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Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

JAN 8 1944

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Field Ass't. Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

Subject: Public Relations in Arizona

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

In regard to our public relations on which you recently requested a report, the following is a brief summary of recent events.

There has been practically no news in Arizona papers in the last several weeks. Our release concerning Christmas festivities at the camp was not published. This is the first time in several months that a story we submitted was not carried. But likely that was because of the bulk of material coincident to the holiday season. The only unfavorable story of local origin was in the Phoenix Gazette's, "Today's Guest Editorial", about two weeks ago. It was written by Ed Atkinson, who is said to be on the State Tax Commission, and contained the thread bare anti-Japanese harangue.

Our apprehension that the general antagonism of the American Legion might be let loose when National Commander, Warren Atherton spoke in Phoenix on January 4th was unwarranted. His emphasis was upon; provision for disabled soldiers, the need for increased hospital facilities, and a broad side against home front apathy and strikes.

Yesterday, project guests for most of the day were Mrs. Arthur Sulzberger, wife of the president and publisher of the New York Times, her son, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, and Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, one of the editors of the New York Times, an expert on international affairs and a writer whose column appears in the New York Times three days each week. They recognize and are sympathetic with the problems of WRA and the Japanese and from a broadminded viewpoint were anxious to secure first hand information about the

physical set-up of the camp and its administration as well as the attitude and potential future of the residents.

The visited the hospital, farm, model ship factory, warehouses, nursery and seed farm, camp newspaper office, evacuees homes, shower rooms, and mess halls. The New York Time has carried some fine articles before and we are anticipating favorable publicity as a result of this visit to our project.

Blueprints have been received from the Navy for another order for the Model Ship Factory.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

cc: Mr. John C. Baker
Washington, D. C.

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Reports officer

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In reply, please refer to:
~~Health Section~~

San Francisco, 3 California, Office
Whitcomb Hotel Building

FEB 15 1944

Mr. L. H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River War Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I want to thank you for your letter of February 12 which is an excellent report of public relations and recent news from Gila River. This type of report is certainly of value to us in our work here and in our contacts on the Coast.

Very truly yours,

R B Cozzens

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
GILA RIVER PROJECT
Rivers, Arizona

January 12, 1944

TO: All Project Directors

SUBJECT: Routes for Travel to the Gila River Project

Southern Pacific passengers from the west: Buy tickets to Chandler or Casa Grande, Arizona

Santa Fe passengers from the east or west: Buy tickets to Phoenix, Arizona. Take first bus to Chandler; call project from there.

Passengers arriving via bus from the west: Purchase tickets to Chandler, Arizona. The same procedure from the north or east.

Passengers arriving via bus from the south: Purchase tickets either to Chandler, Casa Grande or Mesa, Arizona

Evacuees cannot travel on the Southern Pacific Railroad from El Paso to Casa Grande, Chandler, or Phoenix as it is necessary to go through a military area to reach the above towns. Bus travel is necessary unless the traveler is accompanied by an escort. Then railroad travel is allowed.

Upon arrival at any of the above stated towns, call the project Officer of the Day, and instructions will be given as to how to reach the project. However,

We have a bus in Phoenix each day except Sunday and Monday. This bus arrives at the railroad station at 11 a.m. and leaves from North 1st Street and Polk at 3:15 p.m. The operator of the bus calls at the railroad station and the bus stations before leaving Phoenix.

Baggage other than hand baggage should be left check in the station and the checks given to the Transportation Officer at the project. Baggage will be taken care of.

/s/
L. H. Bennett
Project Director

C. M. Hanna
Supt. Transportation

To R.B.C.

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Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:
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Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
Hotel Whitcomb
San Francisco, California

JAN 24 1944

No ans nec.

Dear Mr. Cozzens: from Bennett

Pub. relations

As we had hoped Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, one of the editors of The New York Times, wrote a splendid, factual, and sympathetic column about Rivers after her visit to the project. The article appeared in her column in the January 8th issue of The Times.

Evacuee recognition and appreciation of the education facilities of the project were voiced in a letter for publication which was submitted last week by Mr. Elmer Tanaka, P.T.A. president of the Butte community. His letter which appeared in the January 13th issue of the News Courier stated that he had withheld judgment and comment for many months in order to be sure of his findings. Now he is ready to say that: "the methods of teaching here are very good. For this reason the development, progress and happiness of the children are quite evident."

Education

This week a language instructor at Camp Savage has been visiting in camp and has spent many hours visiting the classrooms. He has been especially anxious to hear reading and oral English recitations in different rooms and has expressed his gratification of the children's progress.

Three members of the State Education Advisory Committee, Mr. E. D. King, State Superintendent of Public Instructor, Dr. Grady Gammage, President of Tempe Teachers' College, and Mrs. Bernice Geroge, President of the National Federation of the Women's Clubs made a day long inspection of the project schools. Their comments before they

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left lead us to hope that their reports, upon which accrediting is largely dependent, will be most favorable.

Yesterday, the majority of evacuee conversations on the project were in some way related to the news of army reclassification of nisei. Some expressed pleasure in the action, others thought it would retard relocation as many families depend on their draft-age sons as liason members for relocation. A few boys stated that they were going to hurry their own relocation in order to have some time outside before they were drafted and expressed a desire to be drafted outside rather than from camp. In general, the feeling seemed to be that the ultimate result would build toward decreasing prejudice, and that the action of the War Department was most desirable.

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Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

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Mr. Leroy H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I want to thank you very much for your letter of January 24. This type of letter and report greatly help us in carrying on our work on the West Coast.

Sincerely,

R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director

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February 9, 1944

Mr. L. H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Attention: William Huso
Acting Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In reply to your letter of February 2 regarding the availability of additional copies of the job summaries from the Chicago and Cleveland Areas, we do not contemplate mimeographing sufficient copies to provide each center with the number that you indicate is needed at Gila. When we discussed this with the Relocation Supervisors at Chicago a short time ago, it was felt that a hundred copies for each center would be adequate inasmuch as that would provide at least one copy for each block and additional copies as needed by the various divisions.

In view of the paper shortage which we are acutely aware of here in Washington, it does not seem justifiable to increase the job summaries which will be coming from the relocation areas each month.

I believe that Mr. Hoffman discussed this with Mr. Huso when he was there recently and this will confirm the information given at that time. Personally, I can not help but question the advisability of mimeographing three thousand copies of each summary or even one summary although Mr. Huso did assure Mr. Hoffman that it was not contemplated to continue duplicating a large number of summaries in order that they could be made available to all individuals who might be interested. Trusting that this has given the information desired.

Sincerely yours,

Hoffman

Acting Chief, Relocation Division

cc: R. B. Cozzens

P.S. This was prepared for Mr. Arnold's signature but as he is away for a day or so I am acting and signing for him. Best regards to staff. Had nice trip out and all went well. Arrived here Feb. 5 as planned.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

FEB 21 1944

AIR MAIL

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
Hotel Whitcomb
San Francisco, California

SUBJECT: Public Relations and Recent News

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Current questions this week have been, "What will the transfer of WRA to the Department of Interior mean to us"? There was some apprehension on the part of the evacuees that the move need be interpreted as a concession to West Coast pressure and subsequently a less favorable policy for evacuees. Without exception, evacuees have expressed their hope that Dillon S. Myer continue with WRA.

On January 22, the Pacific Citizen gave figures for casualties suffered by the 100th Infantry Battalion in Italy. These indicate that the killed and wounded already exceed 30 percent of the normal strength of this Japanese-American combat team. We hope for some information from Washington which will alleviate the fears of evacuee parents that their sons may be called through selective service to form units for particularly hazardous duty.

The War came home to Rivers this week when packages sent last September as Christmas gifts to relatives in the 100th Infantry Battalion were returned from Italy with the mute message "Deceased".

Of much interest in the camp was the removal of the 375th Military Police Company under Captain G. A. Morse and the replacement with the 376th under Captain William E. Mc Kechnie on Monday, February 14. Colonel Erle M. Wilson, Washington WRA, arrived while the move was in process and was with Captain McKechnie and Mr. Bennett during their first office conference.

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Oscar Buttedahl and Leo Simmons arrived February 14, and met with the Relocation Planning Commission that afternoon to arrange a schedule for the Relocation Team which is to be on the project from February 21 through February 25. At that meeting, Commission members expressed a wish that, since the residents of Rivers are chiefly agriculturists, opportunities for farmers be stressed in the forthcoming meetings. They further requested that, if none of the men on this Relocation Team are specialists in agriculture, the Washington Office be asked to send out a man who can give very definite and concrete information about agricultural areas and opportunities in recommended sections of the country. Mr. Buttedahl and Mr. Simmons both commented on the earnest endeavor and ability of the Commission.

The Relocation Team which is to be in Rivers, February 21, is made up of Harold S. Fistere, Robert Cullum, Dr. P. A. Weber, and A. Fischler. Their schedule, as planned by Buttedahl, Simmons and the Commission members, is for three large meetings in Butte and two in Canal. In addition, there will be numerous conferences and also opportunities for individual interviews.

Sizeable audiences heard a returned missionary who after being interned in Japan returned on the last Gripsholm trip, and spoke in the Christian church, February 18. The import of his talk was that civilian internees were better off than the average Japanese citizens, but still undernourished and in uncomfortably cold quarters.

As the initial step toward centralization of all property and property control, the Property Officer and his staff moved to the old Camouflage Net Factory this week. Property from the several division warehouses on the project will now be moved to this building which is to serve as a central warehouse.

Total indefinite leaves as of February 18 were 2094.

Marshall Stalley who recently resigned from the War Department to accept a position in the Community Management Division of WRA arrived February 19 and will spend several days on the project.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
FEBRUARY 21, 1944

HARRY L. STAFFORD
PROJECT DIRECTOR
MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER
HUNT, IDAHO

FOLLOWING LETTER BEING SENT TO ALL PROJECT DIRECTORS TODAY. QUOTE. WITH THE REINSTITUTION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE FOR PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY PROBLEMS MAY DEVELOP THAT REQUIRE HANDLING WITH CARE AND PROMPTNESS. IN THIS LETTER I WANT TO INDICATE CERTAIN TYPES OF PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE AND SUGGEST STEPS WE SHOULD TAKE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

A. PETITIONS MAY BE CIRCULATED, OR THE OPINION OF GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS OTHERWISE EXPRESSED, DECLARING THE PARTICIPANTS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT REQUESTING THAT THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY TO COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT INCLUDING FREEDOM TO RETURN TO THE WEST COAST OR OTHER RIGHTS, BE RESTORED BEFORE THEIR YOUNG MEN OF MILITARY AGE ARE DRAFTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE. IN CASES OF THIS SORT, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT EVERY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES HAS THE RIGHT TO PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ANY GRIEVANCES. IF SUCH PETITIONS ARE PRESENTED YOU SHOULD IN DUE COURSE, FORWARD THEM TO ME. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO THE PARTICIPANTS THAT THE INSTITUTION AND APPLICATION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE ARE INDEPENDENT TO OTHER PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS, AND THAT NO REAL OR FANCIED GRIEVANCES CAN BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH ITS OPERATION. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ALSO BE TOLD OF THE VALUE TO THEM AND THEIR COMMUNITY OF THE REINSTITUTION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE AS DESCRIBED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS LETTER. IF SUCH PETITIONS OR THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEM INDICATE AN INTENTION TO RESIST SELECTIVE SERVICE, THEY WILL REQUIRE TREATMENT ALONG THE LINES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPHS C AND D OF THIS LETTER.

B. YOUNG MEN OF MILITARY AGE MAY FILE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR EXPATRIATION IN THE ANTICIPATION THAT SUCH REQUESTS WILL PRECLUDE OR MAKE LESS LIKELY THEIR BEING ACCEPTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE. IF SUCH REQUESTS ARE FILED, OR YOU RECEIVE ANY INDICATION THAT THEY MAY BE FILED, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A REQUEST FOR EXPATRIATION WILL NOT PRECLUDE OR DELAY A CALL FOR INDUCTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE PROCEEDINGS TO INVESTIGATE THE LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED, WITH A VIEW TOWARDS POSSIBLE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS IF THE INDIVIDUALS ARE FOUND TO BE DISLOYAL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REQUEST FOR EXPATRIATION. THE REQUEST IS NOT, OF COURSE, CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF DISLOYALTY BUT IT IS A FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IN ARRIVING AT A JUDGMENT ON THIS QUESTION. ANY SUCH REQUESTS CAN NOT FAIL TO HAVE A SERIOUSLY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE FUTURE OF THE PERSONS MAKING THE REQUEST IN THE UNITED STATES, AND INDIRECTLY ON THE FUTURE OF THE WHOLE EVACUEE POPULATION. IF SUCH REQUESTS FOR EXPATRIATION ARE RECEIVED YOU SHOULD, OF COURSE, AS IS REQUIRED UNDER EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS, HOLD LEAVE CLEARANCE HEARINGS OR SUPPLEMENTAL LEAVE CLEARANCE HEARINGS FOR THE EVACUEES INVOLVED, AND SHOULD FORWARD THE RESULTS OF THE HEARINGS WITH YOUR LEAVE CLEARANCE RECOMMENDATIONS, TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. YOU NEED NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE SUCH CASES ANY SPECIAL PRIORITY. IF SUCH CASES DO OCCUR AND THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT CALLED BECAUSE OF HIS NUMBER NOT BEING REACHED, DETERMINATION AS TO DISPOSITION WILL BE MADE LATER.

C. SOME PERSONS MAY ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WILL REFUSE TO REPORT FOR MILITARY SERVICE WHEN CALLED, OR THEY MAY ACTUALLY FAIL TO REPORT WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEIR INDUCTION NOTICES. ANY EVACUEE IN A RELOCATION CENTER WHO REFUSES TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION, WHEN CALLED, IS GUILTY OF VIOLATION OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT, AND IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES. THIS IS JUST AS MUCH TRUE OF THE EVACUEES IN YOUR CENTER AS IT IS OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE INDUCTION NOTICES IN ANY OTHER COMMUNITY.

THE LOCAL SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT SUCH CASES TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. IF SUCH CASES SHOULD ARISE AND IF WE SHOULD RECEIVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE LOCAL BOARDS ARE NOT CLEAR ON THIS POINT, WE WILL CALL IT TO THE ATTENTION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS. YOU SHOULD CALL THIS FACT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE EVACUEES. YOU SHOULD, OF COURSE, KEEP MY OFFICE CLOSELY INFORMED IF ANY INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE OCCUR. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD IN CASES OF THIS SORT AND OFFER THEM THE FULLEST COOPERATION IN THE APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS. IF ANY EVACUEE ANNOUNCES THAT HE INTENDS TO REFUSE TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION WHEN CALLED, THAT FACT DOES NOT, IN ITSELF, SUBJECT HIM TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES. THE WISER HEADS AMONG THE EVACUEES MAY WANT TO TALK TO SUCH YOUNG MEN, TO THEIR PARENTS, AND HELP THEM REALIZE THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TO THE YOUNG MAN, TO BE INVOLVED, AND TO THE WHOLE GROUP. PERSONS ANNOUNCING THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO REPORT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE MADE SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THEIR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

D. MISGUIDED OR MALICIOUS INDIVIDUALS MAY PARTICIPATE IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES INTERFERING WITH THE SELECTIVE SERVICE LAWS. IF ANY EVACUEE SHOULD ENGAGE IN ANY EFFORT TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO REFUSE TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION, THEY, TOO, WILL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL STATUTES FOR WHICH CRIMINALS PENALTIES CAN BE IMPOSED. YOU SHOULD REPORT CASES OF THIS KIND TO THE LOCAL UNITED STATES ATTORNEY UNDER THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. YOU SHOULD REQUEST THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE PROSECUTION PROMPTLY AND SHOULD OFFER HIM YOUR COMPLETE COOPERATION. THE REINSTITUTION OF SELECTIVE SERVICE WAS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY AND IF PROPERLY ACCEPTED CAN LEAD TO THE RESTORATION OF MANY OTHER RIGHTS WHICH EVACUEES FEEL THEY SHOULD HAVE. ANY ACTION TO RESIST OR AVOID THE SELECTIVE SERVICE TAKEN ON THE PART OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WOULD REACT TO THE SERIOUS DETRIMENT OF THE WHOLE EVACUEE COMMUNITY. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS AMONG THE EVACUEES UNDERSTAND THIS AND WILL ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE DRASTIC EFFECT WHICH MIGHT COME FROM THE UNTHINKING ACTIONS OF A FEW PROSPECTIVE OR ACTUAL DRAFT DODGERS. UNQUOTE.

DILLON S. MYER

FEB 22 1944

Mr. Leroy H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Attention: Mr. Hugh Wolter

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In looking over the Community Government Report from Gila for January, I was greatly interested in the general comments attached to the regular report form. I was particularly interested that you were able to divert the investigation of the Internal Security Section into constructive channels. The outline of procedure to be followed in the investigation is sound.

In connection with the report on the Judicial Commission, I wish to call to your attention the provision of Manual Section 30.6.4A which reads: "...The Council may also provide that the Judicial Commission may, in cases tried before it, permit a defendant to pay a fine of a fixed sum of money as an alternative to serving a fixed period of imprisonment. The maximum fine so imposed shall not exceed the sum of $300 for any single offense." The report gives the impression that the Judicial Commission has assessed a fine independently of a jail sentence. If the Judicial Commission is operating on this basis, the appropriate provisions of the Manual should be called to its attention. The Judicial Commission may, in cases where it permits a defendant to pay a fine rather than serve a jail sentence, permit the defendant to perform a number of days of useful labor at the project in lieu of paying a cash fine.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Provinse, Chief
Community Management Division

cc Mr. R. B. Cozzens

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Rivers, Arizona
March 6, 1944

Teletype Message No._____

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Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Frank W. Harding

Reurtel of March 6th on number of mess halls in operation. Fifty regular mess halls, two special diet mess halls, two night crew, and two administrative mess halls. Total of 56 in operation.

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B. F. Runyan
Acting Project Director

cc: Cozzens

March 17, 1944

Mr. L. H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

A compliment is very much in order for the members of your staff on the outstandingly fine job they have been doing in compiling their monthly reports. We are particularly well pleased with the reports covering the month of February, and also that so many members of the staff submitted narrative reports to supplement the information on the statistical forms.

I know that I speak for other members of the Washington staff in saying that these monthly reports have been most helpful. The information contained in them has been of great value not only from the standpoint of keeping us currently abreast of your progress and problems at the center, but also as a reference source in compiling information for Members of Congress, the Bureau of the Budget and in answering inquiries from other individuals and organizations.

I hope at your next staff meeting you will take the opportunity to commend the divisional and sectional heads responsible for these reports on the excellent job they have done. It has not been accomplished without a good deal of time and effort on their part, and we want them to know that members of the Washington staff appreciate that effort.

Sincerely yours,

John C Baker

John C. Baker
Chief, Office of Reports

CC. Mr. Cozzens

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L. H. Bennett
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Teletype Message No. _____

We have accepted from Justice Department certain persons called "segregated parolees" who have been paroled with understanding they will be transferred to Tule Lake. Segregated parolees and those of their family members who wish to accompany them should be transferred to Tule Lake in the transfer movement now being planned except that any segregated parolee or family member of a segregated parolee who has been reclassified to I-A in Selective Service should not be transferred at this time.

D. S. Myer

Director

cc: R. B. Cozzens
Robert Thurber
R. R. Best
W. R. Pitts

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In reply, please refer to:

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Manzanar, California

May 9, 1944

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Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Field Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
Sheldon Building
461 Market Street
San Francisco (5), California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Pursuant to the procedure prescribed in Administrative Notice No. 18, there is transmitted the following Report:

Report Form	Title	Period Ending
WRA - 322	Project Director's Weekly Report	May 6, 1944

117 boys for pre-induction physical examination and all 117 reported. Number of those who passed the examination is not yet known. Examination was completed on April 29.

Seymour Cahn, WRA chief examiner was brought here Saturday from Reno by Assistant Project Director Edward H. Hooper. Upon recovery from his illness, Cahn is expected to return to Washington.

69 more men are ready to leave Monday for furlough work on contract basis with the War Food Administration. They will work im Utah and Idaho. To date, a total of 206 men have gone out.

Reply Today RBC

The latest development in our dispute with the City of Los Angeles over the lease of hog ranch was sent to you last May 6th. Valley sentiment supports the viewpoint and policy of the War Relocation Authority.

Sincerely,

Ralph P. Merritt

Ralph P. Merritt
Project Director

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Mr. Leroy H. Bennett
Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We are arranging for Pfc. Thomas Higa to spend two days at Rivers after he completes his speaking tour outside the relocation centers, which is scheduled to end about September 25. Rivers will be his first engagement, according to our present plan. This means that he should arrive there some time during the last week in September.

As soon as we are able to complete a definite schedule for his relocation center visits, we will notify you concerning the projected date of his arrival at Rivers.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myer

Director

cc: Mr. Cozzens

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Rivers, Arizona

September 11, 1944

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Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Weekly Selective Service Report

Selective Service report for week ending September 9th follows with changes from preceding week:

1. Number called and number volunteering	373	110	483
A. No report for Selective Service	0	0	0
B. Accepted by Selective Service	267	110	377
(1) Inducted into Army	132	96	229
a. Enlisted Reserve Corps	28	47	75
b. Active Duty	104	49	153
(2) Refused Induction	0	0	0
(3) Class I-A	135	14	149
a. Relocated	102		102
b. On Project	33	14	47
2-(3) Released	3	0	3

Other categories remain same.

L. H. Bennett
L. H. Bennett
Project Director

CC: R. B. Cozzens

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Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

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Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

The attached is a report of G. Gordon Brown, Community Analyst, covering evacuee attitudes at Gila. Generally speaking, I would say it is a well written and accurate report. Unfortunately, most of the opinions are a result of investigations made during the time labor reductions were being made and segregation was being planned.

A reduction in employment did create a great deal of hard feeling, and to some degree, was rushed through because our budget did not permit continuation of all employees for a time long enough to satisfy the evacuee personnel. It is not correct that we failed to make every effort to convince the mess hall workers before the cut that this had to be done, as we held many meetings with the supervisors before setting an exact date.

The hospital situation has had so much written about it that it requires no more comment, except the fact that it is still a very serious problem. We have a three-way racial problem now: Negro, Japanese and Caucasian. A new hospital board is trying to re-establish confidence.

I have checked the statements about the Farm Division being arbitrary and am unable to find any case where actions of the appointed staff were discourteous. Mr. Rogers and his men report that they do not always say "please" when working with the farm crews, and the results on the farm and generally cooperative attitude of the farm employees would indicate that there is not a very intense feeling. Many of our farmers, of course, have had wide experience and operated larger farms than our appointed staff had ever been associated with. It is our opinion that to plant the crops the way your office desires them to be planted, spaced properly as to time and also as to location in fields, that it would be very difficult to turn the farm operation completely over to the evacuee personnel.

Upon reading Sections 6 and 7 of the report, you will note first that the chief questions do not have any concrete problems for the

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betterment of the situation here, which could be accepted under the present regulations. Too, the statement about the appointed staff's attitude, particularly that of race superiority, seems to be a very important point. Upon receipt of the report, I called all of the Division Heads together and we discussed the subject of discrimination. Again, this information pre-dates the new Councils, which are beginning to take hold and work closely with the staff. We are also trying to break down much of this feeling through closer association with the community, and I feel quite certain that an investigation made late in December would probably indicate great improvement.

The case of Reverend Ochi, of course, is one of complete misunderstanding. F.B.I. and O.N.I. had been following the activities of Reverend Ochi before he came here. Last spring they asked us if we wanted him removed, and we stated that we had nothing against him as far as we were concerned. Later, certain reports came to us which were investigated by the F.B.I. and O.N.I. and they felt he should not be here. I understand that he has had a hearing at Santa Fe, and the opinion of the investigative agencies was confirmed. In this case, W.R.A. had nothing to do with his removal.

Mr. Brown has made another excellent report on relocation which will be forwarded to you as soon as we have had a meeting to discuss it.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

Enclosure No. 44269
cc: Mr. Cozzens

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

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NOV 21 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. M. M. Tozier

Dear Mr. Myer:

We are sending you the enclosed news item which has been released to the following Arizona newspapers and radio stations: Arizona Daily Star, Arizona Republic, Tucson Daily Citizen, Coolidge Examiner, Coconino Sun, Mesa Journal Tribune, Stations KOY and KTAR, Associated Press and United Press Association.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Cozzens

NEWS ITEM November 20, 1944

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Words have been received from the War Department that the following boys whose parents or relatives live in the Gila River Relocation Center have been wounded in action in France:

Pfc. Jack Harada, son of Mrs. Oei Harada, and formerly of Vacaville, California, was wounded on October 29, 1944.

Cpl. Noboru Sakai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Genzo Sakai, and formerly of Clarksburg, California, was wounded on October 30, 1944.

Pfc. George Okazaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hachisaburo Okazaki, and formerly of Brentwood, California, was wounded on October 26, 1944.

Pfc. Akira Ito, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kozo Ito, and formerly of Santa Maria, California, was wounded on October 28, 1944.

Pvt. Sadato Nakagaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sadakichi Nakagaki, and formerly of Rio Vista, California, was wounded on October 28, 1944.

Sgt. Takeshi Sasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Sasaki and formerly of Monterey, California, was wounded on October 28, 1944.

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Pfc. Seiya Tanaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Tanaka, and formerly of Sanger, California, was wounded on October 30, 1944.

Pvt. Harry Mitsuji Yamamoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goro Yamamoto, and formerly of Selma, California, was wounded on October 30, 1944.

Pfc. Isamu Azuma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masahichi Azuma, and formerly of Los Angeles, California, was wounded on October 28, 1944.

Pvt. Kuno T. Iwanabe, son of Mrs. Kiku Iwanabe, and formerly of Los Angeles, California, was wounded on October 30, 1944.

Pfc. Joe Takeshi Masuda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gensuke Masuda and a brother of S/Sgt. Kazuo Masuda who was killed in action in Italy on August 27, 1944, formerly of Santa Ana, California, was wounded on October 29, 1944.

Pfc. Ted Satoru Sugimoto, son of Mrs. Masa Sugimoto, formerly of Fowler, California, was wounded on November 2, 1944.

Pfc. Masao Tsuboi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saichi Tsuboi, formerly of Fowler, California, was wounded on November 2, 1944.

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Cpl. Hideo Uyesaka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Uyesaka, formerly of Santa Barbara, California, was wounded on November 2, 1944.

Pfc. Yoneo Hamada, son of Tanekichi Hamada, formerly of Concord, California, was wounded on November 2, 1944.

Cpl. James Yoshio Morita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaichi Morita, formerly of Gardena, California, was wounded on November 2, 1944.

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Rivers, Arizona
February 26, 1945

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Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: B. R. Stauber, Chief Relocation Planning Division

Subject: Weekly Selective Service Report for Week ending February 24, 1945.

1. Number called and number volunteering since January 20, 1944.	632
A. No report from Selective Service.	0
B. Accepted by Selective Service.	470
(1). Inducted into Army.	327
(a). Enlisted Reserve Corps.	32
(b). Active Duty.	295
(2). Refused Induction.	0
(3). Class 1-A.	143
C. Rejected.	131
D. Refused to report for Physical.	0
E. Other.	0
F. Released from Army.	31
2. Number Arrested.	0
A. Charges Dismissed.	0

B. Awaiting Trial.	0
(1). In Jail.	0
(2). Released to center on bond.	0
C. Volunteered prior to Indictment.	0
D. Brought to Trial.	0
(1). In Process.	0
(2). Convicted.	0
(3). Released.	0
3. Volunteers for Physical Examination since January 20, 1944.	0
4. Volunteers Inducted into Army prior to January 20, 1944.	84

B. F. Runyan
Ass't. Project Director
Administrative Management Division

cc to: R.B. Cozzens

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Reports Office

APR 16 1945

Mr. Robert B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Twenty-four boys have reported for active duty, but one had been called before and was counted in our previous report. This brings to 939 the volunteers and draftees called to active duty whose relatives are living or have lived in Rivers.

Sincerely,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

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MAY 5 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: M. M. Tozier, Reports Division

Dear Mr. Myer:

The attached news releases have been sent to the West Coast hometown papers of Rivers' servicemen who recently have been casualties on the Italian battlefront.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Bennett

L. H. Bennett
Project Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Cozzens

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

May 4, 1945

Editor
Concord Transcript
Concord, California

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information is submitted for your consideration as a news release for publication.

Sincerely,

Ethel A. Fleming
Reports Officer

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tozier
Mr. Cozzens

N E W S I T E M

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Pvt. Katsumi Kaida, who formerly lived in your community and attended Mt. Diablo Union High School in Concord, was wounded in action on the Italian battlefront, April 16, 1945. He had relocated to Rossburg, Ohio and was employed there until he entered the army in April, 1944. His brother, Hideo is also with the Armed Forces overseas. His parents, who were engaged in farming near Concord before evacuation, are living in the relocation camp at Rivers, Arizona. A brother Katsumi has relocated to Ohio and his brother Katsuyoshi is now employed in New Jersey.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

May 4, 1945

Editor
Vacaville Reporter
Vacaville, California

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information is submitted for your consideration as a news release for publication.

Sincerely,

Ethel A. Fleming
Reports Officer

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tozier
Mr. Cozzens

N E W S I T E M

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Pvt. Kazuhiko Minamide, who formerly lived in your community, was wounded in action on the Italian battlefront on April 14, 1945. He graduated in 1939 from Vacaville Union High School where he was active in football, baseball, track and basketball. He has been in the army since November 6, 1941 and fought through the early Italian campaign, then in France, and only recently was returned to Italy where the Japanese-American Combat unit spearheaded the attack in the mountains of Italy. His brother Osamu Minamide and family are living in the relocation camp at Rivers, Arizona.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

May 4, 1945

Editor
Santa Maria Times
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information is submitted for your consideration as a news release for publication.

Sincerely,

Ethel A. Fleming
Reports Officer

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tozier
Mr. Cozzens

N E W S I T E M

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Pfc. Seiji Imamura who formerly lived in your community was seriously wounded on the Italian battlefront, April 16, 1945. He graduated in 1941 from the Santa Maria Union High School. In September, 1943, he entered Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan and was there until he entered the Armed Forces in April 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiakira Imamura and his sister Yemiko, are living in the relocatbn center at Rivers, Arizona.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

May 4, 1945

Editor
Sanger Herald
Sanger, California

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information is submitted for your consideration as a news release for publication.

Sincerely,

Ethel A. Fleming
Reports Officer

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Tozier
Mr. Cozzens

N E W S I T E M

Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

Pvt. Takashi Wada who formerly lived in your community has been wounded in action for the second time. The first injuries were received on July 6, 1944 and he was wounded on the Italian battlefront on April 15, 1945. He has been in the army since February, 1942 and went overseas with the now famous 442nd Japanese-American Combat team. He fought through the early Italian campaign, then in France, and recently was returned to the Italian battlefront where the Japanese American unit spearheaded the attack which opened the way to Bologna. Pvt. Wada graduated in 1938 from Sanger Union High School where he was a member of the basketball team. His mother, brother George and sisters Mary and Faye are living in the relocation center at Rivers, Arizona.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 14, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

DEPARTURES

Of the 60 terminal departures during the week, 33 were aliens, 9 complete families departed totaling 30 people. There were 18 short term leaves to California. The destinations of the terminals were:

Los Angeles, California	7
Selma, California	6
San Jose, California	6
Parlier, California	6
Chicago, Illinois	6
Denver, Colorado	4
Sterling, Idaho	4
Redwood, California	3
Inglewood, California	3
Cleveland, Ohio	2
Gunnison, Utah	2
Phoenix, Arizona	1
Salt Lake City, Utah	1
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1
Tooele, Utah	1
Caldwell, Idaho	1
New York City	1
Detroit, Michigan	1
Rocky Ford, Colorado	1
Des Plains, Illinois	1
Pasadena, California	1
Stockton, California	1
Total	60

The "sign-ups" during the past week increased about 30% with Canal showing decided activity with sixty-three cover sheets being processed there. The arrival of Mr. Tanaka for the purpose of recruiting bachelors, principally, for the Leonard Brothers Farms at Parlier, California, has stirred up considerable interest in this group. It appears likely that he will be able to hire the total number he is seeking - forty.

Assistant Block Managers

Harold Asami and Teizo Yahanda, Central Block Managers for Butte and Canal respectively, state as a result of canvassing Block Managers that there is a unanimous feeling that Assistants should be selected at once. Their responsibilities were discussed at a meeting attended by Earl Goodman, Shelly, Asami, Yahanda and myself. Their principal duty will be one towards relocation, working with personnel of Relocation and Welfare, Community Management, Block Managers, Central Block Managers and District chairmen.

In addition to performing a limited number of Block Clerk tasks they will be in the main responsible for the distribution and display of post-exclusion information such as resettlement assistance pamphlets, Field Bulletins, special mimeographed job offers or any other data which we need to disseminate in blocks generally or specifically in barracks. They will also be invaluable as we seek to spur locality group thinking. Leaders can be brought together and assisted in their planning by our offices as well as by determinations made by California Relocation Offices.

Relocation Staff Meeting

The Staff Committee met again on Thursday. The California sentiment trends were reviewed in the retrospective of rumors and verified facts. A Mr. T. was reported as being molested by a marine in Watts which is being currently checked by the Los Angeles District Office. The cropping out again of rumors about Dr. Suda at Fresno were disclosed as falsifaction by the WRA office. At the same time it is true that shots were fired at the S. Sakamoto house in Fresno. Relocation Officer Eric Thomsen of Santa Barbara intermates that his former evaluation of sentiment in Santa Maria and Guadalupe may have been too bleak. His commentaries about short term visits to this area are extremely desirable for project guidance.

Mrs. Fleming sketched for the Committee the manner in which materials and visual aids are distributed to the communities. A determination is being made by the Reports Office as to the use of the various data in an effort to chanelize them where they will be most effective.

Your letter "What V-E day means" came up for heated discussion. After a few of the members were excused to attend another meeting a poll was taken which revealed that nearly all of the remainding members considered the publication of it advisable.

A portion of the time was spent in discussing the implications of our "segregee problem". The fact that there has not been a solution of this vexing problem has been as disturbing to evacuee leaders as well as to members of our staff.

Districting was also discussed. There are now six districts in both communities designated as case loads for as many Assistant Relocation Advisers. Introductions to individual Block Managers and later to their assistants in block offices will be made shortly.

Reverend Kyogoku has met with former Buddhist church members of Fresno both in Canal and Butte. It seems probable that hostel will be established at Fresno which will be operated by Reverend and Mrs. Fujinaga of Block 29. Cots, Mattresses, linen and pillows available at this project are needed to improvise the facilities for this hostel.

Phillip McVey was able to induce Sgt. Tsubota, a Burma veteran, to speak to the High School students in Canal. Talks of this sort is what we may need in bringing about some straight forward thinking on future planning.

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

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AIR MAIL

Miss Elizabeth Vickers, CHICAGO
Through Project Director, Colorado
River War Relocation Project.

My dear Miss Vickers:

In response to a letter from me, Mrs. Staupers, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, Inc., advised that she is in touch with you relative to colored graduate nurses. In view of this, no further effort will be made to contact Mrs. Gaines. I doubt if she could help any at this time in that I had already called the Colored Graduate Nurses Association and the Provident Hospital, which has a school for colored nurses.

You may be interested in knowing, however, that there is a Mrs. Bessie Rice, colored nurse, who is very much interested in assignment at Poston. She does not wish to go unless she is assured that there will be other colored nurses there. She seems to be very nice and has a good disposition. We have been favorably impressed with her personality. You may wish us to get in touch with Mrs. Rice relative to her being appointed if you secure colored nurses but do not have enough. I shall be very glad to get in touch with her and am sure she can report for duty within a reasonable length of time. It would be appreciated if you

will advise me as to how successful you are in securing the number of colored nurses you wish so that further efforts can be made by this Office if you are not successful.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) SALLIE JEFFRIES

Sallie Jeffries,
Director of Nursing.

cc - Project Director, WRA

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Mayor's Office
J. ALBIN ANDERSON, JR.
Mayor

City of
SPRINGFIELD
Massachusetts

THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

May 28, 1945

Mr. L. H. Bennett, Project Director
Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

About four months ago Charles G. McCallister of the War Relocation Agency in Hartford, Connecticut came to Springfield to seek the assistance of the community in relocating loyal Japanese Americans in the Springfield area. A competent committee was chosen and despite some initial, uncontrolled unfavorable publicity, the committee has met with considerable success in preparing the community for reception of some of the dislocated citizens.

Approximately twenty-eight offers of jobs have been received to date, including positions as farmers, houseman and housewife, shoe cobblers, and even offers of small neighborhood businesses. The local Morris Plan bank has offered to furnish financial assistance in taking over small neighborhood businesses.

We have arrived at a point where the local activity is running much in advance of cooperation from the federal agency. We feel that the time has arrived when it would be most advantageous for you to send one of your Japanese-Americans to the Springfield area for the purpose of getting the ground knowledge of the situation so that he may take it back to the center with the expectation that he may persuade a group to come to this area.

Unless some step like this is taken shortly, we fear that the community at large may get the erroneous impression that there is no longer a problem of relocating these citizens.

Your early and favorable reply to this request will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. Albin Anderson, Jr.

J. ALBIN ANDERSON, JR.
Mayor

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Opportunities at Guilford, Conn. (14 miles from New Haven, Conn.) sent by Miss Frances Montgomery who formerly taught in Butte High School.

One of these men is a former newspaper man who has, in that capacity, traveled the entire world, made a leisurely foot tour of Japan eating in their homes--even raw fish!!!---sleeping on their straw mats. He is not even prejudiced against the citizens in the old country. His wife was a social worker before their marriage and they feel no lines he says. He had a poultry farm and wished to pay $100 to $150 (not each) and quarters with radio, light, bath, chicken and eggs for table, garden plot for an old couple up to 60 years who'd be sober, steady and willing to stay pretty close to the job--yes, access to their swimming pool too. Could have one high school student. If the high school student cared to work, he could at extra pay. The work was to be light--gathering eggs several times a day, grading, packing and the man would in addition do feeding and if the man could drive and use enough English to deliver eggs sold wholesale (no retail business) he could come on toward the $150.00 wage. He wants someone permanent and says they could work on to 80 or 85 years if able to get around. Could use couple with only enough English to understand instructions, and anxious for good, steady, interested old couple. I thought too that a veteran on medical discharge might do. Yes, he also needs a man extra.

Mr. Charles Bishop has 80 Acres of apple orchard and 25 acres of vegetables. He needs couple or family--no--he has quarters for family--the man to work is what he wants and pays $100.00 per month and swell living quarters on a real New England farm, beautiful--he showed me snap shots of it. He pays $100.00 per month and quarters which are on the second floor of a wing of his New England mansion--living room (12' x 24') dining room, bath and two bedrooms--all hardwood floors,--furnishes lights, hot and cold water, radio, central heating plant. Fruit and vegetables from farm furnished in season, plot for garden. If wife cared to work in home they need her and would pay by hour at the standard community rates same as non-Japanese. They could have one or two children--if a high school girl the city editor would like her to help if she wants work.---either by hour or stay in editor's home. Man must understand pruning, speak English, drive truck and tractor.

Both men said there'd be no problem with attitude of other help--or he'd fire any who didn't like working with the "Japanese".

A dairyman would furnish seven room quarters, 2 qt. milk daily and pay $150.00 for dairyman who understood cows. He would teach him the milking machine. The poultry man said he could teach all they need know--they don't need any knowledge of poultry.

All insist the jobs are post-war permanent. They seemed like nice fellows. If you know any interested people I'd be very glad to go to the farm and look for them, and Dr. Hart or Mr. Leanord would go along to give an opinion.

Relocation

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Gila River Project
Rivers, Arizona

August 1, 1945.

AIRMAIL

Dillon S.Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Submitted herewith is the second semi-monthly report on the progress of our program to close Canal. This report covers the period from July 14 to July 29 inclusive.

Interviewing program. The program of interviewing persons whose current relocation plans were not previously known to the Relocation Division was completed on July 19. The results of the interviews in the five blocks which were not included in our previous report are tabulated on the enclosed tables. Although three of the five blocks interviewed in the last week of the program appeared to contain a relatively high percentage of people who are thinking positively regarding their own relocation plans, it is impossible to know whether this fact indicates a trend or an accidental circumstance.

As a result of their experiences in the Interviewing program,the members of the Canal Relocation staff are agreed upon the following general conclusions:

a. Most Canal residents have accepted the fact--though in many cases with considerable reluctance--that the Camp is going to close.

b. Virtually no one believes that the WRA schools will reopen on the Project this fall, as many of the skeptics insisted several months ago. Those family heads who still insist they are not going to relocate now use the argument, "Security is more important than education," when asked what they propose to do about their children's schooling. This is a viewpoint which is not shared by the younger generation, however. In several cases, teen age children objected strenuously

when one of their parents made a statement of this nature, insisting that they were going to see to it themselves that their education was continued, regardless of what their parents do.

c. No organized opposition to the center closing program has formed as yet. The Canal Community Council leaders are adhering strictly to an official policy of cooperation with the closing order, although insisting still that the closing order is WRA policy, not the people's program, and that the primary responsibility for relocation rests with the WRA and not with the residents themselves. They maintain further that it will be impossible to relocate all the people on schedule and estimate that there will be 1000 people in Canal on October 1. It is interesting to note, however, that the same men who are now making this prediction are the ones who argued six months ago that not more than 2% of the people in Canal (at that time) would relocate.

On the other hand.....

d. It is apparent that a very large percentage of the residents do not wish to relocate and are clinging tenaciously to the hope that something will happen to extend the life of the camp. This is true even of a large number of those who are classified in Group I. The attitudes and rationalizations adopted by such people vary a great deal from person to person. Many apathetically state that they have no relocation plans and are making none. Some assert that they are loyal to Japan, hence relocation is unthinkable. One such man, who is not on the segregee list, is known to have written the Western Defense Command giving his views on the international situation and suggesting that he be reclassified. Others claim that as a matter of principle they will resist relocation until they are properly recompensed for losses inflicted upon them at the time of evacuation. One man said, "When I entered the Assembly Center the Army forced me to sell my fine car. For three years I have been watching Caucasians drive it around the Center. Now I will not relocate until it is returned to me."

e. The vast majority of residents are firm in their refusal to consider any except a few localities, all within the state of California, as acceptable

places for relocation. This fact is disturbing because of the continued dearth of satisfactory job offers from California. Although your teletype of June 18, announcing the date for closing Canal, states, "Recently we have been offered many fine group relocation opportunities... on the Pacific Coast," and the Northern California Resettlement News dated July 12 announces, "Large agricultural operators, most of whom supply quarters for workers, continue to offer job opportunities...", we have not received any group employment offers for farm families from California offices in the past two months. Furthermore, the reports we have received from the District offices in California during the past two weeks do not offer much encouragement for the large scale relocation of farm families during the next 60 days. For example, from San Jose, "Jobs available but housing desperate," from Sacramento,"All the large farm and cannery operators have contracts with the WFA for Mexican labor for the remainder of 1945," from Visalia,"Cannot place any Japanese farm laborers here; there is a surplus of labor," from Los Angeles, "No farm offers for referral to the Centers. Domestic jobs available only to experienced single people and childless couples," and from Monterey, "No Housing."

Relocation Office Organization. With the completion of the block interviews the Advisers will continue to operate with teams of two in each of the three districts. The Relocation Adviser will devote a larger proportion of her time to supervisory functions than to family interviewing, now that she is able to turn most of her counselling duties over to Assistant Advisers. The advisers who conducted the block interviews have set up card files in which they have classified all the families in their district into one or more of the following categories:

a. Leave clearance cases. These include segregees who want to be cleared and excludees who want to return to California. On July 21 an airmail letter was sent to Mr. Cozzens requesting that steps be taken to expedite action on these cases.

b. Persons whose resettlement plans are awaiting action by relocated members. In such cases letters are being written to the District Relocation Officers in the areas where the relocated members are living with the request that followup work be undertaken in the

field.

c. Persons who have advised us that they are making their own relocation plans and desire no help from WRA. "Call-in dates" are assigned to these persons, at which time inquiry will be made regarding the progress of their plans.

d. Persons who are interested in obtaining relocation opportunities in particular areas. Summaries are being sent to the appropriate District Relocation Officer. In the case of the people who wish to relocate in the Fresno, Sacramento, Stockton, Los Angeles and San Jose districts, this information has been condensed into tabular form and submitted to the Relocation Officers. More detailed information will be forwarded in individual letters on the families concerned.

e. Persons who are seeking particular types of jobs or relocation situations. Each district maintains an up-to-date job offer file from the daily mimeographed sheets supplied by the Reports Office. As new job offers come in the card files are checked and persons who might qualify for a particular opening are called in for an interview.

f. Persons who appear to need financial assistance. Such cases are referred to the Welfare Section where they will be called into the office and advised what type and amount of assistance they will be eligible for upon relocation. Since the Canal Welfare Section completed preparation of all of their dependency summaries on July 20, they are now in a position to devote a larger proportion of their time to this type of work.

Accurate records are being kept of all contacts with family heads. If any Canal residents have not relocated by October 1, it will not be because they have not been offered every available assistance by the project staff.

Sincerely,

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Douglas M.Todd
Project Director

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APPENDIX---EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES.

Each case is classified into one of the following five categories:

Group I. Those who appear to be developing effective relocation plans on their own initiative, and in all probability will leave before October 1 with a minimum of assistance or encouragement from WRA.

Group II. Leave clearance cases, including segregees who do not wish to change their status, segregees who wish to be cleared, and excludees who have applied for a change of status and intend to relocate in California if cleared.

Group III. Those who maintain that they cannot relocate until certain peculiar problems are solved, or that they will relocate only to a particular locality or under particular employment or other conditions.

Group IV. Those who refuse to recognize that relocation by October 1 is imperative and insist that they intend to remain in the Center indefinitely.

Group V. Those who claim that their age or physical condition makes it impossible to relocate successfully without some type of continuing financial assistance. All such cases are referred to the Welfare Section for further investigation.

TABLE I---BLOCK TOTALS

	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 26	Block 27	
Group I	6 fam. 14 ind.	11 fam. 33 ind.	16 fam. 35 ind.	8 fam. 17 ind.	13 fam. 27 ind.	54 fam. 126 ind.
Group II	1 fam. 3 ind.	3 fam. 6 ind.	2 fam. 6 ind.	1 fam. 6 ind.	2 fam. 7 ind.	9 fam. 28 ind.
Group III	10 fam. 29 ind.	4 fam. 19 ind.	9 fam. 37 ind.	7 fam. 19 ind.	5 fam. 15 ind.	35 fam. 119 ind.
Group IV	2 fam. 12 ind.	1 fam. 1 ind.	3 fam. 13 ind.	4 fam. 11 ind.	1 fam. 1 ind.	11 fam. 38 ind.
Group V	5 fam. 12 ind.	2 fam. 5 ind.	5 fam. 6 ind.	4 fam. 7 ind.	5 fam. 19 ind.	21 fam. 49 ind.
TOTALS	24 fam. 70 ind.	21 fam. 64 ind.	35 fam. 97 ind.	24 fam. 60 ind.	26 fam 69 ind.	130 fam. 360 ind.

GRAND TOTAL 464 fam.
1245 ind.

TABLE II---GROUP TOTALS

GROUP I

185 Families

447 Individuals

GROUP II

31 Families

106 Individuals

GROUP III

155 Families

415 Individuals

GROUP IV

68 Families

186 Individuals

GROUP V

45 Families

91 Individuals

GRAND TOTALS

464 Families

1,245 Individuals

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Rivers, Arizona
August 31, 1945

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Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Teletype Message No._____

Attention: B. R. Stauber, Chief Relocation Planning Division

Subject: Monthly Selective Service Report for Month ending August 31, 1945

1. Number Called and Number Volunteering since January 20, 1944				688
A. No Report from Selective Service			0	
B. Accepted by Selective Service			505	
1. Inducted into Army		367		
a. Enlisted Reserve Corps	10			
b. Active Duty	357			
2. Refused Induction		0		
3. Class 1-A		138		
C. Rejected			147	
D. Refused to Report for Physical			0	
E. Other			0	
F. Released from Army			36	

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2. Number Arrested			0
A. Charges Dismissed		0	
B. Awaiting Trial		0	
1. In Jail	0		
2. Released to Center on Bond	0		
C. Volunteered prior to Indictment		0	
D. Brought to Trial		0	
1. In Process	0		
2. Convicted	0		
3. Released	0		
3. Volunteers for Physical Examinations since January 20, 1944			0
4. Volunteers Inducted into Army prior to January 20, 1944			84

W. G. Graham

Finance Officer

to:R.B.Cozzens
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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REPORT OF THE STATUS OF QUARTERMASTER SUPPLY,

GILA RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT

In compliance with par. 1 c (2) Special Order No. 304, Headquarters Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California, dated November 5, 1942, the following report as to the status of Quartermaster Supply at Gila River War Relocation Project as of 1450 PWT, 14 November 42 is submitted herewith:

a. The Acting Project Director, Mr. R. B. Cozzens, stated to the undersigned that his Project had received, to the best of his knowledge, all initial items of Quartermaster property that the Quartermaster, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army was required to supply in compliance with agreement contained in par. 6, Memorandum of agreement between the War Department and War Relocation Authority dated April 17, 1942.

b. All Quartermaster property was received in serviceable condition suitable for immediate issue except for 150 cots, steel, which needed repairs. All have been repaired and issued except for 60 which need more extensive repairs than can be provided at the present period of settlement. There was also one 15 gallon stock pot which was received in a condition beyond repair.

c. 150,000 type B Rations plus perishables were received in good condition from the San Bernardino Branch of the California Quartermaster Depot.

d. The Acting Project Director has a clear understanding that it is his responsibility to provide for the maintenance and replacement of Quartermaster property on hand at his Project.

R. M. PETERSEN
Captain, Q.M.C.
Quartermaster Representative

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HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster
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REPORT OF THE STATUS OF SUPPLY, QUARTERMASTER PROPERTY AT WAR RELOCATION PROJECTS

1. Has your project received all initial items of Quartermaster property that the Quartermaster, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, was directed to supply as per agreement contained in Paragraph 6, Memorandum of Agreement between the War Department and War Relocation Authority, dated April 17, 1942?

Yes

2. Did Quartermaster property arrive in a serviceable condition?

No

3. Is it understood that no Quartermaster maintenance was to be provided your project?

Yes

4. Did your project receive 10 days Type "B" Rations per estimated population of your center?

Yes

5. If the answer to question 1 or 2 is in the negative, what specifically are your shortages and/or actual breakage or damage?

150 cots, steel, needed repairs before issuance. Approximately 60 need more extensive repairs than can be accomplished until things are more settled. 1 15 gallon stock pot was received in condition beyond repair.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the Quartermaster, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, has furnished this project the authorized allowance of Quartermaster property and Type "B" Rations in a serviceable condition.

(signed)
Acting Project Director

WRA Project Gila River

Date November 14, 1942

Witness:

(signed)
R. M. Peterson
Capt., QMC

(signed)
Frank W. Harding
Chief Project Steward

(signed)
John C. Henderson
Housing & Employment
Officer

MONTHLY REPORT
PROJECT SAFETY COUNCIL
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 1945

1. Five Motor Vehicle accidents occurred during the month. Facts are as follows:

   a. January 13, 1945: Ford Panel 7-2, used as evacuee bus between Rivers and Phoenix, driven by Sam Kawahata was involved in a three-way collision and damage done to left-hand rear fender and bumper. The report of the Arizona Highway Patrol place blame for accident upon driver of other vehicle. We are negotiating for the repair of Government vehicle without cost to Government.

   Recommendation by Safety Council: None, driver blameless.

   b. January 18, 1945: Plymouth pickup 2-10, driven by Tsuneo Katayama, collided with telephone pole, damaging headlight, fender, tire, door window, and spring. Estimated damage $4.00. Driver did not have driver's license and was driving by authority of Ernest W. Kennedy.

   Recommendation by Safety Council: Supervisor requested to warn appointive employee not to permit anyone to drive without a permit. Survey recommended to determine pecuniary responsibility.

   c. January 19, 1945: G. I. Cargo 3-14 driven by Kazuo Inusuka bumped the rear of truck 3-60 driven by T. Hozaki, damaging headlight and fender of 3-14. Estimated damage $2.00.

   Recommendation of Safety Council: Supervisor requested to war evacuee to use utmost care. To cancel driver's permit in future when it is determined that accident involves negligence.

   d. January 19, 1945: G. I. truck 3-8 driven by Shig Hisatomi backed into parked vehicle 2-43, damaging headlight. Estimated damage $2.00.

   Recommendation of Safety Council: Supervisor requested to warn evacuee to use utmost care. To cancel driver's permit in future when it is determined that accident involves negligence.

   e. January 20, 1945: Car 1-27 driven by Arthur L. Griswold, was struck by another car in Phoenix. Damage is negligible. No negligence.

2. Only one fire occurred with facts as follows:

   M. P. Checking Station House burned down. Fire occurred at 4:20 am, January 4, 1945, as the result of an explosion of an oil stove. This was prior to arrival of the WRA Gate Clerk. No WRA employee was in anyway negligent in connection with the

fire and resultant losses. Survey has been approved.

Loss was as follows:

1 building	$60.00
1 cooler, Palmer	37.50
1 telephone, wall type	12.00
1 burner, oil, Preway	15.00
	124.50

No Recommendations.

3. Other accidents:

No other accidents occurred during the month.

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Executive Secretary
Project Safety Council

Approved: B. F. Runyan
Chairman
Project Safety Council