

January 4, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I was certainly glad to hear that you are not on the stop-list. I have been talking over your problem of housing with several people, and they have advised me that it would be better for you to come here and look over the possibilities of places to live where Hattie could do housework, rather than try to arrange anything in advance. Professor Jean W. Macfarlane, 1542 La Loma, Berkeley, has kindly offered to give you and Hattie temporary accommodation in her home. You will thus have a period in which you can carefully make your plans for the future. I suggest that you try to get here about the middle of February so that you will be well settled by the time the semester begins in March. Will you and Hattie please write to Mrs. Macfarlane directly and thank her for her kind offer, and give her some idea of when you expect to arrive.

Your application for a fellowship looked all right to me and I sent it to the Dean of the Graduate School. I also wrote a recommendation for you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

January 8, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I forgot to comment on the summaries that you are writing up of various phases. I think they will be quite useful when you get to the point of organizing your material into a systematic report. I anticipate, however, that you will be so busy in the next month collecting data on the various reactions that you will not have time to do much of this summarizing.

We did not receive the copy of the Minidoka Irrigator which deals with the official announcements, although we have got all the other issues. Will you please see whether you can get hold of a copy and send it to us?

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
January 11, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Hattie and I are very glad to hear that Miss McFarlane has offered us accommodation temporarily in her home. It means that we are going to get started on the Coast with friends and a place to stay. As you suggest, I think it would be better to look for more permanent (?) places after we get there.

Now that leaving the center has become an actuality I feel a little reluctant to do so. I guess it takes time to get used to an idea. It's just like the writing up of the data. After I got started on the summaries, I wanted to finish them, but I was never very anxious to write up material. ^{because} I don't have any great urge to leave the center, probably I have adjusted myself comfortably here. One can lead a full life here that would not be possible in another community. I know that I shall miss straightening out Miss Covington's relationship with her statistical clerks, prying out information out of people, steering the community council, denouncing the administration, trying to influence the "paratroopers" who drop in from Washington, helping to keep your own block in order, looking after the welfare of the people. I guess you're right when you say that we in the centers have gotten too involved in the life of the center. Maybe we're no longer objective about it, and that the sooner we step out the better it would be.

I don't know how my future plans are going to work out, but I am prepared to spend the major part of this year in organizing the material on Minidoka, filling in the gaps, keeping in touch with the final phases of the closing of the center, and the return of evacuees to the Coast. I have the following schedule in mind:

- Summaries of material on hand
- A complete outline for the write-up
- Filling in of gaps
- Gathering material on closing and return to the Coast.
- Writing up a rough draft of the report
- Filling in of gaps
- Gathering material on closing and return
- Rewriting the complete history

Filling in of gaps and gathering material on the final phases of the closing, of course, must be done in the center. This seems to require occasional visits to the center. I have been thinking that it might be better if I did not take any course this semester and spent full time in getting the write-up completed as soon as possible.

January 16, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

Thanks for your letter of January 8, plus your further interesting notes on recent developments at Minidoka. I note that you have a reference in your notes to someone who is planning to return soon to Placer County. I wish you would build up your contact with him, so that we could later visit him and see how things are going.

Just the other day, I had a long talk with Mr. S. Kubo whom, of course, you know. He is planning to return soon, although he will leave his family behind in Gila. I have an idea that he would be a very good informant on the economic side and I would be very glad to get your estimate of his reliability.

This matter of the "national traitors" is extraordinarily interesting. I don't think I would have predicted such a strong rise in the feeling against inu at this point. You may be interested to know there is a rumor current in Tule Lake that there is so much resistance in Minidoka that martial law has recently been declared. You will also be interested to know that apparently a very great part of the Tule Lake population will not be on any stop list whatsoever, nor will they have individual exclusion orders against them.

Elmer Smith came over to see me the other day and we had a very good talk. He certainly has a high opinion of your abilities and delighted me by telling me of the many fine things you have done in addition to the ones I know about.

Charlie arrives here on the 30th and will stay at least a month.

Hoping to hear from you soon about your own plans.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
January 18, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I have gone through a rather restless week. Nothing much is happening around here, and I can choose what I want to do almost any hour of the day. The people on the whole are very quiet. The Council is so disorganized that it won't be able to do very much even if it wanted to. It is faced with a reelection early next month, and it will be interesting to watch what sort of leadership we get here. The administration has a fancy setup for disseminating information, but it hasn't gone into action yet.

Several people are leaving the project for points West, and reactions and rumors should be coming in. In fact, they are coming in. Several sources say that the reception in Seattle is very good.

The Council planned for block meetings to produce questions on the closing and the recommendation of capable workers to handle the program, but the meetings are being held up by the translation of the minutes of the last joint meeting. Several blocks have passed resolutions stating that the majority of the residents were opposed to leaving the center. The discussion of the lack of necessity of leaving the center continues. It will be interesting to watch how the administration is going to handle the situation. To my way of thinking, it's going to be detrimental to the peace of the project if this sentiment is suppressed, especially by evacuee leaders.

Sooner or later we're going to have a meeting in my block, and I shall have to advise Mr. Hata what action to take. I have made my stand ^{clear} to him already. For the peace of the block the best interest of both of those leaving and staying should be considered. Votes in public as to whether an individual wants to leave or not should be watched. Meetings should be largely informational. Those who want action can be recommended for candidacy for the group to handle the issue of closing the center. There is the element which is saying that they are not going to leave the center, no matter what. That is the group which requires skillful handling. These are some of the things that I have to think about nowadays.

I have discontinued my summaries of incidents temporarily, and am now going through old issues of the Irrigator. There ~~isn't~~ much information in them, but this is something I should do while I have material on hand and before I begin making interviews on the past. I have also talked with

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January 18, 1945

deYoung, and have gotten him to open up his files to me. I have~~x~~ gotten a look at the Reports Officer's reports in his files, and am convinced that they are not worth having copied. I shall run through his copies and take whatever notes that I think is necessary. I plan to do this with the rest of his material, too. Although I don't have an outline worked out yet for my write-up, I feel that I know just about what I'm looking for.

The closing down of messhalls and the mandatory ceiling on messhall workers ~~was~~^{were} postponed until February 28. Perhaps it would be best if I left a little after the first of March, because it is possible that sufficient tension is built up by then to make this an occasion for a strike on a project-wide basis. Takeda believes that a strike here by messhall workers will not succeed because too many of them want their jobs, and I am inclined to trust his judgment.

I have been reading Snow's People on Our Side~~x~~ and have been surprised by the similarity of the problems in other countries with those here in the center. I'm referring to the political struggle, of course. The situation in countries in Europe offer good comparisons, too.

I hope everything is coming along fine in Berkeley.

Regards from Hattie.

Bye,

Jim

P.S. Will you please send me more stamps:

100 3-cent stamps

25 ten-cent stamps

1/2"

January 22, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

Frank wrote and asked me to send a copy of your Journal from November, 1942 to June, 1943. I sent it along in a hurry but, unfortunately, did not notice that I have no extra copy from the period April 28, 1943 to June 26, 1943. Do you have an extra copy of that? If so, could I have it? If not, would you please write to Frank immediately, airmail, and tell him not to cut up that particular portion, that is the portion covered from April 28, 1943 to June 26, 1943. Incidentally, did you write up the Journal from May 30, 1943 to June 26, 1943? This was around the time of the conference at Salt Lake City. Of course, we did not send Frank your Diary, which is confidential.

I received your letter of January 18. I will pass along the word to Morton about the Report Officer's records. The block meetings that you describe sound like a repetition of the situation during registration. I will follow the developments with great interest.

We have sent through an order for the stamps you asked for.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

January 26, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I told Morton that you definitely did not want him to bother about any of the report officer's documents. He telephoned me today about some other situation and asked me to confirm this with you. Unless he hears from you, airmail, he will assume that the specific requests, for instance in regard to the warehouse incident, should also be disregarded. He is, however, getting us a big file of community analysis documents which have been unpublished, and which we will be able to keep here for a sufficient period to make copies of anything that is important.

Your Journal was received yesterday and read with interest as always. So many things are happening that I think you had better spend your time just recording these reactions in the same detail and let the summaries go until you come here and can work with me.

In regard to the cards: do not go to any further trouble to try to get the items regarding, for instance, Kibei status recorded. I am going to be able to get hold of a complete set of WRA punch cards on the Minidoka population which will give the information about occupation, education, etc. We will then collate those cards with our own which show items that WRA does not include, such as address on project, specific community of origin, etc. Let me know what the actual status of your cards is.

Time is passing and I suppose that you have very mixed feeling about leaving the project! It will certainly be necessary for you to make some return trips to follow-up on various things, but I still think it desirable for you to come here as soon after March first as you can possibly make it.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Sakoda

Copy of Recommendation written by D.S.Thomas

in January, 1945

(re application of James Sakoda for Graduate fellowship)

James Sakoda has been employed by the Evacuation and Resettlement Study of this University since May, 1942, as field worker and research assistant. For the first few months, his work consisted merely of keeping a daily journal covering various aspects of the experiences of the evacuees in their initial adjustments to the Tulare Assembly Center. During the summer of 1942, however, I had him transferred to the Tule Lake Relocation Project, where he was able to carry on more systematic studies of social structure and social change at the project. He remained there until Tule Lake was transformed into a segregation center, at which time he transferred, together with some 2,000 other Tuleans, to the Minidoka project in Idaho.

He is a highly productive research worker, and has prepared a series of excellent reports for the Study. He is thoroughly objective in his approach, and has learned how to document highly complicated situations reliably and with a wealth of detail. An especially valuable series of these reports deals with the cultural and generational conflicts that have developed in the projects, including the registration crisis (revolving around the loyalty issue), resistances to relocation, and labor conflicts. Being bicultural and bilingual, he has been able to penetrate situations that were closed to certain of my Nisei field workers.

Sakoda is not only an industrious and careful worker, but he also has superior ability in organizing his materials into a meaningful cultural context. He has developed many ingenious techniques for obtaining data under extraordinarily difficult conditions. He is constantly aware of elements of unreliability that may distort observations, and he knows how to check and cross-check to minimize these elements. His experience in this work has developed an intellectual maturity and an appreciation of research far beyond that of the usual graduate student in the social sciences.

Sakoda has a delightful personality. He is honest and straightforward. The experiences of evacuation have in no way embittered him. He is a thoroughgoing realist, and he accepts racial discrimination as one of the more disagreeable "facts of life." He has self-respect, and he wins the respect of others. His manners are excellent. He is thoroughly American, at the same time maintaining an understanding and appreciation of his own cultural heritage. He is happily married, and is, on the whole, a very well-adjusted person.

In conclusion, I believe that he has both the intellectual and the personal qualifications that will make for a satisfactory adjustment to graduate work in this University. On the basis of these qualities added to his unusually rich research experience, I recommend him highly for a graduate fellowship.

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
January 26, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

In your letter of January 16 you ask me about a family returning to Placer County. It must be a family from some other center, because I know of none here who are planning to return soon. Concerning Mr. S. Kubo, I do not know very much. As an elderly Nisei, he is supposed to have his name involved in a large number of alien property, especially that of a certain Dairiki, who is reputed to be quite wealthy. From what little I know of him, I would say that he would make a good contact man for the Placer County area on the economic side.

I'm relieved to hear that you can get me back in here without difficulty. I haven't made up my mind definitely, but perhaps I had better take out an indefinite leave and get it over with. The only thing is, of course, that if I decide to go elsewhere later on it would be convenient to have the WRA transport our belongings free of charge. I have a feeling that I'm going to take an indefinite. As to the date of departure, I have tentatively set the date around the first part of March. On March 1st the mandatory employment cut for the Steward Section goes into effect. This may be an occasion for the outbreak of hostilities, which are still mere undercurrents. The election of the Council will take place about the first week in February, and it will not be until several weeks later that they will be able to take action. I should like to see the Council in action on some issue, if possible, and see where it stands with the residents and the administration. The feeling between the administration and the residents, including the leaders, is becoming worse, if you have noticed in the journal. It is hard to say when a general conflict will take place. If and when it occurs, it would be interesting to be around here. However, I should get to Berkeley to begin some of the writing which should be done. I certainly cannot get it done here at the present rate. For reasons that only Hattie knows, I should avoid traveling around the 8th. Maybe we can leave around the 5th. I have yet to go to the Leaves Office. I'd like to leave quietly, but it will have to get out sooner or later. So far we have done little about packing.

Fujii was not able to get his job as relocation officer, and at present he is making an effort to regain his status on the project. For this purpose there is only one thing that he can do without resigning, and he is doing it. That is to oppose the closing of the center. How successful he is going to be has yet to be seen. The fact that the administration has sold him down the river on the Central Service deal helps him to carry out this protest role.

Dorothy--2

January 26, 1945

I do not have an extra copy of my journal for the period April 28, 1943 to June 26, 1943. I have written to Frank to tell him not to cut up the pages for that period. I do have my own copy, however, and is available for use if you should need it. From May 30, 1943 to June 26, 1943 is covered in my diary as a diary of my trip to Gila.

Could you have my income tax deduction record sent from the University to you? The last time it came it came in a window envelope, and anyone could tell at a glance what it was. This is a request from Hattie, as well as myself.

I would like to have the following supplies sent:

- ✓ 1/29
- 1 box medium black carbon
 - 1 ream white bond
 - 2 reams yellow second sheets
 - 1 black typewriter ribbon

X
you want

I am finally through transcribing the conference notes, and will send through the last batch on George's economic aspects. You'll find a lot of mistakes because I rushed the work. Hattie is typing my journal notes. I hope to get caught up on those in due time. I have located a girl to do some copy work for me. She is Mari Ohara, a typist who used to work in the Council office and who transferred to the Internal Security office. She doesn't have much to do there, and I can have her do some of the harmless copy work.

Regards from Hattie.

' Bye,

Jim

February 5, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I am getting the form 26's for Minidoka, so whenever you want to pack up your cards and send them along we can put all the additional information that we need on them here in the statistical lab.

Your copy of the DeWitt report has arrived. You owe me \$3.96, and unless I hear from you I will hold it in the office until your arrival.

Charlie is here and we are having a fine time analyzing case histories and so on.

Best regards to Hattie.

Hastily yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
February 5, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I've received stamps and also my income tax deduction receipt. Thanks for taking the trouble.

By the way, I can drive a car, and will be very glad to go riding anyplace. It will be a pleasure.

George Kakimoto has unfortunately been placed on the detained list, as far as I know, and will not be able to return to Placer right now. Anyway, his folks do not agree with him about the advisability of returning just now. I am visiting them occasionally.

I have finally caught up with the back typing, and will try not to get behind anymore. I have some more copy work to be done, and am having Hattie and another girl do it. I have gone through the back issues of the Irrigator and the Reports Officer's Reports for what they're worth, which is not too much. I'm going through the block manager's meeting minutes now. There are signs of criticism against the block managers from the residents as early as January and February, 1943. It must have begun much earlier. I shall try to go through some of deYoung's files, too.

I'm certainly glad to hear that you are going to get a set of punch cards on the people here in Minidoka. My rapport with the Stat Section is such that if there is time I can get extra work done on the cards, if necessary. I've been dropping in there occasionally to see to it that the work continues smoothly, and I think Miss Covington appreciates the fact that I have tided her over the worse part of her relationship with the workers. The girls were just about ready to quit, and I don't think that she would have survived the strain of getting together another crew. Now she has an able girl to do the supervising, and has been able to build up the crew working on the cards and the roster to about eight. The roster should be completed by the end of the month. The crew is trying to get the type of leave (education, army, etc.) from the departure advices transferred to the cards. Marriages will have to be checked. Family groupings will have to be determined. Missing data will have to be tracked down. To understand the difficulty of the undertaking, you have to know that no set of record on the project is actually complete or accurate. This goes for Form 26's, master file cards, departure advices, housing records, welfare records, etc. A great deal of work will have been done on the cards before we get them back. When we get all of our data together, we shall be able to do a beautiful piece of work on the leaves a la Tule Lake.

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February 5, 1945

The tabulation for the December, 1944 census, by the way, came out perfect with their daily population summary after check ups were ~~made~~ and 13 delayed reports were ^{made}. Miss Covington is certain to be proud of this accomplishment because neither Newell or anyone else has been able to take a census which matched with the records. If you have any type of check-up that you would like to have made, please let me know. I shall see what can be done.

I've finally made arrangements to leave the project on indefinite leave on March 5. Mrs. MacFarlane has kindly written and has offered Hattie the opportunity to work for part of the expense, but ^{not a} Hattie says that she wants a full time job and preferably domestic job. Well, we shall make up our minds after we get to Berkeley.

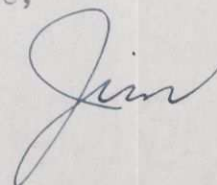
I think you've followed the Irrigator-Graham conflict with interest. I shall try to get the third party point of view after I leave the project. All of this seems pretty silly, but when you're here, it's not. Last week I became involved in the garbage crew work stoppage, but pulled out of it whole. The administration is getting a little cocky because of the surplus of labor. Some charts ought to be prepared to show that with a just a little relocation, the labor situation is going to get pretty tight again. What they don't figure on is that the working population relocates and leaves behind mostly people who cannot work.

The inability of the Council to hold an election for lack of nominees is certainly not my fault. If I had it my own way the Council would have resigned some time back, and its stock would have gone up enough to be able to hold a decent election. Spicer said that Minidoka was unorganized. Well, it looks sorta disorganized, too. Organization is frowned upon by the administration and even broken up, as in the case of the central service crews, and the result is the lack of organization. Also, leaders are not anxious to step up and fill key positions, although most of them are willing to work for the Co-op.

There seems to be material here enough to tell an interesting story. Oh, well, we shall see. I am not going to worry about that until I get out of here. I'm spending most of my time now keeping up on current happenings and digging up data on the past. I sometime feel that I'm not getting much done, but this can't last very long now, anyway. I ought to be pretty busy when it becomes time to pack.

Father Joe drove to Topaz, and I felt like tagging along. I'm certainly in the wrong center if I am going back to the Bay Area. Oh, well, there may be another chance to go to Topaz.

'Bye,



12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
February 11, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

The all center conference finally seems to have gotten underway at the center level, and next week is going to be a busy one for those concerned. Here in Minidoka the Council has the organization of the delegation to the Salt Lake City conference in its hands, and it will be interesting to watch how it goes about using the power that it has gained for itself. The only way in the Council has been able to retain leadership has been to declare itself all out against the closing of the center and of appealing to those who are interested in the negative aspect of the program--i.e., not in leaving.

I would guess that the conference is going to end up by stressing the positive angle--we want this and we want that for those who are willing to go out. If and when this happens, the delegates to the conference are going to be in a rather peculiar situation when it comes to explaining what they accomplished. Their accomplishment, unless the Washington office cares to change its policy radically, is going to be largely for those who are willing to leave the center.

The Council was asked to select the seven who are to meet with the Council to form the Fact-Finding Committee of 14, which is going to be instrumental in writing up the report to be taken to the conference and selecting the four delegates to be sent. I thought that it was unwise on the part of the Council to assume the responsibility for the appointment, because when things go wrong, it will be discovered that the Council had all the say.

Tom Ogawa has been appointed to the Fact-Finding Committee, but he does not care to go to the conference as an official delegate, since there will be a lot of explaining to be done which he does not want to be forced to do. Father Joe and I, however, for slightly different reasons, want to see Tom at the conference as an "unofficial" observer. Since he is a reporter for the Irrigator, it is possible for him to go as a reporter. It will not be difficult to sell the Fact Finding Committee the idea that Tom should go in this capacity rather than as an official delegate. The only trouble now is that Tom will have to be financed from sources other than the Community Fund, which is to be raised by assessing each block \$10. Both the Co-op and the WRA are "out," insofar as aid goes.

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These are only tentative planning. How the whole matter turns out will depend on what happens early in the week. I'm not quite sure how important the all-center conference is for our purpose. If Tom will go, I shall be able to depend upon him for a fairly good report of what happens. Otherwise, we'll probably have to depend on the official minutes. Since Myer is visiting the center, I can cover that.

I'm starting to catch up on the copy work. I've got the set of letters written by heads of sections and by members of the Organization Commission on the subject of the advisability of having a Community Council here which I am having copied completely. I'm also having the reports of the Reports Officer on the registration program copied, since it offers a good comparison with the program in other centers, notably Tule Lake. You'll notice that I've caught up on the Irrigator Cross Reference in my journal. I'm trying to get my file in order so that when I get to Berkeley, I can start writing right away.

Hattie is busy making dresses to wear when she goes out. The way she's going at it, she ought to have enough to last the rest of her life--don't say that I told you this. She gets some typing done for me, but I have also asked another girl to do some typing for me, too. She's the typist who used to work in the Council office and who won't do anything for the Council anymore. She insists on not taking anything for the work, and I may have to work it out so that I'll get the money in Hattie's name. Her name is Mari Ohara (Ohama), and I hope to help her and her sister find their way to school.

Mentally we are preparing to leave. We have decided to pack at the last moment so that the residents in the block don't start to talk until it is too late. I find myself inclined to become involved in project problems mentally, if not physically, and with the situation gradually becoming tenser, it ought to be ripe for some incident about the time we leave.

I'm helping the young people in the block to organize. They've formed a club, and have even been able to hold a party and a dance afterwards. It's a difficult situation because some of the boys are only about 14, and very shy. There's several that age who goes in front of the girls and start to hesitate about whom to choose. You can well imagine how the girls feel. I've gotten games from the new C.A. for the club, and am going to try to get some athletic equipment before I leave. It is becoming warmer now, and the children can play outdoors now during the day.

Regards to Charlie and the others.

P.S. Am enclosing \$4 check^{Bye,}
for the Lehnert Report.

Jim

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
February 19, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Last weekend was certainly a busy one for me, since I did most of the writing on the report to Myer. It's one way of getting material, but it certainly is the hard way. I tried to show how the residents were reacting to the closing program, and also what type of requests the residents had. ~~Mr~~ Myer met with the residents today, and he certainly had all of the answers pat. His stand is that the closing of the centers is going to go through on schedule, and that he has no alternative plans.

It will be interesting to see now what the all-center conference is going to produce.

2/26.
Concerning the Community Analysis Reports, I am sending back the sheet you sent me, indicating those that I wish to have copied. I would like to have all of the reports after Feb., 1944 copied, especially the weekly progress report ~~ix~~ adopted late last fall. DeYoung does not keep them in the open files, and I have not had opportunity to see all of the material~~x~~ that is in his files. I'm not quite sure where I stand with him. There is a folder on community government which I must get hold of yet, and which I believe I can manage before I leave. DeYoung is leaving on the 23rd, I believe, and Smith is expected back at the end of the month. DeYoung has been pretty sour all during his stay--I guess he thought that he might be able to stay.

Time is certainly flying, and I shall really have to wind up all of my business. I'm getting caught in a net of social obligations, all of which I cannot ~~xxxxxx~~ ignore.

Hattie has done 207 or more pages of typing for me, and I have had Mari Chara type 182 pages. Both of them don't want to be paid for the job, and I have decided to ask for five cents per page for both in Hattie's name. I hope to be able to do more for Mari to see that she gets on to school. So could you put in \$19.45 for Hattie?

Our relocation plan has not been approved by the S.F. office yet, but I'll let you know if the approval does not come in soon. If it isn't hectic, it's starting to feel that way, anyway.

207
182
38.90

28 hrs. 'Bye
\$39

Jim

= 47 hrs @ 50¢
= \$23.50.
(to cover tat)

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
February 14, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Concerning the Community Analysis material, I can go through deYoung's files and look up the reports in question when I have time. For the present I would like to have all of the reports after Feb., 1944 The Integration of ex-Tulean copied, including the weekly "trend" reports. For this particular period I would like to have the documentation as complete as possible. The other reports I shall glance through to see if they are worth copying.

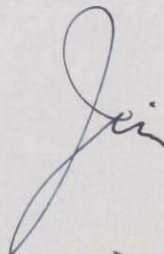
I have gotten myself on the committee to draft a report to Myer, and will have access to all the material on the attitudes toward the closing of the centers, as well as the discussion of some of the brightest individuals on the project. Myer is expected on the project Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Tom Ogawa is going to the Salt Lake City conference as a secretary, so that he won't have to come back and make reports in public. I'm depending on him for the inside dope of what goes on at the conference. If Dick is sending anyone, they might get together to compare notes.

The second attempt to form the Community Council seems to be succeeding.

The work on the cards is proceeding slowly. Most of the information has finally been assembled on our cards, and they are now being thrown into family groups. After that there is some typing to do, and I'm not sure if I'll be able to send the cards on before I leave or not. I hope so. I have made arrangements to have the cards in family groupings (alphabetized) when we get them so that time will not be lost in identifying families.

'Bye,



Sorry I forgot to mail this,

12-12-C
Hunt, Idaho
February 21, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

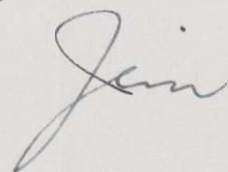
I have been able to take out several folders from the Community Analysis files to copy. In this way I was able to copy material on registration and also on the formation of ~~the~~ self-government. I sensed, however, that ~~he~~ DeYoung did not want me to do this anymore, and yesterday I asked whether I should get Washington approval to copy more things. He said that he was thinking of asking Spicer if material could be released so that he would be in the clear if anyone questioned his having allowed me to copy anything.

There are some things on community government which I want to have copied as soon as possible or eventually. Most of them are minutes of the Organization Commission meetings, in which attitudes are sometimes brought out very clearly. In the minutes immediately after the charter is first turned ~~out~~ down the block managers are strongly attacked for having interfered with the passing of the charter. Townsend suggests the reduction in the number of block managers to "break block organization." Jimmy Sakamoto takes a firm stand that the defeat of the charter is an indication of trust in Mr. Stafford and people's opposition to self-government. Townsend makes the statement that Stafford is disappointed that the charter was defeated, since he would have to report this fact to Washington.

These minutes are reported by the Community Analysis Section as Field Reports (F.R.), and have both a date and a field report number. I have copied down the headings of the reports that I would like to have copied, hoping that you can have the Washington copy sent to Berkeley to be copied. I have never rummaged through the files while Smith was here, but when he comes back I think that I can make arrangements with him, if necessary.

DeYoung has been asked by Myer personally to go to Manzanar for a while before returning to Washington, and it seems as though DeYoung is going to capitulate. Cozzens, I understand, is asking that Smith stay on the Coast until the middle of March.

'Bye,



Enclosure--1

Minidoka Community Analysis

Field Report

1. F.R. #3 Interview with Housing Adjustment Board on Self-Govt.
March 26, 1943.
2. F.R. #9 Organization Commission Meeting
March 31, 1943
3. F.R. #16 Organization Commission Meeting
April 7, 1943
4. F.R. #27 Organization Commission Meeting
April 15, 1943
5. F.R. #31 Organization Commission Meeting
April 20, 1943
6. F.R. #48 Organization Commission Meeting
May 13, 1943
7. F.R. #54 Self-Govt. Congress of Delegates Meeting
May 20, 1943.
8. F.R. #97 Organization Commission Meeting
June 18, 1943. (restricted)
9. F.R. #109 Organization Commission and Congress of Delegates.
June 23, 1943
10. F.R. #118 Organization Commission Meeting with Stafford.
June 24, 1943
11. F.R. #119 Congress of Delegates Meeting
June 23, 1943
12. F.R. #130 Organization Commission Meeting for purpose~~ing~~
of revising Charter.
July 8, 1943.

February 23, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I have received your several letters, journals, file on community government, etc. I think it is fine that you are on the committee to draft a report to Myer and thus will have access to all the material on attitudes towards the closing of the center. Dick has prepared an excellent report of some 200 pages on the situation in Poston. When you get all your material in hand you will be in a position to write a comparable report on Minidoka. That, of course, should be done after you arrive here. Taken together, those two reports will be of great importance for the study.

Of the two people sent to Salt Lake City from Camp I in Poston, one of them is definitely Dick's stooge. Dick had to work hard to keep from being sent himself, but he is in a position to get all the information about what happens there.

We have noted what you want from the Community Analysis material and will have it typed in the course of time.

Regarding the typing: I am definitely unwilling to pay substandard prices, in spite of the fact that I appreciate the delicacy of Hattie and Mari's kind offer. We are putting in a bill on the basis of 10 cents a page, the gross amount due being \$38.90, which will be made payable to Hattie. There will, of course, be a tax deduction from that, so she will not get the whole amount. When the check arrives you can decide how much you want to give to Hattie.

If you run into any trouble in regard to your relocation plans, wire me and I'll take it up with the San Francisco office. Please let me know what train you are coming on as I should like to meet you. The best station, of course, is University Avenue, Berkeley.

Charlie and I are working very hard indeed, particularly Charlie. He will not leave until the 9th, so you will have a chance to see him for a day or two after you get here.

All send regards.

Sincerely yours,

February 26, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

Received your letter of February 21 and have immediately written to Spicer to ask for the Field Reports that you listed.

The form 26's for Minidoka have arrived and I will hold them pending the receipt of the cards which you have made out, then we shall see how much new data we will have to take off.

I am hoping that you will arrive here in time to have dinner at our house on Wednesday, the seventh of March, since that will be the last date on which I can count on having Charlie and Bob Spencer together.

Let me know the latest.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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Hunt, Idaho
February 28, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

When I went in to the Relocation Office a month ago, I was assured by Newell that I could get a reservation within two or three weeks, and that there was no need to make reservations right away. I went in three weeks ago and asked for a reservation on March 5. Now I find that they can't get a reservation for me ~~xx~~ for "three or four weeks." I'm still trying to find out when I can get a lower. I shall let you know as soon as I find out.

In the meantime there may be a chance for me to hop a ride in the next few days, which will really be more pleasant. I'm trying to weigh all of the factors so that I don't leave too soon, ~~xxx~~ ^{or} stay on too long~~xx~~, either.

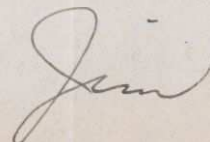
There are two things which are developing which might become focal points for some trouble in here. One is the report to the residents on the all-center conference. Mihara is not smart enough to know that he is handling dynamite. The extremists do not want to leave the center. The report to Myer presented by the conference mentions only those who are not able to leave the center, and gives their reasons, and those who desire to relocate and gives their requests. There's a great deal of difference between the persons who cannot relocate and those who do not intend to relocate. If the latter group is ruffled the wrong way, trouble can develop.

The other matter of importance is the messhall cut. Each messhall is scheduled to take a cut of from 4 to 6. The story is that the cut is going to be taken gracefully, but the remaining crew is afraid that they may not be able to give prompt service. Remember the slow-up strike that was held at Tule Lake? That approach has been discussed for a long time now, and evidently is going to be put into practice. We shall know tomorrow.

Depending on the development of the situation, I shall or shall not make an attempt to hop a ride in the next few days. If nothing else develops in the way of transportation, I'm afraid that I shall be stuck here for a little while. Hattie and I are half-way through our packing now, not knowing whether we're going to leave sooner than we expect or going to have to stick around for several weeks.

This mixup is really inexcusable, and you'll have to pardon me for upsetting the schedule.

'Bye,



Night Letter

3/9/45

James Sakoda
S.P. Train 87

Boarding sleeper on San Francisco Challenger at Ogden, Saturday
morning, tenth, leaving at 11 a.m. *Utah*

Am planning to meet you University Avenue Berkeley Station
Sunday morning. Please wire confirmation of your arrival at
that place and time.

D.S.Thomas

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Hunt, Idaho

June 1, 1945 -

Dear Dorothy,

I have settled down to a constant routine of talking with people and later writing down as much as possible in shorthand. Maybe I won't find out why so many people are leaving, but I feel as though I'm getting quite a bit of the attitude of the residents.

I have found the cards sitting on a table, gathering dust. Evidently, Miss Covington didn't have enough initiative to send them out. She is on the verge of a breakdown, I think, and doesn't seem to be able to direct us properly. I discovered a rather serious flaw in a whole set of data. Instead of putting down the date and type of entry into ~~Gate Lake~~ Minidoka, she has put down the items for date of entry into ~~the~~ assembly center.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Giannini Hall, U. C.
Berkeley 4
California

7:30 A.M. Ogden

Dear Dorothy,

Even well-laid plans are sometimes upset, or maybe I don't have any luck with trains. The Challenger was already over an hour late at Berkeley, and managed to lose four additional hours. I missed my N-W bound train by over an hour, when we figured I would have plenty of time. There was nothing out of Ogden until morning, when a bus left at 8:35. I walked up the street, but all the hotels were full. I couldn't find an all-night theater. So back I came to the spacious station and stretched out on a bench. It really wasn't so bad. I hope I can make the bus this morning. So you see I am taking Mrs. Wilson's advice and enjoying my trip. Bye. Jim
Regards to everyone.

For those from Puyallup and Portland and other assembly centers we can get the right date from Form 26. For transfers we have to refer to admission advices. I am ignoring this for the present because it is not particularly important from our standpoint of view. I've shown her how she might go about correcting her mistake, but I'm not so sure that she'll be able to finish the job. She has a copy of the roster for me, and I think I should send it up rather than to wait for her to make corrections on it. I think we'll be able to get a revised copy from Washington later on. I certainly wish the WRA were more efficient. She asked Jack Nichols about sending my stuff, and he said that it should be sent freight. I told him that I would send it express at university expense. I'm getting the cards off as soon as possible before something happens to them.

Relocation has made a big dent in the population. The remaining population lack any sort of fighting spirit. Many of them also seem to have given up hope about fighting the closure program. They are worried about their children's education, and all indications are that relocation figures are going over the 1000 mark this month. The project seems to be headed for greater and greater disorganization. Stafford doesn't like agitators, but without them nothing seems to be accomplished, according to Elmer and others.

Will write more again later.
Regards to everyone.

Adios,
Jim

June 2, 1945

Dear Jimmy,

We were certainly sorry to hear that you missed your connection. I hope you have better luck on the return trip. Travelling is no joke these days.

Enclosed a notice re your garden. You are facing evacuation again.

Relocation from Minidoka continues to break all records. Note in the last community analysis report, which suggests a point you should follow up: "At Minidoka the council continued to discuss the school problem. Although it arrived at no new program of action, the rumor got out in the center that the Council was suggesting that residents having school children refuse to relocate because of what they felt to be pressure to force them out. Minidokans think that the issue of the schools may be one on which they can get support from people outside of WRA."

I have made considerable progress, I hope, in settling my difficult administrative problems. Frank's registration report received, and it is good, decidedly his best. I have set a July 15th deadline for his structural report and asked him to come out here on July 20th for a month during which we proceed with revisions and with coordination of his yours and Rosalie's. Absolute and unbreakable deadline for completion of all Frank's and Charlie's work on Chicago material including skeletal report by end of this year. If desirable(as I think it will be) Charlie to come out here few months beginning January to do field work on Nisei resettlers in this area; you to work with him on your part-time basis by getting the Issei picture, etc. George to drop the plan for an economic monograph(since it is apparent we are not going to get the material we need for that segment, that is through no fault of his, but because we have started too late to get the essential facts into our framework, to concentrate on his studies until he passes his exam without pressure from me, later to help me on several chapters in which he has expert knowledge). Hankey seems to be coming out of the fog, and is writing her later material up in an excellent and clear way. Somehow I feel better, although I know I still have a hard road ahead.

I look forward eagerly to hearing how things are going with you.

Sincerely yours,

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June 4, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I haven't time to write a detailed report. I was glad to receive your letter. All your plans sound good to me. The Issei case history really appeals to me.

I have finally packed the cards and the roster away, and am getting the co-op to send ~~from~~ to Eden. I'm trying to get the list of indefinite leaves since Jan., '45 copied in Smith's office and to make arrangements to get the rest. I've asked Cornington for the revisions of the date of original entry, ~~to~~ and I don't want to depend on the stat office anymore than necessary. I think that the cards should be kept in alphabetical order in family group until we can work out procedures. One of the (first) things that can ~~be~~ done is to give each card a number to facilitate shuffling back into its present order. I'm counting on posting the leave data on the roster first, and from there to the card, although this may not be necessary. The procedure for getting the leave data ~~was~~ that I had in mind was to type out lists like this:

Name	Fam. #	Name	Fam. #
Type	Destination	Type	Destination
Leave	Date	Leave	Date
Name	Fam. #	etc.	
Type	Destination		
Leave	Date		
etc.			

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It will be a simple matter to type out such a list, tear off strips, and arrange them alphabetically. Posting on rosters will be easier than posting on cards. I guess I'm not very coherent.

I've been getting a lot of informal interviews. Most people feel that it's best to leave before the end of the yr. Some who are ~~de-~~ ~~pending~~ apposed to aiding the war effort and others who fear economic insecurity are thinking of making a last ditch stand. Some are saying that they will be willing to go to full lake. I hope that the WRA doesn't muffle the ^{final} closing.

The only thing the council is interested in now is the writing of the final report. Oliver and I revised a complicated outline from Washington, and gave Oyama some idea as to ways and means of writing a final report. It's a hopeless situation because Oyama is a very recent arrival. Oyama thinks that Stafford is a nice guy. I feel sorry for him because he lost his favorite son.

The process of disintegration is observable, but it's slower than I expected. There is no life in the community now. By October the disintegration should be well on its way.

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I'm afraid that you'll have to wait until I return and transcribe my notes for the full details. Right now I'm putting down everything as fast as I can. It's better not to analyze things now, anyway, I think. Whenever possible I shall try to check on the correctness of my outline of the history of Minidoka. I'm really enjoying this life!

Regards to all.

Jim.

Box

Hillcrest Country Club

Boise, Idaho

September 21, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Hattie and I were able to catch the 5:15 bus. We had an uneventful 24 hour ride, during which time I was able to finish several mysteries. The third class passengers that we met were pleasant, and left us alone. Hattie said she liked the bus trip better than a train ride because she did not get a headache.

We went from the bus station to the St. Luke's hospital. She was taking saline injections, and showed some signs of pain from gas. She had the greatest pain the evening before, and showed some improvement yesterday. Last night she was given shots to put her to sleep. The operation evidently was complicated by an upset stomach causing excessive gas pains. We have met the doctor yet, but that is the popular explanation that has been furnished us. There is no sign that the tumor is cancerous. If she can start taking her own food gradually, she ought to be on the road to recovery.

I've discovered a misunderstanding in our relocation plan for the Kuroses. It was at first decided that I would bring out in October. Mr. Kurose thought it might be better if they stayed in Boise since his job was a good one. It paid well and gave him social security status. Mrs. Kurose was inclined to want to come out to California, which was not made clear to us. If Mrs. Kurose can get a good comfortable place in which to rest after the illness, ~~she~~ she could stay in Boise with Mr. Kurose. If housing weren't so tight all over these relocation plans would be so much easier to make.

Last night Hattie and I tried half a dozen hotels, but found them all filled up. And it didn't sound like a stall, either. We came to the country club and slept in Mr. Kurose's $\frac{3}{4}$ bed. It was more comfortable than our couch or ~~the~~ seats in a bus. Consequently,

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except for the steak dinners to which I am addicted I do not think that I shall cheat the Study out of too much funds. If I am not here at the country club, I shall be in Hunt.

Hattie is taking turns with Pop to be with Mom. I'm absolutely useless, except as a watchdog for Hattie and as a hot-water bottle at night. I shall proceed to Hunt in about a week, I think. There's no rush because I have accommodations here and can do some work on my report. I shall also have to see whether Mom improves in the next few days. I shall write my report in shorthand, and type it up as soon as I get close to a typewriter.

I am already beginning to pick up attitudes toward closure and the surrender. Some people in camp still believe that the news of the surrender is a big hoax. But the diehards are now coming around to the point of looking for relocation opportunities. Hattie's uncle and Mr. Abe are among the latter group.

It was nice of you to say nothing about my coming with Hattie. I wasn't sure whether you meant Hattie or both of us when you said "You should go, of course." The English language has its ^{fun} ambiguities.

Our best regards to Mrs. Wilson, Mary, Hime, Dick and Frank. I guess Rosalie has left already for the Windy City. I am printing this so as not to shock Mrs. Wilson.

'Bye,

Hattie and Jim

P.S. The manager here has asked me: "Have you any experience in...ah... what do you do?... Do you think you could help us out in the dining room tomorrow night?" Give you only one guess as to my answer. Maybe I'll pick up some pocket money on the way.
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P.P.S.

Another operation was found necessary this evening because of complication in the intestines. The doctor said that it was serious. We have sent for Fattie's brother.

September 26, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

We received your letter yesterday and are certainly sorry to hear that Mrs. Kurose has to have another operation. Please keep us informed about what happens.

I am enclosing a travel advance which we got for you and also your identification.

Naj is here for a few days and will be sorry to have missed you. Everything else is going on as usual, and we look forward to your return.

All send regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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Box 1803

Hillcrest Country Club

Boise, Idaho

September 26, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Mrs. Kurose passed away early this morning. Her second operation was a serious one, and was performed by the top surgeon in the city. Her intestines at one point were folded up and stuck together. This accounted for the prolonged gas pains, and not her stomach condition, as some laymen predicted. The following the second operation she was well as could be expected. After that, however, her condition became progressively worse, although neither we nor the surgeon gave up hope until the very end.

We're very much upset because we feel that the complication could have been avoided. If the doctor who performed the first operation had taken adequate precautions, we believe, the complication could have been avoided. We have been very irritated by the impersonal attitude and careless ways of some of the nurses. We could get only one special nurse for the last five nights. Several times they neglected their duty, and we had to

take turns being at her side 24 hours a day. I am anxious to learn to what extent the strain of moving contributed to her illness. She was only 45-years of age, and a very strong woman.

We shall probably have the funeral services on Friday. There's still the business of clearing out of the home where she worked for about three days before she became ill.

I guess Dr. Kuznets was right. People don't or can't meet deadlines even with the best of intentions. I shall be at least 10 days behind schedule. I shall be in a position to proceed to Hunt around the first of October without having completed my assignment. While the write-up of the segregation program has been largely covered, there still remains the latter part wherein people are leaving and others are coming in. I also have notes on the political situation to complete. What I would like to know is whether you would like to have me complete the report before trying to cover Hunt. I could spend most of the first week or so in completing the report, and pick up attitudes the second week.

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Hunt, Idaho

September 29, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Father Joe officiated at the funeral on the 28th, and I took the chance to drive back with him to Hunt. Hattie, George, and Pop went on to Salt Lake for the cremation. Hattie did not want to leave Pop (and myself) right away and face the necessity of having to live alone in that rickety apartment of ours. Consequently, she may stay on until I am ready to leave this place.

I've had a chance to discuss the present situation with Father Joe and Elmer. There seems to be considerable sentiment/doubting that the surrender has actually taken place. The latest news is that Japan has occupied Hawaii. As one lady says, if evacuees are treated this bad when ~~the~~ Japan is winning the war, how much worse it would be if Japan lost. The repatriates are attempting to put up some resistance on the ground that they wish to have some place to stay until they can make arrangements to return. Others are willing to leave provided that sufficient security is assured them. Here again it is a matter of "spoilage" because of the failure of the "salvage," to use our own terms. The bickering among AP's has boiled down to a question of how the three-day notice should be served to families without relocation plans. Actually only a handful of families have been sent out on such notices against their will. On the other hand, others are asking for such notices, so that they can show that they have been forcefully evicted. There is a man sitting in the WRA office in Seattle, I understand, demanding protection as a ward of the government. The WRA has taken the policy for the present of not giving three-day notices to repatriates or those with sons in the armed forces, I understand. All of this I shall check up on, but I want you to have a general picture as I see it now.

Believe it or not there are only 1500-1600 persons left in Minidoka. That means that what work on gathering attitudes should be done now while there are still people here. I plan to spend the first few days in gathering attitudes and surveying the field in general. Father Joe suggests that I stay until the 17th to meet Jobu Yasumura, who is being sent by the Baptists Home Mission to see how closure is being carried out. He, I understand, is remaining here in Hunt until the first of November. He may be willing to give us a copy of whatever report he writes. Ask Frank whether he knows him well enough to approach on this subject.

There are only two messhalls left in Area A, and the food is supposed to be "lousy." Fortunately I shall be eating with Father Joe and Mrs. Okawa. There are jack-

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rabbits all over the place at night. Nobody walks around at night. Water in many of the blocks are going to be turned off, making it inconvenient for many residents.

I have sent a telegram this morning. I shall have to close now to get this letter out in the afternoon mail.

Regards to everyone.

'Bye,

Jim

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Hunt, Idaho

September 30, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

Yesterday and today I have been witnessing attitudes bordering on the psychopathic. I had expected that the surrender announcement would hit the residents hard, but I did not expect that it would hit them in exactly this manner. I am speaking, of course, of the residue Issei group—residue in many ways. The reluctance to believe news of the surrender ranges from the belief that the surrender was not unconditional to that Japan has sunk the Third Fleet and has occupied Hawaii. All source of news, including shortwave sets and the formerly trustworthy vernacular press, are considered to be poisoned by American propaganda to cover an ignominious defeat. I have interviewed half a dozen families, and have gotten the general line of arguments used. I can give you ^a classic example which well illustrates the frame of mind:

"If it's true that ~~the~~ Japan lost unconditionally, it would be horrible."

The terrible part of it all is that in this frame of mind they cannot check on the validity of the statements that they make—Not here in the center, anyway.

Relocation plans, of course, are affected greatly
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by the surrender news and the manner in which they are interpreted. Some are talking about returning to Japan on the supposition that she has not lost the war — not drastically, anyway. There are signs of wanting forced eviction notices in order to show that they did not leave of their own choice. There are very few here who talk of sitting tight no matter what — although some want the privilege of taking the very last train. Minidoka should be cleaned out fairly well before the end of October.

If the segregation report can wait, I believe that it would be best if I concentrated on the closure issue. There are still a few people that I know, but they are leaving fast. What I need to get most of all, it seems to me, is their attitude as they leave. It is their attitude toward the future in the light of the end of hostilities. The whole story of evacuation can be begun with Pearl Harbor and ended with the signing of the surrender terms.

The mess in the administration I shall let alone as much as possible. I'm trying to get some perspective on the first year in bull sessions, but it's a hopeless situation. I shall try to get whatever statistical data necessary for our cards when Evelyn Rose returns from Topaz.

Will you please send me my manuscript

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covering the first year in Minidoka. I find that I failed to bring the first sections II A-E with me.

'Bye,

Jim

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Hunt, Idaho

October 3, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I hope W.I. is getting along all right and the work at the office is proceeding smoothly. Before I forget, could you have someone look through the typed list of Admission and Departure advices to see which dates are missing. There should be an entry for each day from January 1st to about July. I shall try to see whether I cannot get the missing sheets — I presume that some are missing. I am now trying to get the rest of the leave data for our cards. Evelyn Rose had an automobile accident in Salt Lake City, and Elmer Smith will be driving her back coming Sunday.

I am continuing my interviews with different contacts that I still have. Although the population is down to about 1300 as of yesterday, there are still some people that I can get good information from. My interviews almost invariably cover two subjects:

1. relocation plans.
2. attitude toward the surrender.

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One other topic that I am covering is resistance to relocation on the part of repatriates. That I don't think will last very long now. There is also the manner in which "scheduled relocation" is effected, as well as the workings of the Social Welfare aid.

There are several mental cases who are at the bottom of some of the news which keep ^(some of) the residents happy. The sad part of the whole business is that people believe the words of such individuals. The residents are divided on the issue, however.

Most of those relocating now are headed for the West Coast in spite of the tight housing condition. An analysis of the leave data by date and place of departure ought to make a neat study when coupled with available attitudes toward relocation.

I am tentatively setting the date for my departure on the 15th or thereabouts. Most of the people ought to be gone by then, or too busy packing to be of much use to an interviewer.

Could you have my paycheck sent here?

Bye,
Jim

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Hunt, Idaho

October 10, 1945

Dear Dorothy,

I received your telegram giving the missing numbers of the departure advices. I shall check to see that we shall have a complete set since January 1, 1945. In fact, I am bringing home a set of the forms for this year. I have been discussing the complete roster with Evelyn Rose. As you know, the Minidoka roster, in addition to the posting of departures for 1945, requires considerable correction for date of entry and type of entry. Evelyn is trying to get someone to work on the correction. In two weeks she is leaving for Topaz, so that she will not be on hand to get us a copy of the completed roster. There is a working copy, and will be fix a final one. The latter will be sent to Washington, while the former can be disposed of. Evelyn suggested that she send both copies to Washington so that we shall be able to have access to at least one.

Evelyn also stated that some of the tabulations for all of the centers are ready in Washington. No correlations are being worked out, and anything along that line we'll have to do ourselves. I've been asking her about her experience with E-Z sort cards, and it seems to be worth looking into for work requiring a lot of sorting.

I have been getting considerable attitude on the rumors in camp at the present. Ships have docked in Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco. Some people have cancelled their departure in order to prepare a welcome for the official envoy to the center. All of it borders on the psychopathic.

Hattie has decided to leave for Berkeley via Boise, Winnemucca, Reno, and so I have decided to stay on a little longer within the center. We are now entering the last stages of liquidation. Only five messhalls remain. This week latrines are beginning to be closed up. Some three-day notices have been served in order to fill or try to fill the special train on the 12th. Pressure is being applied to families who have not set their date of departure, regardless of whether they have housing accommodations ready. Unless I stay a little longer I shall not be able to get good attitudes toward this final shove out of the center. ^{unless I stay a little longer} There will be little resistance, as far as I can see, our story will not be complete without something concrete on the attitudes of the remaining few here.

I shall try to work on the segregation report when I have time. Hattie is arriving in Berkeley early Monday morning by Western Pacific (?). I shall leave her in your care for a while.

P.S. I'll probably take the special 'Bye, train to Seattle on the 16th.

Jim

October 17, 1945

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing two letters from the Dean of the Graduate School. I think you will be pleased to note their contents. Please be sure to return them for my files. I am also enclosing some tax exempt certificates which you may need in order to get back from Seattle to here. My offer to let you use an airplane if you want to still holds if you are in a jam in regard to time.

We are enjoying having Hattie with us, but we now find that we have a rival for her affections and that Barbara Coates wants her to come and stay with her. In *any* case, she will be well taken care of.

I am delighted that you can stay in Minidoka until the bitter end. I am sure you will get some important observations.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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DOROTHY THOMAS=

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

CARE DEPT OF AGRI UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

PLANS CLEAR TO ARRIVE SALT LAKE 28TH MIDNIGHT=

JAMES SAKODA.

*Examination +
Resettlement Study
unical*

28.

As 6000 get chg

Telegram No.	
Transmitted to	M. E.
Time of day	1032a
By	mail
Address	
to deliver	

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PZA98.

WUKHA47F NL PD= WUX HUNT IDA 10=

OCT 10 AM 9 11

DOROTHY THOMAS= DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

CARE GIANNINI HALL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
(BERKELEY CALIF)=

RUBY PASSED AWAY WITH HEART FAILURE. AM LEAVING HUNT
IMMEDIATELY ON TEN DAY LEAVE. WIRE INSTRUCTION IF ANY TO
615 16TH AVENUE S. E. MINNEAPOLIS=

JAMES S AKODA. =

=615 16TH S E.

As 6000

Wilson

9200

Mad

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WUKHA2 OF 15=WUX HUNT IDA 22 934A:

=DOROTHY S THOMAS:

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

=DEPT OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY OF CALIF

WIRE APPROVAL HAVING STATISTICAL CARDS CHECKED AND COMPLETED
BY STATISTICS SECTION. EXPLANATORY LETTER PREVIOUSLY SENT=

:JAMES SAKODA.

Be 6000

Transmit to

Transmit by

File to

ME

MW
934a
mail

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

NO.	CASH OR CHG.
CHECK	
TIME FILED	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 2, 1945

Dr. Dorothy Thomas

Lack train reservations will be delayed until middle of month. Mess slow up strike protesting cut in second day. regards to Charlie and Bob.

Hattie and Jim

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The stand-

ard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be in language of country of origin or of destination, or in French. This class of service is in effect with most European countries and with various other countries throughout the world. Full particulars supplied on application at any Western Union Office.

CABLE LETTERS

For plain-language communications. The language of the country of destination may be employed, if the Cable Letter service is in operation to that country. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours if telegraphic delivery is selected. Delivery by mail beyond London will be made if a full mailing address is given and the words "Post London" are written after the destination. Rate is approximately one-third of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

WEEK-END LETTERS

Similar to Cable Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rate is approximately one-quarter of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

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TA 65

1945 MAR 8 AM 9 44

T. KHA 110 10 TOUR=WUX HUNT 1 DA 8 1027A

DR DOROTHY S THOMAS GIANNINI FOUNDATION=

DATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF CALIF BERKELEY CALIF=

LEAVING HUNT TOMORROW 9TH VIA SALT LAKE ARRIVING MORNING 11TH=

HATTIE AND JIM.

9 11

50
as 6000
M.W.
1002a
mail
MEL-955ah

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TA 05

1945 MAR 9 PM 10 46

T. KHA526 8 TOUR=UD OGDEN UTAH 9 1119P

DR DOROTHY S THOMAS

=AMDLY GIANNINI HALL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

CALIF

=ARRIVING BERKELEY 538 AM SUNDAY ON PACIFIC LIMITED:

=HATTIE AND JIM

.538 AM

as 6000
th 8983
case
954A
ME full mail
hel bay 945ame
hel bay 93ame
hel bay 93ame

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TA47

1945 JUN 9 AM 10 39

T. KHA278 10=WUX HUNT IDA 9 1037A

DOROTHY THOMAS=

207 GIANNINI HALL UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

WINDING UP MATTERS HERE LEAVING MONDAY ARRIVING WEDNESDAY

ON CHALLENGER=

JAMES SAKODA.

as good
done
1053 a
du
mail

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T.KHA835 NL PD=WUX HUNT IDA 8

1945 OCT 8 PM 8 23

DR DOROTHY S THOMAS=

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

207 GIANNINI HA CL UNIVERSITY OF CALIF BERKELEY CALIF=

DEPARTURE ADVICES IN ENVELOPE ON BOOK STAND BY FILES SEND
LIST EVELYN ROSE HERE LEAVING ON SPECIAL TRAIN 12TH FOR
SEATTLE WIRE APPROVAL LETTER FOLLOWING=

JAMES SAKODA.

12 ADS PPC.

as 600 H.E.
ME 9250 mail

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TA54

T.KHA538 10=WUX HUNT IDA 11 135P

DR DOROTHY S THOMAS=

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

207 GIANNINI HALL UNIVERSITY BERKELEY CALIF=

DO YOU WANT COMPLETE SET BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR INIDOKA
PROJECT=

JAMES SAKODA=

As good
M. 2/5
 BY *Da 141p* TO *Mail*
 DATE

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TA48

T-PRA521 9=UD PORTLAND ORG 29 233P

DR DOROTHY S THOMAS=

207 GIANNINI HALL UNIV OF CALIF BERKELEY CALIF=

ARRIVING TUESDAY 115 PM REGARDS TO HATTIE AND OTHERS=

JIM.

115 PM

NO _____ TO _____
BY AD AT 3:20 PM MAIL
CALLS _____

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1945 OCT 23 PM 2:35

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TA35

T. KHA602 10 TOUR=SHOSHONE IDA 23 200P

DR. DOROTHY S THOMAS:

=207 VIANNINI HALL UNIV OF CALIF BERKELEY CALIF=

LEAVING FOR SEATTLE TODAY WITH LAST GROUP LOVE TO HATTIE=

JIM.

As Good

NO _____ TO Kha
 BY HT AT 248 TO BE mailed
 CALLS 1

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TA37

T.KHA346 10=WUX HUNT IDA 29 1110A

DOROTHY THOMAS=

GIANNINI HALL UNIV OF CALIF BERKELEY CALIF=

1500 LEFT WILL SERVEY CONDITION FIRST SEEMS FRUITFUL

WRITE 4-12-F=

JAMES SAKODA.

1500 4-12-F.

NO

BY

CALLS

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