in preparing for disaster, a function which could be assumed by the Project.
- III. First Aid -- This is a proper function of the Red Cross, and good work has been done in training first aid instructors on the Project. These people should be encouraged to continue the training of policemen, firemen, block managers, and other key persons in first aid practices; but this would be done on a voluntary basis and would require only the watchfulness of the person within the Red Cross who was charged with the promotion of the program.
- IV. Water Safety
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Life Guards -- These become the responsibility of the Community Activities Section, except for the training and certification of Life Guards and Water Safety Instructors, which I hope will again be provided by a field worker from the Area Office.
- VI. Home Nursing
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- VII. Nutrition -- These are primarily Health Section responsibilities. Miss Yamaguchi's services were of the greatest value and it should be remembered that the arrange-

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ments for her classes depended to a large extent on school and hospital efforts.

- VIII. Hospital Service -- Since Ward Three is no longer a Red Cross responsibility, and since the Day Nursery was disapproved by the Area Office, Red Cross service to the hospital should require considerably less of the time of your staff than in the past.
- IX. Relief -- Service to Internees and Nisei Servicemen is primarily the responsibility of the Welfare Section. The Red Cross has been of great assistance in this work, but if it becomes necessary the Welfare Section is prepared to handle these burdens alone.
- X. Inquiry and Message Service -- This service is of the highest importance to the residents of Poston and will not be interrupted or reduced. The distribution of messages may, however, have to be made part of the regular project mail service. I hope that the Red Cross will continue to handle and supervise this service on behalf of the Project Director's office.
- XI. Junior Red Cross -- This I regard as an important function in relation to the social education of the school pupils and also in furthering their integration into the national picture, of which all American school children are a part. I do not believe it is customary for the Junior Red Cross Chairman as such to be a paid employee of the organization. I hope it will be possible to maintain Mr. Takoda's fine program by voluntary cooperation between the Red Cross and the school staff.
- XII. Public Health -- Apart from items already covered in the report, such as Junior Red Cross, First Aid, Water Safety, and Home Nursing, the Public Health program is made up primarily of publicity and poster work. I believe that through the cooperation of Miss Reed and Miss Crawford, the Poston Chronicle and Reports Office, and the Community Activities publicity unit, the education of the public with regard to health and safety matters can be continued in such a way as to require only coordinating and supervising direction from the Red Cross, without separate individuals having to be employed for this purpose.
- XIII. Finance and Campaign -- I do not believe the present

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quota need be changed, or that the amount of service rendered to Boston residents will be curtailed through this reduction in staff. The public has sufficient confidence in the integrity of the Red Cross in Boston to understand that the money which is given to the Red Cross will be well used within the purposes which the Red Cross is designed to serve. Any money which is saved through the reduction of office personnel and consequent reduction in the rather large amount needed for stationery, mimeograph paper, and other office supplies can certainly be well employed in other directions. If the Project budget as a whole is reduced for the coming year, no one in Boston should begrudge the donation of the additional amount to the national organization for its most pressing war services.

XIV. BTC. -- No comment is required, I believe, on the Production, Maintenance, Public Information, and other functions which the Chapter has carried on. The office is well equipped and should be maintained in its present location. I would call attention, however, to service given by volunteers (XVIII.), which records a total of more than 10,000 hours donated to Red Cross service by interested persons. I believe this indicates that no need which the Red Cross can legitimately try to meet will go without response from people in the community who are willing to share in the work, under Red Cross supervision.

Many additional services have been rendered by the Red Cross: family advice, assistance with the translation of letters and messages between English and Japanese, mimeographing of organizational material for other groups, etc. These services will presumably have to find other sources.

I recognize that it is difficult for an independent organization which has had almost a status of a separate Section to reduce its program and personnel to fit itself within the requirements of another Section of the Division. However, I have no alternative, and I believe that the fine spirit of service and cooperation which your staff has shown in the past will enable you to find ways of doing this successfully. The Project has need of every one of your workers, and their own important service to the community will not be diminished by their finding other positions in which to render service.

I do not at present think it likely that we will be able to

Mr. Aijiro Takahashi

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work out any method for the private employment of additional Red Cross workers. To use Red Cross funds for this purpose would require the approval of the Area and National Offices of the American Red Cross, and of the Washington office of the W.R.A., as well as the Project Director here. If 8 workers are already assigned to the Red Cross, out of the increasingly meager stock of project positions, I do not believe that these offices will approve the diversion of Red Cross donations to the employment of further personnel. To do so within Boston itself would, I should think, require the understanding and consent of all who have donated to the Red Cross.

I realize that I am confronting you with a very difficult set of decisions. I know of no group, however, in whose ability to meet a difficult situation in a responsible and cooperative manner I have more confidence than I have in yours. Please be assured that I shall give every assistance I can in continuing the services to the residents of Boston by the cooperation of the various Sections within this Division, and I am confident that the Red Cross program will continue on a basis of the supervision and coordination of typically Red Cross services by the members who continue as employees of Community Activities in the three units.

I hope to hear from you as soon as possible the action of the Executive Committee on this change, as I must notify the Personnel Management Division on Monday of the actions taken with regard to the transfer and termination of each individual in the Division.

John W. Powell
Asst. Project Director
Community Management Division

JWP:km

cc: Mr. Mills
Mr. Burge ✓
Dr. Provinse
Mr. R. B. Cozzens

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
POSTON CHAPTER
RECREATION HALL, BLOCK 30
POSTON, ARIZONA

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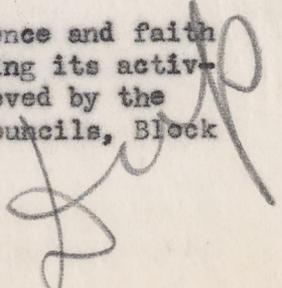
March 28, 1944

Memorandum to: Mr. Duncan Mills, Director, Poston Project
Administration, WRA, Poston, Arizona.

From : Red Cross Executive Secretary

Subject : Recommendations drafted at Executive Committee
Meeting, March 24, 1944, Red Cross Headquarters,
Poston I, Arizona.

- I. Without modifications as presented in paragraph III below, acceptance of Dr. John W. Powell's memorandum of the 24th, proposing that we reduce Red Cross workers and curtail Chapter activities, as of April 1st, 1944, involves too drastic a change.
 - A. Inasmuch as local evacuee residents have been made to understand, in collaboration with the 1944 March War Fund Campaign, that Chapter Activities would be carried on in the same manner as for the past Red Cross fiscal year, any major changes in either the status or program of this Red Cross would necessitate the majority approval of the general public who constitute the Poston Red Cross.
 - B. (Members present at the Red Cross Annual Meeting held simultaneously in Units I, II and III, on March 25th, unanimously voted their approval of the recommendations herein stipulated and further empowered the Executive Committee to take any additional step that might be necessary in connection with the subject in question.)

 - II. The Importance of the local Red Cross Chapter in supplementing Welfare Work of this Project has been widely recognized by residents, Administrative Personnel, Red Cross Units in other Relocation Centers and the American National Red Cross Area Headquarters in San Francisco, California.
 - A. In addition to regular Red Cross Activities, services of the Poston Red Cross have been centered about welfare work which receives greatest demand among the war-victimized residents.
 - B. The Red Cross should uphold and fulfill the confidence and faith of its thousands of supporting members by continuing its activities as mapped for the 1944-45 fiscal year, approved by the Project, the three Unit City Councils, Community Councils, Block Manager Supervisor and Block Representatives.
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III. Alternative Proposals submitted for your approval.

- (I) That the local Red Cross Office Staff be allowed a total of 13 workers under WRA employment instead of the 8 workers proposed in Dr. Powell's memo.
- (II) That the Red Cross Executive Committee be permitted to privately employ 5 staff workers in addition to the 8 WRA-paid Red Cross Office Staff workers.
 - (A) Appropriation of funds for employment of Red Cross personnel can be made by the Executive Committee as the latter is empowered by the Chapter By-laws to make any necessary adjustments of appropriations within the approved Chapter Budget.
- (III) That salaries for all Red Cross Office Staff workers be paid from local Red Cross Fund, following the pattern of Red Cross Chapters outside.
 - (A) Red Cross private employment should be approved by the Project Administration on the same basis as that of local Religious Organizations, namely:
 - 1) Exemption from payment of Office rent, furniture and part of fixtures.
 - 2) Exemption from payment of maintenance expenses, i.e., electricity, water, etc.
 - 3) WRA provision of monthly clothing allowances to Red Cross Office Staff workers.

I V. It is requested that there be an immediate extension of the deadline date effecting Red Cross Status and Employment as stipulated (April 1st) in Dr. Powell's memo of the 24th, to April 30th, 1944.

- A. An exception to the above, however, applies to the transfer of the Red Cross Life Guards to the division of Community Activities, effective, as of April 1st.
- B. Necessary negotiations with ARC Area Headquarters, National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and W.R.A. Headquarters must take place before our acceptance of the proposed Red Cross Status can be made.

V. In the event that none of the above -presented proposals in (III) can be approved by your Office, the local Red Cross Organization shall be forced to terminate its existence here.

- A. It would be futile for this Organization to continue in the state as proposed in Dr. Powell's memo, without modifications.
- B. All Red Cross members would be fully advised as to details of circumstances necessitating any termination of the local Red Cross program and other explanations pertaining to any such drastic action, should it take place, so that it will be made clear that the final responsibility for the continued existence or abrupt termination of the Red Cross Chapter will not lie with us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Takeda, RC Executive Secretary

cc: Dr. Powell
Mr. Burge
Mr. Nelson
ARC Area Office

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
POSTON CHAPTER
RECREATION HALL, BLOCK 30
POSTON, ARIZONA

March 30, 1944

Dr. John W. Powell, Chief
of Community Management
Poston Project Administration
Poston I, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

Reference is made to our conversation of March 29th, 1944, in which agreement was reached to reduce the present Red Cross Office Personnel to a staff of eight. As per your request, we are attaching the list of RC Office Staff workers to be assigned under WRA employment.

Kindly arrange to assign the Unit II and III RC Supervisors with proper Divisions of respective units, in charge of such matters.

Your prompt attention given to the above matter will be truly appreciated by us. Thanking you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

R. J. Takeda, RC Secretary

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Date March 30, 1944

FOURTH QUARTER EVACUEE EMPLOYMENT

Division Community Management Section Community Activities Unit I Poston
(Red Cross)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Present Title</u> | <u>Required Title</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Inouye, Takara | Field Worker Rate \$16 | | |
| Kato, Fumiko | Secretary Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Kato, Taeko | Secretary Rate \$16 | | |
| Sasuga, Nelly | RC News Eng. Editor Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Shindo, T. Koryu | Publicity & Art Sup. Rate \$16 | | |
| Takahash, Ayaka | Inquiry & Message Srvce. Chrmn. Rate \$16 | | |
| Takahashi, Aijiro | Chapter Chairman Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Takeda, Paul C. | Jr. Red Cross Chrmn. Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Takeda, Roy J. | Chapter Secretary and Manager - Rate \$19 | Organization Director | |
| Tanezaki, Sue S. | Secretary Rate \$16 | | |

Date March 30, 1944

FOURTH QUARTER EVACUEE EMPLOYMENT

Division Community Management Section Community Activities Unit II

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Present Title</u> | <u>Required Title</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Gyotoku, Sachiko | Secretary Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Matsushita, Sally | Secretary Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Motoki, Ichiji | Supervisor Rate \$16 | | |

Date March 30, 1944

FOURTH QUARTER EVACUEE EMPLOYMENT

Division Community Management Section Community Activities Unit III

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Present Title</u> | <u>Required Title</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Fujimoto, Kazuo | Secretary Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Matsumura, Tomoko | Secretary Rate \$16 | | Terminated |
| Nakagawa, Ben | Supervisor Rate \$16 | | |



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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

April 21, 1944

Memorandum to: Mr. Duncan Mills, Director
Poston Project Administration

Subject: Red Cross Personnel on WRA Payroll

From: Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

Dear Mr. Mills:

As you know, WRA-paid Red Cross Workers assigned to Community Activities total 8 since the beginning of the new quarter, in compliance with the sharply reduced Community Management Divisional quota. The remaining 8 Staff Workers are presently being paid from Red Cross Funds.

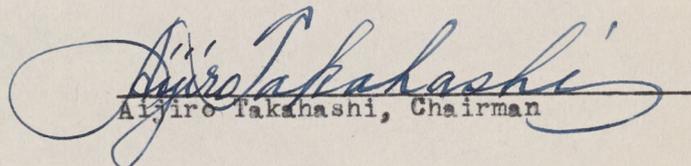
We have been informed that an addition of 150 or more surplus workers were allowed the local Project Administration, ever since the recent changes were made.

If the above is true, your consideration is sincerely requested in permitting us to add to our personnel, 2 more WRA-paid Workers. With the present arrangement, we can supply only 1 Worker each at our Offices in Units II and III.

Your assistance in supplying this Red Cross with 2 more Workers will be highly valued and deeply appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you regarding the above and thanking you for your continued support in the endeavors of this organization, we remain

Very truly yours,


Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

June 5, 1944

MEMO TO: Mr. Aijiro Takahashi,
Chairman, Poston Red Cross

SUBJECT: Infantile Paralysis Funds

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After a protracted correspondence with the national office of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, we have received a ruling from the national chairman and secretary that Poston will be permitted to retain one half of the funds raised in the 1943 and 1944 campaigns. The National Foundation has directed that the Poston share of the fund shall be deposited in a trustee account in the name of the Project Director. This in no way implies lack of confidence in the scrupulous integrity of the Red Cross Chapter which has acted as custodian for the funds during the period in which a final decision was being reached. The choice of the Project Director as custodian is in line with national policies of the Foundation.

I shall arrange within the next few days to have the new account established in Mr. Mills' name and will ask you to direct the bank to transfer the infantile paralysis funds to the new account.

Please be assured of our gratitude for the cooperation of the local chapter of the Red Cross in taking care of the infantile paralysis funds for this period.

John W. Powell, Chief
Community Management Division

JWP/mf

cc: Miss Elma Reed
Dr. A. Pressman
Infantile Paralysis Committee
Mr. Duncan Mills ✓

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
POSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
POSTON, ARIZONA

June 21, 1944

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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 \$1,145.05 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 Hood, Secretary
Poston Infantile Paralysis Committee

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Boston Infantile Paralysis Committee
Elmer Wood, Secretary

Yours very truly,

the Boston Infantile Paralysis work; I am,
service which the chapter has rendered in connection with
the same to his office; at your earliest convenience.

As the new account is in the name of Mr. Duncan Miller,
Boyle Settlement will be settled from this amount.
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50% of the total amount collected in Boston will be sent to
Valley National Bank of Phoenix; and upon the deposit of
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project director.

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held in trust by the Boston Chapter of the American Red
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Paralysis in regard to the handling of Boyle funds.

Committee held June 12, it was decided to accept the recent
At the last meeting of the Boston Infantile Paralysis

My dear Mr. Tejada:

Boston, Arizona
American Red Cross, Boston Chapter
Secretary and Treasurer
Mr. J. J. Tejada

June 21, 1944

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BOSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

Block #30, Rec. Hall
July 10, 1944

Dr. John W. Powell, Chief
of Community Management
Poston Project Administration
Poston I, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

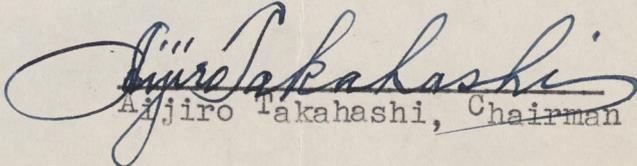
Quite some time ago, the local Red Cross has supplied its Unit I Life Guards with much-needed megaphones. With the swimming season now in full swing, it is requested that your Department furnish same for our Unit II and III Life Guards, as we are no longer able to purchase the megaphones. Your immediate attention given to the requisition below will be greatly appreciated by us.

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4 only Megaphones for Unit II and
Unit III Life Guards.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the matter, we remain,

Very truly yours,


Ajiro Takahashi, Chairman

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
POSTON CHAPTER
RECREATION HALL, BLOCK 30
POSTON, ARIZONA

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July 11th, 1944

Mr. Dick R. Bowman, Superintendent
Utilities Plant Division
Poston Project Administration

Dear Mr. Bowman:

Ever since the installment of a small light at Pool #21 by your Division, we have had no destruction of Pool grounds and adjoining property. Results have been markedly favorable and we have been particularly thankful for your cooperation.

Plundering and uprooting of surrounding plants and fixtures, however, continue to take place at the neighboring Pool at Block #45, where there is no lighting. Moreover, it is almost impossible for residents to make safe crossings over the nearby bridges, after dark. An accident has just been reported within the past few days at this very same scene.

The extreme darkness enshrouding the Pool vicinity at night is conducive to indecent conduct. We are more than anxious to take all necessary precautions to safeguard public morals.

It would be greatly appreciated if you will make immediate arrangements to have lighting, similar to that of Pool #21, set in, also, at Pool #45. A light, regardless of its size, would do much to improve existent conditions, in all respects unfavorable, at Pool #45.

Your attention to the above-requested would be most beneficial for the safety and welfare of the community-at-large.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt response, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

cc: Dr. John W. Powell



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
POSTON, ARIZONA

BLOCK NUMBER: 54

Memo to: Block Manager
Re : Red Cross Anniversary Booklets
From : Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman.

The publication of our Red Cross Year Book was somewhat delayed. We would like you to make immediate delivery of the accompanying "SECOND YEAR" booklets to your Block Residents who hold Red Cross membership. These persons have contributed either a dollar or more and their names are listed on the attached sheet.

This Office will directly forward the Year Books to all members who have relocated, so kindly disregard distribution to these parties since they will be taken care of.

Two additional copies of the Red Cross booklets have been included in your Block's quota of year books: one is for the Block Manager; the other is for the Block Office. Extra Year Books are available at all Unit Red Cross Offices at a nominal fee of 25¢ per copy.

Thanking you for your attention and cooperation to the above, we remain,

Very cordially yours,

Aijiro Takahashi
Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS, POSTON CHAPTER

Block #30 Recreation Hall
February 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Gyesuke Iseda, Chairman, Poston Community Council
SUBJECT : 1945 Red Cross War Fund Campaign

Dear Mr. Iseda:

March has again been designated as official Red Cross Month by the President of the United States. In collaboration with the 1945 Red Cross War Fund National Campaign, the local organization will too, conduct a similar drive to subscribe to its goal of \$500.00, needed to carry on its program. The nature and scope of the services of the local Chapter should, by this time, be very familiar to Poston residents, both young and old. For your reference, statistics and other details of finances and activities of this Unit are contained in the accompanying Red Cross "Second Year" Booklet and Budget Sheet, as approved by our Pacific Area Headquarters.

Following is a brief Summary of our Drives conducted for the past two years and the coming March Campaign:

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| 1943 | Campaign Result (Total Contributions) | \$6,433.27 |
| 1943 | Chapter's Share (Goal) | \$5,650.00 |
| 1943 | National Red Cross Share | \$ 783.27 |
| 1944 | Campaign Result (Total Contributions) | \$4,684.08 |
| 1944 | Chapter's Share (Goal) | \$3,602.55 |
| 1944 | National Red Cross Share | \$1,081.53 |
| 1945 | Chapter Budget: (10-month period) March 1st through Dec. 31st, 1945. | \$4,570.00 |
| 1945 | Estimated Chapter Funds available | \$4,070.00 |
| 1945 | Chapter Goal for the Campaign | \$ 500.00 |

In gratitude and obligation to numerous services, courtesies and security rendered us by the National Red Cross, this Chapter has planned to conduct a Drive, emphasizing generous contributions to far surpass our 1945 Goal. An overwhelming subscription by Evacuees as well as the Caucasian Personnel is being anticipated, in order that a larger percentage of funds secured over and above the goal can be sent to the National Organization, whose unprecedented war-time tasks at home and abroad have increased "Red Cross Needs" to Two Billion dollars.

Mr. Gyesuke Iseda

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It is very sincerely requested that you and the members of your Council approve the above plan of our 1945 Red Cross Fund Raising Campaign to be held in this Community during the month of March. If there are further questions regarding our Drive, please feel free to call on us at your convenience. Trusting in the whole-hearted cooperation of the Council, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Aijiro Takahashi, Chairman

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Block 218, Administration B
Poston, Arizona

June 6, 1945

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Dr. John W. Powell
Assistant Project Director
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Powell:

We are sending herewith our daily reports for the period between May 1 and May 31, 1945. The enclosed reports do not reflect fully the actual work carried on by the Red Cross. As you know, I have been in charge of the Law Office in this unit since September, 1943 and most of my consultation work was done in that office.

However, with the closing of the Law Office effected as May 31, I will be able to fully attend my job from now on. As our reports show we have been handling cases of dependency benefits, death claims for deceased soldiers' families and their family relocation planning. Our office has had 145 cases of dependency benefits and 130 cases approved up to date. It would have been necessary for me to interview several times before final authorization by the Office of Dependency Benefits was secured.

As recently announced by American National Red Cross in Washington, those who are getting \$37 Class B family allowance may be eligible to receive \$68 B-1 family allowance if their status will justify by reason of relocation. That closing of center approaches near evacuees will become more serious minded in their relocation program with the consequence our consultation work undoubtedly accelerate in considerable way. Besides there are many peace time benefits for parents of soldiers and Red Cross must prepare to render services to assist evacuees in need.

We have in this unit, recently received several requests by evacuees having sons in the Army for their relocation program. For instance out of 14 cases we handled yesterday, three were relocation matters; they requested our consultation. Whenever possible and if requested, our office will share in the WRA relocation program although this must be construed my extra work.

Very truly yours,

I. Motoki



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Block 218, Administration B
Poston, Arizona

June 6, 1945

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Dr. John W. Powell
Assistant Project Director
Poston, Arizona

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
Block 218, Administration B
Poston, Arizona

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August 2, 1945

MEMO TO: Mr. Duncan Mills, Project Director

SUBJECT: July Daily Reports

I am sending herewith our daily reports for the period between July 1 and July 31 inclusive. It is interesting to note that we have handled 57 relocation cases during that month as compared to 26 relocation cases in June. Cases in lease, claims, banking, evacuee property are still heavy besides dependency benefits for soldiers' families.

Blocks 209, 215, and 216 show tendency toward relocation while other blocks are slow. The vigorous campaign to encourage and make evacuees understand the meaning of relocation is an important matter that invites everyone's attention. It will be a tragedy when people all rush to move when the closing time comes; that should be eliminated if possible.

Please share this report with Mr. Carter.

I. Motoki, Supervisor
Unit II Office



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COLORADO RIVER PROJECT
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POSTON, ARIZONA

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9/13/1945

Mr. Tom Sakai
Block Manager Supervisor
Supervisor's Office
Poston, Arizona

re: Volunteer Loading & Unloading of Baggages

Dear Mr. Sakai:

It seems to me that remedial action should be taken immediately in regard to the decision of the Block Managers at a recent Meet calling for volunteer loading and unloading of baggages two days prior to departure by a member (or substitute) of the departing family.

Submitted below are my opinions relative to the matter and proposals presented for your reference and attention. Your careful consideration of the following is requested.

In proportion to Poston's present population, the number of able-bodied persons is relatively small. The majority of those who have been more or less independent of family responsibilities have already relocated. Those remaining have not done so because of family ties or circumstances hindering successful relocation. With the shortage of personnel everywhere, these individuals are being called upon for volunteer work of every kind. All able-bodied residents are having to volunteer their services for long hours in their respective Mess Halls. They are also being recruited as volunteers for the Warehouse, Subsistence, Maintenance, Hospital, Express and intra-block work. Many of these persons still associated with the various administrative and other offices are having to assume the responsibility of rounding up work in their respective divisions. All Center residents are faced with the imminent problem of relocation and resettlement and the ensuing work of packing and moving-- the burden of which falls upon the able-bodied individual.

Families unable to provide able-bodied volunteers and having to send substitutes will have to compensate these persons whom we shall refer to as "volunteer-substitutes".

We have been made to understand that laborers hired by the Government from the outside at 80 cents per hour for the purpose of loading and unloading baggages of Postonians quit after one day's work because of highly unfavorable conditions of employment--namely, too heavy labor required under scorching heat.

It is proposed that the WRA make available to evacuee residents the fund appropriated for payment of outside laborers designated above. This will

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to a great extent relieve the stringenⁿ situation.

In the event that the WRA refuses to favorably consider the proposition aforementioned, this Red Cross is willing to authorize withdrawals from its Relief Fund to make the following payments to "volunteer substitutes": \$1.00 for a full day's work; \$.50 for a half day's work.

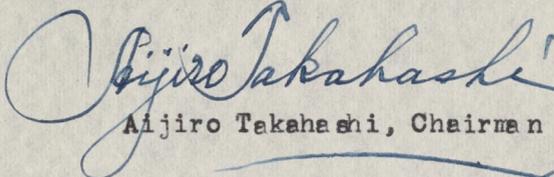
The above payments will be made only on the following conditions:

- 1) If the departing family has no able-bodied member who can volunteer for loading and unloading baggages
- 2) If the departing family is financially unable to pay the "substitute-volunteer" for services rendered.
- 3) If the Block Manager will verify the 2 fore-going statements by signing

It is proposed also that the last month's wages and clothing allowance be disregarded in computing applications for resettlement grants since this factor is directly contributing to the reason why majority of working residents quit their places of employment one month before actual date of relocation.

Trusting that you will weigh the above and inform me as to your reply, I remain

Very truly yours,


Ajiro Takahashi, Chairman

Project Director
Deputy Director
City Council
Community Council