

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
January 25, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have tried to loaf as much as possible the last week, but I suppose I could have been more successful. At least I didn't do anything except keep up my journal, and correct part of the journal pages that has piled up. There are vicious rumors going around to the effect that I am doing too much work, which, of course, is false. I may have turned out quantity, but I feel as though a lot of it was not worthwhile.

I am sending or have sent from page 539 to 607 of my Journal. I am also sending a check for \$3.50 to cover the cost of the Christmas candies.

I would like to have a requisition sent in for Kazuko Tanabe's share for the following work:

Broadcast	32 pages
Mess Activity	89
Personal Adjustment	71
Total	<hr/> 192

At the rate of nine cents a page it would amount to \$17.28. Could you have a check for \$17 sent her. Her address is 4707-C.

The conference was really good. I now have the feeling that we're getting someplace and that I know what I am doing. Those of us here should get together at least once a week to talk things over, but so many of my nights are taken up with meetings. I'll start teaching Psych 1-A pretty soon, and that will take up two nights a week. But I still think regular meetings should be held, instead of meeting separately and casually. Of course, it's ~~we~~ who have tended to isolate myself, living in the middle of the camp.

I expect to go over my Co-op report rather thoroughly. I'll also have to work on the additional sections that have not been covered. I expect to cut out everything unnecessary from my journal. On the other hand, I have begun to make my entries more complete, making it almost unnecessary to write up separate case histories for the present. I want to make my journal available to others, and to facilitate that I have started to write my Diary ~~in~~ separately. Until now I have limited my diary to what I did. From now on it is also going to include some of my reactions to things, and all of the trivial things which might be important but which won't go into my journal. My diary should reflect life as I have seen it. I'm going to try to keep my journal as objective as possible, writing it in the third person.

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I would like to have a copy of that pamphlet on the use of personal documents, if you can get one for me. I think I need it.

The Salt Lake City conference will be something to look forward to. I have sent in my application for clearance, but I understand that there is a possibility also of a short-term leave, which is easier to get. Darn Mr. Smith and Mr. Huycke, they were both rather cold to me until I happened to mention that I was on the Study for Dr. Thomas. So you see, the reaction that someone on the Study would get from a Caucasian would be different from that of a "commoner."

Yesterday I went out to see the kids skating on the pond, into which the sewer drains. I'm trying to get hold of a pair of skates, but learned that there weren't any of my size in Klamath Falls. I'll get them yet. Also trudged about in the snow yesterday, and got any sort of exercise for the first time.

Guess we showed up the Gilax bunch, didn't we?

'Bye,

James Sakode

January 19, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

I think we had a swell conference, don't you? Begin now to get ready for our Salt Lake City Conference, which I am going ahead and planning for the last week in March. I have not yet had time to go over your latest manuscripts in any detail, but will do so shortly. I arrived here to find the research papers of all four of the students who are taking my course on my desk. Since all of them are shortly to be drafted, I have to work on the papers immediately. However, you may count on hearing from me shortly.

Excerpt from a letter from Bob Spencer: " We here received all the materials from the Bunch up in Tule Lake. It's quite a tome, isn't it? Charlie and I are somewhat put out. Both of us feel our efforts have been surpassed."

A further quotation may interest you, in view of the conclusions we had reached: "The role of religion becomes very unimportant compared with what is really happening here. No open trouble but give the boys time."

Let me hear from you, and send along the journal.

Yours,

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
February 1, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

By your note I see that you are keeping quite busy. I have been trying to take it as easy as I could, but pretty soon I'll probably be back in the groove. I am at present making revisions and additions on my Co-op report. Fumi Sakamoto is leaving for Rochdale Institute pretty soon, and she has some good material on Co-ops. Also, a little bit on the wardens. Since she is writing up a report for Mr. Elberson (for the coming senatorial investigation, I believe), we go to see him together.

I am finally opening another class. Until this time I've been teaching only two hours on Saturday afternoons and, with Dr. Francis's consent, have been getting \$19. I feel that I owe it to the WRA to do just a little more. I am handling the Higher Education class in Psych 1a, to be held two nights a week. I had a registration of 70, and so I'm going to turn my other course into a Psych 1a class to be held once a week. Those who want credit will have to come to my evening class, or at least come to take the quizzes and exams. I have gotten two of the five faithful students in my other class to keep daily records. One other has been keeping some record, but I'll have to see her again and have her concentrate on certain topics, especially Kibeis, since she is teaching a class of Kibeis.

I have been trying to find out through the mail where I can get textbooks, but it's taking too long to make negotiations in that manner. I need the books by February 12, and I was wondering whether you couldn't have someone run down to a bookstore and have them send the books as soon as possible. The book I want is

Rloyd L. Ruch, Psychology and Life, 1941, Scott, Foresman and Co. New York.

I have the following prices from a bookstore in Chicago:

New: \$2.80                      Used: \$2.10

But the best price you can get in Berkeley will be alright. I would like to have sixty-five (65) books in all, with as many as 25 used copies if you can get hold of them. I have a sign-up for 60 books, and feel sure that I shall be able to need at least 55, surely 50. The rest I would like to have sent on consignment so that I could return them if necessary. I am sending \$150 in check to cover the cost of initial shipment. If they want the cost paid in full, I wish you

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could foot the difference and I shall send a check later on. I know this is bothersome, but I do want the books as soon as possible. I haven't received a reply from the Chicago store, and Lucas offered to send the books without any discount at all for \$3.00, which didn't seem right.

After about a week of snow, slush and warm weather, we are having freezing weather again. Ruby and I have gotten ice skates and yesterday we tried them on for the first time. Everybody goes out to the sewer pond to skate, although they have been warned not to because of danger of infection. They have started to make rinks in the firebreaks, and after a couple of freezing nights, we ought to have a pretty good place to skate in.

Didn't do a thing yesterday except <sup>to</sup> see Elberson, so I have to catch up on my journal. I shall start on the rest of the structural report by and by or maybe pretty soon. There's revisions that should be made on the old ones, too.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

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2519-C WRA  
Tule Lake, California  
June 17, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

We arrived here Monday and have settled down already. Having come from an assembly center, we know what to do now. Since there's a lot of scrap lumber here, we've ordered some tools from Sears and hope to make furnitures as the others are doing. All of the facilities are ~~a~~ great improvements on the assembly centers, and we know that we're going to like it here.

At Klamath Falls we got in with Tamotsu and Tomi. We were on the same train from Martinez, but we didn't know it. They have settled down in a large room in Block 4, which was opened up first. We're in Block 25, where the first group from Sacramento entered, so that we're different groups. Mr. Miyamoto arrived yesterday and lives in Block 5.

We met Mr. Shirrell, the manager, Mr. Jacoby and others and have been assured much help from them. Mr. Jacoby especially seems much interested in helping us as much as possible. Last night he invited us to his house, and we discussed possibilities of our study. He made remarks about reactions of groups which showed that he was aware of a great many of the sociologically significant things going on here.

One problem which we discussed at length was the status of the study and the individuals involved. Mr. Jacoby wondered whether the group should have a public name, perhaps as a study group or something, or whether no mention of the study should be made to anyone. There was a question as to admitting others who were capable as they came in, and Tamotsu brought up the fact that the funds were limited. As for the status of the workers, there was the question of whether we should sign up for work or not. Mr. Jacoby was willing to do his best to get us into lines that would suit our purpose the best. Social welfare, of which he was in charge, was one possibility, while the newspaper and the school or the placement bureau offered other possibilities.

From my personal experience at Tulare I feel that I would like to be able to tell others the following:

1. I am working for a master's thesis. It'll be something about camp life, but I'm not sure just what it will turn out to be.
2. I am not working with anyone else. There are a few others here that are working on theses of their own. We attend the same seminar study group.

3. I am not being paid by anyone. I am working here and am gathering material on the side.

This matter of money complicates things here in the camp because the policy is to eliminate inequality of economic status. I would just as soon live on the same wage scale with the others and have no extra income, except perhaps to buy necessary supplies, books, and pay off my little debt to the University. Maybe it can be set aside for scholarship later on. To carry out my work adequately I would have to have as many friends as possible help me in gathering information, and the fact that I alone was being paid for this work would not be so good. The best way to get help is by appealing to the interest and goodwill of the people, but when money enters in it kills all enthusiasm to help. And since the only way that the camp will work well is through cooperation, I don't think that money should be mentioned at all in connection with the study. You see that I am in a pickle, and am trying to see my way clear on this matter.

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I was wondering/working in the newspaper office as a reporter or something. The social welfare office is all right, too, except that you are more likely to get the exceptional there, rather than the usual, which is what we're after. The academic atmosphere of the school system may lack the common touch, which might be found in the newspaper office. The final decision, of course, would have to depend on the staff and what cooperation I can get from it. If the Sacramento group comes in, I'll know the editor and feature editor of the Walerga Wasp. All of this is just to give you an idea of what is going through my mind, so that when you come to see us to make definite plans for the study, we'll be on better understanding terms.

I think you'll want me to write up a complete report on Tulare, and I'll be thinking about it.

We're still impressed with Tule Lake, and wondering how we can get the other four who were left behind by us up here. Maybe Mr. Jacoby can be impressed with the splendid quality of my sister's voice, or something.

So much for today. I'll be looking forward to seeing you up here soon.

Very sincerely yours,

James Sakoda

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2559-C WRA  
Tule Lake, California  
July 6, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Since I didn't write at all last week, although I had fully intended to, I think I'd better write a letter at least. If some of the passages sound a little hazy, you ought to guess it's because of the existence of a superego, which has been teasing me lately. If my unconscious takes recourse to symbolization, you know that it's all according to Freud. But maybe Freud bores you.

I've lost all sense of time, and I don't think I could tell you offhand what I did since you were last here on a visit. In another week we will have been here a month, which is as long as we were in Tulare. About a third of my day I've spent in writing and reading, another third in making furniture or loafing or playing on the harmonica, and another third visiting friends and attending meetings. It's a leisurely feeling that you could not get in the outside world.

I'm trying to break into the social welfare division the hard way and am attending most of the discussion groups carried on by Mr. Jacoby and have had my interview for a job. I'm sure I could hold my own with the best of the applicants, although Frank said that he might be interested in joining the staff. I've asked Mr. Jacoby for a soft job as a social statistician, and he seemed to be willing, except that there was no such work available right now. He referred me to the census section as an interviewer, and I have decided to take a crack at it. I'll get a review of the population here in the Colony, and have the privilege of asking them questions which I want to ask, anyway. I had my interview for this second position, and Mr. Walter Heath, who is in charge, said that he thought he could use me.

I've been asking various individuals whether they weren't interested in keeping diaries. Many of them thought that they should. Some were keeping them already, and others thought that they weren't capable of it. Maybe if we supplied some of the more hopeful ones with diaries, they would be more likely to jot down thoughts and events now and then.

You mentioned supplies when you were here. I'll be needing more white typewriting paper and carbon paper soon. I would also like to have a bottle of oil for the typewriter. If you bring these things down the next time you come, they ought to last me over a month.

Nothing important has happened here, except for the announcement that all letters were to be sent unsealed, that no Japanese be written, and no description of this camp. Mr. Meyer was here, I understand, and was surprised to hear that a censorship was going

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on. Members of the Council protested and said that they ought to be trusted more. Koso Takemoto, who is on the Council, told me this. My sister wrote and said that it required ~~nine~~ days for a letter that we sent to reach her, and her letter got here in three. Mrs. T. also has been complaining that she hasn't been receiving replies to her letters.

It has been rather warm for the last week and it cooled down slightly today. It's warm enough to ~~seat~~ inside of a barrack, but it's not so hot as to be unbearable, although I understand that Tomi can't stand heat.

George is on the payroll as assistant teacher in animal husbandry, while Ruby is going to teach adult English. The draftsmen are drawing up plans for a hog house made of scrap lumber, and George is disgusted with the whole affair. You can't raise hogs in a cold place like this without the facilities.

I've progressed to page 67 in my journal. Since you'll get most of the things that have passed through my mind from that, I won't tell all of the story right now. I hope we'll be seeing you up here soon.

Very sincerely yours,

James Sakoda  
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July 8, 1942

*Censorship is supposed to have been called off. The announcement made was that we could seal our mail again and everything would be the same as before.*

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2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
July 24, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

This is going to have to serve as a report, because I am not typing out my journal as I used to do in those blissful days when I used to make furnitures and sleep half of the afternoon. Besides the eight hours that I have to put in at the office, my evenings are usually taken till late with other activities, and tonight is about the first time I'm back by nine, so that I can type till ten. I try not to type beyond that time to maintain peace with the neighbors. When they put the sheetrock walls in, which should be done within a couple of weeks, I might get more done.

Everything at the office is going along fine for the present. The old force got together that memorablenight and decided that either all of us were going to be hired or none. One or two were poor workers and one too young, but we stuck to that decision. I calmed them down a little and suggested that the whole matter be put in Ruby's hands (See Jyo, page 56). Shigekawa was probably told that the force would quit unless. He made a fair ranking of the interviewers according to education, experience and actual work. However, instead of the original five that he had planned, he created six, and hired all of the interviewers, old and new, except some that were too young. ~~We~~ got started, and then ~~he~~ wanted to fire some of the kids in key positions because he thought that they were figureheads. Not being able to do this, he disappeared to S.F., with the threat that he was going to have the head man here fired. Since he has gone, everything has gone along smoothly. We're expecting him anyday now to return with a bomb in his hands, but instead the coding expert, with an impossible name beginning with B and sounding like Bonehead, appeared and quietly took charge of things today. She seems very pleasant and easy to get along with, and if she's to stay, I think that everything is going to be all right now.

In spite of my protests Mr. S. shoved me into a position as supervising interviewer, checking completed schedules of five interviewers in Unit D. Today, however, I swapped places with one of the other interviewers, and interviewed 22 persons during the course of a hot day. We sweat in the office, which is just a barrack, but we can't do very much about it. A canteen has been set up right next door, and if it opens according to schedule tomorrow, it may help. I still have to train several extra interviewers yet before I can really settle down to a routine as interviewer. I wish we could take it easy and ask questions leisurely, but until we really settle down, we can't take it easy.

The rest of my time is easily explained. Sunday--church services, ondo, Michi's record concert,

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Monday--social welfare group, or cooperative; Tuesday, creative writing group, Wednesday--went to a meeting as a cooperative representative, Thursday--another meeting of the same, or social welfare group; Friday--Cal Club, Community Sing, or cooperative; Saturday--dance; Sunday--catching up on sleep, reading the funnies, etc.; Monday, Community Forum, etc. ad infinitum. When you consider that at each meeting there is usually some people standing around and talking about things that are more interesting than what went on during the meeting, it explains my late hours. I come home, crawl into bed, and scribble into my little black book. It can't be complete, but I do my best. I also scribble in it during office hours in my spare time. If I could get along on less than eight hours it would be heavenly, but I just must have my full quota of sleep stipulated by grammar school teachers.

And that's not all. At the first meeting of the Creative Writers that I attend~~d~~ some awfully, awfully crummy stories were read and hardly criticized at all. There's only one fellow in the group that has produced something decent so far. It encouraged me so much that I started on a short story of my own, and finally got it completed last night. Of course, I didn't have to do it, but it was fun doing it. George's things were sent up, and my old mandolin was among them, and I have tinker with it even though the strings are old and the thing is "tinny." I paid only five yen for it in Japan.

Which doesn't mean, of course, that I haven't done anything at all. I'm trying to keep my eyes on the family unit, and find myself trying to figure ways of observing it. From now on I'll pay more attention to our neighbors. I'm also on the lookout for persons who want to keep daily records. I found one the other night--a certain Constance Murayama, an English major from Cal. You'll probably hear more about her later on. Dr. Gundlach wrote from Seattle, where he's keeping himself busy with a lot of things. Evidently my letter missed him because it was held up for about a week, and he wasn't able to stop in here. He asked some helpful questions on the family situation, which I'll be able to make use of when I get down to brass tacks. I think he'll be interested in going through the journal when he gets back to Cal. I'm willing that he see it, if you're willing. I know the danger of making exceptions, but maybe ~~if~~ he could sit in your office to do it. I'll leave it up to your discretion.

*I think I got them at 1000/worth 5.*  
I'm asking for about a dozen pack of the enclosed filler for my little black book. It's convenient and I like the size. I'll pay for the fillers myself, because I want them soon. I'll try to write neatly in case I have to get someone else to type them up. Am sending ~~two~~ missing journal pages. I haven't shown the original to Dr. Jacoby because I just haven't had the time.

The food was getting steadily worse, until inspectors and a dietician arrived from the Regional Office.

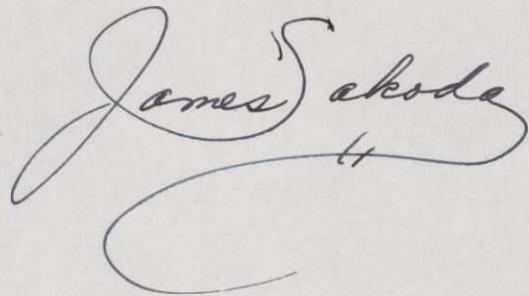
Haven't seen Shibutani in days. We'll all be looking forward

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to see you again soon. I haven't forgotten the sandwiches,  
yet, you see. Best regards to the rest of the staff.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Sakoda". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
August 2, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have been doing all of the receiving of things the last week. I received my check, fillers for my notebook, and the notebooks and stamps. Four of the notebooks and forty of the stamps I left with Tom to use with the others. He said that he didn't need anymore than that. I brought home some of the manila folders that he had.

I received your letter and notes, but there are still parts of them that I'm not sure about. Now I understand why you can read Charlie's stuff. But I get the drift of most of the content, with Ruby's help.

My sister has not written since we sent her the request for transfer, which she is supposed to send back to us. I'm afraid that there are differences of opinion within the family. I wish you wouldn't worry about it anymore, because it's up to them. I'm sorry now I put you to so much trouble. I understand that Tulare Assembly Center is leaving soon for inland points, but that may be another rumor.

I'm pleased to hear that you think that my journal should continue. I have been keeping notes, and am now having Ruby type them up in her spare moments. She is glad to have the opportunity to earn some extra money. She even charges me the Colony rate for the haircut she gives me. She has enough time to do a lot of things besides prepare lessons for the adult English class.

The notebooks for the diary I think are very convenient in size, although we can't get people to feel too obligated about them. Two of them are already accounted for -- Kazue Tanabe and Constance Marayama, both of U.C. I have a fellow who is working on the farm who says he'll keep records for me. I have a school teacher in mind, too. I hope to account for all of the notebooks soon, although I can't say when I'll get them back. Could you get another dozen the next time you put in a request? I don't want to be caught short when I want them, and I'm sure that they will all be used eventually.

I understand that student relocation is not progressing very well. Maybe the University ought to put in an extension service. I'd like to see a course in social psychology put in, and get people to write up their own social groups, such as the family, messhall crews, etc, along the line of Dr. Tryon's classes. My main worry now is how to get others to keep records, because I can't cover all of the grounds myself. I keep telling Ruby and George that their records should be as detailed as possible. I know that

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George is keeping some sort of record, but I think Ruby is more temperamental. I think she's written her second corny short story. I've assigned the neighbors to Ruby, especially children, whom she likes to mother.

My work is coming along very well. Shigekawa might have come back from S.F., but he has not appeared at the office. Miss Bonack, the coding expert, is in charge now, and is very nice about hours, etc. Tomorrow I begin a two-day training session for several extra interviewers, although I'm just a interviewer now. Incidentally, it might be interesting to know that supervising interviewers were given professional rating. It is in reference to a certain department among the workers in that department that the differential wage scale takes on the most meaning. Someone mentioned this in connection with farm workers who didn't crab so much about the wage scale of other types of workers, but kicked because of the pay of the tractor driver, etc.

So much for today. I'm sending from page 86 to 92 of my journal. As soon as Ruby finishes more, I'll send them along.

Very sincerely yours,

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
August 11, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I'm glad to hear that you'll be coming down sometime this week. Everything is coming along fine, but we'd like to see you just the same. Tom and Frank seem to have gotten a little impatient because the comprehensive plan didn't come through, but we'll have that, too, I understand.

I have sent more pages of the journal, till about a week ago. It was made possible through Ruby's effort at the typewriter, one or two hours a day. You'll find some interesting comments made by her in parenthesis, when something about her was written. If you find places you can't understand, it was probably because I took hasty notes at meetings and late at night when I was too sleepy to write any more, and Ruby couldn't make head nor tails out of them. The arrangement, however, is working out very well.

At the office I am keeping a list of the names of people I am interviewing, and have written down comments for some of them. These, too, will be typed up eventually. Incidentally, the office is in smooth running order. Shigekawa never did return to the office from S.F., and we enjoyed working with Miss Bonack while she was here. Unless Mr. Fagan of the Placement Office puts in <sup>his</sup> head in at our office too often, everything is going to be fine.

Thanks for the check and the prospect of a raise. I sent the check right back to the University in payment of a debt I owed to the Student Loan Fund. I'll be able to clear it up with my next check.

My sister and others, she wrote in reply to an indignant letter that we wrote, were packed and waiting for two weeks for notice of transfer. She had sent the request back to the WRA office. We saw Dr. Jacoby, and it seems that Mr. Shirrell was going to send in the request with others the next day. If people don't work fast, Tulare is going to evacuate to Gila.

If this reaches you in time, I would like to have another ream of typing paper and one ream of second-sheet paper. I'll need it myself, and maybe for those who are willing to help me. I took some paper and carbon papers to a girl who offered to make carbons of her letters. I have several people who offered to keep records, but I find that they cannot make a habit of it so easily. I keep pestering them.

~~Lost my carbon copy.~~  
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'Bye, James Sakoda

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
August 16, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

We were expecting you last week, but Morton wrote that you took a few day's vacation. I guess you really need it.

Everything is going along smoothly here. There was a strike here yesterday. The farmers protested that they couldn't go to work with only two pieces of toast and tea in their belly, and the carpenters and truck drivers struck with them. The messhalls were allowed to operate. Evidently the strike was settled. The administration promised sufficient food for all messhalls, and the workers were asked to go back to work on Monday. It was asked that no violence take place, for fear that the Army might step in. This morning we had grapefruits and a piece of ham.

My job as interviewer will probably last about two more weeks. After that I shall be free again to do what I please. I was wondering whether I couldn't get the most done by teaching courses in psychology, and getting others interested in keeping records and studying people and groups about them. I have gotten a few persons interested already, and if I conducted classes, I think that I could really get them organized. I could open up a class for Isseis, too, on child psychology or something, if I can do enough reading along that line. I think the social welfare department is not handling enough cases along the line that I'm interested in. Whoever is interested in disorganization should be in that department.

A college friend at Peston from ~~Lix~~ Reedley writes: "The diary is going along as well as could be expected...I'm trying to get other fellows and gals to write also."

I suppose you have heard through Charlie that Lillian Ota is writing her war memoirs. She writes: "I'm not promising to turn my chronicle in to Dr. Thomas. If I did promise, I would be afraid to write freely, If I were to keep it just for myself, my writing technique might become sloppy. So just now, I'm not making any decision one way or the other. This way I think I'll write with the freedom that comes from thinking that I'll keep it, and also I'll write with a better style if I thought it might possibly be seen by the public."

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I think Ruby and George are becoming more critical about what goes on about them. I think they are keeping some sort of record, although it may not be as sociological as we'd like them to be. Ruby's supposed to keep tab on her adult English class, which has increased to several hundred in enrollment. George will probably be handling hogs, when they get started with it, and was recently transferred from the Adult Education department to the Ag Dept.

I have been asked to take part in the next forum discussion: Should marriage be encouraged in the Project. I'm going to point out the advantages of a marriage here. Everybody seems to be interested in the question, except the Isseis and children who don't know that it is being discussed. I'm afraid that the Isseis aren't going to be allowed much voice in the discussion, although the committee has succeeded in getting a block manager (Issei) on the panel of eight. There's going to be a doctor, a sociologist (Dr. Jacoby), a married man, a married woman, an expert on marriage (Rev. Tanabe), an Issei, and a unmarried man and woman.

We'll all be looking forward to seeing you.

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One other item that I need now. The Records Office didn't have a stapler, and I lent them mine. They've used up all of the staples, and I must have some more. I'll pay for it this time, and maybe you can get the next batch. I would like it as soon as possible because Ruby wants to use it to make her venetian blind. The brand is COMMANDER, which comes in green boxes and cost 25 cents formerly. I don't know if they are standard sizes or not.

'Bye,

*James Sakoda*

*Lois Wise  
Kelly 3-5187*

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
August 30, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have received white paper, yellow paper and a box of hotchkiss staples. I shall have to return the latter because they do not fit my stapler--unless you can send me a Hotchkiss stapler, too, which I think is absurd because I don't use the stapler enough times to warrant that. When you come up, could you get me a box of staples for COMMANDER. You can get them at Lucas' or Woolworth, I believe. They come in small square boxes, and cost 25 cents. I'll pay for them. I let my office use up my supply because they couldn't get hold of staples. George has a stapler, too, so I can be using that until I get more staples for my stapler.

I have received the memorandum to field collaborators. I think it clarifies our work very well. I shall be very much interested in the analysis of social groups and of individuals. I think Shibutani can do a better job at the basic report on administrative organization, social organization and social maladjustment. My work at the records office will last about a week more, and then I shall be more free to work on the necessary reports.

I'm still worried about the problem of sampling. It has to be considered some place along the line because we can't cover 15,000 people. Even in analyzing social groups it comes up as a problem. Our contacts are usually limited to the more educated Niseis, and there will be vast territories which we shall never cover in a primary group relationship. And it is only in a primary group relationship that you can catch the subtle changes of moods and attitudes of a group. We shall always be beset with the question: How do we know that the reaction we note is typical?

That and the problem of validity of our methods will probably haunt us till the end of our dying days.

Frank is plotting to convert Tom, Naj and me to G. H. Mead and Blumer. It seems that we don't speak the same language, coming from different parts of the country.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you Thursday. I'll try to get a day off then.

So long,

James Sakoda

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 12, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

After you left the three of us decided that we were going to finish the structural report within two weeks. We made an outline and split up the work. I'm supposed to take religion, family, protective institutions, food, customs, and personal adjustments. First we decided to write up separately what we could without using each others notes. It took me three days to write up the scrap lumber conflict and the Records Office, which included one case history. It ran into 42 pages, and I had to type four copies. And I haven't even begun on any of the main categories. What it will be like when we really get going and when we'll ever be through is something I don't like to think about.

At first we thought that we could drop everything and devote ourselves to this little task. But now I think that it would be better if we devoted a major portion of our time at it, and kept up our records on things going on about us. It will slow us up a bit, but we won't miss anything that is important, if we did that. I wouldn't mind if we could be assured that we'll be through in two weeks, but I'm afraid that it would take longer than that even if we spent all of our time on it. And it's much more profitable if the daily routine is varied with visits, attendance at meetings, etc.

Any immediate comments on the two write-ups which I am sending will be appreciated. The tendency is definitely toward a chronological account, which may sway toward the dramatic side. With a journal record of my type, that is understandable, don't you think? The analysis and interpretation should help that out somewhat. The analysis, by the way, may be immature, and I would like to hear your interpretations of the incidents.

I think there is no need to bring the matter of paper supply up. At the present rate I would be using up a ream of yellow paper within a week. One more box of carbon should last us for some time. Thin ones will make better fourth copies, and you may be the recipient of the fourth.

I have been thinking about a secretary for Harno. There is a girl who is teaching in the Adult Education department with Ruby, who is trustworthy and interested in the type of work that I am doing. There are others whom I can get to do typing work for me, if it is necessary. So far I see no fulltime secretary in view, although if the particulars of our offer were known, it shouldn't be very hard to produce one. Harno says that he can't be bothered until harvest is

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over, which will be as soon as we have a heavy frost. I've promised him a pretty girl, and I think that I can get him to divulge some of the information he has. He is mumbling about going to the sugar beet field because nothing in the ag office works out right.

I've been using the copy of my journal, which has come in handy because Dr. J. has part of my journal. There has been slips here and there, but it's very good on the whole. If it is not too much trouble I would appreciate having the typist put on the date of the journal on every page. I'm going to have to refer to my journal in terms of dates and not pages because I'm using two different sets. It saves a lot of time to have the date on each page. This is going to be true when I refer to my journal by dates in my write-ups and you make an effort to locate some item in the original journal.

I am training Ruby to become an efficient secretary. Since she has learned the fundamentals of shorthand (out of school) and I can write shorthand fairly well (took two years in h.s.), I am now taking all of my notes in shorthand and letting Ruby transcribe them on the typewriter. It means that I can go to a meeting and take down most of the important stuff and just toss the notebook to Ruby. In this way I hope to cut down the time I spend in just typing up my notes. I have to be careful how I write my notes, but Ruby does not complain at all. Before she's through she ought to make a first rate steno. She makes too many mistakes on the typewriter and refused to do any proof-reading, however.

I am getting a better bearing on what I am doing. Pretty soon I'll have to get some sort of job again because my friends are asking what I am doing. I hope we can get this report out of the way soon. I've been reading part of Blumer's Critique, which is very suggestive. Will you go through the rest of my journal so that I can write up the important items for the report.

This will have to do for a report. More of my journal should be coming along soon. Until the report is turned out I'll keep tab on all of the important matters that come my way.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

P.S. Do you think that I should change the style of my write-ups? Should I get away from the excessive use of "I"? I didn't want to give the impression of objectivity unless it was warranted.

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 15, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have received a letter and the journal. Today I am going after a package. Thanks for them all.

I have gone through the journal and have put in additions and corrections here and there. I had the greatest trouble with my notes taken in classes, where I scribbled without thinking that the material would be very important. And since Ruby was in a haste to type them out, both combined to make the material quite unintelligible.

I shall still take notes in classes, but will do so in shorthand, so that I will be able to put down things more thoroughly. Also, Ruby is typing more carefully now, and the material written out in shorthand seems to be more readable to her. She has been instructed not to use too much imagination in reading my shorthand because I have most of my outlines correct. Also, I shall go over the journal more thoroughly for corrections before sending it in to you.

Please do not forget to instruct the typist to put dates on every page.

Please open an account for me with the American Trust Co. as I am sending in the fill-out card. I will appreciate it if you can deposit my checks in the account, or I could send it in myself.

So much for today. You ought to be receiving material from us quite often for a while now. I've started on dance activities and hope to complete it today.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

September 15, 1942

Mr. James Sakoda  
Building 2519, Apt. C  
Tule Lake Relocation Center  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Sakoda:

I have the honor to inform you that, under a grant from the Columbia Foundation, you have been awarded an honorarium to enable you to participate in the University of California Evacuation and Resettlement Study. Your activities in this connection should in no way interfere with your performance in the Work Corps of the War Relocation Project to which you have been assigned.

The honorarium has been awarded you, in the expectation that it will be used by you for the continuation of your research training at the graduate level after you are released from the Relocation Center. Funds will accumulate for your use for a period of 12 months beginning September 1, 1942 at the rate of \$62.50 per month. This accumulation will cease upon your departure from the Relocation Center unless the senior staff decides that, because of your usefulness in preparing reports, the honorarium should continue. In this event, additional funds will be awarded to you. If you remain in the relocation Center longer than 12 months, the honorarium is subject to renewal. During your residence in the Relocation Center, the senior staff may, at its discretion, release funds to you from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

September 16.

Dear Jimmy,

You certainly are going to town on the work now. It will keep me busy, I can see. I am returning an edited copy of the Scrap Lumber Conflict. As you will see, I have written a brief introduction. Your copy began too abruptly. I tried to give a little of the background (maybe this could even be extended) and to lead off with the main ideas which are to be developed. Your analysis does not seem to me to be naive; on the contrary. I have added very little to it. Later, you will probably want to tie it in with the main report. I see no objection to the personal style, particularly if an impersonal introduction and conclusion can be given. I shall send along your other manuscripts just as fast as I can. Now that I have a secretary at the office, I shall work at home a good deal and my accomplishment should be greater. My office is always a madhouse.

In editing your manuscript, I have also made some corrections in the English. As you will see by comparison with your copy, these are, in the main, minor matters. Your style is good, and the narrative moves along smoothly.

I had a long letter from Fred today. He is lyrical about Utah. On the other hand, poor Charlie and Earle are having quite a time at Gila, but they are being good sports about it. The administrative setup there has gone completely to pieces, and of course one reason I took Gila was because of the administration.

I will open your account at the Bank when our next payroll goes in. We can easily deposit your checks, as we do this for several of the others. I have instructed the typist to put the date on every page of your journal. In my notes, I shall refer to date rather than page.

I shall probably send you some more tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

September 19, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

If you could see what came in the mail today, you would realize that I am really snowed under. But I asked for it, and actually nothing makes me happier than the sort of pressure you people are putting on me.

First, as to your outline. It is too elaborate, and at points too vague. You did not follow it in your own analysis. A simpler outline, which you will really follow through, is to be desired. I suggest the following. Please discuss it with the others. It, too, may be too elaborate.

*Suggested Outline for Study of Social Groups.*

**I. Status**

Identification of the group

Name; major activity at time of organization;  
definition of scope or purpose

How the group was launched

Who launched the group

"Charter" members of the group

Age; sex; socio-economic class; previous residence;  
residence in colony; language; education; "Americanization"

**II. Development**

Chronological account of activities

Changes in function, purpose, needs

Changes in membership

Dynamic interpersonal relationships

Emergence of "leaders", "bosses", "scapegoats"

Decline of-----

Changing role of individuals---

(Case histories)

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Relationships with other groups

**III. Special Problems Suggested by Analysis of this Specific Group**

Evaluation of results

Tentative conclusions

Hypotheses for further analysis

Sakoda

GENERAL OUTLINE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL GROUPS

"Social psychology is the study of the psychological bases of the social ways of individuals as they behave in the various groups which constitute a society. A group is any collection of individuals who are classified together either by themselves or by others."--R.C. Tryon

I. Introduction:

A. General identification of the group

Type of group, name, major activity or function

B. Ecological and cultural factors

C. Genesis and history of group

II. Membership and Leadership Characteristics

Number, age, socio-economic class, languages, occupations, religions, educations, internal factions, natio-racial origins, degree of Americanization.

III. Description of Uniform Ways of the Group

A. Overt behavior

B. Covert behavior: attitudes

IV. Special Problems, Case Histories

Description and analysis

V. Analysis of the Group

A. Analysis of membership characteristics and Uniform Ways

B. Motivation of the Group (Needs, fears, adjustment patterns)

C. Methods of achieving needs

D. Group solidarity (Degree of organization, conformity and non-conformity)

VI. Significance of the Group

A. Position in the social structure

B. Comparison with other groups

C. Evaluation of results

D. Tentative conclusions, hypotheses

E. Problems for further study

September 16, 1942  
James Sakoda

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DST  
Sept 1942

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2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 16, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I spent all day yesterday writing up the dance group, which you thought most important for the sectionalism it showed up. This morning I spent most of my time just going through it to make a few corrections here and there. I'm afraid this report is taking on proportions.

So far I have made analyses for three groups with which I was more or less acquainted, and I find that for all of them I have used a different sort of organization, most of it very haphazard. One of these days we are going to want comparable data for different groups, and we just aren't going to have them, not in our reports, anyway. I thought an outline would be helpful even for my own purposes, so I borrowed Shibutani's outline, Dr. Tryon's, and skimmed thru a couple of books. I am sending the result for your criticism and comment.

I am sending two write-ups on the Creative Writers and on the dances. You'll notice that I've changed to the third person style of writing.

Ruby is keeping up very well with the journal, for one thing because I stay at home and don't get as much material as I might if I went out more.

Shibutani says he's going into the Social Welfare Department because that's the only way he can get material for social disorganization. I'm thinking of taking his place in the Adult Education Department teaching psychology or mental hygiene. But I'll have to get this report out of the way first.

I have received the papers and the notebooks. The latter are swell, and I ought to be able to bribe a few people into keeping records with them.

So much for today. Tom is right when he says that we're running around as if we had our heads chopped off.

Bye,

James Sakoda

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 19, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Have received the edited copy of the Scrap Lumber Conflict. I'm glad to hear that it is acceptable. For the other sections there won't be quite as much material. This has slowed me down somewhat. When I get into the structural report, I'm going to have to do some leg work to find out the things to go into the report. Much of it will have to come out of the Dispatch, which has to be culled through.

I am sending more of my journal, pp 205-14. From now on I am going to have Ruby put on numbers in front of each title, beginning with #1 every day. This will make it easier for me to refer to my journal, as long as I'm going to refer to it by dates. I have tried to use the titles themselves in my footnotes, but they are very cumbersome, as you can well imagine. Maybe you can have the typist do that for sections she has yet to type.

I am sending only one measly section on social workers. I have been working on the religious groups, but I need more material. Sometimes it gets to a point where you don't know what you're doing, and you don't want to do anything. Anyway, Tom and Frank think I'm doing too much work, and that has to be considered. Yes, the world is very complicated.

So far Ruby has been taking care of my journal very well with one or two hours of typing everyday. Where I can take advantage of extra help in doing clerical work, I shall. When it comes to gather life-history material, I probably will need more than just Ruby to help me. But I won't start that earnestly until I get my class going, which will have to be after we get this report out of the way. Between us three the amount set aside might be sufficient, but if I went ahead with my plans I might be hogging a major portion of it. We'll have to work out some method by which we can use help whenever we want it. As long as we don't have a central office to work in, it seems that part time help for all of us is going to work out better.

Like everything else here, if we get organized it'll all turn out all right (we hope).

'Bye,

James Sakoda  
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September 21, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

This may be short, but it is very good and very much to the point. The point you make in the last paragraph, re analysis of those in the group should be followed up, as should the Jacoby-Halle feud. I wish you would show this to Bob Billigmeier and ask him to trace out the thing from the administrative angle (Mrs. Halle is inclined to confide in anyone who will listen to her story and I think Bob and his wife could get some good stuff from that end. Could Deki also be of help in getting you some data on ~~this~~ ~~the~~ the composition of the group, etc.? If Tom goes in for this work, of-course, he can follow up on future developments.

Yours,

September 21

Dear Jimmy,

Enclosed two more manuscripts; the records office one has been recopied, while the dance manuscript is sent with my corrections or suggestions merely written in.

On looking over "Scrap Lumber Conflict", I note that I let some awkward writing get by in the last paragraph, and suggest that it read somewhat as follows:

"Throughout the rush, there seems to have been a feeling of shame and silliness on the part of participants and disgust on the part of ~~onlookers~~ onlookers. These feelings undoubtedly deterred some, but the majority was apparently not affected." ~~Then continue with your last two sentences.~~

Re the Records Office, I have the following notations (pages refer to the copy you sent me, not to the copy I am returning)

- p3 How old was Ruby? Kiyō?  
(Following the outline suggested for group analysis, composition of the group should be given in detail)
- p.4 What sort of job did Kiyō have at this time?
- p.5 Is there any evidence of "sectionalism" in Shigekawa's selection? Could lists be obtained?
- p.6 Again, a more detailed record of the composition of the group is called for. People mentioned here should be described briefly
- p.12 Next to last paragraph: Did Ruby have real evidence of incompetence, e.g. tests?  
I think I can get you some information on Shigekawa's background.
- p.14 Was Jack a Nisei? More detail about him is needed, in fact, more detail about people mentioned in general
- p.18 Was Ruby's family from, e.g. the samurai class?  
Was your inference re meaning of JYO correct?
- p.20 Who is Mr. Fagan?

More later. Yours,

I don't know when you will have time to do it, but I wish you would get your family history written up. Fred, incidentally, has turned in an autobiography and family history that is simply swell

I am returning your creative writers analysis. I find it interesting. I have raised some questions in the margin, and have edited the manuscript. My intention was to have these copied and return to you, but that slows up matters too much. So send me your revisions, unless you can spare two copies at a time. As I pointed out last time, your style is, in general, good and you write interestingly. But sometimes you get a little careless with your English. Be more careful in matching your subjects with the proper verbs! You will see what I mean( if you can read my handwriting. Some of my corrections are unimportant, and are merely a matter of taste or preference on my part. You will quickly see which they are, and you will, ofcourse, disregard them if you wish.

On the whole, I prefer the third person to the first. But at times, quotations from the Journal lighten the reading, and thus there can readily be a combination of first and third. Your records office analysis is being typed and I will send it out on Monday. I have not attempted to change from first to third person but have merely corrected the English and raised a few questions.

Sincerely yours,

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 23, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have received your letter and the corrected draft of the Creative Writers analysis. I shall have the suggested outline discussed among ourselves. Frank said also that my outline was too vague and included too much. We have to be selective in our description because we can't possibly get everything. But I thought that it would be a good idea to have a form to follow. We don't know what the problems are that should be followed in each group and activity, and we should not make the mistake of putting down only what we are looking for. Where our write-ups are incomplete you must pardon us, because it's usually because we haven't the information on hand. Of course, there will be a lot of things of interest from the standpoint of problems that you had in mind that we might have missed. These, of course, should be added. As soon as the census is completed and filed away, I hope to be able to get the exact data on members of groups, etc.

Along with the rest of my valuable training I am getting very badly needed instruction in English. Dr. Gundlach used to say that my reports were full of mistakes. One of these winter days I'll sit down and do something about it. In the meantime I'll try to be a little <sup>more</sup> careful of my subject and verbs and especially of my pronouns. But I'm afraid I'm likely to dash off my writeups hurriedly. Until I improve, you may feel free to make any corrections in grammar or in style.

My work has slowed up considerably. I have written up what I can without going out after more information. I have worked out outlines for some of the other sections, but I have to have more information for all of them. I am gathering information simultaneously. At present I am going through the files of the Block Managers' reports with the aid of a tyrist, and that will take me a few more days. After I get enough material together I hope to be able to sit down and just write.

I am keeping up my journal, so I'll have at least that to my credit. I feel obligated to go to meetings and to a dance now and then.

'Bye,  
*James Sakoda*

September 25, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

Enclosed some comments on your notes and Tom's outline. Since your outline was so similar to the longer one he submitted, I did not go into it in detail. As indicated, I think you have expressed the orienting principle very well.

I agree completely with points 2 and 3. \* 4 is a little obscure to me. I don't see how you can predict the things that will affect future action, except .e.g. in a case like the farm labor situation, where strikes have occurred and others are pending.

I agree also with 5.

I'll be seeing you soon. Am waiting to see what Spencer's plans are before setting a definite date.

Sincerely yours,

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
September 28, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I am sending pages 215--238 (24 pages) of my journal for Sept. 16-22. Ruby is a little behind in her transcription, partly because my typewriter is in use during the day by myself or my typist. Connie, who is waiting for a permit from the Army to go to Smith College, where she has a scholarship, after a few days of typing for me, smashed her finger with the lid of her huge coal stove. I now have one of Ruby's Adult Education teachers helping me parttime.

I finally finished with the block managers' reports. I don't think my time wasted in wading through the material carefully. Some of the copied material I shall send up after we finish with the report. I only made two copies, and we would like to have both to work with.

Tom and Frank are going through my journal now for the material they want. I still have to go through theirs. Tom wants some of the Council Meeting Minutes typed up, and I am having that that. Frank's typewriter broke down, and I am going to take Connie's typewriter, which I borrowed, down to him. Frank also wants some material typed, and I shall probably arrange that, too, just to make things simple. I'm looking around for an extra typewriter to have on hand.

I have been collecting material for sections I have to cover simultaneously. Church, social welfare, legal aid, warden, fire department, etc. One of these days I hope to be able to sit down and bang away more material for you. We had originally planned to spend only two weeks at this, but it's going to be closer to two months, I'm afraid.

I'm covering everything I come across, yet. When this report is finished we should have a better idea of what sort of things we should limit our observations to.

The coop has hit a snag. Mr. Smith has gone ahead with a \$10,000 theater project with the people's money. A special Council meeting was held. The construction crew refused to go ahead without the permission of the people. More headaches for the WRA. This is one of those things that has to be followed closely. Tsukamoto is against the coop, and blamed the coop for the mess. Don Elbertson says that he doesn't believe in violence, but in Tsukamoto's case he'd like to make an exception. By the way, there's rumor floating around that Kido has been mobbed.

Dr. Thomas--2

September 28, 1942

My job situation is becoming acute. The Placement Office sent me notice that if I didn't come to look for work I would not receive any clothing allowance for September. The Social Welfare Department has called me up for an interview. I've made arrangements with Dr. Jacoby to work with him, studying juvenile groups. The material will be valuable to our study, so I don't think I'll be cheating you. I've asked for a little time to work on my report. Then I asked him for another week. Next Monday I think I had better start to work, even though I know the report won't be out of the way by then. I won't have to spend all of my time in an office or anything, and I shall be getting some sort of information. But I wish this report were out of the way.

However, I make no apologies for the sort thing I have been doing. Part of my time has been spent in helping Fumi Sakamoto in Don Elbertson's office, discussing the coop setup with her. At other times I am kicking up dust, trying to contact Tom and Frank, typists, departments. One morning I had to mop Elbertson's office for Fumi and Minnie. Of course, I had to go to the Records Office Dance. And if I take a fancy to teaching a shy fellow how to dance, well that's part of the life of a research worker, too. And when I went to cover the YBA service last night a nice young lady asks me shyly whether I wouldn't be interested in going to a dance given by the dental clinic, do you think that I should refuse just because there is a report to work on?

In a few more days I hope to be banging away some more. The life history of my family will have to wait for the dead of winter, when there's less to do.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

I would like more stamps, carbon papers, + papers.  
I've used the first ream of paper <sup>up</sup> already.

Copy

2519-C Maxwell  
Tule Lake, California  
October 11, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Ruby is using the typewriter tonight, but since you claim to be able to read Charles's handwriting, you shouldn't have too much trouble with mine. I use so much shorthand these days in writing up my notes, that it seems queer writing in longhand.

No journal this weekend, maybe next. So many things have been happening that I haven't started on my next piece of writing - the coop. The Issei-Miscei issue has been split wide open, and tonight Issei had a meeting and decided to have the theater project re-considered by the Council. Tomorrow the messhalls are going on a go-slow strike, and meals are going to be served at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. Grievance a various, but mainly directed to remove Pilcher, an issue which was formerly sidestepped by the administration.

My interest seems to be falling into the following:

Coop.  
Religious groups.  
Issei attitudes, Japan customs,

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Japan - Caucasian relations

A few groups

Some case histories

Individual adjustment

Youth groups

I still think I'm weak on the family. I'll have to change my routine if I'm to get more material on them. If I taught, maybe I could get case histories of families from students. My present job with the Internal Security is starting to become uncomfortable with things popping and Jacoby clamoring that there's sabotage going on. If it's too hard on my mind, I'm going to quit. Let me know your choice on the matter - youth groups or family. I may end up by concentrating on Issei attitudes - they are becoming awfully fascinating. Think of tracing the life organization of the Issei from the time he leaves Japan & lives as an immigrant in America and then watch what the war and evacuation does to him. When the report is done I hope to be able to say what my particular problem is going to be. In the meantime I hope you have fun reading some of the shorthand transcription of meetings.

Rambblings ... I dashed off a short story in 45 minutes last week.

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To get down to business: First I want a check sent to Constance Murayama in my care (since she's left for ~~Wells~~ Smith College) for typing she has done for me. Much of her work was done on block manager's reports, which I will send as soon as we finish the report. She also did some typing for Tom and typed up some statistical work for me. Most of the work was done between Sept. 19 and 29 and amounted to about 25 hours. ~~It~~ I think about \$7.50 will reward her amply (?) for the work.

I would also like to have the following sent me:

1. Gregg Shorthand Manual

2. October issue of Harpers.

Both Ruby & I need brushing up on our shorthand. Harpers was sold out at the counter. If you will let me know the price of the material you send me, I shall keep a record and send you a check when a convenient sum is reached, if this arrangement is alright with you.

4  
I have been reading from Blumer's Critique,  
and I don't pretend to have absorbed it  
all. I have been thinking of methods,  
but haven't gotten very far. I believe that  
description and analysis <sup>(interpretation)</sup> should be kept  
separate as much as possible to avoid  
bias. Our outlines for the study of  
groups still bother me. The problem  
seems to be that of giving a cross-  
sectional picture and tracing the whole  
thing historically. The chronological  
write-up sometimes is the best, but at  
other times it seems best to take each  
item separately and trace it historically.

That's all for tonight. I still have  
some notes to write up.

Night,

James Sakoda

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
October 14, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

The messhall slow-up strike has been settled. All of the demands were met. Pilcher was fired, which according to Shirrell, broke his heart. Theyworkers received some extra warm clothing, to boot, and now we have to get up early again.

At the Council meeting we didn't have the fireworks that I expected. Walter himself suggested that the theater project should be referred to the people. Shirrell desiring to save the face of the Council offered to conduct the referendum himself, using secret ballot, thus insuring at the same time that the agitators won't rule the blocks.

The voice against the agitators is mounting. Shirrell says that if he finds out who they are they are getting out of here quick. The Internal Security is on the lookout, too. The FBI seems to be itching to get in. They do send in a man periodically, but so far they have gotten no evidence. One of these days the agitators are going to go a little too far, possibly become violent. Until then we shall probably continue to have little troubles. Shirrell is exasperated with the Japanese people, and I don't blame him. He is putting his bet on the Niseis and the Council, who will listen to what he says.

I have asked Dr. Jacoby for a termination notice, and have talked to Dr. Francis for a job teaching psychology and mental hygiene. She seemed to be glad to have me teach, and I have been signed on and asked to go ahead with organizing a course. I hope to get together a group of people interested in social science, with whom I will be able to discuss many of the problems coming up. The course in mental hygiene I hope to center around problems faced by young people in the center here as Japanese. The other course I may make slightly more technical, beginning with elementary psychology. Since psych is a hard course to teach, especially without textbooks, I'll try to make the courses as practical as possible. The more I think about it, the more I like the idea of discussing things with young people.

As a basic text for the course in psych I would like to use Ruch's Psychology and Life, I believe the title is. Could you purchase a copy of the new edition (1941, I think) for me. I would also like to have you purchase for me Karen Horney's "Neurotic Personalities of our Times." For the rest I would like to have about a dozen books in elementary psych and mental hygiene, most in the latter field. I would like to have a list which you or others can suggest with which I can begin. If you can get me those books through the library, so much the

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better. Those you cannot get for me I can try to get through the Adult Education Department from U.W. Here's a list which might be included. Since my knowledge in the field is limited this is all that I can suggest for myself.

Adler, A. 1930. Problems of Neuroses  
 Horney, K. I would like to see her latest book.  
 Menninger, K. 1938. Man Against Himself. Any others.  
 Shaffer, L.F. 1936. The Psychology of Adjustment.  
 Stonequist, E. 1937. The Marginal Man  
 Woodworth, R.S. 1940. Psychology

I would like to have these books as soon as possible, and also your list of books.

Since we have an anthropologist (Spencer), a sociologist (Shibutani), a social psychologist (Miyamoto), I guess I ought to be the psychologist in the field. We'll have to think up a different title for Bob.

I am working on the coop report now, whenever I find time. I'll have to find another typist besides Ruby who can read shorthand, because I think I can work faster if I write<sup>x</sup> my original notes in shorthand and then correct them for mistakes first. Since Ruby has to use my typewriter, too, it'll work out more smoothly this way, I think. Also, because I take my field notes in shorthand, they tend to become voluminous, and keeps Ruby quite busy. I told Ruby that the rate would be thirty unless she improved her typing. Then I'd raise it to thirty-five, and if she does perfect work to forty. I also told May that I'd pay her at least five dollars if she writes an autobiography, and she's enthusiastic about it. Money seems to appeal to many people. May has the most inside dope on the family situation, and she has the knack for putting the the right sort of things. Now all I have to do is to bribe George and Ruby to write their life story, and mine will be relatively simple.

Meyer was here the other day and mentioned that the WRA was doing ~~all~~ it can to get people out of here while it was relatively easy to adjust ourselves to the outside world. That sort of talk, together with the fact that people are becoming fed up with the upset condition in here, ~~are~~ making life in here more unsettled. I was thinking that in due time we'll settle down to some sort of orderly life here, but maybe that may never occur if the population keeps dwindling.

I'll be waiting to hear from you. Hope I get a load of books, too. I hope W.I. doesn't mind my taste in books.

'Bye,

James Sakode

October 16, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

I was glad to get two letters from you. The slow-down strike interests me very much, and I hope you have a good record on it.

I have gone over your report on the Christian Church. Just a few comments. When you mention names of people, a few details as to their background should be given, eg. Tom Uyeno, etc. On p. 10, I do not understand the situation referred to in the second paragraph, re an eighth ward being created and the Methodist minister being put in charge. I infer that he did not have a church of his own, but that he held the ward services. Is this correct? On p. 11, you refer to difficulties of adjustments of the Issei; can you be more specific? On p. 12, "the ministers have only one vote among themselves". I assume each ward steward has a vote. Right? But the ministers appoint the ward stewards? Function of black stewards is not quite clear.

Do you have a complete file of Christian News Letter? Later analysis of this might be interesting, e.g., the chapters of the Bible which are studied. Who organized the Christian News Letter? Who financed it? Is it subject to censorship? How did they get away with publication in Japanese?

Is there any evidence of proselyting on the part of the Christians? I have some evidence that a number of the Christian groups on the outside consider these centers as a heaven-sent opportunity to "expose" the Buddhists to Christianity.

Bob Spencer will have some other questions to raise, particularly when you have completed your analysis of the other religious groups.

We sent you today Harpers Magazine and the Gregg manual. Total cost, including postage on Gregg, was exactly \$2.00. Wait until I have bought the other things before sending me a check.

I will see which of the books you list can be sent out from the Library. Also I will supplement the list and will get suggestions from WI and from Gundlach. Also, order for check for Constance has gone out.

There can be no set policy re write-ups. In general, however, an introduction stating the problem and touching some of the high spots on a cross-sectional basis, followed by a chronological account, and concluded with an interpretative summary works very well.

We've slowed up a bit on typing here, as Bob is using the full time of our highpowered secretary. When Morton returns, things will certainly be humming. He is sending back material which he has insured for \$10,000, so he says.

I supposed Bob told you about the sad situation re Charlie's family. No recent news about them.

I am glad you are getting May to work on the family history. That

is a very good idea, and I am sure she can do the job well.

I am enclosing an item from the Daily Cal. I think it is grand the way RGS keeps hammering at his point, and he certainly chose a good group to hammer. This might even be worth reprinting in the Tulean Dispatch?

Sincerely yours,

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
October 18, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I am sending fifty pages of my journal, read and corrected. There's been quite a few meetings, some of them important, and I know you'll be interested in the general trend.

Concerning insights on the recreation situation, I don't think that I have anything to offer. One thing that I would suggest is that youth groups be organized on a block by block basis, not only for recreation, but for learning things about the community. This is especially necessary when issues involving their welfare is brought up. This arrangement is going to work out better if the new Community Charter is accepted as worked out by the Council. There is bound to be a split of some sort between the first and second generation because their points of view are so different. But it's going to be in favor of the welfare of the Japanese in America if issues are decided in Nisei's favor.

The new Charter is cleverly worked out. Instead of one Councilman from each block, there are going to be four from each ward. Thus four people are going to be able to stand together, and are not going to have to face a block meeting directly. When they do communicate with the people, it is going to be through a system of representatives from nine different blocks of the ward--two Isseis and two Niseis. To whom the Councilmen are responsible is not very clear. In case of an issue between the Issei and the Nisei, they will at least have the backing of half of this representative body. It's really something like the co-op setup, only not as neat.

There are talks of FBI men in here, and calling in various persons for questioning. Last week I gave up my job with Dr. Jacoby, and fled to Adult<sup>think</sup> education. Dr.<sup>my</sup> Francis was glad to have me, and I don't I'm going to have trouble with her. I'm going to teach principles of psychology and mental hygiene, possibly calling the latter personality and adjustment. I was thinking of teaching the first two nights a week, and the other one Saturday afternoons. If Dr. Francis is not satisfied with the amount of time I put in, then she can deduct whatever she desires. One of these days a few people are going to get into trouble for talking a little bit too much, and then I'd better really be teaching.

I'm getting more disgusted with things than I used to be. I come home from meetings cursing some of the ignorance of Isseis. The latest one concerns a crabby old fellow who thought that everyone in the block ought to be made to sign their ballot when voting on the theater referendum, because secret ballots were so unreliable. I don't think that they do that in Japan, but what can you do about these people who do even know that much? As Frank says, when the Future of the

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Nisei is at stake, you can't very well be objective about the thing.

One thing that disturbs me about this coming referendum on the theater is that the voting age is 16 and above, when I thought it would be 18 and above. Even at that I've heard Isseis say that Niseis (children) around 18 years of age couldn't be expected to make intelligent decisions. But by that time the Co-op will be taking the theater over, and ought to devise ways of satisfying the older folks.

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I have/working rather closely with the Co-op office, which includes Mr. Elberson, Fumi Sakamoto, and Koso Takemoto. I'm accepted in that office now as a regular visitor. Minnie now gives me any of the minutes of the Council meeting if she has an extra copy on hand. Elberson is good because he'll tell us the truth about things. He is probably in closest contact with the Japanese people among the Caucasian staff.

For the present I intend to spend four hours on my classes, four hours on my report, and about four hours more attending meetings and writing up my journal. I've written almost all of the material on the Co-op out in shorthand, and now I'll have to find another typist for such work. I'd hate to type it myself, because there's so much more to do.

The idea of having a community life seems to have failed so far. Since the policy of the WRA is to get people out of here, fostering a strong community feeling in here would defeat that other purpose. With the possibility of going out to work for both Isseis and Niseis improving, more people seem to be adjusting themselves with an intention of leaving. This trend is not definite yet, but by next spring ought to be pretty well crystallized. At any rate with no one working in the furniture factory and school children sitting on the floor and with strikes or threats of strike appearing in several departments, the community is certainly not organized. On top of that it is being split up into two large camps.

So much for today. I'd be interested to know what's going on up at the office.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

October 21, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

Thanks for your letter and the new pages of the journal. I have read them with great interest. Your reporting is certainly good, and I hope you will get enough stenographic assistance so that you can continue to get these meetings down in such detail. A few minor questions (I am up to p 286)

p.271. Cook's role and behavior are completely incomprehensible to me.

p.273(2) "One of those fellows" What fellows?

p.274. Can we get some exact data on number of Issei and Nisei respectively who attend block meetings? This whole business of the control of the blocks by the Issei is extremely important.

p.277. Who was older, JS or Araki?

p.286 What are, or were, the limitations on membership in JACL.?

More later, and I will attempt some analysis. At present, I am spending time on the Tanforan material, so I can fill in gaps while it is possible. Doris has given me some excellent material on political organization and religious groups. Ernst of Utah by the way is extremely anxious to have us do a followup of the Tanforan group somehow or other. I can get no satisfaction from WRA. My impression is that they don't actually disapprove of anything that we are doing or that we want to do, but that nobody knows who has the authority to give any decision whatsoever. It is very discouraging at times, and also terrifically wasteful of my time and energy. You will be pleased to know that the financial situation is now absolutely settled for a three year basis, so breathe freely on that point anyway. You have doubtless noted that the Pacific Citizen got a "scoop" on the thing and published a squib about it. The University press service has sent out a release for October 26 (I would have preferred no press notices at all, but they went ahead from the Regents' minutes without consulting me)

Don't get discouraged about the study. You must look on it as a continuing thing, where decisions have to be made on a point to point basis (which is, indeed, true of most social science research) In a sense, we are just beginning, and we have a wealth of background material. When we get THE REPORT in hand we shall work on future formulations.

Gundlach was in yesterday, and we had a fine talk. He asked if I objected to his sending suggestions. I indicated that we would all appreciate them. Be careful of one thing though: he is sold on the Lewin approach, and my impression is that it is one of those unrealistic formalizations that will have a limited usefulness in work of the sort we have to do. But I shall keep an open mind. Under separate cover, I am sending the last ASR, where two of the

most recent sociological attempts to "short cut" are given pretty critical going over( note especially Bell on Dodd, and Opler on Warner) You may have this copy, since both WI and I subscribe.

Haven't yet got to the bookstore to order the books you wanted, Virginia ordered several from the library, but most of those you wanted were on reserve. Will get to the coop tomorrow and see whether I can buy the ones you want.

Sincerely yours

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2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
October 25, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Thanks for your letter. It was reassuring that the financial status had been settled for the whole three year period. Talked to Frank and Tom, and both seemed doubtful that they would be here in Tule Lake that long. Well, anyway, it's reassuring.

On the journal here are some clarifications:

P 271, Add: "He was soon squelched because the chairman felt he was out of order. Cook wanted to show off, I'm afraid. He insisted that he was an advisor of the Council and had a right to speak. He was refused that privilege by the chairman."

P 273: Change "~~the fellows~~" to "The Isseis"

P 277: Araki was older.

P 286: The membership of the JACL was limited to Japanese citizens. Tom was talking about including Caucasians, too.

I loaned my copy on the Christian Church to Rev. Kuroda to go over for correction. Most of the material that weren't in the Tulean Dispatch had come from him. Some of the other Christian Caucasian leaders got a glimpse of it, and now want copies of it. I saw Miss Topping, who used to be Dr. Kagawa's ~~his~~ secretary and who is now over here with some sort of message, if I understand her correctly, and she believes a paper of that sort would do the Christian Movement a great deal of good. They offer to make the copies if I give them the permission. I thought it would be all right to give Rev. Kuroda a copy, but I now begin to see where we have to begin putting our foot down somewhere. I'm asking for instructions from you on this matter. I don't like to make a mystery of the whole matter and would like to cooperate as much as possible. Still I don't know whether it's wise to have anything circulating, although the paper is among the most innocuous.

I am sending in more pages of my journal--320--351. On page 350 the T. that's blacked out stands for Tojo. There's been so much talk of getting the FBI in here that I hesitate to put such words down.

I would like to have you purchase the following books for me as soon as possible:

Woodworth, Psychology, 1940

Ruch, Psychology and Life (around 1941)

Also, workbook for same

Shaffer, Psychology of Adjustment

(I haven't seen this book, but I am under the impression that it is good and just what I want for my course. I would like to have a copy, unless you think it's not

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worth the money. If it costs less than \$3.00, Tom would like to have a copy, too. It wasn't on the Campus Text-book list, but they may have it on hand.

I have received Stonequist from the library. Horney and Meninger are on reserve. I would like to know how I am to make renewals for the books I am held responsible for. I am sending in a new list of books compiled from various sources, some of which you might try to get for me. I'm especially anxious to see Menninger's Man Against Himself, Guthrie's, Psychology of Human Conflict, and Sherman's Mental Conflicts and Personality.

I have finally found a typist to type up the section on the co-op. Kazuko Tanabe is her name. Her sister, Fuzue, went off to the University of Utah, and she is alone with her parents. I'm pretty sure that she can do a good job and that she can be trusted. She has a standard Underwood, which makes it very convenient. She's working in the Ad. Bldg, but said she had time because she didn't go out much. But she intends to get out of here by next spring because she can't stand the ignorant people around here. Tom said something like that, too.

I have run out of white paper on which my journal is typed. The mimeograph <sup>paper</sup> you have sent me is good because it is heavy enough for the purpose.

Things have been rather quiet this week. There hasn't been much discussion on the new Charter as I had expected. At the last meeting the Council wound up its business in record time of 38 minutes or so. Tom Yego has left for the sugarbeet field, and I believe more are contemplating going out, too. Next spring, if conditions are right, there ought to be a regular exodus of people. It means that the process of organization cannot be expected to move along as it would have if no one were leaving the place. I was speaking to Mrs. Murayama and another girl who were working hard at their jobs believing that it was for the good of the community. When I told them that the relocation policy of the WRA meant that they were against too much organization of a permanent nature here, they were rather downcast. They're beginning to feel that people are right when they tell them that there's no sense in working so hard.

So much for today. I'll try to start on the Buddhist group and finish up the section on religious groups, although I don't have too much information on hand.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

October 28, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

Your letter of the 25th and your Journal just arrived about an hour ago. I went through the Journal immediately though hastily. You are certainly getting good stuff.

Re your Christian manuscript, I agree that it would do no harm to let it be used. But I am unwilling to establish a precedent of this sort. First thing you know, it will come out as a mimeographed report somewhere or other. So, just say that you are bound by a pledge, which we have all given, not to distribute any of the material we are collecting, that the copy for Rev. Kuroda was for his confidential use etc. In other words, the answer to Miss Topping is a polite but firm "no."

I am having a selection typed from your list and will send it via Virginia to the library. Ask Tom the mechanism of renewing books. As I remember, you merely write, giving the call numbers, to the Library directly.

So help me, I will buy those books for you right away. I have been negligent, but so busy that I am sure you will understand. Unfortunately, everything is disorganized by the war, but I think I can get some action from the book stores, now that the student rush is over.

Ordered white paper sent you today. We never ordered any mimeograph paper. You understand that we never see the things that go out to you: they are sent direct by the store house. So, if things are not right, let us know. I marked this "white bond".

Am glad you have found a typist.

I used some of the points you have made about block organization, about the difficulties of getting real community organization in the unsettled conditions, about Issei-Nisei relationships in the WRA roundtable. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

2519-C Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
~~October~~ November 2, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Here comes pages 362--388 of my journal. I am being over-taxed with co-op meetings, but when the organization is completed, it ought to boil down to only one or two meetings a week.

I haven't had time to see how my new typist is getting along with the co-op section. As soon as that is done I shall be sending it along to you. I have most of the Buddhist section written (in shorthand), but I want a little more information on points you mentioned in the outline that Bob brought back. I try to get the material from someone, and in the meantime I'll have to read through the co-op section and then start on an outline for the next section.

On the Christian Church section I shall do as you suggested. They shall have to write their own history for themselves.

I am sorry that my diary section bothered you. Into that section goes a lot of material that should be "censored." There's no explanation for that silly remark that I made, of course. At the moment I felt that way, and so felt compelled to put it down. Actually I feel that I am doing alright, although I do have my moments of doubt. If life here is a strain, I am probably standing up under it almost as well as most people, or better. Freud would explain it as a maladjusted sex life, I suppose, and Adler as a frustrated will to power. I don't think I know, although if I pried into my background there are reasons for some sense of insecurity. The fact that I had to work in Caucasian homes while going to college and was rather unhappy because of it might have something to do with it. But I believe that repressions are not good for a person's personality, and I put it down as it came to my mind.

I am spending my afternoons in reading up for my course. I haven't made an outline yet, but will start on one this week. I have been talking to some of my prospective students and have found out through feelers that the class will probably be willing to discuss the ~~psychology~~ problems they have on paper and pencil. If I do get results from my students, I think that my time spent on my classes will be very fruitful.

Things have quieted down somewhat around here, and the rumor has it that we are going to move to Arkansas on the 23rd of this month. Sounds a little fantastic, but if it keeps up without official refutation, I'm going to start believing it, too, with a great many people around here.

I'm glad to hear that Spencer is doing such good work. I'll put all of my spare time into finishing up my reports.

'Bye,

San Thomas

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BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR COURSE ON PERSONALITY AND ADJUSTMENT

To be given at Tule Lake Relocation Center

Beginning November, 1942

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Suggested Text for Course on Principles of Psychology

Ruch, Psychology and Life

Send to James Sahara  
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November 13, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

As always, it was nice to see you. Our next meeting will, of course, be more leisurely and more productive. But I felt that this hurried visit was necessary in view of my pending trip to Arizona.

Am enclosing the pages which I have had typed. The missing carbon has not turned up here. I am now quite certain that I have never seen this section before. This means that I have not read it, but does not necessarily mean that it never arrived in this office, as I explained to you several things that might have happened. The most probable thing is that it was simply lost in transit. So dismiss the whole thing from your mind.

Your coop report arrived yesterday, and I spent the evening reading it. It is a good analysis. There are a few points that need clearing up, but I am not going to attempt to raise points with you now, in order not to slow up the other sections that you are working on.

Re the place of theory in this study, I think you must come around to the point of view that research of this sort takes place in a general framework, which we have defined, but that it is preeminently a matter of "point to point" development. As problems arise, they will have to be analyzed with the tools we have available, and neither problem nor the use of specific tools can, to any great extent, be determined a priori.

Your diary shows very great improvement. You are now getting down details about the composition of meetings and groups which are very important for us to have. I admire your energy, and am delighted with the cooperative spirit you show and the quickness with which you react to any slight suggestions I make. This sort of study cannot go on without people who have initiative and imagination. It cannot be directed from the Giannini armchair. You more than fulfill my requirements and expectations. And it is gratifying to know that you are making a reasonable adjustment to the trying conditions of life in Tule Lake.

I am off to Gila on Monday. If you want to communicate with me next week, send a letter care of Robert Spencer, Gila Project, Rivers, Arizona.

By the way, a Mr. Huycke was in the office yesterday and gave me some interesting points about Minidoka, where he was housing director. Previously he was hospital superintendent or something of the sort at Tulare. Did you know him? He seems like a pleasant fellow. He may go to Tule Lake, but has offers of jobs with OPA and R d Cross, so is undecided.

Sincerely yours, DST

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
November 13, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Today is Friday the 13th, and I just hope nothing dreadful happens. Yesterday Frank and I went after our journal duplicates that came by express, and the soldier curiously went through a great deal of Frank's writing. He didn't look at mine very much because we said that it was the same thing as Frank's. Frank was scared. It wasn't so good having the post employees come nosing around to see what it was all about. Frank and I thought that it would be better if you brought such things up yourself because we aren't in a rush to have them. I would as soon have you keep my copy in your files except for the fact that the others can use my duplicate in writing up their reports.

All of which makes me wonder whether the Broadcast section is coming through the mail or by express. I would prefer first class registered mail, but I suppose it's been sent already so I'll just keep my fingers crossed.

I am sending the Buddhist and Religious Activity sections. I've already sent the section on the Co-op. Please make corrections as you go along when you retype the matter because I haven't much time to bother about my poor English.

I am having the section on the Social Welfare Department typed and am at present working on the Legal Aid Department. I'm trying to get hold of Dr. Jacoby long enough to have him tell me the history of the wardens. In the meantime I find myself occupied with the Co-op Movement and my class. I suppose you haven't had much experience in business and won't be able to help me very much on this matter. I have to find out how we can avoid paying an income tax of about 60% on the present profit. Some people suggest that we give away goods free for awhile.

By the way, I have made four copies of my reports and Frank and Tom both have a copy. I'm sorry that I can't get a fifth for Bob, but if you'll send him a copy I'll appreciate it very much.

I would like to have your comments on the reports as soon as possible, so that I'll have the benefit of them for the rest of the sections that I have to write yet.

'Bye,

James Sakode

November 16, 1942

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C, Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jim:

That certainly was a mess about the censorship. I wrote to Frank in some detail about it and asked for a report on any further developemnts as I am not only willing but anxious to go straight to headquarters to settle this matter of the unwarranted interfrance of the military in these matters. So you might let me know if you hear anything more. Address me, airmail, in care of Robert Spencer, Gila Relocation Project, Rivers, Arizona. The broadcast section was sent out airmail, first class and I want to know what happened to it so do write to me. Thanks for sending along the report on religion. I will read it on the train going down.

I am enclosing a copy of the instructions to the Topaz observers and would like to have your reaction to it.

• I have written President Sproul about getting graduate credit next semester for the work you are doing and hope that something can be arranged but we have been disappointed so often that I don't want to raise your hopes unduly.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST/vp  
Encl.

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
November 23, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I certainly like this bond paper that you sent me--Tom and I both agree on that whdeheartedly. I am sending pages 408-449 of my journal to your office. Also, I have included the typed-up section of the Social Welfare Department. I am giving a copy of it to Bob B. instead of Frank because I think Bob would like to check up on Mrs. Halle and Dr. Jacoby. I have received my supply of large clips and spiral notebooks. I have also walked off with a batch of folders from Tom's place. I should have swiped some typewriter ribbons from him while I was at it.

The instructions to the Topaz workers seem very good to me. I was especially interested in the instruction to keep a record of the worker's own block. I think it's a very good idea because you really do get a lot of valuable information and insight from contacts with block people. I have been attending meetings all along, but it is only now that I am beginning to recognize some of the people and becoming accepted a member of the block. It is interesting, but some of the outsiders like myself are taking a large share of leadership positions in the block.

Even without any report to write I am up to my neck in work. I wake up at seven in time to eat breakfast, although I'm the last one to get to the messhall. Usually I take a nap in the afternoon for an hour or two. Then I stay up till twelve. I'm fit as a fiddle and am gaining more and more confidence in everything that I am doing, but I don't have enough time. Here is my list of excuses for not turning out reports faster than I am doing at present.

First the Co-op has reached a crucial stage where more attention than ever before is required. We hope to take the Community Enterprises over on the first of December. An inventory has to be taken, membership drive started, and an auditor called in to check up on the books and on the inventory. As a member of the Board of Directors I have to attend at least two meetings, the Board meeting and the ward meeting. Special meetings are sometimes called, and on top of it all Koso last Friday asked me to chair one of the meetings of a committee because there were two other meetings being held that same night to which he had to go. After this initial phase of taking over, ward meetings should be cut down to twice a month, and the same for the Board of Directors.

Our block also has been averaging about a meeting every week. The Planning Board had to be formed, the Community Charter approved. Now we have to elect representatives, and members of the block advisory committee. Each time there is an election they expect me to serve on the election committee to watch the voting booth and ~~copy~~ count the votes. Then I have to make reports on the Co-op to the block, even though I am supposed to be replaced by someone else to be responsible to the block. Last week I called a meeting of the young people in our block above 18 years of age, and gave my report on the Co-op in English. I felt it was my duty to do this before

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I asked them to buy scrip books or become members. The Councilman, the block manager, and I had also talked over plans for forming an organization of the young people in the block. This matter was brought up at the same time I gave my report. Everyone was in favor of it. A party for Thanksgiving was suggested by the Councilman. Everybody seemed to want a dance party, so a dance it would be. But for a successful dance party I insisted that some of the people in the block would need some practice. So we arranged for three nights of dance practice. They had an election of officers, and I insisted that I couldn't take any office because I was too busy, but they made me president. Everybody is working hard on the preparation for the dance and not very much of time is used up for that. Last night at a block meeting, however, a grouchy old man got up and demanded why a club was formed without the consent of the parents, and why such a dangerous thing as a dance was going to be held. I had to do a lot of talking, and the block manager came to my rescue and said that this first dance could be considered a trial experiment. If it were not successful, then dances could be prohibited in the future. I don't give a darn because I'm past that stage, but for the sake of the young people in the block, I'll have to muster enough support to swing the whole deal in favor of dances. Very interesting and all that, but it takes time.

I have been several hours every day reading and working up an outline for my course. I've started with cultural conflict that Niseis are faced with, and I find that I have to do a lot of thinking before I get a satisfactory outline. Especially when it comes to making decisions about what types of adjustment are the most commendable, I find I have to think hard and long. I have just two hours of class a week. For the present I am not going to expand my classes until the report is put out of the way. As time goes on, I'll be able to spend less and less time on my classes because I will have read most of the books that I want to read before I really start giving my lectures. I'm learning a lot, and am making valuable contacts, but it takes up more of my time.

The other reason I have is rather inexcusable because it adds neither to my knowledge or to the information for the study. It adds some, of course, but not enough to matter. Under pressure of the report I hadn't gone to many dances and hadn't thought very much about women. Then I suddenly made up my mind that I was going to be serious about a girl, and I've had to see her at least several times a week. I've also attended the Buddhist service on Sunday evenings, and also several dances. And if I am in a daze now and then, it can be traced to this source--perhaps. I know, it could have waited till after the report was out of the way, but it doesn't work that way even with a calculating person like myself. So what can I do?

I'll try to get the reports out as soon as I can. I'll also promise not to take up any more activities, if it is at all possible. But I am not going to worry my head off just because I can't do more. I shall keep up my journal, however, and rest assured that I am doing my share of the work. All this is very silly, of course, and was not meant to torture you with the amount of work I seem to be doing, but only to satisfy my own conscience. I know you'll understand the situation and am not going to worry about this thing at all.

I'll be looking forward to the next conference because I really would

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like to see the study reach a stage where I can really feel that we are achieving something.

I hope everything is coming along fine at Gila.

My best regards to Charlie and Bob and anyone else out there that you might meet that knows me.

Sincerely,

James Sakoda

December 4, 1942

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

Your letter of November 23, addressed to Dorothy at Poston just arrived in the office this morning. That accounts for her not replying to date and the fact that she is now in bed with the flu will postpone her answer for several days more. As I wrote Tom, her illness will also probably mean that she will not get to Tule Lake before the week of the 20th and perhaps not until after Christmas.

Don't worry about what you call "your lack of productivity". Dorothy marvels at your output and is also much satisfied with the quality.

Best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Morton

MG:vp

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
December 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I hope everything was coming along fine at Gila. I've been keeping busy, but have not turned out many reports recently. In fact, this week I wasn't able to write up anything at all, having spent some time getting material for the messhall section and running around for nothing at all. The Co-op has kept me rather busy, but after January I don't think it's going to be quite as busy as it is at present. I keep getting material from meetings, so I don't think I'm wasting my time, but I'm doing my best from getting any more committee work. I've also refused any more propositions in our block because I have the young people's group to take care of. Mabel has refused to go steady with me and her family does not like my coming to see her, so I'm steering clear of all such complications for awhile. I was out on a limb for awhile, but I won't do it again, say, till the reports are finished. My once a week class of about 16 is coming along fine, although I put a lot of time in working up my outline for the course. I try to get some reading done to be fair to Dr. Francis. I told her that I won't be able to open another course till January, and she seems to understand. I have been asked to teach in Higher Education--psych la--and I might as well take that up as open another class for Dr. Francis. The material that I am getting together will be useful for the personal adjustment section that I'm supposed to write up. I'll also touch on the cultural conflict situation, which Frank did not mention in his social structure section.

I am sending the Legal Aid and Fire Department sections. Also the journal from pages 450-498.

I would like to have checks sent to those who have helped me before Christmas comes around. Could you send Asako Higaki \$3.50. She did some typing for me on the block manager's report. I figured out with Ruby's help our debt to her. She has been putting in on the average of about 2 hours a day since July 12. At 30¢ an hour we figured that it would amount to \$72. She was slow at the beginning, but she is doing more work at present to catch up with me. That amount will take care of her till the end of November. I also have to pay Kazuko Tanabe for the work she has been doing for me on transcribing my shorthand notes on the reports. She has finished the following sections:

Co-op.....53 pages  
Buddhist Church.....31  
Legal Aid..... 8  
Fire Dept.....11  
Social Welfare..... 21  
Introduction to Religion     -31

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Ruby and I have figured up that eight cents a page would be fair to all concerned. Could you find out the number of pages she typed for the last two sections and calculate the amount we owe her and make out a check for her to the nearest dollar. If you think that I am being unfair to her you might raise the rate to about ten cents per page. It all depends on how much fund we have for this sort of work, because Kazuko says that she enjoys doing the work for me. Incidentally I have ~~started~~ ~~gotten~~ her to start to keep a diary. I have asked others, but I have not followed them up because of need to keep the whole thing "within the family." Kazuko also has a great deal of material on the Construction Division, where she is working as private secretary. But I am not promising anything from that field for the present because she has her own secrets to keep. Here are the addresses:

Asako Higaki, 2904-A  
Kazuko Tanabe, 4707-C  
Ruby Sakoda, 2519-C

Mr. Elberson is working on a write up on the labor situation here, and advised us to put in a section on labor relations. He will give us the material whenever he finishes it. I am showing him my section on the Co-op for corrections. His historian may be tempted to use part of the section if he learns about it. I'll get in touch with you before taking any definite action on such matters. Mr. Elberson has also introduced me to Mr. Takeda, chairman of the mess advisory committee, and he has turned over minutes of meetings and other material which he had on hand to me, and also gave me interesting accounts of some of the mess troubles he has handled as a member of the Fair Practice Committee.

These small sections are really getting me down, and I want to start on the larger ones as soon as I can.

An FBI man came to see me the other day about the broadcast affair. He said that Dr. Jacoby referred him to me. He seems to be interviewing many others on the Project about this matter. He asked me if I knew any of the speakers, and I said that I didn't. He referred to one speech in particular and wanted to know what I thought about it. I said that I thought that he was just blowing off his mouth. I explained that since then these so-called agitators have quieted down and are beginning to cooperate. I tried to explain that the sympathy of most of the Isseis are, and should be expected to be, with Japan, but he didn't seem to be able to grasp this. I wonder if an American, retaining his American citizenship and living in Japan for thirty years, would be expected by anyone to be loyal to Japan. I wasn't scared at all, and he was very nice about it all.

I'll be looking forward to the mid-December conference, although we won't have all of the sections written up.

'cBye,

James Sakoda

December 7, 1942

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519 - C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

In my own work there is <sup>no one whom</sup> ~~nothing that~~ I hate more than an obstructionist administrator. Consequently I feel very ill at ease to find myself in the position of having to hold up your payroll. The point is we cannot pay your typists until they have filled out the inclosed citizenship blanks. This is a strict University rule and there is nothing we can do to get around it. I feel pretty bad because this means that they may not get paid until after Christmas. But I will send this letter Airmail and if you will have the blanks filled out and send them back immediately, I will try my very best to rush the checks to you before the 25th.

I am sending you several extra blanks for future use. Eveny Nisei we put on the payroll must sign a blank. For the Issei, we use the "Case History" technique.

Dorothy is much better today and expects to be back in the office Wednesday or Thursday. As soon as she is able to make travel arrangements she will let you know when to expect her.

My apologies again for holding up your payroll. I send best regards to you, Ruby, George and the rest of the Tule Lake group.

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:vp  
Enclosure

P.S. We are going to pay Kazuko Tanabe 9¢ a page for her work. This is about the prevailing wage here at the University for rough copy. For her 155 pages she will receive \$13.95.

M. G.

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
December 10, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I'm sorry to hear that you were down with the flu. I hope you are well by now, and are back on the job. Morton has been doing very well assuring me that my productivity is sufficient and trying to get the checks for me by Christmas if possible. Tom tells me that you will not be able to come down here till almost the middle of January. I was hoping that you could bring some Christmas candy up for us. We have gotten hold of a Christmas tree because George went on the trip to cut them for messhalls, schools, and hospital, but what are we going to do without candy.

I am sending the citizenship blank back. I had the hardest time trying to convince Asako that she should sign one of those things for me. I had to insult her finally to get her to sign it for me. I wonder how Connie's check came through without a citizenship paper.

Could you buy about five pounds of assorted Christmas and chocolate candy and send it up to me as soon as you can? I'll be glad to pay for them if you can get hold of some sort of candy. I understand that they are very hard to get at the present time, and the canteen says that they are not able to get very much to sell. We are having a party for little children on Christmas, with games, Santa Claus, candies and all, and maybe I'll have to donate some of my candy if there isn't enough to go around with the amount the young people's group is buying.

I was going to wait till you came up to order more supplies, but here goes.

- 1 ream white bond (no holes) ✓
- 2 reams yellow seconds
- 9 x 12 folders for mailing purposes (if you haven't already sent them to one of us.)

Shibs is ordering typewriter ribbons. Mine is a Remington Portable, and Kazuko's is an Underwood Standard.

He is also ordering carbon paper, which Kazuko uses a great deal of.

*Some 3 & stamp*

My work is coming along as well as it ever will. I'm still on the messhall section, and perhaps I can finish it by tomorrow. I have given up the habit of being meticulous about footnotes for this section, and let my imagination run away with me when I didn't have any material on hand. You can write faster that way and get work done sooner. It may turn out to be that I'll get better organization in that way. I know I'm going to be sorry later, though, when I can't find those footnotes.

I'm finally starting to get into my larger sections. I've tried to get the smaller sections out of the way first because they could contribute valuable material to the larger sections, which are more important, as far as formulations go.

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I'm finally getting into a sort of a stride in this matter of writing up the report. I think I'll do very well with the family unit if I let my imagination go to work. I've been thinking a little about the personal adjustment section, and I think I'm going to have some fun with it. Since Frank did not touch on cultural conflict in his social structure section and since I have the material for on hand from my class work, I'll bring that in. I've been gathering some material on case history, but not very much. I'll take Frank's section on the social structure and Tom's section on social change and add cultural conflict to them and use them as the background for the personal adjustment section. At the present time I see three large factors which make up the social background in which the individual has to operate:

1. A leveling process due to uniformity.
2. Centralization of authority and activities. Frank has brought this out clearly, and I was impressed with it when working on the messhall section. One important aspect of this centralization is that Caucasians are at the head, making the racial split more acute.
3. The isolation of a large number of Japanese from the outside world. This brings in the problem of change in identification and loyalties, the sort of people who try to escape from this place as soon as they can, etc.

Everything is coming along fine with all of us. George finds that his department, except for the fact that a pig dies now and then, is getting along very well. He has gathered together a group of quiet workers, and gets along quite well on the farm. Ruby is doing very well with her crew of English teachers. We talked to Dr. Francis about starting a class in Japanese (for possible Ft. Savage recruits, we said), and the War Department said o.k. Ruby has selected a teacher, and everything has worked out well. I feel more secure now about my position in the community and in the block. I am no longer afraid what people would say just because I'm home most of the day typing at home and I take notes at meetings.

The Co-op still takes a lot of my time. I know I get some notes from the meetings and am learning a great deal besides. The young people's club is going to be valuable in getting more insight into young people. It'll also help when I write the history of the block, which is something I'll have to get started/on. Oh, my.

I haven't seem Mabel since. I'll wait till New Years and start the coming year with a clean slate.

My best regards to everyone.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

December 14, 1942

Dear Jimmy,

We now have definite reservations, leaving here January 11, leaving KF for return January 14. That gives a little more time to get things in. By the way, there are two parts of your report which, if you remember, I did not have copied, but merely returned with marginal comments. They were the creative writers' section and the section on the dancing. Will you please send them back, even if you have not had time to revise them, for I think they should be included.

The packages are ready to go, but the expressman has not come yet--expect him tomorrow. Hope you have a good Christmas.

Regards to all.

Yours,

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
December 18, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have received your note and the deposit slip. Since I can't cash a private check here without standing in line at the bank one of two days in the week, which I don't want to do, the money in the bank just keeps piling up. We received our pay check for November recently and yesterday our clothing allowance for four months (three months for me), so we have enough to celebrate Christmas with.

I have revised one paragraph in the Creative Writers section, and the whole introduction to the Dance section and am sending them on to you. I can see now what a sloppy piece of work I was doing, but I don't think that I should stop to do too much revision at this point, as there are other sections that should be turned out.

Thus far I have taken the policy of writing up the smaller sections first and of building up the larger sections on top of the others. But it's come to a point where it seems to be more important to have one or two of the larger sections for the Conference. Although working with the smaller sections, case histories, incidents, group studies first is the sounder approach, it seems to me, you can't very well base formulations on them. To do this the larger sections have to be finished, and that includes the personal adjustment section. I have decided to drop everything at this point and work on this before you come up. If I have time to do anything else, I'll try to write a few pages on the family situation. For the present I intend to ignore customs till a later date. I haven't covered the wardens yet, a write-up of Block 25 will be very, very useful, and our family history will be very interesting, ad infinitum, but it just can't be done. What do you think of this idea.

I am hardly giving any time at all to Adult Education at the present time, but even then I don't seem to progress much. Since there are going to be club affairs, a wedding in our block, Christmas to deal with, Creative Writers project to turn out souvenir calendars for the year-end jamboree, and the inevitable coop, I have resigned myself to completing only the personal adjustment section by the time you come up. Personally I think it's a very good idea. After I thought of it I finished up my messhall section in a hurry, so that will account for the fact the the last part is sketchy. Mr. Taketa ran off with his material, and hasn't brought them back yet, and I didn't want to wait for it.

I'll see Bob soon to see if the candies arrived. I hope they did because there is no candy being sold in the canteen at present.

Bye,  
James Sakoda