

January 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Tanaka,

Mrs. Adams has told us something of the Manzanar situation as it affects you. We are sending this to Mr. Merritt to forward to you. Please let us know how you are, and whether you were able to salvage your material. We are trying to get permission for Morton Grodzins of our staff to visit you and Mari Okazaki. So far no luck, but we have hopes that it can be arranged before too long.

Let us know your plans, whether you are able to carry on for us, etc. Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

January 3, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This is to let you know that I shall resume compilation of material for the Evacuation & Resettlement Study just as soon as we arrive at our next destination--which we will know this coming week.

We've been in a state of disorganization since December 6 when the riot occurred at Manzanar. I had the misfortune (or possibly good fortune) to be on the death list of the rioters and am currently enroute to permanent relocation, possibly Chicago, Washington, D.C., New York, or, remotely, Portland, Oregon.

On the last-named locale, it happens that I have taken an examination for work with the Federal Communications Commission in translation work at one of their listening posts on foreign short wave broadcasts. I hope it materializes. Mr. Brown, under whom I worked at Manzanar, informs me that I have also been recommended for work with the Office of War Information.

If nothing materializes, I can always go to work with my hands and back until we get back on our feet. At any rate, I shall keep in touch with you. I would deeply appreciate hearing from you, if your time permits; we are in the midst of packing & crating our things once more, and will be on the move within the next fortnight. With best wishes, Very sincerely,

*Togo Tanaka*

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

Mr. Morton Grodzins  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

January 6, 1943

Dear Morton:

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness; it has been the most unexpected pleasant surprise of our stay here to have enjoyed your visit. We wish your wife had accompanied you, and we shall look forward to the day when Jeannine can see and play with little Mitchell.

I've been batting out a personality sketch on the first of the principals involved in the Manzanar disturbance. It reads almost like a biography and might go into too much detail; however, inasmuch as he figured quite prominently in the incident, and you stressed a desire for background material, I'm sending the first part of it on with this letter. By the time you get this, the latter part will be completed and on its way. Please let me know if it is either too verbose or unnecessarily detailed. I find that a good deal more of additional interviewing of persons here, and some correspondence with the relocation center is necessary; this, however, will not delay my getting the report as fully complete as I am able to make it, to your hands before we leave (barring some Act of God). My kindest regards and best

wishes to Dr. Thomas, and please thank her for me for  
having sent you down this way. Jean joins me in wishing  
you and Mrs. Grodzins the very best in the new year.

Very sincerely,

*Bob*

P.S. - we've run out  
of photos, most on,  
I'll have some printed  
& forward with material  
when we land.

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 7, 1943

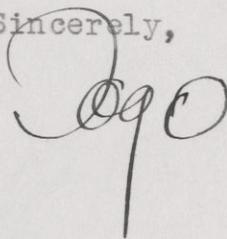
Dear Morton:

We're going to be here a little longer than the scheduled deadline of January 10. Mr. Chamberlain broke the news this afternoon; it may be two weeks more, in which case I am quite certain that the full report on this assignment can be forwarded to you before we depart.

At any rate, I'm still without a job, although a letter came today from a friend who is general manager of a Chrysler agency in L.A. (Ross Wright of Greene-Haldeman Company) informing me that there may be a job with the Harris newspaper chain in Hutchinson, Kansas. In the meantime our Park Rangers have found some more ditches for us to dig, to which I devote half a day, reserving the other part for the work you wish to have done.

I hope you have received yesterday's bit which I dashed off shortly after you departed. Your comments and those of Dr. Thomas, if she sees the work at all, will be eagerly awaited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Togo', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 8, 1943

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is the third installment. You will kindly forgive the light typing on most of the pages; I've just changed the ribbon this minute.

There is absolutely no organization to this report. I am batting it out as I go along; your instructions are being observed, I hope, and the stuff is being sent just as quickly as it is pounded out.

More tomorrow. Quite hurriedly,

*Togo*

*JK*

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 10, 1943

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is the 5th installment, completing the sixth personality sketch. I will attempt to bring in other personality sketches in an analysis of events and activities during October and November leading to the December 6 riot. I have both your written outline and the copy taken from Dr. Thomas' letter to Miss Tsuchiyama before me constantly to serve as a guide.

I have not devoted any time yet to a chronological report, per se, of the riot. You probably gathered much data on your visit, and Miss Okazaki, still being at Manzanar, may be better placed to pick up the details. I shall forward what I have compiled, however; it will necessarily be a limited account, a large part of it second hand. I am expecting a letter from you with your comment on the work to date; it will be much longer than you anticipated.

This is the day on which we were to have departed this place. My married sister left this noon for Chicago to join her husband; we will probably be here another two weeks.

Regards,  
*Togo*

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 11, 1943

Dear Morton:

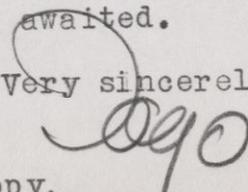
How is the weather in Berkeley? It's beautiful here now, just right for swimming. We completed working on the Havvares water system here and will do some more digging tomorrow. The geologist of the Park Service here, a Mr. P. Alberts, spent a good part of the afternoon explaining the various formations here; it was more enlightening than my college geology field trips.

I'm enclosing the sixth installment; it jumps a little, but the subsequent reports will cover the spaces which have been skipped.

Our kitchen has run out of meat (even for the soldiers who, poor guys, have to go without butter, eggs and all the rest of the unavailable items which they would get back at their barracks in Manzanar). Yesterday, the Park Service let our new Sergeant go out and shoot a wild burro. They've skinned it, and now we have enough meat for three meals. Have you ever eaten burro steaks? I'm curious as anything.

I'm gathering new data from a number of sources. Your instructions or suggestions are being awaited.

Very sincerely,



P.S. The writing, the typing,  
the grammar--are all quite sloppy,  
as this whole thing is somewhat hurried.

January 9, 1943

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

As you see from the enclosed, I am following up with the Courier-Journal and I hope we will have some reply within a few days. I still think it is a pure shot in the dark, of which nothing will come very likely. However, it is at least worth being given a good trial.

I am sorry that at the last minute I did not let you see the first letter I wrote to Robertson. It was the strongest letter of its kind I have ever written, and its very extravagance made me reticent in showing it to you when I wrote it. That seems pretty childish now, especially since I forgot to let you read it before I left. However, you can know that it was a strong letter and that if the Courier-Journal job doesn't materialize it will not be because I damned you with faint praise.

I have told Dr. Thomas of the arrangement I made with you with regard to your writing a detailed account of the Manzanar strike. She approves of the arrangement in its entirety, and we both look forward to receiving the first sections of your report.

I cannot tell you how pleasing it was to meet you, Jean, and Jeannine. I look forward to the time when all of you can meet Ruth (my wife) and Mike (my daughter) at which time we can all tell stories about our winter vacation in Death Valley.

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:mw

Enclosure

January 12, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

You are a born social science researcher! No document that is burdened with facts can be verbose, and no story can have too many details in this data collection stage of our study.

I received all three of your letters with the first installments of your report yesterday. I was not able to reply then because we were in a mess getting things in order so that Dr. Thomas could leave for her conference at Tule Lake. However, I did get her to read your personality sketches of Tayama, Sonoda and Ueno, and she agrees with me (or to put it more accurately, I agree with her) that the more you write and stick to the facts as you have, the better it is. Don't worry about boring us either. Much of your material, e.g. on the pre-evacuation of Nisei groups (for which you apologize) throws very important light not only on the Manzanar shooting incident itself, but also on other segments of our study.

Therefore, my advice to you is simply to continue just as you did in the first three installments. Don't worry about style or organization and keep sending it from day-to-day. Neither Dorothy nor I have any criticisms at all of the first three installments. We will continue to read the stuff as it comes in, however, and will be in a better position to criticize and ask questions as the report grows more complete. The only worry that I have is that you may not be able to sustain the detail of the first three pieces you sent throughout the entire report. I think the later stages as we outlined the report should, if anything, be even more detailed than the personality sketches. But, if you think you can keep going, don't slight anything that seems of interest and, again, I will be able to give you more guidance and criticism as you progress.

I wrote a brief and journalized account of my impressions of the riot after my visit to Manzanar and Death Valley. As soon as I can get a copy typed for you I will send

Mr. Togo Tanaka - 2.

it along. There are several very great gaps in my manuscript covering the days of December 5 and 6, to say nothing of the total lack of documentation regarding the build up of the shooting situation. I feel that my report is particularly weak on the following points, and they are aspects that you might try to include in your story: (1) Can you give any explanation for the fact that most of the trouble seemed to arise in Block 22? Where do the Block 22'ers come from? Did Block 22 have any special grievances against the administration? Do you have statistics available (or do you know if they exist) that show the places from which the various blocks at Manzanar receive their population. (2) I have no eye-witness record of what transpired at either of the meetings that were held prior to the afternoon and evening marches on the administration building. Is there anyone at Death Valley who was present at either or both of these meetings? If so, can you get a story from them of the speeches that were made, the attitude of the crowd, etc. (3) Similarly, I have no eye-witness account of what happened at the hospital on Sunday evening, though I have what seems to be reliable secondary accounts of the events there. Nevertheless it would be helpful if you could get a first-hand story.

I think the paper you are using is too good for rough copy and so I am having a ream of yellow paper and some carbon paper sent you today. Also I am enclosing 20-3¢ stamps to cover your postage. If you need any further supplies, don't hesitate to ask for them.

You may be interested to know that at Dr. Thomas' suggestion we are going to have Chiye Mori do a brief story of the Nisei conflicts in Los Angeles before the evacuation. Don't let that deter you from covering these conflicts as they bear upon your story. Also, if you can help Chiye in any way that would be appreciated.

I send my best regards to you, Jean and Jeannine,

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:mw

Enclosure

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Jan. 12, 1943

Dear Morton:

Saw my first borax mine today; rather it was a Colmanite mine. That's the substance from which borax is manufactured, or rather processed. We dug so doggone many holes for road posts today that I have a great big blister on the palm of my left hand as a memento.

Having run short of meat here, we've got a burro in the ice box; today we had burro-burger steaks (like hamburger). Rodolfo Diaz (you remember him?) reared up, and proclaimed: "Me, I no eat'em meat till I go back Manzanar." I'm getting a double ration of meat because Jean concurs ~~h~~ in Rodolfo's attitude.

I'm enjoying the assignment you gave me; I only hope the reports are conforming to what you expected them to be. At any rate, a letter should be coming from your end one of these days. Regards,

Very sincerely,

Togo

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 13, 1943

Dear Morton:

Your letter arrived today, and I want to thank you for what you have done regarding my current job-hunting. Even though nothing should materialize, our sincerest gratitude goes to you for your interest and help at a time of need.

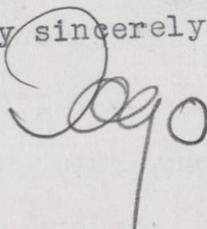
I'm enclosing the eighth installment and trust you've already received the preceding seven envelopes. Today's is a little hurried, the reason probably being that news has just come in that 21 of our number will leave us tomorrow. We're through with most of them, so far as their being able to supplement material already gathered for the Study.

There's a lot more to this Valley than meets the eye. Today I had the pleasure of accompanying Park Ranger Don Eaton on a shovel & rake job. We went to the Emigrant Station about 35 miles from camp, worked like blazes until noon, feasted on burro steak sandwiches & milk, then took a trip up to Skidoo, high on the Panamint side of the Valley (elevation 5000 miles). Skidoo was once a gold mining town, and in its heyday had a population of 3000 (over half of them reputedly women barflies and such, but don't take my hearsay for it). It's a ghost town now, strewn with an amazing number of beer bottles; I picked two of them up and brought them home; Jean's going to make table lamps out of them. Enroute we stopped off and saw the Indian ~~petro~~ petroglyphs, and the sand dunes. I enjoyed my first visit into a gold

mine and mill today too. The Eatons are grand people; Mrs. Eaton baked a cake which we ate with relish, and Mr. Eaton dug deep to get a bottle of port, the first we've had in ten long dry months. (Jean and I are almost teetotalers, except we did occasionally enjoy a small glass of good wine). When you bring Ruth and Mike up through this valley in some unpredictable future, you should make it a point to become acquainted with the Eatons and the Oaks.

The report will be covered as fully as possible in the next four or five days. I am purposely omitting some of the material to avoid repetition of Project Report data which will be sent to you when we land at our destination, wherever that may be. Regards to Dr. Thomas.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. G. O.", written in dark ink.

January 13, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

Installments 5 and 6 came in this morning. Dorothy will undoubtedly send you a series of critical comments when she returns from Tule Lake. Pending that, however, there are a couple of comments that I have:

On page 32 you say that Kuri <sup>K</sup>hara read his "death list" off over the public address system. Do you have this complete list? Do you have an eye-witness ~~that~~ <sup>at Tule</sup> actually heard the list being read? What was the reaction of the crowd?

On page 37 you say that Tokio Slocum reappeared in Little Tokio when the war broke out accompanying F.B.I. agents on their raids. Are you speaking figuratively or literally? Did the F.B.I. people actually take Slocum with them? Do you have any evidence that Slocum was with the F.B.I. people other than his own statement?

On page 43 you mention F.B.I. agents coming into camp to make arrests. How frequently did they come? How numerous were their arrests? What was the effect of their arrests on community sentiment and community attitude towards the administration?

On page 44 you say Yamaguchi (incidentally I have seen this spelled Yamaguichi) "symbolized the only articulate Issei influence in Manzanar which seemed to grow without any opposing restraints from among the people themselves." I have read this sentence three times and I still don't know what it means. There are at least three ambiguities: was Y's attitude the only articulate Issei influence, or was it the only one that the people did not oppose? Were there inarticulate Issei influences, opposed or unopposed, and what were they? Were there other articulate Issei influences that were opposed by the people themselves? By "the people themselves" do you mean Issei, Nisei or both, and do you not need to make some distinctions among "the people"? I think the sentence deserves a paragraph of elucidation.

Mr. Togo Tanaka - 2.

Your sketch of Kurihara gives a fine impression of his Manzanar attitudes and activities. Your note on page 36 that Kurihara was a member of the Commodore Perry Post indicates that he was a quite different person before evacuation, and certainly lacking in the spirit of "Yamato Damashii." A couple of paragraphs more on Kurihara's *pre-*evacuation attitude might be very helpful.

Your worries about what to call non-Japanese strike a very responsive cord in this office. Our solution has been to use "Caucasian" as you do, though when we are trying to be very accurate we say "so-called Caucasian." Don't worry, either, about your lack of data concerning events of the riot itself. We will get the official reports eventually. The most you can hope to do is to set down your impressions and to interview and give the stories of as many eye-witnesses as you can find. If you find the eye-witness don't try to weave what they say into any coherent picture. Simply say this is so-and-so talking and, as nearly verbatim as possible, give ~~the~~ story.

I realize that many of the questions I have asked you may have anticipated and have decided to include the answers in later stages of your story. If so, just ignore them now. If not, just do an addenda sheet at sometime, giving a page number for the place in which the new data can be best inserted.

I am enclosing a form for you to fill out, so that we can arrange payment for your efforts. Keep up the flow and the quality of your material, and I am quite positive Dr. Thomas will approve the maximum figure we discussed.

I send my very best regards to all,

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

Enclosure

MG:mw

# TOGO TANAKA

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Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

January 14, 1943

Dear Morton:

Two letters came today; yours of the 12th & one written by Dr. Thomas on January 1! The latter should give some idea of W.R.A. speed on occasions, and that is meant in spirit, not of offense, but plain observation. At any rate, I wish to thank Dr. Thomas and Dr. Lucy Adams for that letter and hope you will convey my message.

I appreciated your instructions and comments very much; the points mentioned in your letter will be covered as thoroughly as possible in reports of the next several days. Thanks also very much for the postage; the paper should arrive in a day or two, for which I am also very grateful.

Am hurrying very much, because hints have been dropped (that's no place to divide that word but it's too late now) that any one of us may get a 24-hour notice to be on our way; the W.R.A. is anxious to close this camp as soon as possible. Eleven left today: Fred Tayama, his wife & daughter; Tomomasa Yamazaki, his wife, their two daughters; Tad & Kiyoko Masaoka and their mother, Mrs. Masaoka; John Sonoda. Seven more are leaving tomorrow a.m.: Ray Morioka, his wife & baby son; Tetsuko Fujii, Joy Soeda, Tom and Michi Imai.

It is even possible we may be folding up the tent and moving off next week. I've not even read over tonight's bit I dashed off, so you will have to forgive the typographical and grammatical errors; you want the facts & these are not blurred by mechanical mistakes born of a typewriter in need of repair or a night's willingness to overlook the code of a grammarian.

I think Miss Mori should turn in a very creditable report on pre-evacuation Nisei conflicts in Los Angeles. In the evaluation of her material, I think it should be borne in mind that she herself represented, by her actions, the anti-J.A.C.L. 'minority' group of 'liberals' among the Nisei, just as it should be borne in mind that I, by my actions, undoubtedly represented the pro-J.A.C.L. group, which was probably anything but 'liberal' in the socio-political sense of the term. Will write again tomorrow.

Regards,

Togo

January 15, 1943

Dear Morton:

Your letter dated the 13th arrived today; thank you for the encouragement and the helpful criticisms. I'll detail all unanswered questions in separate sections as I get to them; many of them will be covered in subsequent accounts.

I think I'm overworking myself on the ditch digging side because my mind's a little muddled at the end of the day; have decided to cut down starting tomorrow on the back-breaking part and concentrate more on this. We had fun out there in the Emigrant pass, but there is such a thing as overdoing it, and I'm frankly dog-tired (no relationship to the Japanese 'inu' but just an English slang expression) tonight. Kindly excuse this incoherent note; I've filled out the blanks you forwarded and ~~encl~~ am enclosing same.

Jean sends her best wishes and hello.

Sincerely,  
*W. G. P.*

P.S. Camp is getting to look more & more deserted. Only 34 left.

*P.S. - The blanks wouldn't fit in envelope - am enclosing under separate cover  
TF*

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

Jan. 16, 1943

Dear Morton:

If the amount of paper and carbons arriving today is any indication of the volume of work intended for me to do, I rejoice in the prospect. At any rate, thank you sincerely for the ream of paper & package of carbons.

Today's enclosed installment merely covers answers to questions raised in your letter of January 13.

I'm also enclosing the original copy of part of the membership & meeting attendance roll of the United Citizens Federation, one of the pre-evacuation groups on which an account should be included in your larger study, if not on the Manzanar riot. Would you have the list copied & returned to me? It will be needed to piece together with other data in our files a clearer picture of what transpired in the 12 months before evacuation in Los Angeles. There is quite a detailed story in this list adone & how it came to be written. I suggest your having a copy made because I note names continually appearing in the Gila report, for instance; they may also appear on this list. If they do, it is possible that material in my personal and newspaper files may fill missing links at a later stage of the study.

Am still doing Ranger chores; today we hauled more rocks from White Sage flat down to the Emigrant pass; and Mrs. Eaton, wife of the Ranger, baked several pumpkin pies and I, without batting an eyelash, devoured half of a great big one. She was pleased, but words can't express my contentment. Regards,

P.S. Jean says hello.

Togo

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Morton:

January 19, 1943

The points in the outlines you left for me to cover have now been included in the material forwarded to you. Inquiries regarding clarification and additional data will probably reach me tomorrow or the day after. I hope I'm not far from wrong in assuming that this particular assignment is nearing its close.

If you have not already availed the Study of copies of the "Minutes of the Japanese American Citizens League Special Emergency National Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 17-24, 1942", I suggest you do so. It is a 300-page mimeographed report, nearly half of it marked "Confidential, Not for Release or Publication", and can be obtained from the J.A.C.L. National Headquarters, 413-15 Beason Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. I understand there is a charge for it, but I do not know what it is. If you have any difficulty in obtaining it, which you should not, please let me know. Mike Masaoka has just sent me a copy.

Incidentally, Morton, I thought you would be interested in a news item which I noticed in a late edition of Editor & Publish-

er: "Lisle Baker, Jr., treasurer of the Louisville-Courier and Times, and with the papers since 1936, has been given, in addition, the post of vice-president, and Henry M. McClaskey, advertising director, has been promoted to assistant general manager, it was announced last week by Mark F. Etheridge, publisher and general manager, after the annual meeting of the papers' board of directors. Etheridge also said that J. Garrett Noonan, display advertising manager, has been advanced to advertising director to fill the McClaskey post, and Arthur E. Eyl, of the papers' sales staff, has been put in

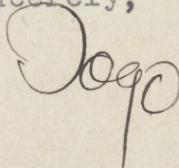
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Noonan's vacated position. Baker, also president of Standard Gravure Company, a subsidiary, was a Frankfort, Ky., banker before he was brought into the newspapers' organization by the late Judge Robert W. Bingham and Barry Bingham, now a Navy lieutenant on leave and president of the publishing company. McClaskey has been with the company since 1919 and Mr. Noonan since 1923 and Mr. Eyl since 1921.

By any chance, have you any printed bibliography on the evacuation? The J.A.C.L. Bulletin No. 8, dated December 1, 1942, has quite a list; it appears to have been compiled through the Student Relocation Council and the Institute of Pacific Relations.

We are pretty well packed and ready now; word is due to come in this week-end on another group going out. I trust this finds you as busy as usual. Regards to Dr. Thomas; I hope her trip to Tule Lake was a fruitful one for the Study. Best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. J. O'Connell".

January 21, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

I postponed writing you until yesterday because, believe it or not, your letters were so slow in coming I did not know whether you had heard from me. Worrying a little about possible censorship, I just held off. Yesterday, however, we received three or four envelopes from you which carried us through part 11, page 115, and your letter of January 15. Now I am sorry I didn't write sooner, but at least I know now that my letters are not going astray.

The best indication of how much we like your report is that after 115 pages we still want more. I am attaching a list of questions that Dr. Thomas and I worked up in going over your entire manuscript yesterday. Since we still do not know how much more you intend giving us in the first draft, we still feel that our questions may be misdirected or at least anticipated. The more complete your answers are, either on addenda sheets or in separate sections, the better it will be, of course.

I am putting through an order today to have you paid \$75.00 as the first installment of your honoraria. As the boss said, there will be "more to kum" when the job is completed.

If you leave camp on short notice, be sure to wire or phone us (collect) as soon as you possibly can, so that we can hold up our mail until we get a permanent address from you.

Best regards to everybody.

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

Enclosure

MG:mw

Dorothy Thomas  
Morton Grodzins

#### QUESTIONS ON THE TANAKA DOCUMENT

Generally, you must remember that we do not have very much background data on Manzanar. You must presuppose our ignorance, and explain many things that would be self-evident to those more familiar with the scene.

1. Page 3. We would like a little more on the place of the newspaper DOHO, which you call "the stepchild of Japanese vernacular journalism." We have heard it called "Communist Sheet." Is that what you mean?
2. Page 32. We would like a brief life history of the Manzanar Citizens Federation.
3. Page 42. What were the "initial troubles" over the camouflage factory?
4. Page 53. You say Kiyoshi Higashi was chief of Internal Security and a former J.A.C.L. leader. Here, he is protected by the Terminal Islanders, who previously in your report have been described as a obstreperous, sometimes extra-legal group. Why did the Terminal Islanders protect Higashi? What hold did he have over them? Incidentally, on Page 13, you say you were going to write a character sketch of Higashi, but we have not found it.
5. Page 54. It is very important for us to know something about the people who were shot, and especially about Ito and the other man that died. Were they agitators just mad at the current proceedings, or curious observers? What were their previous reputations?
10. Page 58. What bases were there for Tayama's accusing Akahoshi. Did Tayama habitually make such accusations? Apparently (page 60) he is an important character. Can you do a brief sketch of him?
11. Page 14. The impressions of a J.A.C.L.'er on the opposition groups in the pre-evacuation period would be very important. Why did these groups spring up? From where did their leadership come: How effective was it?

12. Page 59. What was the reaction of the community when the WCCA left and the WRA took over?
13. Page 59. Tayama is very unpopular as early as last June. Was this just a carry-over from pre-evacuation hatreds?
14. Page 62. You spoke of Tanaka and Tayama being "elected to offices." Was this an election or an appointment? If the former, what was the suffrage?
15. Page 65. Who, specifically, reported Kurihara's prognostications of a coming riot? How widespread did the story become?
16. Page 69. We're collecting phrases. Would you give us the Japanese words for "the word of the United States government isn't worth a damn."
17. Page 71. We certainly do want your descriptions of the administrative personnel. Concentrate on the important ones and on the reactions of the community to them. The ones that seem most important are Nash, Merritt, Winchester, Campbell, Bob Brown, and Horton.
18. Pages 74 & 75. The Caucasian splits are very important, such as the one you mention between Horton and Nash. Can you amplify on this? Are there further examples?
19. Generally, we would like your description of the entire problem of Caucasian-Japanese relations as they were worked out at Manzanar.
20. Pages 78 & 79. Can you give examples of announcements with the block manager's denouncement and which the "Free Press" praised?
21. Page 86. You hint here that the after-dinner meeting was planned immediately after the first meeting with Mr. Merritt. The administrative story is that one of Merritt's conditions that he imposed before consenting to return Ueno was that there be no more mass meetings. Thus, from your description, there seems to be a deliberate breach of confidence in the calling of the after-dinner meeting. Did the people know that "no more mass meetings" was one of the conditions for the return of Ueno? Did the leaders obscure this condition, say, by mistranslations at the meeting? If not, what was the reason given for ignoring the condition laid down by Merritt? In other words, what was the exact reason for the second meeting in firebreak 22?
22. Page 89. It isn't clear from this, or from subsequent descriptions, whether the mob split immediately - one going to the hospital, the other to the jail - or whether they all

went first to the hospital and then to the jail. This question is answered by one of your observers on page 102, but we would still like your opinion on this point.

23. Page 96. Your verbatim accounts are exceedingly realistic and well done. For our own information, we would like to know whether you take these down in shorthand or whether you write them from memory. In some cases, of course, shorthand is impossible. If you write from memory, how soon after the conversation do you record it?
24. Page 104. Hayakawa has Mr. Merritt inside the police station during the evening meeting. Other accounts do not mention Mr. Merritt's presence at all during the evening but have Captain Hall carrying on the negotiations alone. In effect, one observer remarks that Mr. Merritt was conspicuous by his absence. Can you check on this?
25. Page 105. Sam Tateishi becomes very important. Can you do a sketch on him?
26. In several places you mention organization of mess hall workers by Ueno and others. We would like to know the aims, the program, and the technique of organization. Exactly what was the purpose given by the organizers for the union?
27. Page 64. You say the commission for self-government was "honorably discharged." Very briefly, how was the commission formulated and what was its function? Specifically, what did an "honorable discharge" mean?
28. Page 63. You mention opposition to the cooperatives. We have a very fine document on the cooperative movement in Tule Lake. We would like, briefly, your analysis of the groups that opposed the cooperatives and the bases for their opposition.
29. Page 73. What was the judicial committee? How was it constituted? Why was it "constantly changing?"
30. In several places you mention the sugar deal. We have, of course, other descriptions of this affair, but would very much like to have your complete analysis with the emphasis on the relationship of the sugar deal to the December 6 shooting incident.
31. Was, or is, there an Issei planning board? In several places you make reference to the fact that the Issei were the dominant political element at Manzanar. Was their position due to the jobs they held within the administration, or for other reasons? Who controlled the important positions

in camp and why? Was there "invisible government" at work?

32. You have given us descriptions of Tayama and Slocumb. How about the reasons that the others were so disliked? How about Tanaka? Especially, how much of the unpopularity of Tanaka was due to his historical documentation for the WRA?

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January 21, 1943

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is a copy of the investigator's report on the Manzanar murder-suicide last Sept. 25, the center's first. In any documentation of the Center, it probably has some value, so I've had a copy made, with the original typographical errors included and am forwarding .

Little rushed today; we're celebrating Jeannine's first birthday.

Best wishes,

Joey

None of them

January 27, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

The enclosed letters will show that my initial attempt to help you land the COURIER-JOURNAL job was unsuccessful. Although we didn't expect anything, I am getting mad anyway.

President Kent of the University was almost a father to me when I worked for him. He is an elderly and very distinguished man, and, since I talked to him when I was in Louisville, I am sure he will do his best for you. Though I could not wax as blasphemous as I feel in regard to Cary's note, I am sure Dr. Kent will catch my mood.

I know all the people named in the news items you sent me from the EDITOR AND PUBLISHER. None of them, however, has anything to do with the editorial personnel except Mr. Ethridge. The decision ultimately rests with him and Mr. Pope, the Managing Editor. As my letters to Dr. Kent indicate, I have the feeling that Mr. Pope was the man who gave the original decision. It was probably done very casually, and in that case, we still have a chance through the big boss, Mr. Ethridge. The trouble is that both Ethridge and Pope come from the deep south, where racial prejudices are as natural as a southern accent. Nevertheless, Ethridge has shown himself to be an exceedingly liberal man. In all, I don't think we have completely lost the battle, but I do think your chances are considerably slimmer now than they were in the first place.

I hate to put the matter so directly but that is the way it looks to me. If we fail at the newspaper, shall I try at the print shops? Whatever I do, I shall now work through Dr. Kent. He is the most respected man in the City, and he ought to be able to do something. You write me the status of your other possibilities and your reaction to my going out to the print shops. I will let you know just as soon as I get any word at all from Dr. Kent.

I assume by this time you have received the long list of questions that the boss and I sent you on the 21st. We

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have a few more on your conclusions and on the documents, but we will send them all at one time. The document on the murder-suicide is one of the most interesting that Dr. Thomas has seen in her years of working with such things. She was delighted to receive it.

My best wishes to you all, and, especially, a belated Happy Birthday to Jeannine.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

Enclosures

MG:mw

January 29, 1943

Dear Morton:

Thank you for yours and Dr. Thomas' letters. If Dr. Thomas is at Berkeley, please let her know that her words of encouragement were not only appreciated but had telling effect on both of us; it somewhat bolstered us more for whatever may lie ahead.

We may move on this coming Monday, but more probably later in the week. The American Friends Service Committee is opening their first hostel in Chicago on February 1; a selected group of 11 has been designated to guinea-pig the experiment, and we've been included, so we're headed there first. The J.A.C.L. offered a job at Washington, D.C. in a letter last week; and if nothing else materialized, I thought we'd go to Washington (where I want to eventually wind up anyway), taking the League offer, even though I'm not too anxious to get into organization work. We don't have too much to say about our destination currently, so we're taking Chicago with all the enthusiasm we've gathered here in our invigorating stay at Death Valley. It looks very much like I shall have to answer the long list of questions in yours and Dr. Thomas' list after we reach Chicago. We're really packing now & it's taken me the better part of two days to get off an answer just on the newspaper "Doho". I'll wire our address as soon as definite word comes--but no doubt it will be very soon. We're definitely next on the list. Hurriedly, *090*

January 30, 1943

Dear Morton:

Our next mailing address is: <sup>A. D. C.</sup> 350 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. That's where the American Friends Service Committee hostel is located, and we're headed there first. It's opening February 1; we're to leave probably within the next five days at the latest.

Any mail that should be caught in transit & headed for the National Monument here in Death Valley, however, will be forwarded to me personally by Miss Mack at the Monument office where I've been helping her with stencils & mimeograph.

Any letters you send upon receipt of this letter probably ought to be sent to Chicago c/o Mr. Edwin Morgenroth, American Friends Service Committee, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. After we arrive, the 350 Belden Avenue address will be o.k.; but until we know definitely it is opened, the office address would probably be safer.

Some of my pre-evacuation material will be sent on as soon as we get settled; I have a feeling we will not get settled in Chicago; hence we are travelling as lightly as possible. We have about one-ton of reight here; most of it is to be sent to Los Angeles.

I hope you are nearing the successful conclusion of your studies in preparation for the exams ahead; you certainly do carry a heavy schedule; I can well understand now why you seemed so glad to get out in the fresh air of this valley. We are leaving it with a feeling of regret and a desire to some day return here. I may get a couple of more reports & letters before we take off. Regards, *Bob*

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Nat'l Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Berkeley, California

January 30, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Thank you for your kind note. I've enjoyed doing the work fully as much as I have enjoyed meeting and knowing your assistant, Morton Grodzins. Now that we're moving on to Chicago, there will be a slight interruption. Resumption will follow our arrival there; actually, however, we are still job-hunting, hoping to land in Washington, D.C., with only one definite prospect there which is quite unattractive, from the standpoint of knocking out a home for my little family.

If you should write Tamie Tsuchiyama, will you kindly extend my regards to her? I knew her sister Hisako quite well; all of us regarded Miss Tamie with considerable awe because of her scholastic achievements and record.

I expect the Study may wish to include data on experiences of evacuees enroute to relocation & resettlement under different circumstances and will gather material as we proceed. I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Sproul for having referred my letter to your attention. With best wishes always,

Very sincerely,

*Togo Tanaka*

Death Valley Monument  
Death Valley, Calif.

January 31, 1943

Dear Morton:

Today we paid our first social call in nine months. Jean, the baby and I were invited to a tea by Miss Catherine McMenammin who is office secretary in the National Monument headquarters here. We had a very enjoyable afternoon after hiking over several miles of road to her cabin accompanied by Allen Cushman, a very good friend from Los Angeles who has been here with us the past few days.

Miss McMenammin had me working a few days stenciling & mimeographing at the office (a diversion from the ditch digging); we discovered a mutual interest in travel. Today we learned that she is a former newspaperwoman; she edited the Lombard (Illinois) Spectator, a weekly and for several years was with the Chicago Daily News. Her nephew, Edward Leahy (I think that was the name) is, she said, Washington Bureau head of the News; she offered to give me letters of introduction and assistance in securing employment in newspaper work. Her comment regarding the 4th estate was interesting: "You know, Jean, I just don't like newspaper work; it's a strain, it's trying, it's pressing, and those men just don't like women. They swear an awful lot, they keep irregular hours, why it's just terrible. But, Togo, if you're interested in getting into it, I'd certainly like to help you."

We had a swell afternoon with her; she had baked some delicious cake, served tea. Jeannine was on exceptionally good behavior too; she almost walks without assistance now, though it's much too early.

For your own information, we filled out five more official "declination of offer to repatriate to Japan" forms today. When I first received one of these forms at Manzanar, I literally hit the ceiling, wrote a letter to Col. Bendtsen of the Wartime Civil Control Administration demanding to know why such a question should be put to a person who had never been to Japan, did not hold dual citizenship, had gone on record before a Congressional body as declaring allegiance to the United States and entertaining not even the remotest thought of becoming a Japanese subject. However, according to the notice sent us, it appears that my name is included on a list allegedly presented by the Japanese government for an exchange of "war prisoners."

It's an ironic situation, and we've been making the best of it under the circumstances. But today, it suddenly occurred to me that there are more complications to the problems arising out of the evacuation than most of us bargained for. Bertis Chamberlain, who is in charge of this camp here, suddenly asked me, as I was signing the "I do NOT accept" part of the "offer for repatriation to Japan": "Say, Togo, how come the Japanese government wants you so

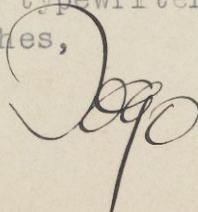
much? Boy, you sure could tell them a lot about things over here, couldn't you? Maybe they'd put a bayonet in your back and have you do some broadcasting."

I'll swear, up to that moment, it had never occurred to me that I would ever have been considered in that light by the Japanese government. When I received the repatriation offer forms at Manzanar, I thought someone was playing a crude, if cruel, joke on me. Chamberlain's remark was something like a switch; it threw light on something I'd never thought of before. My reply to his question was as casual as I could make it: "Oh, I suppose they've made a list of any stick-in-the-mud whom they think might be useful." I'm beginning to realize more and more, as the months go by, why I had to spend 11 days & nights in jail after Pearl Harbor, why our newspaper was subjected to such thorough F.B.I. scrutiny, why evacuation developed, why our clearance from the relocation centers must be so thoroughly checked, why we are under constant obligation to clear ourselves. Regardless of what we may feel and think within ourselves, there are so many circumstances and situations which constantly work against our full and complete acceptance as Americans that the battle is probably just beginning. In this respect, I'm truly grateful for the contact you've opened for me with the University of California Study. It offers an outlet for expression of statements which I know cannot be twisted and distorted.

Joe Winchester, who is chief steward at Manzanar, brought the forms to us from the community services division. Jean had to sign five; I signed five for Jeannine in addition to my own.

Winchester had some interesting news. He said a telegram had been received from the office of War Secretary Stimson to the effect that the Army is going around to the relocation centers to recruit 6000 Nisei soldiers to join the Hawaiian National Guard combat units in training in Wisconsin. "A lot of things are going to depend on how the nisei cooperate with the Army in this," he said. The induction is going to be on a volunteer basis, according to Winchester's report. I have not heard any confirmation of this report, though it's supposed to be "late news."

We're not moving on Monday, Feb. 1; it may be Tuesday, Chamberlain/ says; or perhaps Wednesday; if not Wednesday, then Thursday. That's how things have been. We're all packed now, all except this typewriter & the baby's crib. Until next time, best wishes,



February 2, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

Dear Togo:

I had a brief note from President Kent of the University of Louisville this morning in which he says:

"I am writing Mr. Ethridge in behalf of Togo Tanaka to make sure that he knows about his case."

We are snowed under with work here, but I will continue to keep in touch with you.

Best wishes from all of us to all of you,

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:mw



# TOGO TANAKA

1831 SOUTH BRAND BOULEVARD--GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA • CHapman 5-1662

Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

February 2, 1943

Dear Morton:

Both the check and your letters arrived yesterday, and I sat down immediately to write you; but a virtual deluge of heavy duties in changing & patching an Army truck tire, hauling firewood for our boilers, fixing the motor for our electricity, unloading 2500 pounds of gasoline in five huge barrells all by myself left me somewhat ready to do nothing but hit the hay. That was last night.

Today I was called upon to do an urgent stencil & mimeograph job for Miss McMenamin at the Monument office which took me all of the day; tonight we gave Jeamine a tub bath; I've just finished question No. 10 in the Addenda which will be enclosed with this letter. Now for this note.

Thank you ever so much for the prompt action in forwarding the check; it is doubly appreciated because we can certainly use it in the uncertain days ahead.

What you are doing on my behalf with the Louisville Courier-Journal makes me feel humble and deeply grateful; I really don't know what to say, but thank you again.

In reading your letter of January 27 to President Kent, I was wondering whether my note to you describing my eating adventures with burro had given a wrong impression, and I feel quite guilty about the matter. We were temporarily short of meat here, but only for a few days; I think we could very well have dispensed with the burro, but one of the soldiers wanted to bring some back. While there may be some shortages in food--certainly no worse, perhaps far better--than what civilians face outside, actually, we've been very very well fed here, Morton; and I would never be permitted to rest by my conscience if President Kent or anyone else were led to believe that our food situation at any time had become desperate. I've gained too much weight in the first place, and the food here has really been wonderful. Could this somehow be conveyed to President Kent as an "addenda", the original error being chalked to my account? I have recently received letters of reference to

② carry with me in my job-hunting from: (1) California Attorney General Robert Walker Kenny, (2) Frederic Chase of the Los Angeles Evening Herald & Express and (3) Rodney Brink, west coast editorial director of the Christian Science Monitor. I hope they'll - there will be an opportunity to use them. Miss McMenamain today gave me a very endouraging letter to her nephew, Edwin A. Lahey, Chicago Daily News, Washington, D.C.

We're still waiting our final travel permits; in the meantime, I'm keeping busy. Regards,

Sincerely,

Jojo

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Monument  
Death Valley, California

February 8, 1943

Dear Morton:

You've probably received my previous letters telling you that by this time we would be enroute to Chicago; but we're still here basking in the beautiful sunshine and counting each tomorrow as 'the' day.

The suspended uncertainty of our departure accounts largely for the irregularity of my completing the list of questions in your letter of the 21st. However, another part of the addenda is enclosed. It may not fit in exactly with the question to which it is attached. However, I felt that it was of sufficient interest to include in the report because it represents a viewpoint sympathetic to the men who were arrested as agitators and 'troublemakers'.

The University probably has access to much more capable translators, and you can have the romaji translation which I have attempted to do with the aid of my older brother Minji checked for any possible errors.

This may also be of interest to the study, but because I have no idea where it could fit into the addenda currently, I'll jot it in this note to you. Sid Henshael is a private from Manhattan Island, N.Y.; he's been in the army two and a half years; he was one of the military police who was called out to patrol the police station area at Manzanar both during the afternoon and the evening of December 6. Here is what he had to say about his personal experience that day:

"I was out there both in the afternoon and in the evening. They were pretty quiet in the afternoon; there wasn't much yelling or demonstration at all. One kinda fat bald-headed guy was up on top of an automobile making a speech there. We had things pretty much in hand. But at night, oh boy, that was a different story. The guys were ugly and making all kinds of nasty remarks. One guy came up to me and glared, then said, 'Why don't you treat us like gentlemen? We're not cattle, you know.' Yeah. he spoke damn good English. I said, 'Look here, guy, if you were a gentleman, you wouldn't be here.' We had orders not to shoot; these were the orders of our Captain Hall. That's the way I feel about things; you're a soldier, and you follow orders. While I was mad when they kept insulting us, and once when a guy threw a lighted cigarette right into my face, I couldn't get myself to shoot them in cold blood right there; after all, they weren't armed. But pretty soon the damned guys started throwing rocks. Some of the boys got hit

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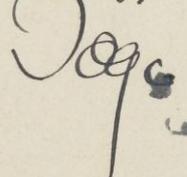
with big stones, and were they sore! The Captain had given orders that he would fire the first shot if it became necessary. Nobody else. Hell, most of us were so goddam mad at him because he's too timid; he wouldn't give orders that all the boys wanted. We kept backing up, then trying to push that mob back, all the time taking everything they dished out. Well, the mob pretty soon gets to singing these Patriotic Japanese songs and yelling banzai and all that. The excitement rises. Well, all of a sudden we see this automobile coming straight for us--that was just after the tear gas had been released. The captain didn't get a chance to be the first to fire. The lieutenant opened up on that car, and the boys thought it was the captain and let 'em have it. That was when the fireworks went off."

There have been a good number of other versions of what happened--from the military police viewpoint, but this man's seems to be fairly well based on his own actual experience and not on the hearsay of buddies. Private Henshael (the spelling may not be correct) appears to be not only intelligent, but quite observant.

I've an idea we'll probably be here to the end of this week too, in which case, you will probably see the completion of the addenda too. I'll wire you as you suggested when we depart--if it should come before I get this assignment completed.

Jean sends her regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jay G." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Togo Tanaka  
Death Valley Monument

February 10, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
c/o Mr. Edwin Morgenroth  
American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

I have received five notes and five sections of your report since you last wrote. I am ashamed to admit that I have been so overwhelmed with work that I have not yet had time to do more than casually examine the reports. I have, however, read your letters with great interest and I hope by now you are at least on your way to Chicago.

I am writing both my mother and my brother, who live in Chicago, and I have asked them to get in touch with you and perhaps arrange for some more "social visiting." Also, it is barely possible that my brother, Gilbert, might be able to aid some of your people in finding a job. I say "some of your people" rather than you, yourself, because Gil has no contacts at all in the newspaper field, he is best acquainted with the retail and wholesale men's clothing business. In any case, he will be glad to meet you.

I have given him both of the Chicago addresses you gave me, but he may have considerable difficulty in contacting you. If you do not hear from him within a week, call him by all means. His name is Gilbert Grodzins and his address 5541 South Everett Avenue. His 'phone number is in the Chicago directory.

I am very sorry I do not know newspaper people in Chicago though, as you can see from one of the enclosures, I have written to Cary Robertson again asking him for ideas. From the enclosed copy of Dr. Kent's letter, which came yesterday, you can see that the COURIER-JOURNAL has turned out a blank. I can't tell you how sorry I am for that.

My greatest hope is that, once you get in Chicago where people can see you, you will have no difficulty in finding the kind of work that you want. After waiting for such a long time, I think you should not take the first job that comes along.

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Rather, if possible, wait until you get something you really want. Please let me hear from you,

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

P.S. Keep sending the stuff on Manzanar and don't forget about pre-evacuation data.

# TOGO TANAKA

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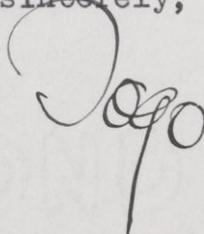
Death Valley National Monument  
Death Valley, California

February 12, 1943

Dear Morton:

The past few days have been rather uncertain about the date of our departure, hence I've been unable to get to the report addenda; too many interruptions. Now word came in just a few minutes ago that we are to entrain at Las Vegas on Monday, February 15. This letter should be in your hands on that day (it will catch the morning mail tomorrow--Saturday). We'll be enroute the following three days and nights and should arrive at 350 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on the 19th. I'll look for your letters. In the meantime I'll keep up the addenda and the copies of the project reports as much as is possible enroute. Thanks a million for everything you have done; you've been a Godsend more than I'll ever know how to express. You've really picked us up. We're really going to do everything within our abilities to justify the decision of the War Relocation Authority to permit us to return to normalcy. Jean sends her best wishes. Our regards to Dr. Thomas.

Very sincerely,



February 18, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
c/o Mr. Edwin Morgenroth  
American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

Gary's note gives us a specific person to see, though I have no idea of the man's attitude or importance. Nevertheless, my letter will at least introduce you to him and, if he is friendly, his position on the spot might be very helpful. Keep in touch with me, and I'll let you know if I hear from anybody else.

Very hastily,

Morton Grodzins

Enclosures - 2.

American Friends Service Committee  
Northern California Section  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Morton Grodgon  
c/o Dr. Dorothy Thomas  
Giannini Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

February 25, 1943

Dear Morton:

You will be glad to know that the following paragraph is included in a letter just received from Esther Rhoads:

"Thanks for the recommendation for Togo Tanaka. He should have arrived in Chicago this morning as one in the first group to go to the hostel. I do hope that he is able to find suitable employment. He is a grand person."

Sincerely yours,

*Joe Conard*

Joseph Conard

Executive Secretary

Northern California Branch

American Friends Service Committee

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hold for Roach's letter.

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Mr Cary Robertson  
Louisville Ky

Jan 25, 1943

Dear Mr Robertson,

On a recent visit to Death Valley one of your friends wrote you about Togo Tanaka. I promised also to send a note of recommendation. Togo is a capable newspaper man. He has a charming personality, a keen sense of humor (which keeps him sane during such circumstances as evacuation to Death Valley) and a good mind. He is objective

in his thinking and clear in expressing his ideas.

I enclose a copy of a letter of recommendation sent to this office by one of his friends.

The plan is for him to leave Death Valley and go to Chicago about February 1st. He can be reached through the Friends Service Committee there. Go to Mr. Edwin Morgenthau, 189 West Madison St., Chicago.

Sincerely

Esther B. Rhoads

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JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
National Headquarters  
413-415 Beason Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah

January 11, 1943.

American Friends Service Committee  
Pacific Coast Branch  
544 East Orange Grove Avenue  
Pasadena, California.

Gentlemen:

I have the following comments to make regarding Togo Tanaka, in addition to those made in connection with your standard Recommendation Blank:

Togo Tanaka is one of the most outstanding American Japanese in this country.

As editor of the Los Angeles Daily Japanese News, English section, he was a strong and consistent advocate of Americanism and a champion of equal treatment for all minority groups. He is generously credited as being the outstanding Nisei journalist in this country.

He was the organizer and director of the Nisei Better Business Bureau which fought to advance the cause of American Japanese in industry and in the professions. He devised ways and means of improving working conditions and relations.

As a public relations representative of the Japanese, he was unexcelled. His contacts in Southern California were amazing in number and influential. He was probably more instrumental than any other Japanese American in building up good will and understanding.

He served as the National Publicity Director of the Japanese American Citizens League and, in a large measure, is responsible for the fine reputation which our organization enjoys nationally and internationally today. His advice and counsel to our organization was invaluable.

He was selected as one of the outstanding American-born Japanese in this country by an impartial group of young people in Chicago, on the basis of what he had done to advance the cause of the Japanese Americans in this country.

I cannot say too much about his ability, his character, and his appreciation of the values of life and good living. I commend him to you and to all others as an outstanding example of the kind of person most of us Japanese Americans would like to be.

All this may seem too laudatory and, because of that, insincere, but believe me when I say that Togo Tanaka rates high in the estimation of every thinking person who knows him.

Whatever your organization can do to aid in the resettlement of Togo Tanaka will be greatly appreciated not only by our organization but by me personally.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) Mike Masaoka

National Secretary  
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

**Southern California Branch**  
**AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
 544 E. ORANGE GROVE AVENUE  
 PASADENA, CALIF.

*INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out completely. Three completed copies should be sent to the office at address indicated above. Print or use typewriter whenever possible. Attach a small photograph if possible. This is very helpful.*

Name TOGO TANAKA Sex Male Date Jan 4 1943  
 Name of Husband or wife Jean Miho Tanaka Single..... Widowed.....  
 Married Yes Other..... Number of Dependents 2  
 Present Address Death Valley National Monument, California Former Address 1831 So. Brand Blvd. Glendale, Calif.  
 Date of Birth Jan. 7, 1916 Place of Birth Portland Multnomah Oregon  
 Citizenship United States Religion Episcopalian { Social Security Account No.....  
 Height 5' 7 1/2" Weight 146 Condition of Health Good  
*If any limitations—explain under "Remarks"*

Immediate Family:

Father.....	Age.....	Country of Birth.....	Present Residence.....
Mother.....	"	"	"
Children <u>Jeannine</u>	<u>11 mos</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>Death Valley</u>
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*If others—list under "Remarks"*

NISEI (Have you ever been out of Continental U. S. A.) No ISSEI

Country	Dates	Reason	Date of arrival in U. S. A.
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Alien Identification No. ....

Educational Background:

	Place	Field of Study	Years in Attendance	Years Completed
<u>Las Feliz Elementary</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>		<u>4 1/2</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>St. Ann's Jr. High School</u>	<u>" "</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Hollywood High</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>College Prep</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>University of California</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>Political Science</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>La Salle Extension U.</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>	<u>Law</u>		<u>6 mos. incomplete due to evacuation</u>

Languages: (Indicate extent of ability)

A. Japanese	Reading Fair	Writing Poor	Speaking Good
B. Spanish	Fair	Good	Poor
C. French	Fair	Fair	Poor

If others—list under "Remarks"

What is your choice for Relocation Area? Anywhere Colorado Middle West Area? Eastern Area?

Do you prefer Rural Areas? Small cities? Large cities?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who referred you to the American Friends Service Committee? Name Miss Esther Rhoads Address 544 E. Orange Grove, Pasadena, Calif.

With what other agencies are you listed? War Relocation Authority

Have you filed with the Project Manager the forms required in order to leave the Center? Yes

Have you been or are you a member of any organization? California Scholarship Federation, YMCA, JAFL, Ephebian Society, L.A. County Central Democratic Committee, Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Beta Kappa, YWCA, P.A.L. Sigma Alpha, etc.

Can you pay your own travel expenses? Not presently, if distance great

Can you maintain yourself without work, if necessary? Yes

How long? Four weeks? Eight weeks? Yes Do you have household furniture? Yes - in storage

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: List work you have performed—During schooling as well as later

From	to	Name and address of Employer <i>List most recent first</i>	Title and Nature of your Duties—Be specific	Average monthly salary
'29	'35	<u>El Adobe Fruit Co. L.A.</u>	<u>clerk in fruit stand</u>	<u>\$75</u>
'35	'36	<u>Holly Mart Mkt. L.A.</u>	<u>Reporting</u>	<u>yearly</u>
'37	'38	<u>California Daily News L.A.</u>	<u>Editor of English Section</u>	<u>\$1730</u>
'38	'39	<u>Nisei Business Bureau</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>2437</u>
'39	'40	<u>L.A. Japanese Daily News</u>	<u>" " " "</u>	<u>3136</u>
'41	'42	<u>" " " "</u>	<u>" " " "</u>	<u>3800</u>

Skills and Hobbies other than listed above:  
 Nature—Be specific Re: newspaper work - job-printing, typesetting, job press, linotype, composing room work, press room, proof reading, can type over 100 words minute - also secretarial proficiency

List in order of interest, kinds of employment now sought—start with first choice

- Newspaper salary expected any amount ok On monthly basis
- Office of War Information " " " "
- Have taken examination for Federal Communications Commission listening post job (Jan 2, 1943) " " " " \$2000 yearly On monthly basis

What type of employment do you feel best qualified to undertake in view of present national needs?  
 Kind..... Reason.....

LIST BELOW ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIAL SKILLS, TRAINING, or EXPERIENCE:

For example: Teachers or Professionals. Give chronologically, teaching, research or administrative experience in connection with schools, universities and other educational institutions. It is very important that you state explicitly the courses taught, and the age level of the students. For instance, do not use a general term, such as "biology", but state definitely whether the course was in general biology, zoology or botany, etc. This is very necessary, in order to interpret your teaching experience.

*I am anxious to get back into newspaper work more than anything else; I have lived with a newspaper practically night and day for six years. I can write a straight news story, feature, editorial; get information on any assignment, proof-read with accuracy, re-write, edit copy, write heads, captions, do layouts & makeup, follow orders faithfully. While my experience has been limited to a "language" newspaper, I have been across the United States on reporting assignments, have met & interviewed Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House, Atty. General Biddle, Senator Elbert Thomas, over 80 others; I can get along with anyone.*

Special interests: Describe any special interests and abilities in fields such as music, arts, crafts, sports, photography, folk dancing, gardening, etc.

*Enjoy reading, outdoor sports, motion pictures, music, stage plays*

List publications: Give only the most important ones, indicating the type and number of articles which have been published.

*Saturday Evening Post (9/14/39) 'Between Two Flags' (Research for both)  
 LIFE (10/2/40) 'Nisei'  
 FREE WORLD (to publish by-line article in Jan. or Feb.)*

State whether you would be able to accept an opportunity for some teaching and orientation in an American college which would offer maintenance but little or no cash income. Yes.

State in which line of professional work you are most anxious to become permanently established. Newspaper

What other members of your family do you want to accompany you to the new job location? Wife & baby

REFERENCES:

- |    | Name  | Address |
|----|---|---------|
| 1. | Mr. Robert Berkoy, Editor, San Gabriel Sun, 251 So. San Gabriel Blvd, <sup>San Gabriel</sup> Calif.   |         |
| 2. | <sup>Professional</sup> Mr. Mike Maseoka <sup>Nazi Japanese American Citizens League</sup> 415 Beacon Bldg <sup>Seal Lake</sup> <del>city, Utah</del> |         |
| 3. | <sup>Japanese-American</sup> Mr. Geo. Smedley Smith 529 W. 2nd St. Los Angeles Calif.   |         |
| 4. | <sup>Business</sup> Dr. G. Raymond Booth <sup>Member of Society of Friends</sup> 544 E. Orange Grove Pasadena   |         |

List others under "Remarks" if you wish:

REMARKS: (use for additional information—tell us everything that will help us help you)

Mr. Allen Cushman 6030 Cortton Way, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Mr. Wm. McCormick, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 5th  
 Spring St., Los Angeles  
 Bishop + Mrs. Charles Reifsnider, 1940 Loma Vista, Pasadena  
 Mr. Carey McWilliams, % State Bldg., Los Angeles  
 Dr. John Embree, War Relocation Authority, Washington D.C.  
 Lt.-Commander Kenneth Ringle, U.S. Naval Intelligence,  
 Van Nuys Bldg, Los Angeles

Signature

*Geo Smedley*

INSTRUCTIONS: Keep us advised of any changes in your situation. It will take time to find you an opportunity. We will work as quickly as possible. All other members of your family over seventeen years of age must fill out a request for a travel permit with the Project Manager if they expect to accompany you when a job is found. This is especially important if they are looking for employment as well, in which case please fill out additional A.F.S.C. biographical statements to accompany this one.

Togo Tanaka  
350 West Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant, U. of Calif.  
3388 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

Feb. 28, 1943

Dear Morton:

Please forgive my not writing until now. Jean has been confined to bed since our arrival; a bad cold developed into German measles; then Jeannine caught a cold, and I've had two patients on my hand continuously. Both are much improved now, and this is the first opportunity I've had to sit down and write. I've also felt lost without my two typewriters which are enroute in the freight; yesterday I went out and rented this one.

A day or so after we reached Chicago, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting your father. We had an enjoyable afternoon, and he made me feel right at home in a strange city, for which I am deeply grateful to you as well as to him. If you'll forgive the expression, your father's a swell egg. We haven't met Gilbert and other members of the family as yet, due to Jean's illness and our inability to accept the kind invitations to dinner.

Your letter of Feb. 10 reached me through the Friends Service Committee office. With your permission, I'd like to write a letter of thanks to President Kent of the University of Louisville for his kind interest and efforts. While it may appear that nothing materialized out of the efforts, I cannot help but feel that definite gains were made, from the standpoint of the relocation program as a whole.

A few days after your letter came, I also received a very nice letter from James Morgan Read of the U. of Louisville's Political Science and History Department, giving me several valuable leads which I am following. I have acknowledged his letter and am hoping to be able to correspond with him. This again, thanks to you.

May I also write a note to Cary Robertson? I almost feel as if I knew him, as the result of your keeping me informed of your correspondence.

Yesterday a letter came from John C. Baker, Chief of the Office of Reports, War Relocation Authority, advising me to file Civil Service form 57 directly with his office. It is possible, barring red tape and similar complications, that I should find placement in his division before too long. I hope so.

Tuesday I am seeing Bob Yoder of the Chicago Daily News, with whom I've struck up a pleasant acquaintanceship; he is a columnist who appears to know his way around the city news rooms.

Tomorrow (Monday) I'm reporting for work with the Quarrie Corporation, publishers of the World Book Encyclopedia. I don't know yet whether

it will be a full-time assignment (I've requested \$200 monthly, and the interviewer's reply was an instruction to report back on Monday 'and be prepared to do some writing') but I am hopeful. I ran into the job 'cold', phoning for an interview after discovering they had a shortage. The lead was furnished by Walter Rust, editor of the Encyclopedia Britannica, with whom I had a very interesting hour and a half conversation; I walked into his office 'cold' also.

Before coming here, I figured on about 40 rejections before securing a job. The Quarrie Corporation is my 17th try, and if it pans out, I shall consider myself on the first leg of the ladder back up.

Bob Fort, who is in charge of the Friends hostel here, is a former Food Distribution Administration man from New York; he has opened the door to the Chicago office of F.D.A. here, and I've an application on file in their office too.

I am thrilled to be back in a city again. It is wonderful to be inconspicuous and to be surrounded by tall buildings and the conveniences of 'civilization'. It seems as if a heavy weight had been lifted off our shoulders; we're free again.

In all my applications, Morton, I have listed your name as a reference and hope sincerely that the liberty has your approval.

Now that I have a typewriter, and Jean is well on the road to complete recovery, I shall begin sending you the final installments of your numerous questions on the Manzanar report. Within a very short time, my files should arrive, and any instructions you have on pre-evacuation material will be appreciated.

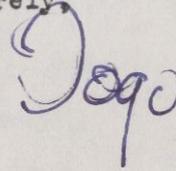
I hope this elite type is not too hard on your eyes; it was the only typewriter available for rental, it seems, in all the city; and it required a lot of persuasion and wheedling, almost, to get it. Boy, are they scarce now!

Housing is another problem we're faced with. If I can get located in a job suited to my training and aptitudes here, I should like to dispose of my Glendale home and purchase a place; rents seem so damnably high compared with the west coast. Do you have any advice?

Word I gathered through Walter Tsukamoto (ex-evacuee from Tule Lake who spent several days here with us, accompanied by his ~~fi~~- wife and five children) is that a general strike has been in effect at the Tule Lake Center; there have been beatings etc. Should I send you any of the material being sent me through correspondence from the various centers?

I'll get this letter off, and in the next one enclose the first of the Chicago installments on the Manzanar document, hoping to complete it in fairly short order; in the meantime, if there are additional questions, please shoot them through. Regards to Dr. Thomas.

Sincerely,



P.S. How're the exams?

Togo Tanaka  
350 West Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 1943

Dear Morton:

This is an SOS. Would you be good enough to write to Mr. J. Morris Jones, Managing Editor of the World Book Encyclopedia, Quarrie Corporation, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois? A letter of recommendation from you would be just the thing to clinch a job that looks not only hopeful, but most interesting.

I reported back today for my final interview. It's a pretty good proposition. The handicap I'm currently under is the lack of any copies of material I've had published. A good stiff letter from you on the University of California letterhead may be just the thing to wind it up. Would you oblige?

The first 10 pages on the Manzanar Addenda written in Chicago went off in the mails today. I'm enclosing another installment with this.

Chicago is frightfully cold outside. I'm going to be quite some time getting acclimated. Jean is up today and feeling much better. Jeamine is down with the cold. We've had a wonderful doctor caring for both, Dr. George Loewenstein. He was formerly head of the Berlin Public Health Service and a refugee from the Nazis. He has an excellent practise here, with two offices.

I've requested a \$200 monthly salary from the Quarrie Corporation; it may or may not materialize. I am hopeful the Evacuation & Resettlement Study will provide assignments which will permit us to supplement whatever I may be able to earn in a full-time job.

Our freight & typewriters have not yet arrived; but as soon as they do, I can begin digging into the files for pre-evacuation material.

In the meantime would you be good enough to rush a letter to Mr. Jones? How is the sunshine in Berkeley? Sure miss it here. Regards to Dr. Thomas.

Sincerely,

Togo

February 18, 1943

Mr. Tom Collins  
"Chicago Sun"  
Chicago, Illinois

*Mr. Jones:-  
It is*

Dear Mr. Collins:

Several weeks ago I aroused the interest of Cary Robertson, our mutual friend of the Courier-Journal, in the case of Togo Tanaka, an American of Japanese ancestry, who has had good training and possesses great talent in newspaper work. Cary was unable to place Tanaka on the Courier, and has written me that you are "a very bright fellow" who might be interested in helping Tanaka. You must be before or after my time, since I do not recall meeting you during the several years I worked for the University of Louisville and did odd jobs for Cary. In any case, I am writing this note to you to solicit your aid.

Togo Tanaka has had six years of metropolitan journalism experience and has proved himself to be a skilled ~~and excellent~~ reporter. He has excellent educational qualifications (Phi Beta Kappa at U.C.L.A.), and his honesty and forthrightness are vouched for by myself, ~~the F.B.I.~~, and the officials of the War Relocation Authority. As a craftsman, Tanaka's qualities are such that would make him valuable in any metropolitan newspaper. He has exceedingly keen perceptions, intelligent insights, and a sure finger at the typewriter. As an American, Tanaka has ~~proved his loyalty~~ ~~and has the highest recommendations from Federal and State law enforcement officials.~~ ~~and the FBI.~~ *and the FBI.*

*Enforcement agency*  
"A"

*... a modest money; editor, and an incisive editorialist.*

*State law*

*job;*

*→;*

The point of all this is that Tanaka (with his charming wife and year-old daughter) has left the Manzanar Relocation Center for Chicago where he will seek employment. He is living at a hostel sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee as a part of the government's policy of dispersing needed manpower throughout the country. Tanaka has no acquaintances among newspaper people in Chicago and, unfortunately, I have none either. However, I would appreciate your seeing Tanaka when he calls you and, if possible, give him your best advice and help. If the Sun needs a reporter, it could find no better man. If it does not, perhaps you can direct Tanaka further.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:mw

Dear Mr. Jones (Address marked on attached letter of Tanaka)

I have been informed that Togo Tanaka, lately of California, has applied for an editorial job with your organization, and I write this letter to recommend him most highly to you.

Insert A from letter to Tom Collins

Not a new paragraph, just add to "A":

As a person, Tanaka is ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ easy to work with; he is pleasant, sincere, and honest.

~~I~~ I have worked <sup>intensely</sup> with Tanaka on certain aspects of ~~this~~ study. I ~~was~~ <sup>have been</sup> delighted by his intelligence and amazed by his productivity. He types in the neighborhood of ~~so~~ one hundred words a minute with accuracy. ~~His copy is a style in copy writing. He writes with the smoothness that comes with experience. He has a high~~ & with ~~an~~ analytical skill of analysis that comes from a ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> alert mind and a keen intellect. I do not

usually write letters like this, but I am enthusiastic about Togo Tanaka.

~~I~~ I have complete confidence in <sup>him</sup> Tanaka - in his ~~character~~ <sup>in integrity</sup>, his Americanism, his intelligence, and his eventual success. ~~By the way~~ Many others show this confidence. You could find no better man.

Sincerely yours -

THE QUARRIE CORPORATION  
PUBLISHERS  
35 EAST WACKER DRIVE  
CHICAGO

THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

March 8, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
207 Giannini Hall  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

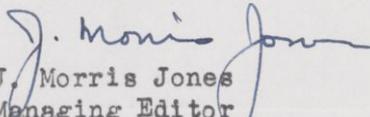
Dear Mr. Grodzins:

It was indeed very kind of you to send me your letter of March 5 strongly endorsing the high qualifications of Mr. Togo Tanaka.

I have been trying to get in touch with Mr. Tanaka for the last two days, but have not been able to get him by telephone. Just as soon as I succeed, I am asking him to come in, so that we may work out some arrangement with him.

Very sincerely yours,

THE QUARRIE CORPORATION

  
J. Morris Jones  
Managing Editor  
THE WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA

JMJ:ADB

March 3, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
C/o American Friends Service Committee  
350 West Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

I am very glad to have received your letter this morning. I was beginning to think that you had got lost in the big city.

I hope both Jean and Jeannine have fully recovered by this time and that all three of you have had a chance to visit my brother Gilbert. Your family and Gil's are so much alike that I am sure you will have much in common. I, of course, agree with you in your evaluation of my father. I am glad you had an afternoon with him.

It is, of course, perfectly all right with me for you to write both President Kent and Cary Robertson. In fact, I think it would be a good idea. Apparently you only received one of the two letters I sent you to Chicago. In the second one, of about February 17, I enclosed a letter I had received from Cary Robertson as well as a copy of a letter that I wrote to Mr. Tom Collins of the Chicago Sun, whose name Cary mentioned. Just yesterday the letter to Collins was returned marked "not here." I am enclosing the returned letter, and if you can use it in any way in approaching other prospective employers, feel free to do so. I assure you I will write the very strongest letter I possibly can in response to any inquiries from people whom you refer to me. Jim Read sent me a copy of his letter to you, and I am glad you are following up the people he mentioned. Gottschalch, Smith and Company are really big shots and might be of great help.

Your letter made me feel a lot better. I shared your "feeling of lifted weight" now that you are once more back in civilization. Your success on the seventeenth try makes me even optimistic! I think I would continue to look for a newspaper job even if the encyclopedia thing is more than a temporary stop-gap. You have got printer's ink in your blood and you shouldn't let it stagnate doing less interesting work. (Of course, I don't know what sort of work the Quarrie Corporation will have for you, so I am talking somewhat through my hat). Also, I would definitely steer clear of any government jobs. All of them will fold up very soon after the war. All

Mr. Togo Tanaka - 2.

March 3, 1943

the political scientists seem agreed on this point, and, if you really want to get yourself settled permanently, a government job is not very desirable.

Bob Yoder is definitely one of the best columnists in the business. Cultivate him! The Chicago Daily News would be a wonderful paper to work on. If you think it desirable, I will write Yoder directly. That is, I will suggest to him that he consider trying to get you a job and give him some reason why. Please advise what you want me to do about this.

Togo, whatever you do, don't worry about immediately completing your Manzanar report or letting us impose upon you for other matters. We are in no great hurry, and your first job is to get yourself located. After that you can complete your report, as well as send us any incidental data you may get on current affairs as well as the pre-evacuation data. We definitely want to "exploit" your knowledge and your files, but this may be done at your convenience. Therefore, don't worry about it now.

As far as your purchasing a home in Chicago is concerned, I am in absolutely no position to give you advice. I suspect you will find purchase prices no less staggering than rentals. My brother Gilbert, I think, will be able to give you some help. He himself has a very small apartment for which he pays an outrageous price. But he will enlighten you about that.

No more for now, but you keep me posted on what you are doing. I am sure you will get settled satisfactorily, and I want to help as much as I possibly can.

Dorothy adds her best wishes to those that I send to you, Jean and Jeannine.

Sincerely,

MG:mw

Togo Tanaka  
350 West Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Morton:

March 3, 1943

If I'm not wrong, isn't this about the time your examination comes off? Or are you right in the preparations up to your neck?

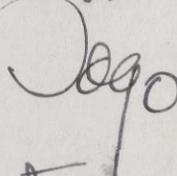
Looking back from this vantage point, I certainly appreciate Death Valley & our experience there. The outdoor work for two months was priceless. There's absolutely no opportunity for such health building right now where we are. First, we are a little cramped in the hostel, although we are deeply grateful for the home-like atmosphere and the wonderful friends we have found in Bob and Garry Fort. Secondly, it's so cold, the weather actually snaps at you and bites you hard--back of the ears. Wow! I walked six or seven blocks through the loop today during noon, and each two blocks I had to duck into a drug store to warm up for fear my nose or ears would drop off or something.

Chinning about nothing in particular and everything in general for two hours this p.m. with Bob Mattoch, receptionist at the Chicago Daily News (he's Col. Frank Knox's private chauffeur--has been for 10 years), I was informed this is an 'unusual' winter. Zero weather; never have seen anything like it in my life. Bob Yoder, columnist for the Daily News is a swell fellow who has been quite helpful in making contacts--but no job as yet. There are copy boy jobs at \$17 or so a week! If I ever have to work for that, I am quite sure I'll try to wind up everything neatly, break the news quietly and firmly to Jean, sell my home, and enlist in that new combat unit.

This morning, Edwin Morgenroth of the American Friends Service Committee is going down to see Mr. J. Morris Jones of the Quarrie Corporation about the job I mentioned in yesterday's letter which I hope you have received.

The addenda is coming along, a little slowly, but I'll get there. Hope everything is all right on your end of the line. Hello to Mrs. Grodzins and baby Mike.

Sincerely,



*P.S. - criticize the  
addenda - I'm not  
fully aware of  
what our unsettled  
condition is doing  
to us*

Togo Tanaka  
350 W. Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

March 5, 1943

Dear Morton:

I hope this letter reaches you before you've gone to the trouble of writing Mr. Jones at the Quarrie Corporation; but if it doesn't no harm will have been done. This is to let you know that in the last 72 hours I was unexpectedly swamped by the materialization of several prospects, and finally took one of them as a definite job.

Monday I am joining the staff of the midwest branch office, American Friends Service Committee. Edwin Morgenroth, the executive secretary of the branch office, has convinced me that I may be of useful service to the Friends, and I am anxious to do my small share in the program of relocation. My salary of \$200 monthly is being paid by the American Baptist Home Missions Council. Compensation, however, was a secondary consideration in the choice. I've a job in Washington, D.C. with the overseas branch of the Office of War Information waiting for me, according to a letter received almost at the same time as this offer; and the J.A.C.L. still insists upon my going to their Washington office.

I am going to devote a portion of my leisure to writing and perhaps will be able to place some stories or articles. I've always wanted to do fiction.

Have you received word of the death of President Raymond Kent? Although it was never my privilege to meet him, word of his passing was a shock, and I sincerely hope that my letter to you is not the first bearer of the tidings. Mr. Read writes of the profound sorrow his death has caused throughout Kentucky; it is a loss that is irreplaceable.

Morton, I've never thanked you enough for all the trouble and time I've cost you in the last few months; and if there is anything at all that I can do for you in Chicago or elsewhere, here in the east, please do let me know.

Jean is up now, almost fully recovered; and Jeamine is improving every day. The weather is still sub-zero; it snowed this afternoon again. I'm getting used to this weather.

We've located a 4-room furnished apartment on Blackstone Ave. in Hyde Park right across from the University of Chicago campus; we'll move in shortly, and I'll send you the change of address. In the meantime, all mail will reach us through the hostel, 350 W. Belden Ave or at the office of the Friends, 189 West Madison.

Enclosed is another installment on the addenda. Your critical comment will be appreciated. Incidentally, was the recent Tule Lake disturbance serious? One of the ministers who were assaulted has asked Mr. Shirrel of the Chicago WRA to help him relocate.

Best wishes; will write tomorrow. Sincerely, Togo

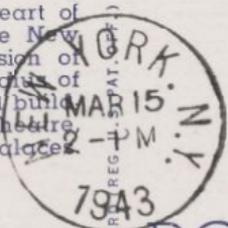


NEW YORK CITY

5A-H643

ALFRED MAINZER, 118 EAST 28TH ST., NEW YORK CITY

This is Times Square which is the heart of New York's theatrical district with the New York Times Building marking the division of 7th Ave. from Broadway. Within the radius of 10 blocks are scores of theatres. The tall building with clock houses the Paramount Theatre, one of the leading motion picture palaces. Next to it is the Hotel Astor.



MADISON SQUARE STATION



POST CARD

Dear Morton:

Times Square is nothing like this but see how. Friends Service Committee has sent me to N.Y. & Washington D.C. on short trip. Stayed this week-end in Ridgewood; met with Baptist Board in N.Y. today. Tomorrow have appointment in Wash. with Francis Biddle, received wire from him in New Jersey. Will write in detail on return to Chicago. More later. How's exam?  
Sincerely  
Dago

Mr. Morton Gradzins  
3388 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley,  
Calif.

GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLORSTONE" POST CARD REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. 1

March 8, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
350 West Belden Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

Congratulations on your new job! It sounds like a good one and I know you will get along very well.

Your letter came too late to halt mine to Mr. Jones, but don't worry about that. It was a pleasure, not any trouble.

I, of course, was deeply shocked at Dr. Kent's death. He was almost a second father to me and certainly my best friend. Just two days before I received the news, I had a letter from him asking for your Chicago address. He wanted to stop in to see you.

Your apartment sounds like a good one, especially in its location, since it will place you reasonably close to the beaches and to my family. Also, Jeannine will have a wonderful time playing at Midway.

My exams are scheduled for the twentieth, and I will not send you criticism on your addenda of your Manzanar document until after that time. I have talked to the boss about further payments to you, and we are agreed that we will pay you \$50.00 more on the Manzanar analysis. Since our budget is very uncertain because of several new commitments we have just had to make, it is difficult for me to say definitely how much more money we will have available for you. However, we certainly will have another \$50.00 (approximately) for a brief history of the pre-evacuation conflicts among the Nisei in Los Angeles. Further, after July first, when our new budget goes into effect, we may have similar sums for other types of "spot" reports. It is very likely that I will be in Chicago in May. Apparently two of our Nisei research workers are going to centralize a study of the relocation project in Chicago. They are Charles Kikuchi and Tom Shibutani, and they will probably arrive within the next few weeks. I would certainly appreciate your helping them get settled. (Indeed, this might be part of your official job). They are both fine people and both are doing very good work for the study. Dr. Thomas plans to spend almost the entire month of May in Chicago, and I may get there for a week or so.

Mr. Togo Tanaka - 2.

At that time, we can talk more fully about your future work for the study. In the meantime, finish the Manzanar business and see if you can get some ideas on the pre-evacuation activities of the Nisei.

I cannot tell you how happy I am to hear that you are settled, and I look forward to renewing acquaintances in May.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:nw

Enclosure - 1

# American Friends Service Committee

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189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois



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Mr. Morton Grodzins  
University of California  
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March 25, 1943

Dear Morton:

I owe you an apology for my apparent negligence; tahanks ever for the letters, especially the one to Mr. Jones. The past few weeks have been a little hectic; I've just returned from the trip to New York & Washington, D.C. and am getting adjusted to the work here.

A fortnight ago, Mr. Jones called me to his office; the permanent position with the Quarrie Corporation was open for me. The starting salary, as I understood him to indicate, was \$200 a month. It was a "lifetime" proposition, research and writing; it looked good, but I had committed myself already to the Friends. A day or so later, the opening in the Office of War Information materialized; financially it was also better than what I would have in the present work. However, other considerations came in; I am glad that we decided to stay here and work with the Friends; they are wonderful people.

Are you prepared all right for the examinations? I'm sure you'll come out on top as usual.

We've had a little strenuous time living at the hostel, we ~~pieah~~ pitch in with household chores; hence, no time to complete that Manzanar addenda; however, we're taking temporary quarters on the southside until May 1 when we'll be at 5831 South Blackstone. In the meantime, will you please address all mail to me c/o the American Friends Service Committee, 189 West Madison Street? After Sunday we'll no longer be at the 350 W. Belden Avenue hostel.

I am forwarding some material in the form of a memorandum to you and Dr. Thomas in the thought it might be of some interest to the study. They are notes from my trip to Washington, D.C. The first of my files from L.A. has arrived, and I'll get to work on pre-evacuation AFTER Manzanar is completed.

Incidentally, is there any interest in the latest disturbance at Jerome, Arkansas? I've several eye-witness

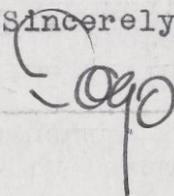
accounts as well as letters.

Michio and Ann Kunitani (whom Dr. Thomas probably knows) are with us in Chicago; they'll go on to Cleveland where the American Baptist Home Mission Society (the people who ~~me~~ pay my salary & expenses) are opening a hostel and assisting evacuees in resettlement.

Jean and I are excited and thrilled over the prospect of seeing you and Ruth and Mike when you come east. We've still not had a chance to get acquainted with Gilbert and your folks. But we shall--as soon as we alight from the state of suspension and uncertainty; we're just not settled yet. I'll write more regularly now.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'E. Ogo' or similar, written in a cursive style.

American Foreign Service Committee

March 29, 1943

Dear Togo:

I am glad to hear that you are back safely in Chicago. The trip sounded swell. As for my own jaunt, present tentative plans call for Mr. Thomas to be in Chicago for the entire month of May while I am to stay in the office, to hold down the fort, and to finish some long overdue reports. Later in the summer, however, or perhaps early in fall, I expect to go to Washington again, stopping in Chicago for a week or so, both going and coming back. All this, of course, is planned with the Army resolutely put out of mind. It is very likely I'll be in uniform by next fall.

There is one favor I would like to ask of you. That is, I would most appreciate your making special efforts to help Charlie Kikuchi and his two sisters get temporarily settled when they arrive in Chicago. They will be complete strangers, and I imagine, not too strong financially. I hope it will be possible for you to arrange living quarters for them in one of the hostels for at least a couple of days. Charlie has a good research job with the study project and his older sister, with Mr. Thomas' and my dad's help, should be able to find a job in rather short order. Therefore, they will be in a position to look for permanent housing immediately, and would have to stay at the hostel for only a very short time. I have taken the liberty of telling Charlie

to wire you his approximate date of arrival, just as soon as he has his leave clearance. Is this all right?

As I think I told you, we are going to begin an intensive study of the relocation process in Chicago. In addition to Kikuchi, both Tom Shibutani (permanently) and Frank Miyamoto (temporarily) will work in Chicago. Tom and Frank have already received their clearances. The former will be in Chicago around the 10th of the month. He has already arranged living quarters at a coop on the South side, where his wife has a job as a dietitian. Frank also will have relatively few adjustment problems, since he is well acquainted with the city. All three, incidentally, are absolutely first rate people, intellectually and personally.

In Chicago, the study will be primarily a sociological one. That is, we will be interested in analyzing the absorption of the Japanese Americans into the larger community, the types of jobs they get, the conflicts they run into, the housing they are able to secure, the "relaxation" they indulge in after center life, etc. It seems to me that you will be in a peculiarly advantageous position to help us in this work, by virtue of the position you hold. Before Mr. Thomas leaves for Chicago, I hope to be able to work out with her some definite scheme by which we can enlist your aid. The budget looks a little brighter for next year, and

I think we ought to be able to find a place for regular payments to you. This, of course, will ~~xxx~~ depend upon how much time you will be able to give to the work, and ~~up~~ upon the arrangements that are made when Dr. Thomas arrives. In any case, by all means keep your eyes open for interesting developments that you think ~~would~~ merit study.

We look forward with interest to your notes on the Washington trip. Also, of course, we would very much like to receive any accounts (either from eye witnesses or from letters) of the progression of events at the relocation centers, our greatest interests being centered at Gila and at Tule Lake. Incidentally, if you have documents to be copied, (and you think they may be of value to us), ~~you can~~ go ahead and hire a typist to do the copying. The university's maximum rate for such services is sixty cents an hour, and it would be preferable for you to stick within that limit. Also, if you make use of a typist, I would appreciate your estimating the charges as they accumulate so I can make provision for payment.

Exams are four days off. See if you can arrange for the ~~Friends~~ Friends to hold a period of silent prayer for me on Saturday morning! I haven't been to the office in days, and indeed I am writing this at home now, which accounts for the typing. Best wishes to you, Jean and Jeannine.

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April 8, 1943

Dear Morton:

My fingers have been crossed since your last letter; but I'm sure you came out ok on the exams. I hope you're over the hump now and will have more time for yourself, Ruth & Mike.

Haven't heard from Charles Kikuchi yet, but will certainly do everything this office is capable of having done when word does come from them. Any assistance I can give Shibutani and Miyamoto will certainly be given gladly.

We're finally getting settled April 26 at 5831 S. Blackstone. I'll have all the Manzanar material in by month's end; the assignments have taken me out of town considerably the last few weeks. Last week-end it was Madison, Wisconsin.

I'm enclosing something I thought might be of some interest to the study. There are a number of miscellaneous items which you may be able to fit into the Study, and I'd like to jot them down and send them along day-to-day if there's any value or bearing they might have on the Study. I'm still going to compile the Washington notes on the last trip and send along with Manzanar data. The Washington report might be entitled "Government (President's Cabinet) Attitudes Toward Evacuation & Relocation, March, 1943). A good bit of the material is very confidential, but this is hardly necessary to mention since the entire Study is being handled in that manner.

Will write more at length and regularly from this day forward.... With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Togo Tanaka

April 12, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
American Committee for Evacuees  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

Thank you for your letters of both April 8 and April 10, with the piece on the exclusion from the Eastern Defense Command area, and the addenda to the Manzanar report. The first item interests us because, as you surmised, we had no news of it at all. We are trying to get data on the number of people who have been excluded from the Eastern Defense Command, with a breakdown showing the number of Japanese that have been required to leave. The Manzanar stuff continues at the usual high level. I do not think we will have any more questions on the Manzanar riot, at least until we begin a comprehensive story of the riots and riot situations at Gila, Tule Lake, Manzanar and Poston. The Jerome data you speak of will fit in very nicely, it seems to me, with the West coast material. Incidentally, and off the record, the WRA social analyst boys tell us the camps outside the Western Defense Area don't have riot situations or beatings because of the decreased tension in those camps. You might comment, if you can, in your Jerome report on the contrast between the camps in the Western Defense Area and those outside it from the point of view of outside-camp community attitude.

You can uncross your fingers and settle up your bet with Jean. (Who bet on me?). I passed my examination and am now a relatively free man again. As far as "the degree of success" is concerned, there is no such thing officially. The exams were all oral and after they were over the boys simply shake your hand or tell you to come back some other time. They shook my hand, and a good feeling it was, too.

I am putting through an order today for \$50.00 in payment for the last of the Manzanar material. When Dr. Thomas gets to Chicago, she will have some sort of a plan which we will work out to present to you for future payments. I am also sending you today a ream of yellow copy paper. Don't fail to ask for any other supplies you may need.

Shibutani is already in Chicago and is living at the Cooperative (Concord House, I think it is called) at 5200 Hyde Park Boulevard. Kikuchi has not yet received his clearance, although he expects it momentarily and will probably be leaving

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April 12, 1943

within a week. I am sure both of them will get in touch with you, Kikuchi probably even before he arrives as I explained in my last letter to you. Dr. Thomas and Frank Miyamoto will not arrive until the first week in May.

Your coming report on Washington has piqued my curiosity a great deal. We will, of course, keep it confidential; in fact put it in our "super" confidential file. This is equivalent to the government's "secret" file which, as one official once told me, was the equivalent of losing it. However, we promise to take good care of it here. When I come to Chicago I shall certainly bring with me copies of my reports on Washington before evacuation, which I think will interest you. They are concerned primarily with (1) pressure group activities; (2) the activity of the congressmen and, (3) the relations between the Justice Department and the Army.

I am now busy trying to finish off all the things I didn't do for the last four months. Last week, my first one free from study, was more or less a period of readjustment. I couldn't relax, and I couldn't really work because I was so much slap-happy, as Ruth said. In any case, however, I now feel fine, and hope to get a good deal of work done in the office before starting my travels again. Your own job sounds fascinating to me. I'll have to get either Kikuchi or Shibutani to write you up for the study!

My very best wishes to you, Jean and Jeannine.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

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April 14, 1943

Hello Morton,

We've <sup>still</sup> our fingers crossed waiting to hear  
from you on the exams.

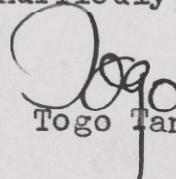
The last 8 questions on the Addenda were  
too much for one swallow; four are en-  
closed; the last four will be completed  
in the next mail.

Tom Shibutani was at Church (4th Presby-  
terian) Sunday, and I met him; we like him  
very much.

Wire was sent Charles Kikuchi at Gila;  
temporary accommodations await him and his  
two sisters at the Friends hostel; we're  
expecting them tomorrow.

Hello to Dr. Thomas.

Hurriedly,

  
Togo Tanaka

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Mr. Morton Grodzins  
3388 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

April 10, 1943

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is the next-to-last instalment on the Manzanar addenda. Probably in the next letter, the completed addenda will be forwarded. I'll await yours and Dr. Thomas' comments on it. I hope you'll forgive the delay with which it has been forwarded.

I've pretty complete notes on the situation at Jerome, Arkansas. Both Dr. T. T. Yatabe, of the National Japanese American Citizens League, and Rev. John M. Yamazaki, of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, who were the two victims of beatings at Jerome on March 6, have talked to me at considerable length about the incident. Other data from sources at Jerome will be compiled with this information in a brief report on what has happened at the Arkansas (Jerome) center.

The pre-evacuation stuff is still in packing crates, so I'll get at that after we've settled at Blackstone end of the month.

I'm due in Madison, Wisconsin, week-end of April 18; may gather some interesting material on relocation in that area. Organized labor is putting in a stiff beef about resettlement there.

Housing is quite a knotty problem and there are some interesting aspects to the situation here. I'm looking forward to meeting

Shibutani, Kikuchi and Miyamoto. Please do keep me posted on them. Also, when is Dr. Thomas due?

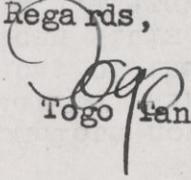
How did the exams come out? Jean and I both have been discussing the outcome and have decided to lay a small bet on the side, not that either of us have any doubts about the outcome, but we're curious about the degree of success.

Jeannine's growing considerably, but we're having a heck of a time in the cramped apartment where a baby should be seen but not heard. We can't wait to get out to 5831 So. Blackstone which won't be ready for occupancy til April 26.

Did the report on the 1st exclusion order from the East coast reach you? I sent it yesterday.

Because I make duplicates, am running out of the yellow typing paper. Can you send me another ream or should I be told to buy my own? I have plenty of carbons which you sent me.

Regards,

  
Togo Tanaka

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April 23, 1943

Dear Morton:

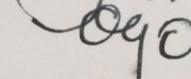
Enclosed is the final installment on the Manzamar addenda. I hope no other questions will be raised, that is, I hope it has been done so thoroughly that additional unanswered questions will not be raised.

If you have time, can you give me an outline of approximately what should be included in the pre-evacuation data?

Incidentally, are you at all interested in case histories of individuals excluded from the Hawaiian Islands? I've run into an extremely interesting case, Seiyei Wakukawa.

Also, do you recall the Takeo Tada in the Gila Relocation Center report? I had lunch with him today and heard him relate some of his own views and experiences. He's teaching at U. of Michigan language school. More later. Regards,

Sincerely,



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## A NOTE TO EVACUEES IN THE RELOCATION CENTERS:

ARE YOU PLANNING TO COME TO CHICAGO?

HERE IS A CROSS-SECTION GLIMPSE OF WHAT APPROXIMATELY  
270 EVACUEES FROM W.R.A. CAMPS HAVE EXPERIENCED  
IN RESETTLING THEMSELVES IN THE CHICAGO AREA DURING  
THE PAST FEW WEEKS:

JOB - HUNTING -- OVER THREE-FOURTHS OF EVACUEES COMING TO CHICAGO IN  
MARCH ARRIVED WITHOUT JOBS IN ADVANCE.

IT TOOK 10 TO 15 DAYS ON THE AVERAGE TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT. FOR THOSE WITH  
SPECIALIZED SKILLS WHO CHOSE TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES MORE THOROUGHLY, AN  
INTERVAL OF 30 DAYS FOR JOB-HUNTING WAS NOT UNCOMMON.

JOBS WERE FOUND THROUGH THE WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY,  
U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR EVACUEES, MIDWEST BRANCH  
OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE, AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY,  
Y.W.C.A. AND THROUGH OTHER PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

THE MAJORITY HAVE FOUND SATISFACTORY JOBS IN CHICAGO.  
THERE IS A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF EXCEPTIONS. EARNINGS VARY ACCORDING TO  
INDIVIDUALS AND SKILLS: A BUSBOY IN A CAFETERIA IS RECEIVING \$22 WEEKLY; A  
SKILLED MACHINIST IN A FACTORY IS AVERAGING OVER \$45 WEEKLY; YOUNG WOMAN  
STENOGRAPHER \$100 MONTHLY; SINGLE MAN SERVICING CARS IN GARAGE \$27.50 WEEKLY.  
RANGE OF JOBS: SECRETARIES, TYPISTS, FILE CLERKS, WELDERS, MACHINISTS, AUTO  
MECHANICS, CHEMISTS, BOOKKEEPERS, ACCOUNTANTS, BEAUTICIANS, RECEPTIONISTS,  
MAIDS, COOKS, NURSERYMEN, SHIPPING CLERKS, UNSKILLED FACTORY WORKERS, DRAFTSMEN,  
(AND A FEW) -- DENTAL TECHNICIAN, LABORATORY TECHNICIAN, COMMERCIAL ARTIST,  
SETTLEMENT HOUSE GROUP WORKER.

FINDING A JOB IS NOT A REAL PROBLEM. FINDING THE JOB  
TO FIT YOU, HOWEVER, CAN BE. IN EVERY CASE TO DATE, PATIENCE AS WELL AS  
DETERMINATION TO FIND A JOB, HAS RESULTED IN SATISFACTORY PLACEMENT.

HOUSE - HUNTING -- IT TAKES ALMOST TWICE AS LONG TO FIND ADEQUATE  
HOUSING AS IT DOES TO GET A JOB. THERE IS A WAR-  
TIME HOUSING SHORTAGE IN CHICAGO. THE CITY IS RATED 99.7% "FULL". (BY COM-  
PARISON, LOS ANGELES IS 125% "FULL").

THERE IS NO "JAPANESE TOWN" OR "LITTLE TOKIO" IN  
CHICAGO. EVACUEES ARE NOT CONGREGATING IN ANY ONE SECTION, DISTRICT OR STREET.  
THEY ARE FINDING FURNISHED APARTMENTS, GENERALLY, IN EVERY PART OF THE CITY,  
USUALLY ACCORDING TO THEIR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

AT LEAST TWO HAVE PURCHASED HOMES IN THE SUBURBS.  
TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR SMALL NUMBERS IS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS AND BROTHERS  
HOSTELS. SINGLE PERSONS FIND COMPARATIVELY LESS DIFFICULTY, ARE STAYING IN  
Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A. HOTELS, THE ELEANOR CLUBS (FOR BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL  
WOMEN), AND APARTMENTS.

RENTS ARE HIGHER IN WARTIME CHICAGO, AND HOUSING  
ON THE WHOLE IS NOT AS GOOD AS EVACUEES WHO COME HERE EXPECT IT TO BE.

WHAT EARLY ARRIVALS ARE PAYING:

1-ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENTS ..... \$ 3.50 TO \$12 WEEKLY  
2, 2½, 3-RM FURNISHED KITCHENETTE ..... \$ 30.00 TO \$65 MONTHLY  
2, 3, 4-RM UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS ..... \$ 25.00 TO \$55 MONTHLY

FOOD COSTS -- MOST EVACUEES, ADJUSTING THEMSELVES TO NEW JOBS AND HOMES, ARE ALSO STILL "EATING OUT". A SMALLER NUMBER (MOSTLY MARRIED COUPLES) HAVE STARTED HOUSEKEEPING. ON THE AVERAGE, IT IS COSTING FROM \$1 TO \$1.45 A DAY FOR HEARTY APPETITES TO "EAT OUT" THREE MEALS A DAY. FOR WORKING YOUNG MEN, THE FIGURE IS AROUND \$1.25 DAILY. BY CAREFUL BUDGETING, A FAMILY OF THREE (MAN, WIFE, CHILD) CAN EAT ADEQUATELY ON \$12 WEEKLY ON A HOUSEKEEPING BASIS (EXCLUSIVE OF THE MAN'S LUNCH EXPENSE IF HE EATS THE NOONDAY MEAL 'OUT'). FOOD SHORTAGES IN CHICAGO ARE CONSISTENT WITH WARTIME RATIONING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. EVACUEES FREQUENTLY COMMENT: "WE'VE NOT NOTICED IT SO MUCH."

RECREATION -- CHICAGO SHOW HOUSES HAVE ALMOST INVARIABLY BEEN A TOP ATTRACTION. NEW ARRIVALS FOUND OVER 250 MOTION PICTURE THEATRES FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE. HALF A DOZEN STAGE PLAYS IN THE DOWNTOWN LOOP ATTRACTED DRAMA LOVERS. THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ENJOYED ITS FIRST CHICAGO SEASON IN YEARS THIS MARCH. SCORES OF BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE PROVIDED RECREATION FOR EVACUEES, AS HAVE THE Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A. SPORTS FACILITIES. EARLY ARRIVALS HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH SUCH RENOWNED ATTRACTIONS AS: THE FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (FREE ON THURS., SAT., SUN.), SHEDD AQUARIUM, ADLER PLANETARIUM, THE ART INSTITUTE, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS. CHICAGO IS DOTTED WITH PARKS AND NUMEROUS BEACHES ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES -- PASTORS OF COMMUNITY CHURCHES HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO EXTEND A WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS IN DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS. COMMUNITY RECEPTIVITY OF EVACUEES ON THE WHOLE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. EVACUEES DESIRING INTRODUCTIONS TO COMMUNITY CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO CONTACT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR EVACUEES.

THE HOSTELS ARE ASSISTING NEWCOMERS IN THEIR ADJUSTMENTS TO CHICAGO. CHICAGO HAS NO JAPANESE MISSION CHURCH FOR AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY; GENERALLY EVACUEES ARE BEING RECEIVED IN COMMUNITY CHURCHES OF THEIR OWN DENOMINATION. THERE IS ONE ALL-JAPANESE CONGREGATION WHICH MEETS IN A CHAPEL OF THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEAR THE LOOP. THE MAJORITY SEEK OUT THE CHURCH IN THEIR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHO'S COMING OUT? -- MOSTLY YOUNGER MEN AND WOMEN, IN THEIR TWENTIES OR THIRTIES; MOSTLY SINGLE PERSONS OR COUPLES WITH ONE OR TWO CHILDREN, OR MEN WITH LARGER FAMILIES WHO COME OUT ALONE FIRST TO SCOUT OPPORTUNITIES AND SECURE A Foothold, PLANNING TO CALL WIFE AND CHILDREN LATER. MOST RELOCATED EVACUEES HAVE PARENTS OR RELATIVES IN THE CENTERS WHOM THEY HOPE AND PLAN TO BRING OUT "WHEN WE GET RE-ESTABLISHED." SEVERAL ISSEI HAVE RELOCATED ALREADY.

DISCRIMINATION? -- EVACUEES SAY THERE IS LESS RACE DISCRIMINATION GENERALLY, DESPITE THE WAR, THAN THEY FOUND ON THE FAR WEST COAST. SOME DOES EXIST, TO BE REALISTIC, BUT FEW EVACUEES HAVE ENCOUNTERED UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS. ONE EVACUEE SAID: "IN CHICAGO, YOU CAN BECOME A NORMAL HUMAN BEING AGAIN; PEOPLE DON'T STARE AT YOU ON THE STREETS; YOU JUST BECOME ONE OF THEM."

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE 'OUT'? -- THE INITIAL REACTION, ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION: "FREEDOM, IT'S WONDERFUL!" AFTER THIS FIRST PERIOD OF THROWING OFF THAT "FEELING OF CONFINEMENT", THERE IS A STEADY RETURN TO NORMALCY, THE NOVELTY WEARS OFF. ONE SOON GETS DOWN TO THE DAILY GRIND OF JOB-HUNTING AND HOUSE-HUNTING. THERE ARE INVARIABLY MOMENTS OF DISAPPOINTMENT; EVEN SOME CASES OF LONGING FOR FAMILIAR FACES AND FRIENDS "BACK IN CAMP". NEW FRIENDS, STIMULATING AND HAPPY EXPERIENCES, THE REALIZATION THAT ONE HAS RETURNED TO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE, THAT ONE IS NO LONGER AN INVOLUNTARY GOVERNMENT RELIEF CASE, THE FURTHER REALIZATION THAT THE WORLD HAS CHANGED FOR EVERYONE SINCE EVACUATION - THESE ARE ALL FACTORS MAKING EVACUEES "GLAD TO BE OUT."

PERSONAL INQUIRIES REGARDING RELOCATION IN THE MIDWEST AREA MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR EVACUEES ..... 189 WEST MADISON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

togo tanaka<sup>a</sup>

5831 south blackstone ave  
chicago illinois

april 23, 1943

dear morton,

i m not playing around; the typewriter folded up on me, it s on the blink. no caps. please excuse this letter, but i simply must get it off to you.

for a better part of a week i ve come home saying tonight i ll write morton that letter. but little jeannine is so full of mischief and energy she occupies our whole evening; she is beginning to talk, and is she full of the devil.

first, morton, our congratulations. we both bet youd come through, but we didn t know it was done exactly in that manner. we re certainly glad the strain that must go with the preparations, the ungodly hours you probably had to keep are now all over.

i ll bet ruth is certainly happy; how is little mike...

it s bad to make promises about exact dates on which i shall forward data i ve found because there are so many unexpected things that come up at the office. however, i m practically certain the last four questions on the manzanar addenda will be on their way before the end of this week.

i m enclosing a preliminary and perhaps somewhat sketchy report on the progress in resettlement work in the madison, wisconsin, area. you ll probably have to give me the right bearings on reports of this nature. in lieu of that for the present i ll just sweep up whatever i can gather in and let you classify, evaluate and sift.

charles kikuchi arrived on schedule with his two sisters; they stayed at the hostel. muriel ferguson, who is in charge of housing in the office, has assisted them in ~~the~~ locating quarters. i like charles very much and hope we can be helpful. he said he would be up to the office as soon as he and his sisters weresettled.

this friday -- that s tomorrow-- we plan to have dinner at the concord cooperative house. that s where tom shibutani is staying. if we don t get away, jeannine will be the major cause. however, i ll make it a point to sit down with tom also. i ll also look forward to meeting frank miyamoto, whose high standing reputation is well known to me.

the washington report is still in need of being typed; the notes and material are all there.

as for the number of japanese excluded from the eastern defense

defense command, so far as the office records--and they re pretty much up to date-- only one so far.

some additional interesting data from both rohwer and jerome arkansas. walter godfrey a staff member of this office is now down in those two camps on an extended visit. i m hoping to garner enough from his findings to supplement that already at hand.

the difference between the california camps and those outside the western defense area is only a matter of degrees. the social analyst boys probably have some good data. i visited john embree at his office in washington. he s doing a good deal of reorganizing, and the office is separate from that of the former office of reports documents section. i ve a letter from him dated two days ago in which he requests copies of all the documentary reports we did at manzanar, and which we still have to have typed for you. if we can get this typewriter repaired and i can grab a typist long enough it will be done immediately.

i am curious and anxious to see the washington reports which you compiled on your last trip through. you can t imagine how we re looking forward also to getting semi settled. we re moving this coming monday--at long last.

please let me know arrival date of dr. thomas and frank. if you will have them wire enroute to us on the time of arrival and station, we will be at the station to greet them. i shall look forward to meeting them both.

my work is taking me into the midwest area a bit. it is very very interesting, and though temporary, i find it most enjoyable.

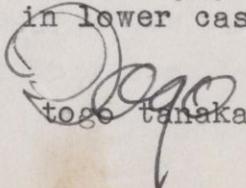
will you make a note of the address to which you may send correspondence to me--

5831 south blackstone ave  
chicago, illinois

in many cases, probably most, it will reach me quicker there. there may be times when i shall not call at the office for a few days.

i ll get this machine fixed or write the next one from my good one which is currently at the office. i m enclosing a copy of a bulletin being sent to evacuees in the camps who intend to come to chicago. regards to dr thomas.

sincerely yours  
in lower case

  
togo tanaka

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MR. MORTON GRODZINS  
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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 24, 1943

DEAR MORTON:

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. I GET A CHANCE TO RELAX--AND GET CAUGHT UP ON NOTES GATHERED DURING THE WEEK. JUST EXACTLY WHERE IT FITS INTO THE PICTURE OF RESETTLEMENT AND THE U. STUDY I CAN'T SAY OFFHAND, BUT I THOUGHT THE ENCLOSED BIT ABOUT A PAROLEE CASE WOULD BE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU.

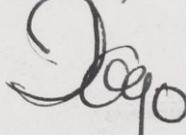
DR. JOHN PROVINSE OF THE WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY DROPPED IN UNEXPECTEDLY THIS MORNING; WE PULLED HIM INTO THE INNER OFFICE AND HAD AN INTERESTING SESSION. HE HAD SOME OF THE LATEST TO REPORT ON GRANADA, HEART MOUNTAIN, AND MINIDOKA. THURSDAY'S DENVER POST CARRIED AN AWFUL BLAST ABOUT "HOARDING OF FOODS" AT HEART MOUNTAIN. IT SEEMS THAT MESS HALL COOKS HAVE BEEN DIVERTING CANNED GOODS AND SUCH STUFF AND HIDING IT IN ATTICS. THE ASSISTANT STEWARD AT HEART MOUNTAIN HAD A ROW WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, WAS FIRED. HE WENT TO THE DENVER POST AND OFFERED INSIDE "HOT TIPS". RESULT: "JAPS HOARD THREE-YEAR FOOD SUPPLY IN RELOCATION CAMP" HEADLINES. OBVIOUSLY, SOMETHING SHOULD DEVELOP.

AM INTERESTED IN GETTING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE MADISON, WISCONSIN, REPORT. IS THE PATTERN & PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE REPORT WHAT YOU THINK WILL FIT INTO THE STUDY?

Qual [ HEADLINES THIS LAST WEEK WERE PRETTY TOUGH GENERALLY ON EVACUEES. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT WAS NOTICEABLE. IT BEGINS TO APPEAR THAT THE REAL PROBLEM IN RELOCATION IS NOT ONE OF JOB FINDING & PLACEMENT. THERE IS NO UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. IT IS LARGELY ONE OF SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT. IT IS ALSO LARGELY A MENTAL PROBLEM. EVACUEES IN THE CAMPS WILL HAVE TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO ABSORB THE SHOCKS. OTHERWISE THE FLOW BACK TO THE CAMPS WILL EQUALIZE THE FLOW OUT OF THEM.

THE PRE-EVACUATION REPORT WILL BE COMING NEXT. REGARDS TO DR. THOMAS, AND PLEASE BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHEN SHE AND FRANK MIYAMOTO ARE LEAVING.

SINCERELY,

  
TOGO TANAKA

April 27, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
American Committee for Evacuees  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

Congratulations on finishing the Manzanar stint. It certainly was a long job, but one that in the end will prove its value I am quite positive. I don't think we will have any more questions about the Manzanar riot. Did you receive the check I sent you several weeks ago in final payment for the report?

Since I only have a vague idea about the extent of your data on the pre-evacuation period, I cannot give you any exact idea about what your report should include. However, offhand, and subject to your own inclination, I suggest that you confine it to the Los Angeles area and divide it into two general parts. The first part might include a discussion of the people and organizations in Southern California, active in pushing evacuation. The second part, a description of the Japanese American efforts to meet the crisis, with special emphasis upon the conflicts within Nisei ranks. We are still interested, of course, in exact data. We want names, dates, any documents in the way of announcements and meetings that you have, firsthand accounts of events. We also want your opinions and your insights--which should be labeled as such, as in the Manzanar report. Again, as in your Manzanar report, you should try to hew an unbiased line.

I cannot be very specific about the pre-evacuation agitation, since I am almost totally unfamiliar with the personalities there. Perhaps your greatest contribution to this aspect of the report would be a general discussion, based on your extensive experience, about the people and the organizations involved. What methods did they use to push evacuation (form letters, mass meetings, direct contacts with Japanese Americans, etc.)? The more exact chronology you can supply, the better. That is, how was the agitation started, who furthered it, how was it spread, etc.? I think you have a very good feeling for this sort of thing, and we leave the actual report to your own discretion.

As for the Japanese American side, we want an account of the general reaction and activities of the total group. Personally, I am particularly interested in the disunity among the Nisei: in addition to all that we need, of course, your evaluation and

description of all the Japanese organizations in the Los Angeles area, their politics, their effectiveness and their leadership.

Don't let all the question marks scare you. I am just rambling on, and I know you will turn out a first-rate job.

Both Dr. Thomas and I were very interested in your excellent report on the Madison, Wisconsin, situation. The cases were specially good. Such reports on outlying communities will provide a good comparison for the larger more detailed study we hope to do of the Chicago area. What Dr. Thomas hopes to do before she leaves Chicago is to have a program worked out to "cover" Chicago in detail and, during the conferences in Chicago, a definite place for your work will be found, though we do not want to confine you to Chicago since you, better than anyone else, will have an opportunity to get around to other locations of significance to our study. However, the exact "spheres of activities" of you and the people with whom you will be primarily associated (a distinguished group, too! Miyamoto, Shibutani and Kikuchi) will have to be worked out during the discussion with Dr. Thomas in Chicago. She, of course, will certainly welcome any suggestions that you have - since again you are in the best position to get an overall view at this time. In any case, I suggest that you confine yourself mainly to the pre-evacuation material until you have had an opportunity to talk to Dr. Thomas. Also, don't forget that Washington report!

Dr. Thomas leaves here next Sunday, May 2. She will be in Denver from May 4 to May 6, and will arrive in Chicago Friday morning, May 7, on the "City of Denver" via Chicago and Northwestern Lines. It is very kind of you to offer to meet her at the station, but since Tom and Tomi, Charlie and his sisters, and several others will probably be there, it really is not necessary. Dr. Thomas' headquarters in Chicago will be in Room 502, Social Science and Research Building on the University of Chicago campus. She will be there Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and throughout the day the following week, and would be happy if you could drop in to see her Friday, Saturday or Monday. If you want to call her in the evening, she will be staying at the home of Dr. Henry B. Thomas, 6530 University Avenue.

I have written this letter through eight interruptions and I am not at all certain that I have covered all pending matters. If I haven't, let me know and I'll catch up with you. Two things I know I forgot: (1) we discovered that it costs more to mail a package of copy paper to Chicago than it does to buy it, therefore the Storehouse did not send you the paper I promised. However, we have expressed a very large order of supplies to Dr. Thomas in care of Chicago University and she will take care of your needs

when she arrives. Any expenses you have incurred for supplies in the interim will be paid for. Just tell me how much they cost. (2) Don't forget that in the typing of your historical documents and for other typing you can make use of assistance at our expense.

Thank you very much for your Easter card, and give my best regards to Jean and Jeannine.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

MG:mw

April 28, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
5831 South Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

After I sent my letter off to you yesterday, we had a visit from Mr. George E. Rundquist who is apparently one of the more important persons working for resettlement of Japanese Americans. We have heard that he is a good friend of Mr. Myer as well as of the Attorney General. His card shows him as being the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans. The Federal Council of Churches is the largest supporter of this committee.

Rundquist is interested in forming committees on the West Coast to make possible the eventual return of some Japanese to the Coast. For that purpose, he wants to have material "to fight fire with fire." That is, he wants to get as much data as possible on the people who are fostering the great anti-Japanese sentiment in California.

Though it is not the study's business to aid such people, we gave him a good deal of information, and I have the feeling that your pre-evacuation report might contain a good deal more of interest to him. Therefore, I am dropping you this note to suggest that you might first write that section of your report which deals with the people and organizations in southern California who furthered evacuation. If you will then indicate what portions of the report we may give to Rundquist, I will transmit this data to him.

He was particularly interested in John Lechner and a story that he had heard to the effect that Lechner had offered his services to the Japanese Americans and then when not hired he went over to the other side. I seem to remember very faintly your telling me something about this story, and I would like your report on it, irrespective of whether or not you wish to transmit it to Rundquist. If the story does have some truth to it, we ought to have all the documentation possible, i.e. exact date and time, witnesses, letters if they exist, etc.

Rundquist is going to be in Chicago before the summer is over, and I have asked him to look you up. I was impressed very favorably by him. He seems very realistic and has

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already done an enormous amount of work.

Nothing else for now. Regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

MG:rw

May 17, 1944

Dear Togo:

I have been wanting to write you for some time. I have not only wanted to tell you how useful I have found some of your pre-evacuation notes, but I also wanted to congratulate you and Jean on the coming addition to your family. Also, I don't think I have ever told you how sorry I was that it was impossible to get Mike and Jeannine together when we were in Chicago the last time, and how determined I am to really arrange that meeting at the very next opportunity. Incidentally, Mike is now attending a nursery school which has not only been good for her own social development, but which has considerably eased the burden on Ruth's time. I don't know whether such schools are operated in Chicago, but if they are I heartily recommend one to you and to Jean.

The purpose of this letter is to outline for you the scope of my segment of the study, which has now become pretty well defined. In brief, as the enclosed outline shows, I am concerned with two general problems: (1) the making of evacuation policy, and (2) the administration of evacuation and resettlement. Part I, in other words, concerns the pre-evacuation period; Part II concerns the activities of the WCCA and the administrative history of the WRA. In both Parts I am concerned almost exclusively with political matters, with "political" considered in its classical and broadest sense. The outline I think will make this clear to you.

Within a few days, rough drafts of several chapters on WRA history will be distributed to the people coming to Salt Lake City and, as I understand it, these drafts will be used as the basis for a seminar discussion at Salt Lake.

Actually, I have progressed much further in the analysis of the pre-evacuation period. Since, however, these data are less directly concerned with the work of the other members of the study at the moment, copies of the pre-evacuation chapters are not being distributed. You now, however, are concentrating on the pre-evacuation period and at Salt Lake we will want to discuss at some length our mutual problems. For that reason, I am sending you not only the outline, but also a lengthy and ill-written draft on pre-evacuation pressure group activities. The draft is strictly confidential. I am pretty certain that the draft contains

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some good data but I am completely dissatisfied with it in its first form, and especially with the first forty pages or so, the bulk of which I will either delete or transfer to the chapter on the arguments in favor of evacuation.

It is Dorothy's idea (and a good one I think) that you may have a chance to look over both the chapter and the outline before you arrive at Salt Lake and then, since we are rooming together, we can discuss our mutual problems at some length. I look forward with keen anticipation to seeing you in a couple of weeks. Best regards to Jean, Jeannine and Togo Junior.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

Enclosure

Togo Tanaka  
5831 S. Blackstone Ave.  
C h i c a g o , I l l i n o i s

June 2, 1943

Dear Morton:

Again please forgive my negligence in writing. I have been in direct touch with Dorothy Thomas. You're certainly right; she's a wonderful person, and I can see why one enjoys working with her; you really learn. Jean and I were quite thrilled to have both W.I. and Dorothy visit us one evening. Jean was charmed by W.I.'s sense of humor.

How are Ruth and Mike? We're looking forward to meeting the family when you come through this way later on.

I've finally got started on the pre-evacuation material and will shoot it along regularly. I'm also doing current material on the relocation end with Frank, Tom, and Charles. Dorothy Thomas gave me an outline which I am more or less to follow in the compilation of data.

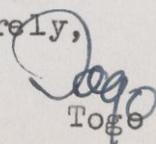
We just can't wait for you to get here because there are so many things we want to talk over with you.

Incidentally, my files from the west coast are due here in about three weeks, so a good deal more of source material will be directly at hand. I'm wondering if the personality sketch on L.T. Kane, whom most people have never heard anything about, goes too much into unnecessary detail?

I'm not particularly proud of the piece and didn't mention it to the Thomases when they were here visiting with us, but I tried to deal with one aspect of the Manzanar & relocation center problem in an article in the June edition of Free World. It's under a fake name--nom de plume if you will. My baptismal name was William but the surname never was Tani; the thing is under that name in Free World. I think you're about the only persons I've yet written to about it. I'd appreciate your comment, not only on the article but the manner of its appearance. I make this request because I feel your appraisals are always frank and honest, even if they're not always what someone fishing for flattery ~~desires~~ expects or wants.

If you have time, please drop a line now and then. Forgive me for not acknowledging your last letter, the check, and the good news about Dorothy Thomas' visit. Jean wishes to be remembered to you. We feel ashamed not to have followed up in visiting you folks; please give us the benefit of your indulgence. Will write again shortly. Best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Togo

June 7, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
5831 S. Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

I was glad to hear from you this morning after such a long silence, and I was glad also to hear that you have enjoyed the visit of Dorothy and W.I.

I have read your sketch of Lail Kane with great interest. I am not certain that we can ever use such detailed background data on specific individuals, but what you have written certainly adds to an understanding of the man himself, as well as the movement he represents. I do think that you might have briefed your long verbatim report of his 1939 speech, but you apparently turn out the stuff with such rapidity and ease that it might take longer to brief it! If this is the case, don't worry ever about being too detailed.

I am certainly looking forward to receiving other similar sketches, and especially one on John Lechner. Did you receive, incidentally, the letter I wrote transmitting the request of Mr. George Rundquist for information on Lechner's alleged offer to aid the Nisei? If you did not, I'll look up the carbon and send it along. If you did, I would appreciate your telling me what you wish to about Lechner for Rundquist, so that I might write him.

I am going to visit Los Angeles before I go East, and I wonder if you could supply me with a list of people you think I ought to see? I already have Kane, Lechner, Rosecrans, a man named Alexander, a woman named Buwalda, and some newspaper reporters that Larry Tajiri recommended, on my list. Who else is there?

I have been having a good time tracking down rumors about Nisei in the pre-evacuation period with rather astonishing results. Thus, though a congressman stated on the floor of the House that four Nisei had been arrested the evening that the Japanese submarine shelled Santa Barbara County, no arrests were made on that evening. One rumor in particular I would like to track down, even although it may take a good deal of letter writing. That is the story

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that is supposed to prove that the Japanese in Los Angeles knew about the Pearl Harbor attack in advance, the proof being a certain number of Nisei who had reservations to play golf on the morning of December 7 did not appear at the golf course at the appointed time. There must be some fifty golf courses in Los Angeles and I hate to go at all of these. It occurs to me that you might know at which of the golf courses Japanese Americans were accustomed (or were allowed) to play. If you have such information, my job would become a lot easier. If you don't have it yourself, do you know who might help me? I would appreciate hearing from you about this.

I'll look up the June edition of the Free World, and give you my criticisms of William Tani's article, with no holes barred.

Do you have a complete file of the Japanese American News from Pearl Harbor to the suspension of publication? If you do, hang on to it! It will certainly prove very useful in the days to come. I have been trying to collect a complete file of the Nichi Bei for that period, but I had in-different success. I still lack some 12 or 13 copies.

I don't know whether you or my own family are at fault for not getting together, but I do know my mother and father and Gilbert would appreciate hearing from you, and you really ought to call them. In a couple of months it seems almost certain that I will be in Chicago, and by that time I expect you, Jean and Jeannine to be members of the family. Until then, keep going on the pre-evacuation stuff and be sure to let me know if you need anything in the way of supplies, etc. Incidentally, since you are now on our regular payroll, you ought to fill out the enclosed blank and return it in the next week or so. Also, you ought to send me the bills for your extra typing, and have the typist fill out the citizenship blanks.

I apologize for this disjointed letter, but everything seems to be happening this morning. Ruth and Mike join me in sending my best regards to you, Jean and Jeannine.

Cordially yours,

Enclosures

MG:mw

June 10, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
5831 South Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

I am writing a chapter on the arguments for evacuation, and I think you could be of great help in giving me data on two of these arguments: (1) One justification for evacuation was the alleged fact that no Nisei groups took any action showing disapproval of Japanese aggression in the Far East. In your material, do you have proof of anti-Axis activity on the part of Nisei groups in Los Angeles? Formal resolutions, of course, would constitute the best sort of evidence, but letters, minutes of meetings, etc. would also be helpful; (2) The alleged fact that Japanese Americans knew that a war between America and Japan was imminent was used to prove the connection between American-Japanese and Japanese-Japanese. Your rebuttal of this argument before the Tolson Committee was very good, i.e. that many people predicted the certainty of war. You said that 79 of 81 people you interviewed in Washington definitely thought that war was inevitable, and also stated that a columnist of the Washington Times Herald predicted the very day that war would start. I wonder if you could write up the details of these interviews? Actually, if these predictions of war were published by you, the argument would be much more readily believed. If you did publish these predictions, I would like to have quotations from the interviews with specific dates and names attached. If they were not published, then any recollections you may have, or any notes you can reconstruct would be of help. Also, if you know the exact date of the Washington columnist's prediction (plus his name), I would like to have it. Having worked a month on these chapters, I am beginning to have some confidence of the validity of my approach. Your help will be invaluable in supplying me with data for the gaps that I have run across. In your own pre-evacuation account, I would concentrate heavily on any anti-Axis activities in which Nisei participated.

Incidentally, all this data can be included in your own account. I am simply suggesting here some specific points, and I would appreciate it if you could write up

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this phase as soon it is convenient.

I am rushing to complete some of my work before the boss returns the beginning of next week. I send my best regards to you and the other Tanakas.

Very sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

MG:mw

American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois Central 2665



To: *Morton Grodzins* Date: *6/11/43*

From: *Jojo Tavelle* Re:

Enclosed are folders, letters, etc. for Berkeley files.  
We are keeping copies out here at U. of Chicago.  
Received your letter - will reply at length tomorrow.  
Regards to Dorothy Thomas

Humidly  
*Jojo*

June 15, 1943

Dear Dorothy Thomas:

Thank you for the note. I hope your return trip was enjoyable. Chicago weather continues to be the nuts. Jean wishes to be remembered to you both, Jeannine especially to W.I. Yesterday I bought a Donald Duck cart for her, and she has literally been shrieking up and down the kitchen length pulling it along and ringing the bell.

We had our first weekly staff meeting at the University last ~~Friday~~ <sup>Wednesday.</sup>  
At the next meeting this Friday (Friday is the regular time) we'll organize the files which Frank is setting up. Originals will be mailed directly to you, copies will be kept at the office here. Any personal copies will be 3rd carbons, if such are deemed at all necessary, it was decided.

I'm enclosing some of the material to go into our files herewith. They'll be classified properly. I'll just dump them into the mails & send along, unless you direct otherwise.

Jean continues to poke along on her typing; she's like the turtle in the race with the hare--she'll get there. Timely material can be despatched quickly enough when needed. I'm working on the list of people Morton if he is adding more to his list. can visit in L.A. ~~IT'S~~ IT'll go in the mails tomorrow morning. I owe him two letters, both of which will be sent before another day is done.

Regards,

  
Togo Tanaka

*In Reattachment  
File*

June 16, 1943

Dear Morton:

This is a continuation of yesterday's rambling note. I did receive your letter inquiring about George Rundquist's request for information on Lechner's offer to aid the Nisei. I have the letters from Lechner & news clipping in our files and will have them copied. Rather I'll enclose some correspondence covering the matter which I would like to have you return to me; they are letters to some student at Whittier requesting information about Lechner. Perhaps you might get in touch with the student if it is at all possible she has uncovered any data on pre-evacuation activities.

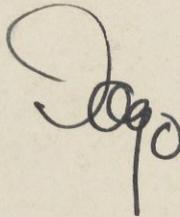
Re: golf courses. Montebello Golf Course, Lakeside Golf course, (Long Beach I believe), are two of the places (for the luvva pete I can't recall the others but there were half a dozen where nisei & issei congregated) you might check at first. That information will be handy when another steel file arrives via express sometime any day now.

Wm. Tani's article, I am afraid, stinks. What do you think? It's not even readable.

I've my fingers crossed again about the complete file from Pearl Harbor to evacuation. The FBI in L.A. has the regular newspaper files. If you see Mc Cormick, perhaps, and if I can manage to get a permit to get to L.A., there will be almost no end of stuff to be organized & classified.

I explained to Dorothy Thomas that I was having wife Jean do my typing for me. Although I've helped place several score girls in secretarial & typing jobs, none has been available to do the e irregular-hour work that is required to bat out this stuff. Jean's typing is slow but accurate. I don't know what she should be paid, but it would be advisable on a volume, rather piece basis, since I do not think she is as fast as a standard 65-word-minute typist. I'll have her forward the affidavit on citizenship to you.

R e g a r d s,



Excuse the sloppy letter.

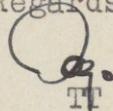
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Dear Dorothy:

Jeannine has just simonized the typewriter with a delicious apple. Three minutes ago she knocked over a vase on the table, divebombed herself to the floor, scattered CH-203 all over the place, and put lipstick all over my trousers. Now she's yelling "Mommie" at the top of her voice. I wish her Mother would hurry up and get through with the dishes. I am overwhelmed by the destructive tendencies of our female commando. I count twenty every time the desire to wallop her to order seems to rise. Is there anything in the books which tell you how to behave as a proper parent ought to?

Enclosed are: (1) copy of a letter for the file on "Employer correspondence--Chicago & Midwest" which Jean typed out several days ago and which I omitted from the last batch and (2) an Evacuee bulletin prepared for the Chicago Church Federation by Rev. Ralph Smetlzer of the Brethren hostel. (Jeannine has just brought me a wafer from the kitchen. We've made peace again).

Regards,

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
207 GIANNINI HALL  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 19, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Enclosed are the beginnings to CH-202 and CH-203. Notes & other original source material are being kept in the duplicate files here; they'd just clutter up your master records. I've got preliminary notes up to CH-208 and will forward as quickly as I find time to bat them out.

We had our second weekly staff meeting Friday; things will be rolling along better by our next meeting and we will all compare our first case histories.

The effect of Hearst's Herald-American play-up of the Dies hearings can be noted in relocated evacuee attitudes. There is a greater degree of fear and uncertainty among younger evacuees--particularly males. Other Chicago papers have printed very little, but the sensational play-up of the Hearst sheet has attracted evacuee attention. The half-truths and unfairness of the Dies proceedings will, I suppose, be revealed in the light of a later day. I've been spending some time going through the daily newspapers from all over the country--at the Chicago library each morning. There isn't much I can find in the west coast (California) papers encouraging to an individual American of Japanese descent hopeful of returning "home". There is so much hysteria. Have the lights gone out completely? (Of course not, but these ~~and~~ questions, asked by many who come in for consultation, indicate a feeling of insecurity and unrest and uncertainty). Regards to W.I. We'll be looking for Morton soon.

Jag.  
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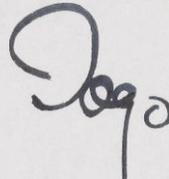
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Dear Dorothy Thomas:

Enclosed is a continuation of the stuff sent yesterday.  
They are letters which may have some value as source  
or reference material. We're keeping copies, filing  
& classifying on this end too. I thought you'd want  
the first copies there in the master files. More  
later. Hello to W.I.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. G. P." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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June 28, 1943

Dear Togo:

Thank you for your recent letters. The list of Los Angeles people is particularly fine, and I'll certainly look most of them up. I expect to be in Los Angeles the week of July 18. Incidentally, present plans call for me to leave for Chicago and Washington on September 1.

Your correspondence on Dr. Lechner with Miss Dorothy Sheets is interesting. I think I will write Miss Sheets for a copy of her manuscript just to see what she has. I may also address a brief note to Mr. Rundquist about friend Lechner.

Two items I don't want to forget:

(1) Dorothy said you wanted to know the WRA Property representative in this area. His name is Earle P. Browne, and his address is War Relocation Authority, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco. He handled a small affair for Haruo Najima very efficiently. Is there anything I might do for you when I get to Los Angeles with regard to your house? If there is, don't hesitate to let me know.

(2) The check you will receive in a few days for work during the last month will be for \$100.00. This will constitute payment to you, under arrangements made with Dorothy, for the months of both June and July. In other words, you will not receive another check until the first part of August. The reason for your over-payment is the fact that we had a surplus in one of our accounts that had to be spent in the month of June. Otherwise, it would have reverted to the University.

I still haven't read William Tani's article. Actually, I have been swamped with many duties in the office, and I haven't yet had a chance to get to the library.

I see no reason why we should not pay Jean at an hourly rate, but you must settle these matters with your employees. If you would rather pay her at a page rate, the standard for such work is usually ten cents per page. However you pay her, you ought to send a little itemized account from time to time. Are you having her copy all your Manzanar historical records? Some time ago I think I sent you a list of those we already have here. As I recall it, we have most of the series.

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If you do not have the list of our missing numbers, I'll be glad to look it up for you.

Your description of the commando tactics of Jeannine are, of course, familiar to me. Last week, Mike suffered a casualty landing on a corner of the stairs with her jaw. Result: one stitch. There was lots of excitement for a while, but she took it easier than all the rest of us and now she is almost fully recovered. Ruth and Mike, you know, will probably accompany me as far as Chicago. I can't wait until I see Jeannine and Mike get together.

Apologies for this hasty and disconnected note. My best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

July 1, 1943

Dear Togo:

I have read your various cases with much interest, and I am certainly impressed with the range of contacts that you are getting. I have only one criticism to make, and that is that it seems more desirable to concentrate on cases where you can get a considerable amount of information and follow them through over a period of time rather than spend too much attention on the rather casual contacts. Case #CH-201 represents a fine beginning. I would suggest that you check this case against our outline and start filling in the job data on the mimeographed form I sent. This means that you will be prepared to fill in the topics in your subsequent interviews. This is, of course, a long time process and I realize that you cannot get all of the information without many interviews. I don't want you to modify your general reporting for I think it is excellent, but I do want supplements to these reports under the headings that we have devised for our outline.

Things are moving along pretty well here. We have finally got a young woman who will go to Gila for us and keep in touch with what is going on there. As you have seen from the newspapers, the situation in Poston is very hot. Our two observers there are getting excellent data. Sakoda has just returned to Tule Lake, and I am eagerly awaiting a report from him on recent developments there. I hope everything is going well with you. Give my best to Jean and Jeannine, and W.I. sends regards to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:mw

JULY 1, 1943

DEAR MORTON:

THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 10. FORGIVE THE DELAY, BUT I'LL CATCH UP.

- (1) "ONE JUSTIFICATION FOR EVACUATION WAS THE ALLEGED FACT THAT NO NISEI GROUPS TOOK ANY ACTION SHOWING DISAPPROVAL OF JAPANESE AGGRESSION IN THE FAR EAST."

THERE WERE SEVERAL GROUPS WHICH, LONG BEFORE PEARL HARBOR, TOOK ACTION DISAPPROVING JAPANESE AGGRESSION IN THE FAR EAST. THE JAPANESE AMERICAN YOUNG DEMOCRATS IN LOS ANGELES WERE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES WERE ALSO VOCAL. IN BERKELEY, THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB PASSED RESOLUTIONS, PUBLICIZED SAME IN LANGUAGE DAILIES UP AND DOWN THE COAST.

HOWEVER, IT WILL PROBABLY BE SHOWN THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE AN EXPRESSION OF MINORITY, RATHER THAN MAJORITY, OPINION AMONG JAPANESE.

IT WILL NOT BE AT ALL DIFFICULT TO DIG UP SOME ANTI-AXIS MATERIAL PRE-PEARL HARBOR. THERE IS PLENTY FOR AFTER PEARL HARBOR.

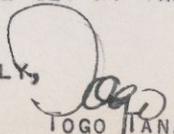
- (2) "THE ALLEGED FACT THAT JAPANESE AMERICANS KNEW THAT A WAR BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN WAS IMMINENT TO PROVE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN AMERICAN JAPANESE AND JAPAN JAPANESE."

FORGIVE ME, MORTON, BUT THAT ACCUSATION NEVER FAILS TO AMUSE ME. IT'S LIKE ACCUSING A MAN WITH HAVING "A CONNECTION" WITH JUPE PLUVIUS BECAUSE, LOOKING UP AT FOREBODING DARK CLOUDS IN THE SKIES AND A WHISTLING WIND FROM THE NORTH, HE SAYS: "RAIN!" AND PRETTY SOON IT STARTS TO RAIN. AND THEN THE CHORUS SAYS: "HE KNEW RAIN WAS COMING. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A PLOT, AND HE WAS IN CAHOOTS."

I WAS GOING THROUGH THE HEAP OF STUFF THAT CAME IN MY FILES THE OTHER DAY. A WEEK BEFORE PEARL HARBOR, IT SEEMS I MADE A TALK AT THE SANTA ANA OPTIMIST CLUB, REPORTING ON MY FLYING TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THE SANTA ANA REGISTER RAN A STORY WITH MY PICTURE. THE ARTICLE SAYS I HAD MET AND INTERVIEWED A GOOD NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, ALL OF WHOM WARNED THAT WAR WITH JAPAN WAS IMMINENT. I'LL SEND THE CLIPPING ALONG WITH OTHERS. IN THE COLUMNS OF THE RAFU SHIMPO, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WE REPORTED THAT WAR WAS INEVITABLE, WAR WAS COMING, WAS WAS A MATTER, PERHAPS OF WEEKS, AT MOST MONTHS, BUT ANYWAY THERE WOULD BE WAR. I'M ON THE TRAIL OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES-HERALD, BUT PERHAOS YOU MAY HAVE TO LOOK IT UP WHEN YOU GET BACK THERE. I'M DIGGING DEEP IN THE JUNK THAT'S ALREADY OUT FOR THE NOTEBOOKS ON MY WASHINGTON INTERVIEWS IN '41 AND MAY HAVE TO SEND FOR MORE STUFF IN L.A. HOW I DO WISH I COULD GET BACK THERE FOR A FEW WEEKS AND WORK OVER SOME OF THE STUFF!

I LIKE YOUR APPROACH IN THIS INSTANCE VERY MUCH, MORTON. IT HELPS ME TOO TO RETAIN OBJECTIVITY. I DON'T THINK THE ENTIRE GROUP OF EVACUATED JAPANESE CAN BE WHITEWASHED ANY MORE THAN THE ENTIRE GROUP CAN BE CONDEMNED. INCIDENTALLY, WHAT IS THE DRAFT SITUATION? I'M WONDERING IF MAYBE, IF AND WHEN IF FINALLY COMES OUR TURN, WHETHER OR NOT IT MAY BE ALMOST AROUND THE SAME TIME? THE IDEA OF GOING INTO UNIFORM GATHERS SOME APPEAL UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. I'LL GET AT THE OTHER LETTERS IMMEDIATELY. REGARDS TO DOROTHY THOMAS.

SINCERELY,

  
TOGO TANAKA

5831 South Blackstone Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

July 4, 1943

Dear Morton:

How's Mike? It must have been quite a shock for all concerned when the accident occurred; we hope everything is well. There'll be no scar, will there? Boy, I can well appreciate how you must have felt at the time. Night before last, it was hot. We gave Jeannine a piece of ice to play with. Before we knew it, she had the piece in her mouth--and lodged in her throat, choking away. I took her by the leg and began slapping her back while she turned alternating shades of blue, green and purple. It was a good minute before the ice either melted or went down. Was that excitement!

Jean and I look forward with eagerness to seeing Mike and Jeannine together.

Last week I had a very interesting letter from Charles K. Ferguson, c/o 10568 Holman Avenue, West Los Angeles, who was former head of Adult Education, Manzanar, now enroute into the armed services. His wife Lois, who taught at Manzanar, is expecting this fall. Ferguson did a Master's thesis in '41 for U.C.L.A. on the "Political Problems and Activities of the Japanese in Los Angeles," I believe. His comments regarding the Dies hearings in Los Angeles: "There is a lot to tell about them, but suffice it to say that they are put on for the complete benefit of the press-- in this case our august Los Angeles institutions of journalism. I talked to Costello a few times. He didn't know I was with W.R.A. (I'M going in the Army, going to active service on July 6). I asked him if the Committee would recommend any legislation. He said probably no-- it will probably just make recommendations to Dillon Myer.'

You'll probably not be able to see Ferguson in L.A., but it might be a worth while contact for you to make. He is a good student of political science, an admirer of Bill Saroyan, and prepped at L.A. High, class of '34. He adds re: Dies -- "The whole affair looks to me as if it were trumped up to give the West Coast press a chance to yell bloody murder, which it has been doing, and scare evacuees from returning to the coast and other people from thinking about their returning. The most important point in Dies procedure is this: The committee will invite no one to testify who is pro Nisei or pro WRA. Out here they invited only anti - people." It seems the others have to ask for permission to testify.

I had lunch here recently with Dr. Alan Hunter. You may know of him; he is pastor of the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church; it's a neighborhood where I grew up, attending grammar school and jr. high. I understand that Super-

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visor John Anson Ford (3rd district), whose name I gave you among those you might contact in Los Angeles, remains unchanged in his position that we shouldn't penalize American citizens for their ancestry. However, he's pretty much immobilized in any positive efforts along those lines by political considerations in L.A. currently. I mention this by way of emphasis so you'll try and see him on your visit there.

A letter arrived this week from Ray Brockmann. He's a Municipal Court Judge in the City Hall in L.A. He has a very sober and balanced point of view, and it may be worth your time to see him also--if you can.

I spent Friday afternoon here with an unexpected visitor--Carey Mc Williams, who spoke this afternoon over the University of Chicago Round Table on the topic "Racial Tensions." We had lunch together and then came home to check notes on experiences since early '42. Carey thinks he can get me a job on PM when I get back into newspaper work & writing--if the draft doesn't come first. This was a pleasant jolt and I hope some day perhaps I may take him up on it. He is on the "Town Meeting of the Air" July 17 (I'd have to check up on this date) from Santa Barbara; Congressman Costello is also on the program, they'll debate the question of lifting the ban on persons (citizens) of Japanese descent from entering the west coast area. His Los Angeles address is 902 Spring Arcade Building Los Angeles 13 California. The McWilliams have a baby son, 8 months old; they reside at 3633 Carnation Avenue, Los Angeles 26 California. If you get a chance to drop in on him, I'm sure you'd not waste your time.

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Understand Clyde Shoemaker is out as assistant District Attorney but is planning to run for the D.A.'s post now held by Fred Howser. Shoemaker's no. 1 political issue will be "Keep the Japs Out", classifying, of course, Americans of Japanese descent as "Japs".

he  
looks  
etc

Morton, I don't seem to have your letter listing the documentary reports which you already have. Will you send me a copy. Jean has been going straight down the line, typing all of them; but she's just up to 21 are and there are 87 altogether. I've got a growing pile of pre-evacuation stuff which I must sit down and get together for you. I'm sorry to have been ~~sl~~ so slow in getting started; this Chicago weather with its fantastic ups and downs has been no little factor too.

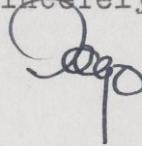
I'll write Dorothy Thomas directly too, but please also thank here for her thoughtful remembrance of the WRA property representative in the Bay area. At the time she mentioned the matter, I also wrote to Washington, D.C., asking Dillon Myer's office for permission to go to Los Angeles to attend property matters. I was referred to the Western Defense Command and also given the name of a Mr. Sloan, Evacuee Property Officer for the W.R.A. in L.A. with whom I am now in correspondence on the house. Thanks for your good offer to aid; it won't be neces-

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sary to impose on your crowded time. Thank you for the notification about the check; I shall be prompt this time in acknowledging it on arrival.

We'll certainly be glad to see you and Ruth and Mike. How long will you be in Chicago, Morton, before going eastward? Will write again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Dag' or similar, written in a cursive style.

5831 So. Blackstone ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

July 4, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for your letter; it was good to hear from you and to get the steering it gave me. The Friday weekly meetings at the University have done me a world of good, and Charley's CH-1 has helped me in discovering that my procedure has been inadequate. Too much scattering of the shots without concentration. The mimeographed form is very good, and as we get along, I am quite sure that some very excellent case histories will be documented. Frank and Tom have been most helpful. I don't believe I've ever had the opportunity to work with a group so uniformly competent and skillful on the job.

Incidentally, have you received a reply from Dr. T. G. Ishimaru? If you have not received his report on his Washington trip and would like me to write him directly, I shall do so at once. Some of the things he predicted at the time appear to be materializing in gov't policy.

Did you and W.I. get to play golf this week-end? The weather was pretty good for Chicago today. We three took a walk along the Midway. Jeannine was dressed up in her new size  $5\frac{1}{2}$  (you need ration points to get them) shoes and a new dress and certainly enjoyed romping about. We had quite a time in keeping up with her and seeing that she didn't bite the little doggies she kept running into on the street. It was a rather quiet Fourth of July. But all day long there were so many things to laugh about; Jeannine dancing a jig for us until, dizzy, she rolled on her back, our exchanging stories from the "Can you Top This One" program last night, talking with the Morgenroths and Andersons down stairs.

Everytime we find ourselves enjoying things as much as we have today, we catch ourselves in quiet prayer of thankfulness, of course; but we also have a habit of thinking back just a year. It was a dark and ~~si~~ dismal Fourth in '42, back there at Manzanar. Sometimes we look back on our experiences of last year almost with disbelief.

I am glad to learn that things are moving along well on the Study in Berkeley. Frank is coming down to the office on Tuesday to do some counselling; it should permit him to get data for the studies on case histories.

Recently a friend from the west coast, as a matter of fact several different persons have said the same thing, indicated that resistance to the lifting of the exclusion order against civilian citizens of Japanese descent was the strongest in Placer County, Calif. That the support for lifting it was greatest in Pasadena and Santa Barbara. Are such statements well grounded at all?

The pace of resettlement into Chicago appears to have slowed

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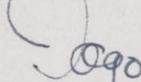
down during the past three weeks. A large percentage of calls at our office is the "second-job" type or individuals who desire assistance in getting housing or admittance to hobby clubs, churches etc.

I note too a growing number of relocated Chicago "residents" moving on to New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and other parts. Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Des Moines appear to be receiving an increasing number of evacuees.

While we were at Manzanar, Dorothy, we met a Mrs. Helen Nace Satterlee who recently wrote us here. It develops that Mrs. Satterlee is writing a book--fiction, based on evacuation. I have no idea what kind of writer she is, although I believe she was introduced to us as a person who has sold articles to SatEvePost. She has been picking up stuff up at Owens Valley since last year. Now she's pleasantly holed up in Lone Pine (Box 32) and whamming away at her typewriter. I mention her name because if you feel she might have anything at all of value to the Study, she could be contacted by you. If you have not yet met her, she is a very interesting woman who talks at a furious clip, and withal, says a lot too. Jean and I enjoyed her intense company, but you'll find her a little different from the ordinary run of mortals. Maybe all writers get like that?

Please do not bother to acknowledge this missive. I shall be sending additional material along as we check the data at our meetings here, and I shall look for your instructions and comments. Jean asks to be remembered to you and W.I.

Sincerely,



Togo Tanaka

Dear Morton:

July 9, 1943

The check arrived. Thanks ever for keeping us posted. Am a little rushed today with appointments & interviews. Staff meeting at the University at 3:30 this afternoon with Frank, Tom and Charley. Will write more later. Incidentally, we ought to have little Mike see the Brookfield zoo when you get out here; Jeannie just loved it.

Hurriedly,

*Jeannie*  
To go

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY  
207 GIANNINI HALL  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

July 18, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Morton will probably be here in Chicago before I really get the files properly organized and the material sent in.

I missed our Friday staff meeting day before yesterday and must make it up by meeting early this week. Frank has been down to the Friends office interviewing. At our last discussion, it was decided that, because of the very nature of the limited interviews at our office, the follow-up on cases which I start will be covered by Frank and Charley and Tom. My function will be largely to start cases that may become valuable. I am distressed at times because of my inability to get these cases on paper. Right now, I have notes on CH- 221, but have actually been able to sit down and type out only up through CH - 207. A lot of them may not be of much value, perhaps, because they are of the same classification, on our chart.

We had dinner this afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. George Loewenstein. He is a refugee from Middle Europe. His family goes back 500 years in Germany. He was head of the Berlin Public Health Department until 1933--Hitler. She is Austrian. They have a daughter, who is a nurse, and a son, a pre-medical student at the University of Wisconsin. They are wonderful people, and we think the world of them. They left Germany in February, 1939, with the equivalent of two and a half dollars. Their beautiful home, their properties, their bank accounts--everything they owned had been confiscated. They were in England a little over a year before they were permitted to come to the United States. The story of their evacuation and relocation is breathtaking, tragic, yet beautiful too. I can't help but think what documentation they would make. The Loewensteins are Quakers. They both have the most wonderful sense of humor. You and W.I. would enjoy an evening with them.

I'm a little out of breath tonight. We took Jeamine for a stroll along the Midway this afternoon, and she literally wore me out.

Did you hear Carey Mc Williams and Professor Radin debate with Congressman Costello and the Stanford Professor over the Town Meeting of the Air? I missed it; we were having dinner in Chinatown with two evacuees, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Taniguchi, celebrating his induction into the army as

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a lieutenant in the Medical Corps. Ed Morgenroth listened to it. We're sending for copies of the program.

Additions to all the CH - cases will be made as subsequent interviews are recorded.

We received a letter from an Issei friend at Gila River which is worth quoting in spots. The guy has a sense of humor. He was formerly an actor in Hollywood. He made a living at it, yes. He's in his late forties and has three nisei children. You may have heard of him; his name is Tetsu Komai. He is a very good friend of Jean's father and so writes rather intimately. I recall mention was made at one of our meetings at the U. of Chicago about the Gila hearings on Questions 27 & 28. A Leo Komai was mentioned as one of the Nisei whose testimony was documented for the Study. This is a letter from his father:

"July 7 '43

"Dear Mr. & Mrs. Tanaka

"With sweating hands I got'm at last (yessir it's mere 110 inside of my spacious mansion) - I mean that evasive slippery animal called inspiration It does our hearts a great deal of good to hear that you three are doing fine...

"Emi showed us the snapshots you sent to her Boy! How Jeannine grew! And How we miss her. Had we lived near together --Mrs. Takamura, you three and us --what a complete abso-positive-lytely perfect job of soiling her could we (ole gal Granma, me and me wife) have accomplished? Its just too bad or should I say too good? Now now my dear Jean don't you write to your Ma about this. But of course this is a free country though it's warped a bit and if you read between lines and act accordingly of course nobody can stop you.

"Anyway I found out sometime indirect bombardment is far more effective than direct shots. You know, when that ol gal found out that I sent was so considerate to send you that magnificent portrait of her, she certainly made it plain how much she appreciated that.

"We are all feeling fine and existing during the day and living from dusk to dawn. The weather is so wonderful we (at least I) don't need cloth. I am living in pair of shorts for last two months. All we need is rain but it's under strict rationing for last 10 million years or so. Everything is so dry and dandy lots of time I wake up by the noise of my rattling brain. You see even my

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extra juicy brain dried up so.

"Yes we had our share of good old valley fever. It's strange local malady. The symptom of it is exactly like early stages of T.B. Only they can't find any germ or cause of it.

"At least half of the whole populace here had suffered sometime or other. In light case one gets over in a week or two but some suffer months. Doctors do not know any treatment. Fortunately not many fatal cases. two so far.

"I and my wife enjoyed about three blessed months of it each. Children had light ones But we are all right now.

"My recent ailment of which Emi wrote you is different--an out and out tragedy so pull out your hankies and get ready for the sad news.

"One of the waitresses of our mess hall was to leave the camp to join her husband in new camp. So all the old hen got together and threw her a party. Our gang (seven horrible looking rascals with scandalous appetite) officially called dishwashers) were to attend.

"Now I never expected any live party you know Isseis gathering. But the way the party started was beyond my endurance. Nobody spoke everybody whispering in hushed tone Some old hens had dismayed look of gold fish jumped out of bowl and munched crackers, other looked like constipated owl and sipped very watery punch.

"Now I may be wrong but according to my conception of social etiquet there must be distinction between funeral and farewell party.

"We had to do something and we - seven bohunks--did our best. Us seven gentlemen--according war time standard--are pretty nutty, every one of them. So when we buost out to clown whole thing started to look almost like a party.

"In my school days it was my favorite act - namely imitation of gorilla - of course me mug is too handsome and me figure is too Greek gods like even with somewhat elongated abdomen and out of alignment legs (mechanically speaking) as a gorilla. But when I hang my self from high tree branch or beam of a house and start to

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yell in my musical voice it always got over. I did that hanging from a beam of our mess hall with my leg.

"I detest neckties and its my personal opinion that the guy who invented necktie and the guy who started to eat Italian squash ought to be hanged. But to keep up my dignity as a gentleman though a bit degenerated I wore a necktie on my bare neck and a pair short and vest.

"This vest is my pet invention. It's made out of old onion sack, you know those roughly meshed ones and cut after Turkish vest fashion displaying my masculine beauty in front and it has streamlined ventiation.

"Anyway my gorilla act was a huge success even if I do say so. All was well at the end of the party and we hit hay

"Early next morning I woke up with peculiar pain in my leg. My first thought was I had cramp. But when I lit the light my leg looked like ten pounds red cabbage. My second thought was insect bite but there was no mark of bite. I reported to work limping and my gang rushed me to hospital. They X rayed me, printed it and threw me on wheel chair and dumped me in a hospital cot before I knew what was happening. They kept me there ten days, measuring my temperature and counting my pulse about dozen time every day and took necessary precautions to ignore my swollen leg and not to do a thing about it. I think I was a problem patient no. 1 of men's surgical ward. It wasn't my fault either. You know bath tubs don't grow on trees in our camp and they have them in the Hospital. So I sneaked into the bath tub about six times daily to the despair of the nurses.

"I'll tell you a secret I was under under of complete rest.

"Now if nature takes its course in a hospital ward I don't see why it can't in my shack so I argued with doc and I got out riding a Ice wagon with guy who was cooped up in the bed next to me, a supervisor of ice dept.

"That is the whole sad story. My flat tire is well fixed up now so doc's final diagnosis (oh I forgot that crazy word anyway it meant a severe case of cramp) doesn't matter.

"I always aim to learn my lesson was you can't act

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like young kid when you get ripe senile age of 49 and between you and I I think the guy who said life begins at 40 is a D--- liar.

"As I always said there is always bright side to everything. My tragedy had one too, almost miraculous. Takamura san actually wrote me a letter.

"I had get in to hospital and Emi had to write to Jean about it and Jean had to tell Takamura to make that old lazy guy (from the view of the postal revenue) to lay off his painting and brushes and write me a letter. Well when I want his letter I think I'll break into the hospital and broadcast about it only trouble is I will have to find a new excuse to get into the hospital because Her excellency Donna Ohetsu gave me strict order prh biting my gorilla act.

"Well, this is enough I guess. If you two get beautiful headache reading this crazy scribbling and it's a well known fact as Confucius or was it Al Capone said no fool like and old fool.

"Now a bit of serious matter. Leo has graduated. He is seventeen years old. He wants to go to college. I am a poor providing father. Leo will have to work his way through. His school work is not too dull-ner- good nor too dull. 9th among 200. 2nd among boys. He answered no in his questionnaire. He is trying to get it changed.

"He is interested in some branch of an engineering chemical at present but not definite. He hasn't picked up the school yet but aiming to leave camp by September.

"This is the way it stands.

"I am sorry I can't be much help to him I only wish the hardship will help ~~make~~ him to make a man out of himself...

"We may have ask your assisting hands and thank you very much your kind offer to help us...

Truly yours

Tetsu Komai".

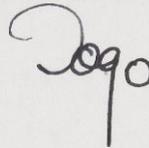
That's a rather long letter, but I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as we did. I thought it

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contained quite a bit in thought content as well as humor, despite the imperfect grammar, misspellings and terrific handwriting.

Hope this finds you and W.I. well as ever.  
Jean wishes to be remembered to you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jojo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

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Dear Dorothy —

Would there be any value in our getting the results of the survey they are making through Granada documentation section? All ex-Granada people in Chicago are receiving a rather detailed 3-page questionnaire. I shall see Frank Monday or Tuesday. Perhaps you can send instructions, if any, to him.

Hurriedly

Dago

7/18/43 p.m.

July 21, 1943

Dear Togo:

Dr. Thomas asked me to send you a list of the documentary reports we have here. On checking our series I find the following: 14, 38, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56 (2 - Sept. 1 and Sept. 8), 59, 63, 66, 68, 69, 73, 74, 76, 77 (2 different versions, both the same date), 79, 80, 81, 82, also Special Report of October 10.

Regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Wilson

July 24, 1943

Dear Togo:

Your interesting documents and letters have accumulated for several days and my conscience is bothering me. The cases that you are uncovering are very interesting, and I hope that they can be followed up. Even in the case of transient C.H. 208, it seems to me a follow-up would be desirable. You are able to get a type of case that will be important for us, I think. That is, it will prevent us from over-weighting our sample with the intellectual Nisei group, so keep up the good work. I agree with you that because of the necessarily limited contacts you have your function should be chiefly to get the beginnings of a good many cases and let the others follow through where they can. This, of course, doesn't mean that if you have the opportunity you shouldn't follow-up on the cases that you can. You are certainly doing a fine job for us, and I am very appreciative.

I was interested in the letter from Tetsu Komai. He gave testimony at the Chandler hearings in Phoenix. If Charlie hasn't got a copy of those hearings I should be glad to send one along. It would certainly be an interesting case to follow-up if the opportunity offers itself. Do you think it would be worthwhile giving a personal introduction to Rosalie Hankey without any idea of getting a case history, at least at present, but just giving her another interesting contact at Gila? I leave this up to your judgment.

Regarding the Granada questionnaire: I am sceptical about their getting any great amount of coverage. It is worth keeping your eye on, but it may not be worth too much effort at present.

We have, by-the-way, a complete transcript of Townsend's testimony before the Dies Committee. I haven't had this copied yet, but if you think it would be useful I will do so. I also have a long document in which the WRA is replying to the various points. This is being copied, and I think I shall send it along for what it is worth. I have another document that I want you to see, for I think you can throw a good deal of light on the situation. That is a confidential report from Leupp. Because of its nature, I hesitate to send it to you by the mails, but will have Morton bring it along. One point in it that interested me very much was the fact that Kurihara was the second man on a black list to be beaten up in Leupp, the Project Director being the first man, and Ueno was on the

other side of the fence and was put in jail for agitating. That whole Manzanar group is apparently split two ways again.

Our emphasis now in the projects is on the segregation issue. Apparently, there are going to be a great many more "disloyal" people than the WRA had expected. At Gila alone there are about one thousand who have applied for repatriation, and a very small proportion, probably less than 10%, is willing to change their answers. We are trying to follow the thing very carefully in Tule Lake, Poston and Gila.

Morton is still in Los Angeles, but you will hear from him when he gets back.

Regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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July 26, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

CH - 208 is reported to have departed for New York but this report is not too reliable. We shall be sure to follow up on this and other cases. Thank you for the encouraging note. Last week, we'd had a little down-in-the-mouth feeling that we weren't quite up to par, a feeling growing out of the fact that this consultation work wrings a guy pretty dry at the end of the day; and though he's got a whole mouthful of documentation he wants to put down, he just lies around listening to the Screen Guild theatre, Ginny Simms, or worse yet, Frank Sinatra because his wife insists on the Lucky Strike hit parade. I don't think we're lazy; it's just variety we need once in a while in our young lives.

Jean says to be sure and write a big hello to you and W.I.

I was not aware that Tetsu Komai had testified at Gila; I had thought it was his son. We want to help them relocate. I have a feeling that Rosalie Hankey would have a very interesting contact in Mr. Komai at Gila. However, I do feel that she would have to be the judge on the extent to which any interviews would be conducted. This may not be the time for it, if for no other reason than the fact segregation is scheduled. Evacuees with Caucasian contacts are, as our documentation shows, frequently singled out for abuse or physical violence. We would not like this to happen in the case of the Komais; he's a wonderful egg, for all his nondescript nonsense and humor.

I would very much appreciate receiving the complete transcript on Townesand's testimony. We have the W.R.A. statements replying to various points.

The Leupp document sounds intensely interesting. Can you tie all that? I thought Kurihara and Ueno were the gold dust twins or their equivalent. There will surely be a lot of things to talk over with Morton. Hope his L.A. trip was fruitful. He'll be back soon?

It's rather saddening to get reports from the Centers currently. Almost like a second evacuation--the tensions, turmoil, fears, uncertainties and sense of frustration. I shall keep in touch with you; just wanted to be sure and acknowledge your letter before my desk accumulates again. Currently, it is clean & clear. Best wishes,

Sincerely,  
T. Tanaka

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Aug. 2, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Enclosed is CH- 210. Do you have the copy of a memorandum mailed sometime in May or April about the young man who was the first U.S. citizen of Japanese ancestry excluded from the Eastern Defense area? His name is Naoye Suzuki. I am making his story CH - 211. He was interviewed today and presents an interesting case for documentation. Can you label that memo CH - 211. The interview record will be sort of an addenda.

Am in close touch with Frank, Tom and Charley and share your instructions to the office with them.

I have not seen Charley since last Friday when he received word of his father's death. It's rather sad, this passing away in relocation camps.

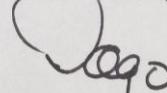
In one of Morton's earlier letters, he reminded me to send along an itemized statement on Jean's typing. We have figured that it would be more economical for the University to pay her by the page rather than by the hour. Is her work neat enough to meet standard requirements? If so, then Morton said we should pay her 10 cents a page. Other things being equal, her record to date is 224 typewritten pages. Does that mean \$22.40. That is a statement. Jean has your instructions regarding the copies of the reports which you do not have. The complete set should be in the University files soon.

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*Payroll for Aug.*

Regards to W.I. It's pretty hot in Chicago this week.

Sincerely,



Togo Tanaka

August 11, 1943

Mr. Togo Tanaka  
5831 South Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Togo:

It seems to me I am several letters behind you, for which I apologize. We have found your memorandum of several months ago on Naoye Susuki, and we have added it as Case CH 211.

I went through as many people on your list as I could during my Los Angeles visit. I had a two-hour talk with the Mayor, and shorter ones with lesser lights. My most enjoyable time was spent with a very good friend of yours, Arthur Briggs, who impressed me as being a very keen fellow. But I'll tell you about it when I see you in three weeks.

Best regards to Jean and Jeannine.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

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August 14, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

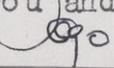
It's been one heck of a hot and sticky week; enclosed is beginning of CH - 213; CH-212 is my first female case history & it bogged down in the middle of Wednesday's humidity. At our last staff meeting, we suddenly surveyed our beginnings, and it developed that my cases without exception had been of the masculine gender. I still don't see how it happened that way. There have been an equal number of young women interviewed.

Chicago evacuee family (Tom Tayama, 1121 W. Fullerton) ran into some difficulty in getting bed for member who must undergo appendectomy. Hospital said, on day of scheduled operation, after reservation allegedly had been made by the doctor, "beds all filled." Family claimed discrimination, desired to make legal issue, asked WRA to assist. The case is interesting from many angles. We've decided to record it as an event separate from case history and will send it in. Do you have any suggestions as to what points of interest ought to be stressed in the account? Most of this, of course, is straight reporting anyway.

After the lowest drop in number of new arrivals in a month and a half last week, newcomers picked up in numbers this week. An increasing flow expected after August 23, especially from Tule Lake. A Joe Koide, former block manager at Heart Mountain, one of the week's new arrivals, asserted that Topaz would be scene of increasing disturbances, perhaps physical in nature; he was not very specific, but are there any such indications?

I note that the evacuee ministers, bless their souls, are trying hard to avoid "segregated" socials etcetera, but doing it in spite of everything. The denominations are holding forth in Sunday night gatherings where Caucasian faces are as rare as they are in the middle of an isolated block in a relocation camp.

Read somewhere that Harvey Coverely is attending AMGOT school. I am speechless. Don't you feel that fundamentally AMGOT differs very little from ~~the~~ Gauleiter system of the Nazis? Is this heresy? Of course, there are important points of difference, but isn't there a danger that the same difficulties will be encountered unless a maximum of wisdom and high-calibre personnel are employed?

Jean and I heard Mortimer Adler speak on "What We must Think About the Peace" at the International House last Sunday. Enjoyed him tremendously. Hope this finds you and W.II as well as ever. How did Morton come out? Sincerely, 

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August 26, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Some day I hope to be able to just sit down at this typewriter and be able to write to my heart's content. As it is, I am always struggling to find enough time to get down in black and white the things that should be written.

Enclosed with this note is a follow-up on CH-205. In another envelope I am sending along CH-217 and a follow-up on CH-216.

I feel quite guilty for having been slow in getting pre-evacuation done. It's getting pretty well organized.

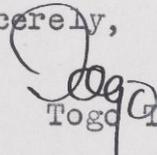
This work <sup>at the Friends, with the Baptists,</sup> is something like my newspaper days in the irregularity of hours; it is much less physically strenuous; there are no long 24-hr grinds, but there are unexpected calls and night appointments, and trips here and there.

I would like to spend more time in writing on the Study; hope I am turning out a reasonable volume somewhere in the neighborhood of your expectations. If not, please let me know so that I may pro-rate my time more equitably.

Is Morton enroute yet? Boy, we're sure anxious to see him.

Jean sends her best wishes to you and W.I. Jeannine does also.

Sincerely,

  
Togo Tanaka

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Sept. 19, 1943

Dear Dorothy:

Enclosed is CH - 218 which hardly constitutes even a "starter" and CH - 219 which is a little more complete. Neither is a case with which one has had the cooperation of the interviewee, hence there are, I discover in filling the outline, some notable slip-ups in securing needed data.

Hereafter, I shall forward the outline along with the cases. Your recent instructions, both through Morton and through your correspondence, have been noted.

CH - 218 has just received baptism under water; Jeamine crawled on the desk and turned a vase of flowers on it. I have sent her to her room, out of the darkened corners of which she is calling: "Daddy, good girl."

I am also enclosing copies of two reports which were prepared for my good boss in N.Y. carrying brief accounts of individuals who have been visitors to our office; no effort at documentation for the Study is made in these accounts, as you will note. If you feel there is any value in them, I shall have extra copies made as I complete them and include them in my mail to Berkeley. You're probably up to your neck in work, so don't bother acknowledging this; I am going to send them anyway, and if you don't need them, you can add a line in a future letter.

Saw Morton just one day; of all the luck, I fell slightly ill and was taken abed the entire week, almost, that he was here; I got up in time to learn he and Frank were enroute to Washington; on his way back I plan to spend some time with him. However, we did get in one good solid afternoon at our weekly staff meeting.

Your criticism on one of Charley's cases was read and studied at some length. This last week, Charley and I were the only voices-~~at~~ heard at the weekly Friday conference. Charley's still struggling along with that damned bit of school business; his sister has had an unfortunate deal; the Board of Education has not been kindly disposed in his case.

Incidentally, Dorothy, I recently received a missive from the Military Intelligence Service Language School requesting acknowledgment in reply to an inquiry. Would I be interested in volunteering for overseas combat intelligence service in the U.S. Army? I have since replied and received a very cordial acknowledgment of that reply. In effect, they will wait until they hear from me again. I still have some

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immediate family & personal obligations which must be discharged. Do you have any advice for me?

October 6-7-8 I shall be in Columbus, Ohio for a State Welfare Conference called by the W.R.A., I believe; or perhaps the W.R.A. is one of the participating agencies. Is there anything in particular you would want me to get for the Study at that time along with what I would normally collect anyway?

The Manzanar documents have been completed. Jean tells me she has mailed all those that she typed to Berkeley. She omitted those copies which you already had on file. She typed a total of 416 pages. I hope the finished work meets with expectations. She has improved her speed to 50 words a minute as a result of the work. The amount due her, total is \$41.60 at 10 cents per sheet. I received a check for June & July way in advance I think in June; the August check has not been forwarded, but perhaps it is coming with September's?

Day before yesterday at the Univ. I spent some time reading Charley's diary for the Study. It occurs to me that there is considerable value in that for keeping a day-to-day account of resettlement. I am going to attempt it, though I'm wondering just where I'll be able to squeeze in the time regularly. If you feel my time can be better utilized otherwise, please say so. It would probably be a relief.

How is W.I.? Please give him our very best regards. Jean says she would like to have you for a fried chicken dinner; she has just perfected a Boston cook book recipe.

I've lately become a very deep admirer of the late Clarence Darrow; it started out with a biography by Irving Stone, "Clarence Darrow for the Defense." I was so impressed that I next got hold of a 1902 copy of "Resist Not Evil" by Darrow. Now I haunt the old book stores in my lunch hour looking for old copies of Darrow's stuff. Incidentally, this latest non-fiction best-seller "Under Cover" by John Roy Carlson tells nothing new in particular that one couldn't have found in the N.Y. Times, New Republic, Nation etc.; and it's certainly depressing.

Labor day week-end I attended & spoke at a Conference of young people at Camp Farr, Chesterton, Indiana. Was quite an experience, an enjoyable one in the interesting inter-racial inter-religious mixture of people attending.

This morning actually attended church. St. Paul's Episcopal. Sermon very impressive, theme being the 7th commandment "Thou Shalt not commit Adultery."

Do you think, Dorothy, that I will be able to get back to Glendale before I'm in an Army uniform, just once? I'd like to visit the West coast before too long. I believe I wrote you that we were selling our home; it is in escrow now; the best

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we could get was \$6250; and at that I had to have nearly \$300 in termite repair before the sale could be made. We figured that if I should land in the Army, we'd better be as liquid as possible. I have my parents in Topaz who have been total dependents for six years prior to evacuation to look after; mortgage & taxes were becoming uncomfortable anyway. My equity amounted only to a little better than half the sale price. We still have some roots in So. Calif., we're not completely uprooted. Jean and I jointly hold title to a bit of property with improvement in Gardena, California.

Jeannine grows every day. We recently had a telephone installed; now I can call her up and talk with her; she knows the alphabet now, but not by heart. I spend my evenings playing horsie for her and teaching her to jitterbug; she runs me ragged every time. I think she's the real boss of the family because she controls our plans. We don't get out much, except when she's put to bed and we know someone is in the house. Last night, Jean and I saw our first movie in three weeks, "The Constant Nymph" and "Hers to Hold." Jean likes Joan Fontaine's acting; we waited 45 minutes in line (can you imagine? -boy, how I refuse to do such things, but there was no fuss, I was taking her out on a 'date').

This has been rather long, but not too long I hope. I wanted to make up for the rather long interval during which I've been a little slow in getting typewritten reports to you.

I hope you and W.I. are as well as ever.

Sincerely,

*Dago*  
Togo

*P.S. —  
Have received the  
Shuman document. Charley  
studying it over. Will mail  
back to Berkeley shortly.*

October 4, 1943

Dear Togo:

I was certainly glad to get your long letter of September 19, and your cases Nos. 218 and 219. No. 219 seems to me to be very well worked up and I hope you will be able to get some more follow-up on it. When Morton arrives in Chicago he will want to discuss with you certain aspects of your work for the study. I realize how pressed you are for time, and appreciate what you have done for us. I am most anxious that you should get some of the pre-evacuation stuff worked up. Particularly, the report on the J.A.C.L., and various other groups in southern California. The J.A.C.L. report will be very important for us to fill in the general picture we are getting from Charlie and from Frank, and it can be coordinated to some extent with your Manzanar report. I have sent copies of the confidential material we got from the Leupp Center to the Chicago office, and I would like you to make notes and supplement that on the basis of what you know on the Manzanar group. A great deal, of course, you have done already in your write-up of the Manzanar riot, but I think you will find some interesting points there that can be elaborated.

I was certainly interested to hear of the approach the Military Intelligence School has made to you. I realize that you have a very difficult decision to make. From the post-war standpoint, those who have been in the Army will presumably be in a favorable situation. On the other hand, I don't see why you should feel under any more pressure than any other American in the same situation. That is, I don't believe that the decisive factor should be your status as a member of a minority group. If your family and personal obligations are too great, then I feel that you should go on with your career until they draft you. But this is the sort of decision that everyone has to make on the basis of his own individual problems. So I am afraid my advice won't be worth much.

Thank Jean for completing the Manzanar documents. They were worth the price, and we are very glad indeed to have them. We hope that by this time you have both received checks for last month and for this month. Your check gets only a ten cent deduction, as far as we can see,

because of your dependents. Jean's, however, gets the straight 20% deduction since you have already claimed her as a dependent and, therefore, she has no exemptions. At the end of the year, when you make up your income tax, you will receive a statement that will show how much tax was withheld from Jean's checks and these, of course, count as income tax already paid.

In regard to Charlie's diary; we think that it is a unique and valuable document. Part of its value lies in the fact that it is a continuous record from the very beginning of the evacuation. I don't believe that it would be worth while to start a diary in midstream, so that on the whole I feel like discouraging you from beginning it now, particularly as you are so pressed for time.

W.I. is getting along splendidly, and we both look forward to seeing you and Jean in November. Her latest experiments with the Boston Cook Book sound wonderful.

I am interested that you have become an admirer of Clarence Darrow. He was an old friend of W.I.'s, and I met him quite frequently at dinner, and so on, in the late 20's and early 30's. He certainly was a great man.

I don't know what your chances of getting to the West Coast are, but I certainly think that you might pull a few wires and see whether you cannot make a visit out here to settle your property situation.

In regard to the Ishimaru document: I received a note from him in which he admitted (apparently because complaints had been made) that the lurid statement about the murders of the internees was not based on any good evidence. In fact, he retracts it completely.

Give my best to Jean and Jeannine.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

HOTEL *Fort Hayes*



COLUMBUS 16, OHIO

Oct. 8, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Have gathered some data on relocates in Columbus. There are 50 here. Have one good case history. WRA here is very effective in public relations. Will write report on return to Chicago. Participated in the Ohio Welfare Conference in section devoted to "Minorities in the War Economy." This is nice town except they burn soft coal.

Incidentally, in the study, is there any need, say, for a report on the activities of returned missionaries from Japan in this resettlement program, detailing some of the conflicting points of views, adjustments made by them, the instances of their

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more later.

Regards to W. Z.

Sincerely

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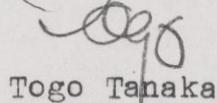
Dear Dorothy Thomas

Just in case no typed material reaches you before the end of next week, this will let you know that pre-evacuation data is being prepared. I think I will finally get caught up. I am sorry that I have not had a chance to get this in earlier. Your instructions to the staff at the University have reached me, and I was able to talk the work over with Morton.

We are looking forward to seeing you and W. I. later this month.

Thank you for having the carbon of Jun Taketa's letter forwarded. We will keep in contact with him and hope that something definite will materialize for him.

Very sincerely

  
Togo Tanaka

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Dear Dorothy

Although I have been somewhat negligent in writing as frequently as I should these last few weeks, I have made considerable headway in actually writing the pre-evacuation Los Angeles data. I am finding the material which I have here in Chicago fairly complete. I hope that you will have some time to go over what I will have ready by the time you and W. I. reach Chicago. Your notation regarding the seminars planned when you arrive was passed on to me at the meeting last week at the University.

I was very grateful for your letter of October 4, and for the comments it contained. Since that time, I have made some progress in relocating both my own parents and Jean's. We have located an apartment for the Takamuras, and my parents are expecting to come to Chicago to live with my brother's wife and children. My brother has been accepted for the Combat Intelligence Service at Camp Savage, Minnesota and is leaving within the next two weeks.

I have a feeling that I am going to be able to finish writing the material I have for the study before the draft summons. John Thomas has suggested that I remain here in Chicago beyond the original December 31, 1943 period, and I suppose that is probably what we shall do.

We are looking forward to seeing you and W. I. again and hope that you will reserve at least one evening for us from your busy schedule.

Sincerely

*Togo*  
Togo Tanaka

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Dec. 17 1943

Dear W.I. and Dorothy,

Jean, Jeanine, and I wish you both a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. There's something about the season that most certainly brings ease and uplift to the heart, despite the sometimes overwhelming weight of war's darkness and sadness.

Our growing attachment to the Midway here has been shaken somewhat by two recent events: <sup>(1)</sup> your departure and <sup>(2)</sup> sub-zero weather. We'll bear up under the latter, but we certainly would be happy to live in your neighborhood to be privileged to enjoy your company on an evening now and then.

May there be much good cheer, warmth and happiness for you both, not only at this holiday season, but always,

sincerely,

Dee and Jean  
Tanaka