

Grodzins on way to Washington
Report #2
September 17, 1942 5:30 P. M.

I have spent the entire day talking to Larry Tajiri, managing editor of The Pacific Citizen. Though working for the JACL, Tajiri enjoys the respect and confidence of all Nisei that I know. He deserves it. He is highly intelligent and articulate. At the same time, he possesses a complete coolness; he is entirely dispassionate as he discusses evacuation.

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet Tajiri, but was ~~disappointed~~ disappointed in the fact that he had virtually no data on pressure group activity that I didn't already have. He was most helpful in giving me the names of people that I ought to see. These are:

1. George Knox (Is this Ruth Stanislaus' man?) of Los Angeles. Knox is now in jail on a contempt charge growing out of some pro-Japanese broadcasts that he made just prior to evacuation. He is well acquainted with Los Angeles politics and the entire Southern California situation, but, according to Tajiri, is too biased in favor of the Japanese to be a reliable informant. Nevertheless, of course, he could be useful. Knox is supposed to have attended a meeting of the Los Angeles County Defense Council at which Mr. Cecil of the State Agricultural ~~Department~~ Department ~~is supposed to have~~ said that members of the Associated Farmers were arming Filipinos and getting them drunk, then urging them to go after the Japs. Also, Cecil declared that the Associated Farmers had refused to plant some of their crops until the Japanese were moved. The result of this conference was the opinion that the Japanese had to be moved or ~~they would~~ be massacred.

~~or they would be massacred.~~

2. John Anderton of Los Angeles. Anderton is a close friend of John B. Hughes and an anti-Japanese. He might have been influential in converting Hughes ~~so early~~ so early, ~~but~~ It is probable that Anderton, in turn, was encouraged by farming interests.

3. John Lichner, prominent and active anti-Japanese leader of Los Angeles.

4. Reporters Cohee and Jenson of the ~~Los Angeles~~ Daily News, ~~and~~ Fred Chase of the Herald Express and Chuck Bernstein of the City News Bureau, all of Los Angeles. One or more of these men attended virtually all of the defense council meetings. Chase and Bernstein are sympathetic towards the Japanese.

5. Mike Masuoko in Washington. I was going to see Mike in any case. ~~but~~ While I was in the office, he called from Washington and Tajiri gave me a good introduction.

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Tajiri was ~~and~~ very much interested in our study, especially the public opinion question. He said he had thought of doing the ~~same~~ same sort of thing. Wanted to find "the man who pushed the button" to start ~~initial~~ evacuation, but had come to the conclusion that no single man had. He offered ~~assistance~~ to cooperate in any way possible and promised to send any material that he thinks might be useful. Tomorrow he is leaving on a five day trip to Heart Mountain, and I sorrowfully turned down his invitation to go along. But he ~~said~~ said he would be glad to ~~take~~ take a swing through the Utah and Wyoming camps anytime I have the time. He introduce me to his wife and to George

their mailing list but I suppose that they want \$.25 for this piece. I think we ought to have it.)

In all, I think I made a valuable contact today, though the material received is unimpressive. ^{Now} ~~that~~ that Tajiri knows what we want, he promises to ~~keep his eyes open and~~ keep his eyes open and to keep us informed.

Yesterday afternoon on the train, I entered a soldiers' poker game with an idea of scaring up a conversation on the Japanese. Academically, the idea was a bust. ~~Financially~~ Financially, it wasn't. I won three bucks and couldn't lose it back no matter how hard I tried. So I bought them all a ~~small~~ drink. Total gain: one dime. The boys were all non-~~Californians~~ Californians: an Italian from ~~California~~ New Jersey; a Jew from New York; a Swede from Montana; ~~and a nondescript from Iowa.~~ a nondescript from Iowa. They didn't know anything about the Japanese ~~and simply weren't interested.~~ and simply weren't interested.

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Last night, coming from Ogden I met one, Ed. S. ~~Aki~~ Akamine, just out of Tanforan and on his way to the University of Nebraska through the efforts of the Student Relocation Committee. We talked for an hour. He told me of a Dr. Dunbar who has collected a ~~large~~ mass of material through visits to all the Relocation Centers. ~~He~~ will send us her address which he had in his luggage that had been sent ahead. He also said that someone was making a survey of the Hawaiians who were caught by evacuation. He's ~~an~~ ~~interested~~ ~~person~~

an Islander, himself, and will therefore get the results which he will send.

He liked Tanforan, as a whole. He didn't work ~~hard~~ and didn't study, "Just romanced and played." He always had something to do and apparantly would have been ~~happy~~ satisfied except for the fact that he knew he was penned in.

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Thursday

Sept 17

Dear Dorothy -

Pardon the mess enclosed. I had to do it in a hurry to make my train, which at the latest report is only an hour late. If I come back without this infernal typewriter it probably won't be because someone pinched it. I'm almost ready to pitch it out of this ninth ^{story} ~~floor~~ window.

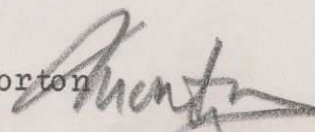
My railroad ^{and hotel} adventures yesterday make pretty history. The Challenger was two hours late getting into Ogden and consequently I missed the connection to Salt Lake. I decided to ~~take~~ the 10:30 rather than staying in Ogden over night. But the ten thirty didn't leave until twelve fifteen. Which meant I didn't get to the Salt Lake Station until one twenty. Then a wait for a cab and a ride to the hotel. No rooms! Dash outside. No Cab! More wait. New ride and new hotel. Still no rooms. But this time Grodzins is smarter and cab is waiting. Repeat same thing once more. Fourth hotel has one double room. ~~But \$3.30~~ But \$3.30. Grodzins is too weak to say No. I'll have fun with the Comptroller's office.

Added ~~another~~ catastrophe: I dropped my best pipe while walking ~~between~~ between cars. It landed ~~in a~~ in a ~~hole~~ crack and ^{ended} ~~landed~~ on the tracks.

I'm enjoying myself ~~again~~. But I'm already getting nostalgic. How are you?

In a great hurry,

Morton



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Monday, September 21, 1942

Dear Dorothy,

The journey from Salt Lake City to Chicago differed from the Berkeley-Ogden jump in only one way. There was a younger batch of wives on the second run. Instead of having ~~Q~~ ^Q crying babies, they were all pregnant. This train, in contrast to the other two, is positively luxurious.

Chicago was the usual run-around of relatives, relatives and still more relatives. I was ~~glad~~ glad to see my mother and dad, brothers and sister --- but am very ^{happy} ~~happy~~ to be on my way again. Each time I see Chicago ~~and~~ it impresses me as being bigger and dirtier than it ^{was} ~~and~~ the last time.

I rode the last day into Chicago with no less a personage than Theodore Dreiser. He was much impressed by the fact that I recognized him (I didn't tell him that I thought he was Upton Sinclair for a moment), ^{and} ~~he~~ talked volubly and freely. When I told him that I thought they had made a lousy moving picture of The American ~~Tragedy~~ Tragedy, he growled "Young man, I made that picture, myself" He thought that the Japanese were the least Americanized of all foreign groups in America, including the Chinese. ~~But~~ But he thought we were going to be in one hell of a mess alienating ~~the entire Oriental~~ the entire Oriental

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population of the world by our attitude and at the same time doing nothing to cement permanent good relations with the Russians. The Russian form of government ~~was~~ the only ~~very~~ decent kind and the United States ~~has~~ just better prepare itself for a Soviet. All told, very interesting stuff. He gave me his address and asked me to visit him in Los Angeles.

Before I forget: My Washington address will be:

c/o Walther, 25 East Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Md.

Your news about Embree sounds swell to me and ~~that~~ ^{Committee} the decision of the Institute almost too good to be true. I will, of course, follow up as best I can with Embree. I still have the idea that we ought to get things from WRA according to some definite time sequence rather than all at once after the WRA folds up. The latter ^method ~~intentionally~~ leaves open the possibility that some things will disappear or that the people who take over ~~will~~ may be uncooperative ^{that} or a rapidly changing personnel at the very end may just lose us. ~~or~~ If Embree seems receptive, I'll broach the problem.

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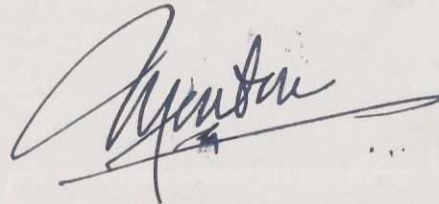
Only interesting comment on the Japanese came in the crowded dining car Saturday. The ~~steward's~~ answer to the complaints of the customers was: "They have nine of our dining cars tied up feeding those JAPANESE ALIENS ~~as they~~ as they move them around the country." Chicagoans

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are just plain ignorant. They (my oldest brother and three clothing salesmen, for example) have no conception of 1) ~~the~~ the number of people involved; 2) the citizenship problem; 3) the activities or salary range of evacuee workers; or 4) the fact that Japanese off the coast are perfectly free. Furthermore, they were unanimously wrathful over the fact (about which they had known nothing) that Germans and Italian aliens on the coast were relatively unrestricted. What the Nisei need, more than anything else, is a good publicity agent. I am amazed at the lack of knowledge, yet at the same time, ~~the~~ great interest, that is shown by all the people to whom I talk.

Ruth joins me in sending best regards to you, W. I., Mrs. P., Virginia, and all the rest.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ruth', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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25 East Bradley Lane,
Chevy Chase, Maryland

September 23, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

With a late train and difficulties in getting settled, I didn't actually get to work until this morning. The results of the first day are enclosed.

At the end of my first day's work ~~here~~, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm with which our project was received and the large measure of cooperation promised and already demonstrated, but I was disappointed by the slimness of the Tolan Committee files. They are practically useless as far as the public opinion survey is concerned, but they do contain a great deal of interesting material on the activities of the Pacific Coast committees and of Congressman Tolan himself. In a few days I will send by registered mail samples of the more pertinent documents.

One thing that happened today disturbs me a little. Tolan's secretary had waiting for me an AP staff writer who had already written several paragraphs on the study, data for which she gathered from Radin's letter to Tolan about my coming. She even had Radin as the director of the study! I tried to dissuade her from using the story at all but was able to get only a statement to the effect that "The boss might not want to use it anyway." So, I corrected the errors in her version and had to let it go at that.

The one thing that I am most impressed with by the Tolan Committee and by Tolan's office is the high caliber of the personnel, which is reflected in their appreciation of the ultimate worth of our study. With their help, I have some hopes that the trip will not be in vain.

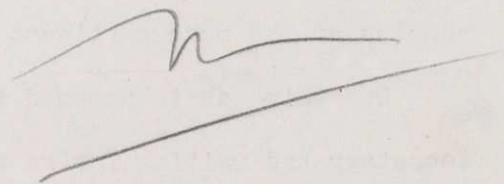
I would appreciate your sending me a half dozen copies of one of our project descriptions, perhaps the one we did for General Barrows and amended for Colonel Durbin. These people are very anxious to have file material on the study and I think such an exchange of data could be most useful.

It's midnight, so good night. Best regards to all and say at least one SKOAL for me.



P.S. Please ask George to forward our first class mail to me, care of Walther, 25 East Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Thanks



I think all this should be kept in the locked file.

September 25, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

After reading my report, you may infer that I am somewhat elated. If the boys in the Justice Department come through, I think I will have something. At the moment, though, I have ~~worries~~.

1. With the large amount of correspondence in the Justice Department files, I think I can safely depend upon this for the public opinion survey and forget about the mail to congressmen and senators. Many of these men sent all their mail to the Justice Department anyway. I ~~have~~^{will} of course, find time to interview the congressional leaders of the Pacific Coast Japanese committee and endeavor to get the reports in their files on the committee's meetings, recommendations, etc. But I don't see how I can find time to do much more with our congressional friends and enemies. Does this sound intelligent to you?

2. I have been given specific permission to copy the mail in the Justice Department files but once I discovered the other material mixed in with this mail, I assiduously avoided asking for permission about it. The questions arise:

(a) Do you want me to go ahead and try to get as much of this material as possible? (There are such things as ^a twenty page, single-spaced FBI report on the riot at Santa Anita, reports on meetings between the Army and the Department of Justice, and much material pertaining to the setting up of evacuation and internal camp conditions.)

(b) If you want me to go ahead getting this material can we finance the typing of it? Once started, I think I would be able to leave it ^{if necessary,} with the very competent person who is helping me with the work here. It might prolong my stay for perhaps a week longer than anticipated, but no longer than that. I cannot give any estimation of the actual extent of this extra material or of the money that would be needed since I only made a cursory examination of it and since I don't know how much they will actually allow me to copy. But do we have an extra hundred dollars at the maximum?

3. I intend to follow up as closely as possible my personal contacts with Ennis

and Gitlin and they have promised to introduce me to Roe^w (see yesterday's report re Roe^w). I then think I will tell Chernin of this whole matter and, if there are any loose ends, ask him to follow up. But I am a little worried that Chernin, now being an insider, may not be willing or able to push it along. Any advice?

4. After completing the survey of public opinion in the Justice Department files, after getting as clear a picture as possible of the relations between the Justice Department and the Army from Ennis and Gitlin and Roe^w, and after finishing my investigation of congressional activities, I think my present mission will be complete. Do you think of anything else? Is it advisable for me to try to take a crack at getting the Army's version? In this screwy town, nothing seems impossible.

If you have any advice to offer on the first three items above, I would appreciate a wire from you sometime Monday. The Justice Department is supplying me with space and typewriters but I cannot get in until Monday. Also, I am having lunch with Chernin Monday. If you don't think it important enough, forget about the wire-- but I feel that I need advice, especially on the picking up of extra material in the files. I will keep a carbon of this letter and you can wire your answers numbered and thus save wordage.

duplicate
P. S. I would have no objections to pilfering items from the Justice Department files, in my usual style. But I have been warned that one rip from the file means one year in jail. I don't mind leaving you if the Army calls, but you can't get furloughs from Alcatraz.

MG
MOND: MORN.

*FORGET ABOUT THE WIRE. THE
FIRST COPY OF THIS WAS LOST BY
THE GIRL OF THE HOUSE IN A TORRENTIAL
RAIN, SATURDAY MORNING. SHE JUST TOLD ME ABOUT IT - AND
I'M MA-AD! BUT NOTHING CAN BE DONE. STILL NEED ADVICE - R.*

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September 26, 1942

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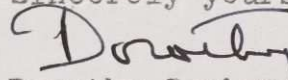
Dear Morton:

I was glad to get your letter of Sept. 23. We are enclosing the copies of the report you asked for. Your first approach to the Tolan Committee sounds interesting. I think you will have no trouble in getting Tom Clark to talk freely for he certainly did a lot of talking when he was out here.

Another thing has come up which I think will be important for Chernin to look into. Roy Nash has left Manzanar to head up the Brazil-Ecuador unit of the Board of Economic Warfare. He is supposed to leave Manzanar the end of September. He could certainly give a lot of useful information on such points as the relation of WRA to WCCA. I wish Chernin would get next to him as soon as possible and write up notes on his interviews.

The work here is going along very well and we will keep you informed. Everyone sends regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp
Encl.

September 29, 1942

Mr. Morton Grodzins
c/o Walther
25 East Bradley Lane
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is a copy of the Open Forum. The marked article has caused great excitement at Tule Lake. I checked with Max Radin who says that the House Joint Resolution 305, introduced by Anderson of California, proposing constitutional amendment depriving citizenship went to the Committee on Judiciary in April 1942, but has never reported back. Radin says the ACLU people must be in error and suggests that you check with Congressman Tolan.

Will you please send a night letter to Tom whose address is 413-A Tule Lake War Relocation Project, Newell, California and tell him what you are able to find out from Tolan.

Hastily yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp
Encl.

September 29, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

I am collecting data fast and furiously now. Before I leave, I will put it all into a big box and express it to the Coast ~~with~~ ^{insuring} ~~it~~ ^{for} about \$10,000. Then if we lose it, we can all retire. Otherwise I will seclude myself and write a report that will take me Lord knows how long.

The Justice Department is impressed enough with our study to lend me the services of one girl full time. Damn nice of them I think. But I still need more secretarial help and I look forward to your message in regard to the extra money.

I am sending you the first five pages of what I consider an exceedingly important report, which is now just in the process of being copied. I know you will be interested in it. Unfortunately, the damn thing is not dated but it obviously falls about the first of February.

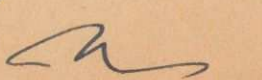
My best regards to everybody.


Morten

P.S. No mail has been forwarded from George. Will you ask him about it? I especially would like to receive my ^{pay} check.

30th

I have an appointment with Sen.
Homan's rep. this afternoon. Following
up Ford's lead.



September 30, 1942

Mr. Morton Grodzins
c/o Walther
25 East Bradley Lane
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Morton:

We have your reports 1-6 but note that ⁱⁿ you report #4 you said you would send me a brief and we would like to point out that this has not arrived.

I can see why you should be elated at your success with the Department of Justice. Please copy all the material you can get your hands on for I am quite sure we will never have such an opportunity again and don't worry about the expense of the typing for we can, of course, afford it.

Regarding your letter of September 25, I agree that if you interview the Congressional Leaders and get the reports in their files that will be OK. Point No. 2. Stay in Washington a week longer than you had planned if you need to for this material is obviously extremely important. Point No. 3. I agree that Chernin, being inside, may not be able to get as much as you, but I cannot give any advice. Point No. 4. Try the Army by all means although I am skeptical about your getting anything.

We will copy report No. 5 and will return it to you tomorrow. We will also enclose a letter from Embree and a copy of a letter I wrote Provinse yesterday. I wish you would try to straighten out this situation for me. It is obviously perfectly impossible for us to send our current reports, or for that matter, any of the reports to Embree and therefore I wish that Provinse would go on ahead and appoint his committee. I am getting into an embarrassing situation with regard to the Utah group anyway and the letter to Mr. Ernst is intended to forestall any further difficulties.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

Wednesday morning,
October 7, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

Things happened yesterday!

From the first I have ^{been} dissatisfied with the way in which we have had to brief the letters in the Justice Department files. The problem was one of covering the field in a very limited time and with limited resources. I had the choice of (1), getting a brief record of all the letters, or (2), picking a small sample and making an intensive survey of it. I chose the former method because I calculated that it was more important to try to trace the extent, the motivation and the forces behind public sentiment rather than to make a detailed analysis of the content of the letters that came in ~~as a result of the general public opinion.~~

Having once made that choice, I was unhappy about it. I was familiar with some of the elaborate analyses of congressional mail bags that have been made, and desired to do something along the same line. That is, actually to make statistical summaries of the letter writers' (a) reference to self, (b), reference to problem, (c), proposed solution, (d), racial or non-racial content, (e), ~~attitude toward~~ ^{other} democratic processes, and many other such interesting analyses that could be made of such a group of letters that would be both valuable in itself and no less valuable as a point of reference for other similar studies. But to do such an analysis takes time and I had no such time with all the interviewing that had to be done here.

Well, to make a long story short, I went to see Harold Lasswell yesterday morning (Bill Reno suggested it) and he was enthusiastic over this whole project, and gave me many valuable suggestions. When I left him, I was more than ever determined to do a content analysis and resolved that the only way it could be done was to have copied a sample of approximately 400 letters. Where I would get the money or the typists to do this, I had no idea.

Last night I had a brain storm. I was talking to Ennis about the relationships of the Justice and the War Departments, that story was pretty complete, it was 11:30 P.M., we were feeling good, and I proposed to him that he supply us with photostats of the sample letters that I wished, in return for which we would supply him with a confidential memorandum analyzing these letters on the line I have indicated above. Once this memorandum was supplied to him, the letters could be used by us in any way we saw fit. The memorandum ~~would~~ we would write for him, of course, is the memorandum we want for our own use.

To my great delight and, I confess, surprise, he accepted the offer and ^{he} will make at no cost to us photostats of approximately 500 letters which I will choose as a sample. I think the whole thing is a good deal.

Ennis really has no great interest in the analysis but does want to help us out. He will be in San Francisco, incidentally, on November 13, at which time (with your permission) I have promised to introduce him to you and to W. I., to buy him the tallest drink in town, and if he has time, to show him some of the material in our office.

In ~~from~~ our long interview last night, Ennis could add very little to the story I have put together from ~~the~~ files on the relationships ^{among} the War Department, ~~and~~ the Justice Department. Rather, he only expressed amazement at ^{and the Congressional delegations.}

how much I already had. The story is a long one and I will write it up in the evenings and hope to have a copy to you about the beginning of next week if no other night work intervenes.

I still have not been able to get Donald Young.

(Later! appointment for
4:30 p.m.)

Best regards to you all from Ruth and


Morton

P.S. We'll have plenty of work
for the Giamini statisticians now!
And it will be damned profitable
to us — I'm sure.

P.S.S. I'm keeping my fingers crossed
that nothing goes wrong in the photostating
process. Ennis said the photo. dep't.
might kick at such a large order.

P.S.S.S. With my 1,500 cards and
my 500 sample letters — we will really
cover this field. Then I would like to
do an analysis of a couple of sample newspapers,
& columnists within the same frame of reference.
(over)

D. S. S. S., H., Virginia!

Thursday morning, October 8, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

Senator Johnson's secretary is still giving me a runaround, but I did get a chance yesterday to finish my work in Congressman Costello's office. I also saw Donald Young at long last and we had a fine chat for over an hour. His work in the War Department, if you are interested, consists in straightening out problems of minority groups within the Armed forces and he says that the Japanese are a minor problem compared to the Negroes and the Jews. He works full time for the Army but manages to keep active in the Research Council's Office. He sends his regards to you and W. I., cordially invites you to come east before you go "entirely native," and seriously warns me against ever calling you "negativistic."

As if I ever thought of ~~that~~ *it!!*

Morton

October 9, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

The Justice Department work seems to be petering out and I am beginning an intensive round of interviewing. It is pleasant work, but I get tired of saying the same thing ^(over + over again) and I resent spending ^(short as f is) time cooling my heels in reception rooms. The enclosed report ^(short as f is) represents a long ^(short as f is) evening's work ^(short as f is) at home last night (with Ruth's assistance). I think it is damn interesting. I did it before the other report because I had Wallgren's files and did not want to take the time to make out cards for later analysis. I have all the raw data, however, and any further aspects of the file that you may be interested in can be easily put together.

Tentatively, I plan to leave here a week from tonight. Certainly I can leave no sooner and leaving then depends upon the speed of the interviews.

Best regards

Morton

[Handwritten signature]

DST

October 9, 1942

Dear Tom:

One part of my wire was incorrect. The Stewart bill has been reported favorably out of the Senate Committee and is now on the Senate calendar. No one knows, however, when or if it will be debated and even the most rabid California congressmen do not believe it will pass. The Anderson measure is completely buried as per the wire.

When I get back to Berkeley in two weeks, I can send you Q more detailed information about all this if you are interested. Now, however, I am swamped with work.

My best regards to you, Tomi, Frank, Michi, Jimmy and Harno.

Morton

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Dear Dorothy-

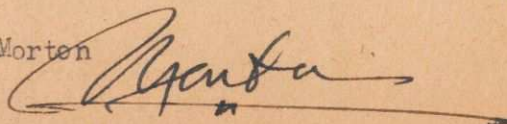
Ruth just called and informed me of the arrival of the extra \$100.00 for which I thank you. I was beginning to review my pawnable affects. But, really, I had implicit faith in you and the comptroller's office.

Saturday I visited Congressman ~~Elliot~~ Elliott's office. Elliott, next to Ford and Anderson, is the most rabid anti-Japanese man in Washington. The Congressman, himself, was out of town but his secretary was glad to turn over the files. But I had to have them back by 8:30 this morning. And what files! I worked on them the entire week-end. Elliott's particular working partner was one of the high officials of the SUNKIST citrus fruit distributing outfit and his particular interest was in getting Tulare County included in the ~~the Japanese War Relocation Authority~~ evacuated areas.

~~Public Safety, and the FBI~~ I have positive evidence that DeWitt refused to evacuate this area, as late as May 1. Elliott wrote his cohorts in Turlock ~~County after that~~ "to keep applying the pressure" and that he would work on "higher ups" in Washington. And you know what happened to the B zone of California. Bendtsen, of course, wrote Elliott that the evacuation of this zone was for reasons of "military necessity", but this letter is so obviously a cover-up that it even reads mealy-mouthed. I'm going to talk to Bendtsen when I get back to the coast.

Accept this in lieu of a report. All my stenographic help ~~has~~ (including Ruth) has deserted me this morning for one reason or another. And I have an appointment with Coffee of Washington up on the hill. Best regards to all. I will send you details of my return ~~my~~ itinerary as soon as I get it worked out.

Morton



P. S. Here's a new conundrum to
keep you up nights. Very strikingly -
many of the resolutions ~~of the~~ (for
complete evacuation) of the various
County Board of Supervisors read
WORD FOR WORD alike. Now
you might presume that these were
simply copied from the resolution
of the State County Supervisors'
Association. BUT - at least half
of the County resolutions were passed
before the state association met.

Question: 1) Who wrote the
resolution; 2) who ~~also~~ distributed
it?

Answer: ?

Saturday, October 3, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

I received your letter this morning and immediately called Embree. I have an appointment with him for 10:00 A.M. Monday morning. I will try my very best to convince him of the impossibility of his request. I like his innocence in saying that what he asks for now is ^Wjust for a starter." If he and Province had their way, we would all be working for the government sans salary.

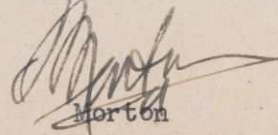
Thank you for permission to go ahead with extra typing. Among other things, I will now have typed the twenty page, single-space FBI report on the riot at Santa Anita. It's a damn interesting document and well illustrates personnel incompetency. With our own observations at Tanforan and with this, we can ultimately draw generalizations in regard to WCCA personnel.

Would it be possible for you to draw another "travel advance" bill (form 5) for \$100 for me immediately? It will be necessary for me to pay my typists before I leave and even if George sends my pay check, I may have difficulty in swinging it without the extra check.

The only reference to a brief in my report #4 that I find is to some material I briefed in the Tolson Committee office. I had not intended to send this to you until I package all the material and express it all in one lot. Do you have reference to some other brief that I may have promised? Is the plan to send all the material at once acceptable to you?

I called Donald Young's office this morning and made a tentative appointment through his secretary for early Tuesday morning.

I will let you know about further developments on all fronts.


Morton

P.S. I wired Tom last night re Anderson's bill. It is buried in the judiciary committee and no one expects it to ever come out. The State Department expressed its disapproval of it. Stewart's bill in the Senate (over)

occupied the same position.

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'M', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

October 13, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for the special delivery. You sound downright exalted. I can picture you ~~throwing~~ all your thyroid pills out the window--or sending them to Mr. Pomeroy.

I hope you are not disappointed when you actually see the material I have collected. And it is ironical that your letter of commendation came on the very day that I drew the most blanks, as far as gathering specific data is concerned (see attached report). All told, the material is highly suggestive and indicates definitely many of the things that we before only suspected. There will ^{be} plenty of work in California checking, following up and corroborating. If it comes out the way I ^{think it will} ~~hope it does~~, I do think we will have a ~~damn~~ interesting story and one well loaded with dynamite.

The Justice Department material is undoubtedly the best. I have briefed all ~~the~~ letters that I could find, amounting to approximately 1600. These, I think, constitute the greatest majority of letters, ^{The number itself,} ~~and~~ suggests strongly that the "flood of mail," ~~was~~ so frequently referred to in this matter, was only a moderate stream. There may be ~~some~~ more letters hidden away in the Justice Department's stinking filing system, but I have examined every conceivable heading and I am quite sure that we have missed very few. The analysis of the congressmen's files indicates the same thing. Leland Ford several times mentioned "several thousand letters a day." I am pretty sure he could not possibly have received more than 275 in all, and this I would put as a maximum figure and can back it up with documentation. The same thing holds true for the other congressmen.

As for the sampling of the Justice Department mail, I tried to get a fair distribution by getting as many ^{(as possible) (from the filing department)} files back and having photostated all those pertinent. All told, we have photostated no more than 300 letters. Because so many of them ran to two, three and four pages in length, we could not have any more done. But ~~they~~, I am positive, constitute a fair and a complete sample.

I will be glad to make the trip to Tule Lake with you but I am busting to get some of my ideas and impressions on paper. I feel as if I could write for three months without stopping, and I may do just that. But the Tule Lake trip, of course, can intervene.

Tomorrow I am going to see a representative of the Korean Society as well as the Washington representative of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Congressman Rolph's files showed both these organizations applied pressure here in Washington in addition to indulging in propaganda activities on the coast.

No more for now. Best regards to all.

Morton

The bosses I do not
think the filing dept. received more letters
than 100. " more than you
have found. " " The boys
downs fair consistly ~~of~~
over-rate the extent of
their mail. "

October 14, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

If the Ingebretsen thing (see attached report) works out, I may really have something. If it doesn't, it still is exceedingly suggestive, and he talked too much anyway. Will let you know tomorrow about it.

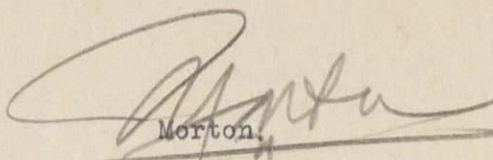
I plan to leave here Saturday night and go directly to Louisville. From what I can gather here in Washington, you will probably not have to write my draft board a letter for at least five or six months. But anxious as I am to get back to Berkeley, I do think it's a good idea to investigate the local situation. I don't think I will have to spend more than one day in Louisville, and from there will go to Chicago where I am going to have my decaying molars examined and repaired. This will probably take two days and I am making reservations for the Challenger leaving ^{Chicago on} Thursday, October 22nd. This will get me into Berkeley, Sunday, and I will see you Monday morning, if I don't call you Sunday night. You can get me at Louisville, if necessary, care of the University of Louisville, President's Office, and in Chicago at the ^{old} ~~same~~ address, 337 South Central Park Avenue. It may be necessary for me to stay ^{here} until Monday, ~~here~~ but in that case I will simply cut the Chicago stay by one day. I won't be entirely through here, but I think I can finish the rest through Chernin and through correspondence.

I am enclosing a rough outline of a report on the relationships between the congressional delegations, the Justice Department, and the Army. It is this that I will write up first. The outline is fuzzy and incomplete and it represents only a fraction of the total mass of data I have collected from the Justice Department people. But it is one of the most interesting segments and at the same time one of the most difficult to get anything definite on. I only made one copy, so don't lose it.

I am also enclosing a report on Japanese organizations that I found in one of the files and in which I think you will be interested. It belongs in the locked file and I am even persuading myself to believe that we ought to buy a safety deposit box

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in which to ^{put} ~~deposit~~ such things.


Morton.

P. S. I apologize again for the outline. I did it late at night and am anything but proud of it. I already see many corrections but I will not revise it until after I have received your suggestions and criticism.

~~P.S.S. After handling these from the~~
~~1st day~~

P.S.S. I have appointments for Thursday
with both Ass's't. Atty Gen. Rame
& Ass's't to the Sec. of War McCloy.
Hope I get something!

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PROVINSE ASSURES WRA MAKES NO DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME MATERIAL.
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FOR NEW SETUP. PROVINSE DOGED COMMITTEE BECAUSE WOULD HAVE
INCLUDE BATES WHOM HE DOESN'T TRUST THINKS KIMBALL GOOD MAN,
MCINTYRE TOO BUSY. WILL DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO SETTLE YOUR
PROBLEMS SHORTLY. WILL IMMEDIATELY FIX CLEARANCE OF SF
MATERIAL IM LEAVING, LETTER FOLLOWS=

MORTON.

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Sunday - Indianapolis
(waiting for Louisville train)

Dear Dorothy -

I hope my night letter helped clear up the situation at least a little — though I doubt it.

The essential trouble, I think, is that the WRA is a terribly constipated organization — shot through with interdepartmental jealousies — and Provinsor's slow thinking & slower action do nothing to help the situation.

I'm re: your request for
1) a committee. With some former Provinsor's
reply is: 1) He doesn't trust Bates &
McIntyre is too busy to serve — & these
two would have to be on any committee
set up. Therefore, he doesn't want one for
the moment. 2) He wants to delegate some
authority but he doesn't know yet ^{to whom}
to delegate it. No logical man, under

the present set-up, is Kim ball — and Province is very cloudy about his reasons for not giving it to him. But he promised to give you some action "very shortly" — whatever the hell that means.

As for the turning over of WRA material for us, Province promised a letter to Bates on Monday, Embree, in Washington, will cooperate, he said, by sending us stuff from time to time. As yet, however, Embree hasn't done a damn thing — & how effective he ~~will~~ will be in the long run is doubtful.

Province, yesterday, interjected a whole new idea into all this. He said something about appointing a "Co-ordinator of research" to act as a liaison between Leighton, you, some people of UCLA doing a joint study, & the WRA's own research people. What effect this will have on our own present understanding — I haven't the

slightest idea — and I'm damn
sure Province doesn't either.

I think the greatest
shame is their inability to give
you some action in the Utah
+ other matters. I asked Province
directly about Utah + he said
~~that~~ he didn't recall your having
written him about it. But your
letter undoubtedly was in his desk.
He said he'd look it up and reply
promptly.

As for Bates' objections —
which I think I now understand —
they seem to me the very objections
that we discussed at length very
early in these negotiations —
and decided, in full recognition of
the dangers involved, that we HAD
to cooperate and make the best of
it. The crux of the matter will lie
in the relationships we ~~shall~~ ^{have} with

the San Francisco people (Kimball at the moment, principally). I think we must insist on the most informal sort of thing — & if Kimball is unwilling to work in a matter satisfactory to you, Promise promised to change things according to your recommendations.

For the moment, though, the best policy would seem to give the Kimball thing a try. As you said, we can't tolerably anticipate the Washington bunch. And I do think that ~~any~~ by dropping the committee idea until Kimball is given a trial — you put yourself in a good bargaining position to demand action on other fronts.

The whole damn thing is too shot through with personality problems to be really clarified. You trust Bates & not Kimball; Promise is exactly reversed; Embree

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likes Kimball even better ~~than~~
than Provins does. And it's
my own idea that Provins's
ineffectiveness, despite good intentions,
gains up the work more than
anything else. WHAT THE HELL?

I was so late for the train
yesterday that I couldn't get to
the ~~Opnas~~ ^{main} office to send my
reel ~~copy~~ ^{copy} through. I slept with
them ^(the reels) last night — & shipped them
from here with \$4,000 worth of
insurance on them to you. You
should get them Thursday or Friday.
They are exceedingly disorganized
in the job —, ~~but~~ I was on the
telephone with Provins for almost
three-quarters of an hour — time
I thought I would be averaging the stuff.
Burns's secretary is mailing
the photostat's Tuesday. Also, Lamb's
secretary is mailing to me (for you)

An interesting ~~letter~~ or ~~two~~ letter
on Tule Lake from a man in
Klamath Falls — with an
attached comment by Congressman
Pierce of Oregon. I think it'll
be an interesting addition to the
Tule Lake stuff.

I saw both Senators &
every Congressman from California
with the exception of three. Of
the three, one died the day I got
there, one is in California & the
third was always out of his office.
The outstanding impression
I take with me from Washington (other
than those on evacuation) is the
stupidity and bigotry of our
Congressmen. Somebody — something —
has to save the country from the
clutches of these truly bastardly men
— & I have no faith in the Coid!

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It was swell talking with you
last night, see you in a
week,

Archie