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Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California  
June 23, 1942

Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to add our voices to those many others now being raised to urge the opening of a Second Front.

We Japanese and Japanese-Americans have been evacuated from the only homes that we know, to be interned for the duration of the war, in the interests of national security. Because of our situation, we regret that we have not been able, as yet, to participate in the war effort of this country in the way of production and combat. As long residents of America and as American citizens, it is our conviction that this people's war must end in a victory of the Allied Nations if we are to insure a permanent peace for the world.

We therefore call for an offensive -- A SECOND FRONT NOW -- for Victory.

(SIGNED):

✓ Karl Ichiro Akiya  
✓ Nori Ikeda  
Mary Ikeda  
Robert Tsuda  
Yuki Shiozawa  
Michio Kunitani  
Jimmie Yamada  
Samuel T. Yanagisawa  
Guy Uyama  
Tatsu J. Ogawa  
Wm. K. Inouye  
Michael Okusa  
✓ Alice Sera  
Eddie Iino  
Toshi Sugimoto  
Ernest S. Iiyama  
Kiyo Miyake  
George Kawai  
Haruo Najima  
Taro Katayama

Lillian Ota  
Charles Kikuchi  
Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi  
Henri Takahashi  
Mary Nagata  
Ronald M. Nagata  
Alex Yorichi  
Kenji Fujii  
Anno Kunitani  
Bette Kikuchi  
Emi Kikuchi  
Margaret Tsuda  
Robert S. Iki  
Fumi K. Iki  
Marli Kyogoku  
Masaaki Ito  
Tom Tsuji  
Eleanor Ukai  
Ayako Sakai  
Yoshio Nishimura

Roy Hoko Ikeda  
Irene Ikeda  
Roy S. Matsushino  
Cherry Nakagawara  
George Kawata



# CITIZENS FOR VICTORY

(Continuing the Committee to Defend America)

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July 1, 1942

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Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

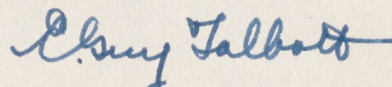
Dear Friends:

Mr. Rowell has asked me to reply to your letter of June 25 and express deep appreciation for what you say and your contribution of \$6.00. A receipt is enclosed.

We do appreciate very much the interest you take in the work we are doing. While you are not able to work on any direct war effort, you are keeping up a loyal, patriotic spirit. We receive some of the camp papers and believe that an excellent job of morale is being done, especially among the second generation Japanese.

Again with appreciation for your interest and thoughtfulness,

Sincerely yours,



E. Guy Talbott, Director

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July 4, 1942

TO HOUSE MANAGERS:

As Councilmen recently elected to represent the residents of Tanforan Assembly Center, we wish to take this opportunity of officially thanking each individual member of the House Managers Staff of the Housing Headquarters for your recent letter congratulating us on our election.

We also appreciate your invitation to attend your business meetings. Although we have been acting unofficially to date, we have been taking advantage of this privilege of attending your meetings each morning. This is an excellent opportunity for us to understand the needs of our people.

We recognize that the House Managers Staff consisting of 46 members, who have constant contact with the entire population of our center, can greatly assist us in serving the welfare of our people. We also recognize the vast amount of service being rendered by your group. We also appreciate that many of the conveniences now existing in our Center may not have been realized to date had it not been for your interest and integrity and constant efforts under Captain Speares' leadership.

Your cooperation in the past with the temporary advisory council has been an important contribution in establishing our Center self government. With your continued cooperation, we hope to serve the best interest of all our residents.

Very truly yours,

Tanforan Center Council

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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  

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WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

July 6, 1942

Center Council,  
Tanforan Assembly Center,  
San Bruno, California.

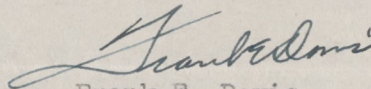
Gentlemen:

Referring to your request of July 3, 1942  
for permission to hold council meetings each day except  
Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

In order to comply with regulations concerning  
attendance of an administrative person at these meetings,  
it will be necessary to have these meetings at 10:30 A.M.  
instead of 10:00 A.M. as you request.

Mr. Wm. Spears will be in attendance at these  
meetings.

Yours Very Truly,



Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager.



Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California  
July 6, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Center Council would like to hold a meeting on Thursday, July 9, 1942, at 10:30 A.M. in the Council Chamber to meet with some of the recreational directors and persons connected with the recreational program.

There will be a discussion in both English and Japanese so that those present will all understand the regulation and the program concerning recreation. The Center Council is wondering whether a permit from you will be necessary.

Inasmuch as it will be necessary to notify the recreation leaders well in advance regarding the proposed meeting, we would greatly appreciate it if the Council could have a reply at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you.

Very truly yours,

THE CENTER COUNCIL

*Toby Ogawa*  
Chairman pro tem.



Tanforan Assembly Center,  
San Bruno, California.

July Seventh 1942.

Cerciat Laundry,  
1043 McAllister Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

Your bid of June 19th 1942 with reference  
to the laundry and dry cleaning for the residents of  
the Tanforan Assembly Center has been received.

We wish to inform you that the quotations  
submitted by you are accepted.

Very truly yours,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Council Representing  
the Residents of the Tanforan  
Assembly Center.

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*Given to Mr. Geo. Green  
7/7/42 - 1:30 P.M.*



July 8, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sir:

May the Center Council have your approval on the following points to be released to the Totalizer:

1. Frank Yamasaki is in charge of the laundry.
2. Shigeru Kosakura is in charge of the barber.
3. Toby Ogawa was appointed temporary chairman.
4. Ernest Iiyama is in charge of the shoe repair.
5. The Council sent a letter through Vernon Ichisaka to Registrar King commending him for defending the franchise of the citizens here.
6. Clothing to be issued on the basis of Montgomery Ward catalogue.
7. According to Mr. Davis a new stock will be coming in in the very near future so that residents will not have to rush to the canteen.
8. A request to have all the important regulations to be translated into Japanese was approved by Mr. Davis.
9. If the residents felt that the articles that were confiscated were not considered as contraband, they should consult the Council.
10. The residents are requested by the Administration to bring all matters regarding internal affairs to the Center Council located at the south end of the mezzanine floor of the grandstand where the former men's dormitory was located.
11. The constitution was approved and was referred back to the constitution committee for minor changes.
12. The election committee to set up the procedure for the coming election of the assemblymen shall be composed of Frank Tsukamoto, Guy Uyama, Robert Iki, Yoshio Katayama, and James Nishimura.

Yours very truly,

THE CENTER COUNCIL



FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(769-M)

William R. Lawson  
AdministratorINTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, CaliforniaTo: Center CouncilDate: July 9, 1942

Attention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Points for Release toFrom: Frank E. Davis  
Center Managerthe "Totalizer."

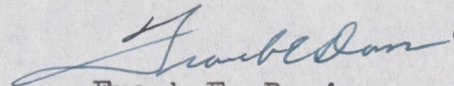
With reference to your memorandum of July 8, 1942,  
the following points are approved for release to the  
"Totalizer."

1. Frank Yamasaki has been designated by the Center Council to be in charge of the resident laundry service.
2. Shigeru Kosakura is to be in charge of the barber shop.
3. Toby Ogawa was appointed temporary chairman of the Council.
4. (This was deleted due to the fact that the shoe repair project has not been fully approved.)
5. The Council sent a letter through Vernon Ichisaka to Registrar King commending him for defending the franchise of the citizens here.
6. (Deleted as the Montgomery Ward Catalog is not the basis of clothing issue.)
7. According to Mr. Davis new stocks are expected for the Center Store in the very near future so that residents will not have to rush to the canteen.
8. A request to have all the important regulations translated into Japanese was submitted to Mr. Davis.
9. (This has been deleted until final determination of what is contraband.)



July 9, 1942

10. The residents are requested by the Administration to bring all matters regarding internal conduct to the Center Council located at the south end of the mezzanine floor of the grandstand where the former men's dormitory was located.
11. The constitution was approved and was referred back to the constitution committee for minor changes.
12. (Your attention is directed to the provisions of the Manual concerning the appointment of committeemen. Before the names of this committee are published, please present the required information for approval.)

  
Frank E. Davis

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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(769-M)

William R. Lawson  
Administrator

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attention of: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Frank E. Davis

YEDPK



*copy of letter received by  
Councilmen released to Jotalizer.*

In accordance with Supplement 8 to the WCCA Operation Manual of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, Wartime Civil Control Administration, dated August 1, 1942, and received in this office August 3, 1942, the Center Executive Council and the Center Congress as well as all other activities of the self-governing organization in this Center is hereby declared dissolved.

For your information and guidance the pertinent sub-paragraph of the above Manual is quoted:

A. General

1. No type of self-government organization is authorized in an assembly Center.
2. Advisory committees which have no administrative, executive or judicial power or authority, but which serve as advisers to the Center Manager as hereinafter prescribed are authorized.
3. Immediately upon receipt of these instructions all reference on the part of the administrative staff to evacuee self-government in Assembly Centers will cease. Evacuee organizations constituted contrary to these regulations will be dissolved by the Center Manager immediately. His action will be evidenced in writing and in all cases by letter to evacuee officers concerned.
4. The contents of this entire Section (XXVIII) will be published, posted and disseminated so that all evacuees in each Assembly Center are informed of its contents.

The entire contents of Paragraph XXVIII "Regulations Governing Evacuee Advisory Committee for WCCA Assembly Centers" is being reproduced and will be posted and distributed immediately.

The employment of all assigned evacuee employees in connection with the self-government organization in this Center will be terminated as of the close of business today, August 3, 1942.

Please acknowledge the receipt and understanding of the contents of this memorandum by signing the attached copy and return it to this office.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager



WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

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WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California  
July 10, 1942

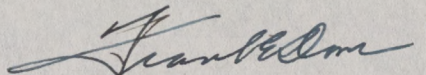
Advisory Council  
Tanforan Assembly Council  
San Bruno, California

Gentlemen:

Due to official business in reference to personnel it will not be possible to hold a Council meeting today as planned.

The meeting can be held tomorrow, Saturday, at 1:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,



Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager



ok on -

① Precinct meeting on Tuesday 7/94

(transfer)  
② Rules & Reg. from Davis -

③ Permission to have  
(a) mass meeting Tuesday 7:00 PM 7/94  
Princeton

(b) Get Bulletin ok

(c) P.A. system (Mr. Thompson)  
(Mas Oyama)

④ Write letter regarding Printed Matter.



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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(769-M)

William R. Lawson  
Administrator

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To: Mr. Toby Ogawa  
Temporary Chairman  
Center Executive Council

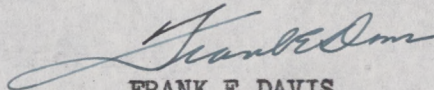
Date: July 11, 1942

Attention of: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Constitution of the  
Tanforan Assembly

From: FRANK E. DAVIS - Center Manager

The Constitution of the Tanforan Assembly, presented to this office on July 11, 1942, is hereby approved with the understanding that Article VII - Committees, shall be amended by an addition of Section 4, stating specific qualifications of committee members.

  
FRANK E DAVIS  
Center Manager



July 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Ogawa:

Mr. Bob Iki and I met this morning to discuss the election procedure for the assemblymen.

We are having a general meeting tomorrow afternoon, Sunday at one-thirty, in the First Aid Hdqrs.

We would like to have the Advisory Council members present as well as the five who are appointed to organize the procedure for the election. I would appreciate it very much if you can be present at this meeting.

Very truly yours,

*Yoshio*  
Yoshio Katayama

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Procedure

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Women's Latrine

Between 5 & 6

Put partition in between —  
Individual



July 11, 1942

Mr. Yoshio Katayama  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Katayama:

As the members of the Center Council we wish to thank you for your service in the drafting of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tanforan Assembly.

We are once more calling on you to assist in our self-government program. The Council has appointed you to serve on the special Election Committee for the purpose of setting up the procedures for the coming election for the Congressmen of our Tanforan Assembly.

The committee members are as follows:

Precinct 1 - Yoshio Katayama  
Precinct 2 - Guy Uyama  
Precinct 3 - Robert Iki  
Precinct 4 - Dave Tatsuno  
Precinct 5 - James Nishimura

For your information the Constitution just adopted calls for an election on July 28 and the nomination one week prior to this date. As time is the limiting factor, we shall appreciate your getting together as soon as possible with the other members of the committee to work out the full procedure of this election. In order to facilitate its announcement to the residents, we would like to have the committee's report when the Council meets on this Wednesday morning, July 15 at 10:30 a.m. The selection of the committee representatives is left up to the committee.

We wish to be understood that the members of the election committee are also eligible for the election.

We shall appreciate your continued service.

Yours sincerely,

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Tanforan Center Council

TO:hk



In the future would you be kind enough to send all material in in duplicate so that we can have a copy for our files.

Thank you

*Lucy Morgan*



July 13th 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis,  
Center Manager,  
Tanforan Assembly Center.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Center Council met and discussed the possibility of holding a mass meeting of all the residents of this Center to disseminate various information and explain the various regulations; and at the same time inform the residents of the activities of the Council.

The proposed date is Tuesday, July 14th 1942.  
The time: 7:00 P.M.  
The place: Grandstand.

The general topics of discussion are as follows:

1. Various Regulations
2. Personal Services:
  - Laundry and Barber Shop
3. Script Books and Canteen
4. Constitution & By-Laws
5. Daily meeting of the Council
6. Advise residents to bring all internal matters to the Center Council.
7. Other information:
  - Clothing issuance
  - Some phases of Recreation program
  - Visiting relatives in outside Hospital
  - Transfers
  - Gambling

If this meeting meet with your approval, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will advise us at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

By: Toby Ogawa  
Toby Ogawa  
Chairman Center Council

*This meeting is approved*

*Frank E. Davis*  
Center Manager  
7/13/42

*Please provide this office with a copy of this letter. In the future please submit requests in duplicate*  
*Frank E. Davis*



July 13, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sir:

We wish to call to your attention again in regards to the books and magazines in Japanese that have been taken up from the residents of this center when the recent search was made for contrabands.

As we have pointed out already, there are among these collections ordinary textbooks, dictionaries, medical books, stories, novels, and books purely on cultural subjects such as flower arrangement and art, that have no bearing on the present international affairs and have no reason for being classified as contrabands.

Since many of the old folks cannot read ~~English at all~~, we feel that the needless deprivation of this sort only hampers our objective of maintaining high morale in our Center sought through other activities such as education and recreation.

It is our understanding that some of the present regulations are imposed upon us as the result of misconduct of the residents of any other center. However, the residents of Tanforan Assembly Center have been very cooperative with the Administrative Staff to date and to our knowledge there have been no outright violations. Under these circumstances, we feel justified in requesting that certain restrictions be adjusted to serve the best purpose of this Center.

Therefore as councilmen, we wish to recommend to you that proper arrangements be made with the WCCA headquarters for investigating these literatures now in your custody and for returning all books that are not objectionable.

In the event that the interpreters are not available from the WCCA headquarters for this purpose, we will gladly assist your administration in providing the competent interpreters from among the residents here.

Although this may seem to be a small matter to you, we are very anxious to have this arrangement made as soon as possible as it will be another contribution to maintaining the high morale at the Center. We will appreciate your immediate attention.

Very sincerely yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



7/14/42

Mr. Kelly -

In preparing for this evening's mass meeting of all residents of this Center, we ran out of paper.

Could you please arrange to get us one ream of paper (wlt bond).

The runner can go down and get this supply.

Also one pkg. of carbon paper.

Mr. Stafford

Center Council

Toby Ogawa  
Chairman.

PH  
Lombard  
J. Kelly  
~~James Kelly~~



Copy:

July 14, 1942

Sergeant Hughes  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sergeant Hughes:

Upon your request that the Council use its influence to put a stop to gambling and disturbing the neighbors until late at night, we have talked to the principles involved and obtained satisfactory results.

It was made clear that no gambling with cash involved can be done. Also that no card playing can be done after nine thirty at night. Both have agreed to observe these regulations.

In regards to the stall with paper covering the back wall, we have found that this was done to cover the unhealthy and unclean room in the back. There is only one man staying in the front room now. He is willing to take the paper down if you wish. But due to the circumstance we would appreciate it if you would allow him to keep the papers upon the walls.

Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

Yours truly,

Chairman  
Executive Council

TO:hk



July 15, 1942

Mr. Sakaye Iwai, Chairman  
Laundry Committee

Dear Mr. Iwai;

The Executive Council, in its effort to serve the residents of this center, has finally solved the preliminary problems of the laundry situation and has appointed you chairman of this committee. As chairman of this committee, it is your responsibility to see that the following details are taken care of:

1. Take care of the details connected with the laundry service, such as collecting bundles, collecting money, issuing receipts, etc.;
2. See that the proper signs are made;
3. See that the premises are kept clean at all times;
4. Take care of all miscellaneous matters that are connected with the laundry service.

We would appreciate and are sure the residents would also appreciate your earnest efforts in maintaining this laundry service.

Yours very truly,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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July 15, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sir:

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Very sincerely yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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July 16th '42

Dear Mr. Davis:-

The Executive Council would like to have your approval to meet this evening at 7:00 PM at the Housing Headquarter (better <sup>accomodation</sup> ~~accomation~~ than the council Room) to discuss the problems regarding the canteen - especially with reference to the traffic control matter.

Executive Council

Toby Ogawa  
Chairman -

Meeting must be scheduled  
sufficiently in advance to allow  
time to adjust administrative schedules  
to provide representatives: Meeting approved  
for Sunday 7:00 P.M.

✓ *Frank E. Dunn*



July 16, 1942

Mr. Fogarty  
Administrative Staff

Dear Mr. Fogarty:

Since Dr. Kitagawa, director of the hospital staff has brought in the problem of providing milk to all residents who really require it and pointed out some discrepancy in the milk distribution, the House Managers have cooperated in making a complete survey of the residents according to the age groups and by the mess hall groups.

Using these figures as a basis, together with an additional information from the hospital and diet kitchen and the education department, we should be able to assist you in ironing out this problem by going direct to the source of these difficulties.

In order to supplement this survey, we would like to obtain the figures from you as to the amount of milk we are receiving at present and how it is distributed; that is, according to mess hall groups, diet kitchen, and education department.

We need your cooperation in solving this problem satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

kt



July 16, 1942

Mr. Tad Fujita, Chairman  
House Managers  
Housing Headquarters

Dear Mr. Fujita:

The members of the Executive Council of the Tanforan Assembly wishes to thank all the House Managers for the excellent work and cooperation in making the extensive survey of our residents according to age groups in order to help solve the problems of proper milk distribution.

Now that we have a concrete picture by mess hall groups, it will help trace down any discrepancy in the milk distribution which seems to be the source of some of the present complaints brought in by Dr. Kitagawa, director of the Hospital Staff.

With the concrete facts of this survey to work on, we can determine whether or not our present milk supply is adequate; and if not, how much more is necessary. Then our recommendations can be made on the basis of the requirement.

This survey is now in Mr. Cooper's hand for his study. The Executive Council will do its best to work with the Administrative Staff in making any necessary adjustments.

If it is necessary to seek any additional information or recommendations in regards to this survey, we may again ask for your cooperation.

We wish to thank you once more for your wonderful cooperation in this matter which pertains to the vital need of our residents.

Yours very truly,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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July 17, 1942

Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 26  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Gentlemen:

The Executive Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of Troop 26 for their participation in the program at the mass meeting held on July 14. We are especially appreciative of your willingness to come out and help us in the program at such short notice.

The Executive Council trusts that we may again have your cooperation in the future.

Yours very sincerely,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO/kt



FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

(769-M)

William R. Lawson  
Administrator

## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To: Executive CouncilDate: July 20, 1942Attention of: Mr. Toby Ogawa, ChairmanSubject: Work OrderFrom: Personal Aid Bureau

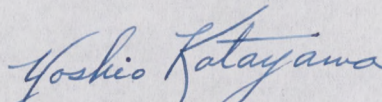
It has been brought to my attention that the several men who are working in cooperation with the house managers in delivering packages from the gate to the residents have not been placed on the payroll.

I understand that the men have been working since July 1st and have been promised pay.

It may seem like "passing the buck," but I feel that since there is an Executive Council, all matters of this type should be handled, hereafter, through your office.

I shall be willing to cooperate and handle matters which come under my jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Yoshio Katayama, Director  
PERSONAL AID BUREAU

YK:ys



July 23, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Relative to the matter of second siren, the Council contacted Mr. Moriwaki to find out if five minutes is sufficient for an accurate head count.

Mr. Moriwaki stated that five minutes' time is sufficient.

Therefore, pursuant to our general agreement last night as to the advisability of the second siren, would you kindly advise Chief Beckner to this effect.

The schedule will be:

6:40 am	first siren
6:50 am	second siren
6:25 pm	first siren
6:35 pm	second siren

The Council recommends that this second siren be put into effect from tomorrow (July 24th) at 6:35 pm in order that the house captains and the residents are notified today regarding the second siren.

The Councilmen feel that the accuracy of the first and second siren cannot be overstressed, and definitely feel it advisable to issue a special Council bulletin informing the house captains as to certain regulations that must follow. This bulletin will be prepared in cooperation with Mr. Moriwaki. By setting forth regulations, the head count throughout the Center will be definitely on a uniform basis, which will tend to eliminate some of the inaccuracy that comes up once in a while.

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By Toby Ogawa  
Chairman

TO/kt

*Instructions have been issued to place  
the second tone signal into effect at 6:35  
P.M. Monday July 27, 1942*  
*Frank E. Davis*



July 23, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

In preparing for the coming election of the congressmen Tuesday, July 28, we would greatly appreciate your help by having you furnish us copies of the former tally sheets and registration sheets so that we may make new ones for the coming election.

Since this work must be started immediately we shall greatly appreciate it if this may have your earliest attention.

Also we shall appreciate it if you will tell us where the ballot boxes are kept. It is also necessary to have the rubber stamps and pads such as used in the last election. If you can get these for us, please let us know. We shall greatly appreciate it if you can arrange to get these for us at your earliest convenience. If the rubber stamps and the ink pads are not available, can you arrange to obtain ten indelible pencils. Awaiting your kind reply, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO:hk

P.S. The Council has decided to hold election rallies in the respective precincts on Monday night starting from 7 p.m. providing this meets with your approval. The places will be Precinct No. 1. - The Catholic Church; Precinct No. 2. - Laundry Room; Precinct No. 3, Recreation 3; Precinct No. 4, M.E. Church; Precinct No. 5, High School room.



July 25, 1942

Chief White  
Internal Police  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Sir:

The following are recommendations for translators of Japanese  
phonograph records:

Mr. Akiya	14-45
Mr. George Kawai	14-45
Rev. Kumata	165-3
Mr. Iwao Shimizu	169-10
Mr. Akashi	35-1
Mr. Nishimura	13-35
Mr. Motoki Kudo	65-2

men

If needed, Council/Ernest Iiyama, 14-41 and Albert S. Kosakura, 61-2.

Yours very truly,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_

kt

P.S. This is only a partial list, and we can furnish you with as many  
as you may wish.



*T.O.*  
*Please submit memo in duplicate JAD*

July 25, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dr. Mr. Davis:

Attached herewith is a sample of the ballot to be used in the coming election for congressmen. The candidates for the office of congressmen are also listed on the yellow papers. The approximate number of the ballots required in the respective precincts is also noted on the white paper attached herewith.

Since we do not have much time before the election takes place on Tuesday, July 28, we shall appreciate it if your approval can be given at your earliest convenience. If satisfactory, we are told that your signature and Mr. Kelly's signature are necessary. These papers will then have to be brought to the drafting room located next to the Totalizer and the boys will work up the forms and bring it directly to the mimeographing department.

Appreciating your earliest attention to this matter, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Toby Ogawa*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO: hk  
Enc.

*I would suggest a smaller ballot to conserve paper, with typewriter name. I believe 4 ballots can be obtained on a legal size paper. ~~Thank you~~*  
P.S. *The drafting boys would like to have your ok this morning so they can work on it this morning.*



July 27, 1942

Mr. Davis:

Following your suggestion to make four ballots out of a legal size paper to conserve paper, the Council contacted the Drafting Department on this matter.

We were advised that the plan submitted is the only way that can be worked out satisfactorily and still conserve paper.

If you would kindly approve this draft we will be able to start work immediately for tomorrow is election.

Respectfully yours

*Toby Ogawa*  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO:HK

P.S. Also following your suggestion, the ballots will be typewritten. The attached sample is only for reference as to how the ballots are to be prepared so that the mimeograph department will be able to follow it.

*PK*  
*[Signature]*



make 20 boxes horizontally instead of 18

Little —

Tally sheet.

Tanforan Assembly  
Election of Congressmen, Tuesday, July 28, 1902

Precinct No. —

make 20 blocks horizontal  
make 40 tally sheets  
50 Registration sheets



July 27, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Attached herewith is a revised sample of the ballot, tally sheet, and the register sheet to be used in the coming election for Congressmen.

Please give us your immediate approval to this matter, as we have not much time before the election, which is tomorrow.

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By

Toby Ogawa  
Chairman

kt

Approved Y. S. Kim



July 28, 1942

Mrs. Tomi Takagi, Secretary  
Housing Headquarters  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mrs. Takagi:

In regard to your letter of items requested for release by James H. Kajiwara, 2-1, will you please inform him that Chief White is returning most of the confiscated articles, and that, no doubt, his items will be returned shortly.

Yours very truly,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimi Tamura, Secretary



TANFORAN ASSEMBLY CENTER

San Bruno, California

July 30, 1942

Mr. Toby Ogawa  
Chairman, Executive Council  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California


Dear Mr. Ogawa:

Thank you for your letter, and I am pleased to say that we will cooperate, as usual, one hundred per cent in your ventures. I will see that an announcement of your induction ceremony is publicized through our publicity channels. I will also take it upon myself to see that a public address system of sufficient size is made available for your use at that time, providing, of course, that we haven't burnt them all out.

Sometime in the future I should like to talk to you concerning your newly-elected congressmen, particularly as related to the possibility of an Advisory Recreation Committee being formed from that body. I think that I may be helpful to you, and I know that you can help me.

Thank you again for your letter, and if, in the future, we may help you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

  
H. L. Thompson  
Director of Recreation

HLT:SK



July 30, 194 2

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Executive Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank you cordially for your help relative to the election of the Congressmen held on Tuesday, July 28. The pertinent facts including the names, addresses, birth place, etc. are now being compiled and will be ready possibly by tomorrow morning. At the same time, the Council will be able to submit the samples of the ballots, tally and registration sheets for your record.

The Council met yesterday and thought it would be advisable to have the inauguration ceremony for these Congressmen on Monday, August 3. Subject to your approval, the time has been tentatively set for 7 o'clock and the place will be in the grandstand. The details of the evening's program are being planned and possibly this afternoon or tomorrow morning at the latest, we will be able to submit this information to you. Roughly, the program of the evening is divided into two parts: the first half-hour will be devoted to entertainment and participation by the high school students and the second part of the program will be the more serious induction ceremony. If you are not too busy, the Council would like to have you make a speech, which will be the main phase of the program.

Trusting that the plan will meet with your approval and thanking you kindly, we remain

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO/kt



Tanforan Assembly Center  
July 30, 1942

President Thompson  
The Anglo California National Bank  
1 Sansome Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Owing to the inadequate banking facilities at the Tanforan Assembly Center, we, the Executive Council representing some 8,000 residents, thought it advisable to contact you directly to find out whether The Anglo California National Bank can send its representative at specified days of the week. At present The Bank of America, San Bruno branch, has its representative come into the premises on Wednesday, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Obviously in such a limited time the needs of the residents, insofar as banking is concerned, cannot be fulfilled satisfactorily.

We were given to understand from the Center Manager of this Center that there is no regulations limiting the number of banks to conduct such a service in this Center. Inasmuch as many of the residents are from San Francisco and the Bay Region and have accounts at your branches, the residents will greatly appreciate it if the services can be extended to this Center.

We trust there will be a strong possibility along this line and await your reply with great interest.

Sincerely yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

TO:hk



July 30, 1942

Mr. H. Leroy Thompson, Supervisor  
Recreation Department  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

As a result of the election held on Tuesday, July 28, the Executive Council is pleased to announce that thirty-eight Congressmen have been elected. The induction ceremony for the new Congressmen will be held on Monday, August 3 at 7 o'clock in the grandstand.

The Council is very anxious to have this ceremony attended by all the residents of this Center, and if it is at all possible, we shall greatly appreciate it if your department can cooperate, as always, by urging everyone to attend this ~~meeting~~.

We shall greatly appreciate it if we may again ask for your help in lending us the public address system with four loud speakers, if possible.

At this time, the Council wishes to thank you and your department for the splendid manner in which you have cooperated heretofore. The favorable comments regarding the activities of the Recreation Department is, we feel, the manifestation of your splendid leadership and organizational work.

Trusting that the above arrangements will be possible and awaiting your kind reply, we remain

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO/kt



July 30, 1942

Mr. Henry Tani, Superintendent  
Tanforan High School  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Tani:

The Executive Council wishes to take this opportunity to commend you for your splendid efforts in the management of the high school. If at any time, the Council can be of any help, we shall be more than glad to have you approach us.

Following the election of the Congressmen, there will be an induction ceremony on Monday, August 3 at 7 p.m. in the grandstand. The evening's program has been divided into two parts: the first half-hour from 7 to 7:30 will be devoted to entertainment and the second phase will be the more serious induction ceremony.

The Executive Council wishes to invite you and all the high school students cordially to this meeting. If possible, we would appreciate it if arrangements could be made to have the more talented students participate in the entertainment part of the program, with either songs, musical numbers, poems, etc. If this plan meets with your approval, we shall appreciate your contacting Councilman Yamasaki, in charge of the program, who will be able to give you more information.

With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_

TO/kt



July 30, 1942

Mr. Hideo Kawahara, Foreman  
Electrical Department  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Kawahara:

Regarding the matter of fuses now being distributed by the house managers, the Executive Council met with Captain Willard Speares of the Housing Department. After much discussion it was decided that when the present supply of fuses now in the possession of the house managers is depleted, they will not be given additional fuses. In other words, the supplies will be given to the night electricians, who will handle the situation as heretofore. We also understand that the globes will be handled by the night electricians.

Trusting this will settle one of your problems and thanking you and your crew for your splendid cooperation and the good work you have thus far performed for the benefit of the residents of this Center, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO/kt

P.S. The matter involving the circumstances in which Mr. George Ono resigned as foreman was taken up with the Council. The Council feels it advisable that a satisfactory result can be obtained if the Electrical Department requests Mr. Beck to have Mr. Ono return.



July 31, 1942

Mr. Frank E. Davis  
Center Manager  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

As you probably know, the Council has been approached to sponsor the Bridge Opening Ceremony this coming Sunday. The program has been made by Mr. Robert Iki, in charge of the committee.

In this program, the Council thought it advisable if we made some regulations regarding the maintenance and also to request the residents to cooperate by observing these regulations. We feel it necessary to appeal to the residents to have every individual see that they are responsible in seeing that the scenery will not be demarred by carelessness. Inasmuch as a greater proportion of the people who will attend will be the elder generation, the Council feels that it may be necessary to have this phase of the program in English and Japanese--that is, there will be no Japanese speech prepared, but it will be a translation of the English address.

The Council is writing to obtain your permission on this matter.

Respectfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO:kt



July 31, 1942

Mr. George A. Greene  
Supervisor of Service Department  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Greene:

We are submitting the diagram for work table  
and chairs for the radio repair shop to be used by  
Masaru Muramoto, 36-5.

The diagram for the work table for watch  
making will be submitted some time this week.

Very truly yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_

VI:hk  
Enc.



August 3, 1942

Mr. Iwanaga, Music Director  
Music School  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Iwanaga:

By order of Mr. Davis, Center Manager, the meeting scheduled for this evening has been cancelled. When I meet you at noon, I will give you full explanation.

The Executive Council deeply regrets to have inconvenienced you and the people that were supposed to have participated in the program.

Hurriedly yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

TO:kt



Report of Earle T. Yusa

Re: Decision on Preference of Relocation Center~~s~~ for Research Study.

Gila River Project, WRA is my choice, but there are conditions under which it would be the most favorable for my going there.

1. That my mother and sister be left behind and have the assurance that we can later rejoin each other when we definitely know what physical conditions exist in either center, and rejoin in whichever center that is the most favorable for their health. Having lived in the Bay Region for the greater part of their lives, my mother, sister, and wife have not faced great heat and therefore would not know how they will react to conditions in Gila.
2. That one other family of the study group will go so that we would not be entirely among strangers. This is not a very strong condition to me, but it would make adjustments that much easier. There is the possibility that my wife's family in Santa Anita may be relocated at Gila and in that event this condition would amount to little. *This decision can be waived*

With little facts to go on I still feel that it would be to my best interest to continue the research study at Gila, or for that matter, at any center, but there the study conditions seem to be the most favorable, outside of the heat. The possibility of facing <sup>the isolation of</sup> intellectual and friendly contacts which has stimulated <sup>me</sup> much in the past may be brought to a minimum, and in that case, what little intellect I have will possibly become dormant. This condition will probably offset itself possibly when I make new contacts in the center or develop new outside contacts in the region.



	U.S.E.S.	Turtarom	Age	Occupation
Head Earle T. Yusa - 13567	52A	25	Student	
Wife Mamiko Yusa - "	52B	23	Store Clerk	
Head Taro Yusa - 13462	52C	25	Domestic (Dry)	
Daughter Atsuko Yusa - "	52D	21	Student	

under which it would be the most favorable to my going there.

1. That my mother and sister be left behind and have the same  
 and that we can return to join each other when we desire.  
 from what physical conditions exist in Japan, and  
 to join in whichever country that is the most favorable for  
 their health. Having lived in the Bay Area for the greater  
 part of their lives, my mother, sister, and wife have not  
 lived great hard and therefore would not know how they will  
 react to conditions in U.S.

2. That one other family of the group, from which we  
 would not be entirely one and the same. This is not a very  
 strong condition for me, but it would make adjustments that  
 much easier. There is the possibility that my family  
 in Santa Anita may be relocated to this and in that event  
 this condition would amount to little.

3. That I have to go on a ship that I would be to my  
 last interest to continue the reason of going to U.S. or to the other  
 and my reason, but there is very little chance for the  
 the possibility of leaving the U.S.  
 and my family condition which has already existed in the past  
 in my family, and in the case, and I have to go to U.S.  
 will possibly become worse. This condition will be very difficult  
 possibly when I take leave of the country of leaving the country  
 condition in the region.