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Name: Frank Shigemi Izuo

Age: 42 Date of Birth: January 14, 1900
Place " " Hawaii

Present Address: Blk. 2 Bldg. 7 Apt. D
Former " 3306 E Third Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Japanese School, 2 years
Los Angeles High School, 4 years
Photography School, 1½ years

Business Positions Held: Manager Vegetable Market, 5 years
Owner-manager Hollywood Market, 3 years
" " Photography business, 1933-41

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:
Member of J.C.L. of Los Angeles, 1933-42
Vice-president of Kibei Part of J.C.L., Los Angeles
1937-38

Member of Hawaii Club, 1932-42
Third Vice-President Hawaii Club, 1932-38
Vice-President Hawaii Club, 1938-39
Member at large Hawaii Club, 1939-41
Member of Hiroshima Kenjin Kai, 1932-42
Auditor of " " " 1938-41
Treasurer " " " 1941-to present
Member of Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 1932-42

Accomplishments:

Name: John Katano

Age: 39

Date of Birth:

Place " "

Present Address: Blk. 3 Bldg. 1 Apt. A
Former "

Marital Status: Married, 13 years. 2 children

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Store clerk, 2 years

Leased vineyard, 4 years

Wholesale produce store manager, 4 years

Gasoline Service Station Operator, 1 year

Service Station Owner, 12 years

Restaurant Owner, 6 years

Ranch foreman 320 acre vineyard for McKevitt-Di Giorgio Co. of Delano, 4 years

Ranch foreman for Mid-State Horticultural Co., Fresno, Calif., 1 year

Owner and Operator of 160 acres of vineyard in partnership with brother, 6 years. Added 120 acres in the next 5 years.

Co-owner of 15 acres of property south of city limits of Delano.

Service station and restaurant property sold and four vacant blocks, J, K, L, and M, on Glenwood Street, Delano, Calif. purchased.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Young Men's Japanese Club (Sei Nen Kai), Visalia, Calif. (Organizer and Treasurer)

Tulare County J.A.C.L. (Charter member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees)

Delano Chapter J.A.C.L. (formed in 1941, Chairman of the Board of Trustees)

Produce and Growers Market in Fresno (Organizer and shareholder. Member of Board of Directors, 4 years.

Central California Growers Ass'n. of Fresno (Sales Manager for 2 years.

Many of these position and activities took place simultaneously.

Name: Danny Susumu Yoshimura

Age: 35

Present Address: Blk. 4; Bldg. 11; Apt. B

Former " : 404 E. California Blvd., Ontario, Calif.

Marital Status : Married (One Son aged 2½ years)

Schools Attended: Junten Middle School, Tokyo, Japan,
Graduated in 1924

Fairfax High School, Hollywood, Calif.
Attended 3½ years

Polytechnic Evening High School, Los Angeles
Graduated in 1929

University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, California
Attended 1½ years

Business Positions Held:

Assistant Chief Accountant at the
Los Angeles Branch of the Yokohama Specie
Bank, Limited (June, 1928 to Dec., 1941)

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Japanese Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles, California

Accomplishments: None

"I was born in a northern city in Japan called Sendai in 1907. When I was two years of age, my father, as a preacher, went to the United States, and I with my mother and three brothers and sister moved to Shizuoka. There I attended grammar school. After about five years of stay, we moved back to Sendai. In 1919, we went to Tokyo and attended middle school and in 1923, we met the big earthquake. In 1924, I came to the United States where my father and brother were and attended school for three and a half years.

"I started to work in the Los Angeles Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank and worked up until Dec. 6, 1941. My parents and a brother are in Japan while I and another brother are in this country."

Name: Ray Raitaro Otsuka

Age : 25

Present Address: Blk. 5; Bldg. 10; Apt. A
Former " : Rt. 4, Box 543, Santa Ana, California

Marital Status : Single

Schools Attended: Grammar School and High School

Business Positions Held:

"While in high school, I worked as a clerk in a grocery store during vacations. After my graduation, my father turned all his farm business over to me. I was engaged in this business until I evacuated.

"My ambition was to own a fleet of trucks to haul produce to the markets. So during the slack season on my farm, I found work in local hauling and long distance for a large trucking company. Sometimes I used my truck to buy vegetables in the market for a few vegetable stores in my home time. In doing all this, I learned a great deal about the supervision of a fleet of trucks for various types of hauling. It also gave me an opportunity to study the conditions existing in the markets."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, etc.:

"During my high school years, I was a member of various athletic clubs, science club, and was active in the Boy Scout group, particularly in my grammar school years.

"After graduation, I joined the Y.M.A. and held offices in the organization for a few years. The Y.M.A. was a very active social and athletic association in Orange County. I have also been a member of the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A., the Orange County J.A.C.L., the Baptist Young Peoples Union, and the Orange County Judo Club. I was a member of the Judo Club for about eight years, and after receiving my degree as an instructor of Judo, I taught a few Caucasians (clubs) who were interested in the Art of Judo."

Name: Paul Masata Higashi

Age : 21 Date of Birth: September 15, 1920

Present Address: Blk. 6; Bldg. 3; Apt. A

Former Address : 203 Cannery Street, Terminal Island, Calif.

Marital Status : Single (Living with Mother, two younger brothers, and a sister)

Schools Attended: San Pedro High School
Graduated in 1939

Japanese Language School (High School)

Business Positions Held:

"After graduating from high school I helped father in his fishing business for a year. I had planned to enter Junior College but due to my father's death two years ago, I have had to support my family. I worked on a fishing boat as assistant engineer and radio operator. This work kept me in San Pedro six months of the year, and the other six months was spent in Monterey."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, etc.:

Boy Scout	Hi-Y
Lettermen's Club	Speakers' Guide
Cosmopolitan Club	Spanish Club
Japanese Baptist Church (Terminal Island)	J.A.C.L.
Japanese Athletics Union	

"I am an Eagle Scout. I held the position as Assistant Scoutmaster during the latter years of my Scout work. In high school, I once served as judge of the Student Body Court. I was also the president of the Hi-Y in my senior year. I belonged to the Lettermen's Club throughout my high school days. I was a member of the Speakers' Guide and represented the school at various service organizations. I have also been a member of the Cosmopolitan Club and the Spanish Club.....

"During the months of February and March of this year, I worked as a temporary interpreter in the office of the U.S. Immigration Service in Terminal Island. When the time for evacuation came, I moved to Bakersfield where we had friends. For three months I was without work. I could not accept positions in the rural districts

because of the curfew. I did volunteer work for the J.A.C.L. and the Methodist Church. I also volunteered as interpreter for the W.C.C.A. I also taught a Sunday school class while in Bakersfield. In addition to all of these, I acted as consultant for the Japanese people of Bakersfield and helped with their evacuation problems. I am still receiving expressions of gratitude for what little I did for the people while in Bakersfield.

"I am at present teaching a Sunday School class here at Poston."

Name: George Mikami

Age : 26

Date of Birth: Feb. 12, 1916

Present Address: Blk. 11; Bldg. 9; Apt. D

Former Address : 3416 Sabina St., Los Angeles, California

Marital Status : Single

Schools Attended: Chaffey Union High School
Graduated in 1933

Boys' Middle School, Hiroshima, Japan

Attended 2½ years

Dental College, 6 months

Business Positions Held:

Manager and produce buyer for sister's store

Membership in Clubs and Associations:

Boy Scout

"I was born February 12, 1916, at a small town called Etiwanda which is in the State of California. My present age is 26, and I am single. I am the youngest of the family. Two eldest brothers were born in Japan. My third brother, two sisters and I were raised together in California.

"My parents moved to a town called Fontana which is only five miles from Etiwanda. I received my grammar school education at this town. I loved outdoor sports and would participate in all outdoor games from baseball to swimming. My grades were average.

"I attended Chaffey Union High School and took up a college preparatory course. During this period, I joined the Boy Scout organization and went up as far as Star Scout. During my senior year, the Manchurian incident occurred and discussions were going on at the League of Nations. I became very much interested and wanted to know more about Japan. So, after graduating high school in 1933, I went to Japan. I wanted to learn the Japanese language and help in some way to keep up the good relations between the United States and Japan. I attended a special class for Nisei at a Chugakko in Hiroshima City. I studied here for two and a half years, and then I became very homesick. My desire to return to the United States was great. But I still wanted to learn the language before returning, and also learn a trade.

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"I took an examination for entrance to a dental college in Tokyo. To my amazement, I passed. I studied at this school for a half year and became ill. My illness was due to overstudy. I gave up my school work to spend two years in recuperating. I returned to the United States in 1938.

"When I returned to America, my sister was operating a store with my father's help. I worked here and became manager and buyer of produce for the store. During the time that I worked at the store, I attended night school. I took up radio and typing. Then came the evacuation, and now I am in Poston, Arizona."

Name: Noboru Tamura

Age: 34

Present Address: Blk. 12; Bldg. 3; Apt. D

Former Address: Rt. 1 Box 258-A, Santa Ana, California

Marital Status: Married (Two Children)

Schools Attended: High School

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Orange County Young Men's Association
(President for one year)

Wintersburg Christian Endeavor
(President for two years)

Wintersburg Presbyterian Church

Letterman in High School Varsity

Business Positions Held:

Farming

"My business has been farming. In 1939 I acquired twenty acres of land and farmed it together with one hundred acres of rented land. In 1940 I worked as a foreman on a forty-acre celery ranch employing ten to sixty men. I farmed for myself again in 1941.

"I have been living in Orange County for thirty-four years. During that period, I moved with my parents to three different locations.

"I lost my mother when I was nine years of age (1916). I have two brothers. My father died in 1936.

"Three years following my mother's death, my father remarried. I now have two half brothers living with me. My two half sisters and stepmother have gone to Japan. (1939). Since my father's death, I helped my brother, now an attorney, to complete his law course, and also supported my family left in my care."

Name: Kenji Nishimoto

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 13, Bldg. 11, Apt. A
Former " 3055 Madison St., Riverside, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Graduated From Riverside High School, 1928.

Business Positions Held: After graduation, helped at home
until 1935.

Warehouse foreman for Yamada Bros., 3 years.

Trucking business with brother.

Farming

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Hi-Y

Press Club

Drama Club

Y.M.C.A. (1928-1933) Junior adviser.

Riverside Christian Church (President for 2 years)

Boy Scouts (1926-1936, Ass't. Scoutmaster)

California State Guards

Accomplishments:

"Not many accomplishments in life. During my high school days I belonged to most every worthwhile club; Hi-Y, Press Club, Drama, etc. After graduating became very active and was instrumental in organizing a Japanese scout troop in Riverside. Also started a C.E. chapter and became a Junior adviser in the Y.M.C.A. and helped organize the Japanese young people. I started different sports, mainly, baseball, basketball, and football, but didn't succeed in anything but baseball.

"During my regime at Yamada Bros., I worked there about six months until I was promoted to salesman then to warehouse ofreman, where I was directly in charge of about 7 men. I quit my job there under protests from my men and boss to work with my brother in the trucking business. We considered ourselves quite successful.

"During our last few days of liberty, I assisted in every way I could by helping families where fathers were interned by running errands, straightening legal affairs,

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shopping for the families, etc. We gave the services of two trucks and one pickup to the California State Guard to help them put Camp Rubidoux in Riverside into shape. I did all of the delivering of material in the Fifth Regiment. Lt. Mitchell and Lt. Rankin of Co. A, Fifth Regiment will vouch for my services to the C.S.G. I consider this the greatest donation to the C.S.G. because at the time, the state did not appropriate any money or give them any kind of transportation. Camp Rubidoux in Riverside is now one of the finest training quarters in California. This statement is made by all high officials that go there on tours of inspection. I am proud that I was instrumental in starting the camp.

Name: Henry Yoshikazu Chuman

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 14, Bldg. 1, Apt. A
Former " Saxony Road, Encinitas, California

Marital Status: Separated from wife for about 1 year.

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan
High School in Japan
Venice Junior High School
" High School.
General Motor's Salesman's Training School

Business Positions Held: Chevrolet salesman
Secretary at San Diego County Berry Growers Ass'n.
Farmer at Encinitas
Owner and Operator of two groceries

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L., San Diego Chapter.
Farmer's Association
Solana Beach-Encinitas Farmers Ass'n. (Organizer)

Accomplishments:

"All my life I have helped Issei people as a contact man or as an interpreter."

Judo instructor at Encinitas for 4 years.

Name: Toko Kuroiwa

Age: 27

Date of Birth: January 2, 1915

Present Address: Blk. 15, Bldg. 10, Apt. D
Former " P.O. Box 682, Mesa, Arizona

Marital Status: Married on June 11, 1938 to Kazuye Takata
"We have two children and are very happy."

Schools Attended: Graduated from Alma School and Mesa Union High School.

Business Positions Held: Agriculture (Crop Specialty)

"Up until our evacuation, I was engaged in agriculture, (crop specialty). After my graduation in 1934, I took over my father's business, who at that time was engaged in lettuce industry. After taking over his position, I spread out to specializing in strawberries. With five years experience in strawberries, we were doing fairly well till our evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

M Club in high school
J.A.C.L.
Y.M.W.B.A.

Accomplishments:

"I have no outstanding accomplishments in my life as yet. I'm just beginning to understand a social life. I've been busy with my work."

Name: Takeshi Richard Nishimoto

Age: 29

Present Address: Blk. 16; Bldg. 11; Apt. C

Former Address : Hollister, California

Marital Status : Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School
Military Academy, Redwood City, California
High School
Junior College

Business Positions Held:

Migrant Laborer for two years

Farmer for eight years

Salesman for two years

Membership in Clubs and Organizations:

Friendship Club (President)

J. A. C. L. (President)

"Born in Gilroy, California twenty-nine years ago. There wasn't very much in my early life except for the mischiefs that I used to get into. The first words of English taught me were by an Irish-Italian who took great pains in teaching me a vocabulary that would do justice to any character that John Steinbeck might create. The first years of my school was a constant unlearning of these words.

"Miss Feeney, my teacher for the first five years of my school life, gave me more than my share of teaching, and in my estimation she planned out and helped me more than anyone else. She constantly reminded me to overlook the prejudices of the other peoples and to form none on my part. She taught me the words of the Ten Commandments and their meaning. She nursed my mental anguishes and shared my joys of accomplishments. ^{moving from Gilroy to} Hollister, I attended a

"After mor

military academy in Redwood City prior to entering high school. There I learned from the colonel the meaning of the word discipline and also to cooperate amongst one's fellow men.

"I, having gone through grammar school in six years

was a bit younger than my friends. Therefore, as an athlete, I was always appointed the manager, or the water boy of the various teams. Finishing high school in three years, I took with me some knowledge of chemistry, journalism, photography, and business administration.

"Being a bit young. I went to junior college for a year and a half, when I received my necessary credit to transfer to another college. I developed an ear ailment after a rather boisterous Christmas holiday with my friends and that ended my school career. For two years, I went through a series of operations and hospitalization in San Francisco, and thoughts of going back to school did not appeal to me nor my pocketbook. So I took up agriculture. I suffered my ups and downs with the rest of the farmers about me, and with these I held a few social position. I led a group of motorcyclists in club work, and I was president of a Friendship Society which later was chartered as the S.B.C. I also belong to the J.A.C.L.

"I later became a salesman for the Pacific Guano Co. and the Niagara Dust Company, and in that time I again became the president of the Citizens League.

"Among my friends, if any mischief was done, such as parking someone else's car somewhere else, or calling up jealous wives to make them suspicious, or telling tall tales, I or my friend, Bill McNamee, were accused of being the perpetrator."

Name: Frank Noboru Shigemi

Age : 32 Date of Birth: June 11, 1909

Present Address: Block 17; Bldg. 5; Apt. D

Former Address : Rt. 2, Box 34-B, Gilroy, California

Marital Status : Married (Two Children)

Schools Attended: Grammar School

Business Positions Held:

Farmer

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:

Japanese Association of Gilroy, California
J.A.C.L.

Berry Growers Association of San Francisco,
California (Central California Branch)

"I attended only grammar school because I lost my mother and had to help my Dad on the farm. Before I was evacuated, I was running a berry farm and vegetable farm of my own in Gilroy, California. While in Gilroy, I was supervisor of the Central Berry Growers Association, and counsel for the Citizens League. I helped the people in my district to sell their farm crops and farm tools through the W.C.C.A. office, and also to store furniture."

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Name: Kay Katsukiyo Kadotani

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 18, Bldg. 4, Apt. C
Former " Rt. 2 Box 841-C, Watsonville, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Graduated Grammar School in Japan
" " " " U.S.A.

Business Positions Held: Farmer
Foreman for Matsuura & Marui Pkg. Co., Watsonville
(Lettuce packer and shipper) 5 years

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Y.M.W.B.A.
Buddhist Association

Accomplishments:

"As a temporary Block Manager for the last month and a half, I learned how it is important to get people's cooperation."

Name: Charles M. Kurashita

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 19, Bldg. 7, Apt. D
Former " 986 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Junior College, 2 years in U.S.
Commercial High School, 5 years in Japan

Business Positions Held: Bookkeeper in Japan
Importing and Exporting, Japan - U.S.A.
Produce Manager, U.S.A.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Los Angeles J.A.C.L.
Aeronautical Engineering Club in Junior College
Senior Life Guard, Red Cross
A.F.L., Local 1510
Japanese Chamber of Commerce

Accomplishments:

"During the course of my traveling to Japan and Eastern states I was able to get in touch with various classes of people. By meeting them I learned a great deal of judging a person; character, education, personality, business knowledge, etc. At the same time, I was able to improve myself in various respects.

The life in Poston for the past three months has taught me a great deal about camp life and living with a group of people."

Name: Leonard Toshikazu Miyawaki

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 21, Bldg. 1, Apt. B
Former " 139 North Huntington Ave. Garden Grove, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School Few years of Japanese
High School School
Extension course in real estate and insurance

Business Positions Held: Ranching
Real Estate and General Insurance

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Orange County J.A.C.L. (President
Vice-President
Member at large)
Orange County Y.M.A. (President)
Orange County Nisei Farmers Association
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church
Wintersburg C.E. (President)
Orange County C.E. Union (Vice-President)
Toastmasters Club (Secretary)

Accomplishments:

Name: Masao Iwatate

Age: 36

Former Address: P.O. Box 486, Oceanside, California
Present " Blk. 22, Bldg. 7, Apt. D

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Keio University of Japan
Heald's Business College in San Francisco

Business Positions Held: Editor of Japanese American news-
paper from 1936 to 1939.
Secretary of Oceanside Farmers' Cooperative Ass'n.
from 1940 to evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Police Officers League of Los Angeles, 1939
J.A.C.L., 1941-42.

Accomplishments:

Name: Harry Shinjiro Moritomo

Age :

Present Address: Block 26; Bldg. 11; Apt. B

Former Address : P. O. Box 54, Solana Beach, California

Marital Status : Married (1937)

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan (6 Years)

High School (in Japan) (5 Years)

Grammar School, Moneta, California

Hayward Union High School (2 Years)

Y.M.C.A. Night School (6 Months) (Los Angeles)

Business Positions Held:

Farmer

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:

Japanese Association of San Diego, California

" " " Alameda, California

" " " Fresno, California

"My specialty is strawberry farming. I was engaged in this business in Alameda County for fifteen years prior to moving to San Diego County. In San Diego I was raising tomatoes, strawberries, and all kinds of vegetables. I have also had experience in bookkeeping."

Name: Toshi Hiko So

Age : 42

Present Address: Block 27; Bldg. 8; Apt. D

Former Address : Rt. 4, Box 205, Santa Ana, California

Marital Status : Married

Schools Attended: College

Business Positions Held:

Foreman in a store

Manager in a store

Foreman on a farm

Manager of a farm and packing house

Farmer

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:

Various athletic teams, both in school and
out of school

Christian Church

Student Clubs

Name: Makoto Richard Ejima

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 28, Bldg. 8, Apt. A
Former " 845 19th, San Diego, California

Marital Status: Married (One daughter)

Schools Attended: Diesel School (Aircraft sheet metal works)
College, over 1 year
Night School (Comptometer operation)

Business Positions Held: Operator of Gasoline Station
Cashier for firm with payroll of three to four
thousand each week.
Co-owner of wholesale florist shop
Took Navy Commissary orders
Foreman of American owned firm

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Boy Scout
Parliamentary Law Club
A.F.L.
Teamster's Union
Industrial Club (President)

Accomplishments:

"I have saved one person from drowning. I have been the only American-Japanese to be a foreman in a certain American owned firm with sixty Caucasian employees."

Name: Ralph Sunao Nakasuji

Age: 36 Date Of Birth: January 26, 1906
Place " " Wakayama, Japan

Present Address: Blk. 30, Bldg. 5, Apt. C
Former " 447 So. Fresno St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Elementary School in Japan, 1912 to 1918
High School in Japan, 1918 to 1920
Special course in English U.S., 1920 to 1921
High School in U.S., 1921 to 1922
Completed through the junior year
National Auto School in L.A., 1922 to 1923

Business Positions Held: "Employed as a mechanic at the F&K
Garage in L.A. from 1923 to 1924, after which I
opened an auto repair shop of my own in L.A. em-
ploying an average of thirteen mechanic during
the year. In 1931 I bequeathed the business to
my brother and returned to Japan where I began
another garage, but I returned again to the U.S.
and went into a partnership with my brother.

"I bought a hotel business in 1940 and
operated it as a side business."

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Holiness Church in Los Angeles
(Member of Board of Directors)

Accomplishments:

"I taught Sunday School for the Junior Class. I tried
to make personal contacts with the residents by making
periodic calls and so far I'm getting along very good with
all the residents."

Block #31

Name: George Kazuto Nishita

Age: 30

Present Address: Blk. 31, Bldg. 5, Apt. D
Former " Rt. 1 Box 9, San Juan Bautista, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Up to second year in High School
Four years in Japanese School

Business Positions Held: Farmer for 12 years

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Boy Scouts (Scout Master for 8 years)

Associate Farmer of Hollister (Board of Directors)

J.A.C.L.

Y.B.A.

Selective Service #122, Hollister, Calif.

Boy Scout Councilman of Troop 27 of San Juan Bautista

Name: Stanley Kiyoshi Watanabe

Age: 24

Present Address: Blk. 32, Bldg. 1, Apt. C
Former " 301 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Waialua Grammar School, 1-6
Waialua Junior High School, 7-9
Leihehua High School, 10-12
Commercial School at Honolulu, 1 year

Business Positions Held: Hawaiian Pineapple Co., 2 years
(Foreman of a crew)

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Y.M.B.A.
Hi-Y
F.F.A.
Letter-man Club

Accomplishments:

In high school, football and baseball
Journalism, 4 years
Poems published in 1941 "Pageant of Poetry"
Pacific Press Publishing Company

Block #35

Name: George Tatsuo Nagano

Age: 52

Present Address: Blk. 35, Bldg. 1, Apt. C
Former " 2319 E 3rd Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Retail Market

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Athletic Union (Original)
Y.M.C.A.

Accomplishments:

"Whole hearted support on all athletic activities in
Canada and also in Los Angeles.

"Help out on general relief in every way possible.

"Still doing very best to help others here."

Name: George M. Nagakura

Age: 49

Date of Birth: May 25, 1902

Present Address: Blk. 36, Bldg. 3, Apt. C

Former " 1733 E. 1st Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan, 8 years

High School, 2 years

College, U.S.C., 4 years

Business Positions Held: Eastern Furniture Co. Retail Store
(Manager Japanese Dept.) 1927-36

B.M.T. Paper Co. (Wholesale Paper Manager Japanese
Dept.) 1936-37

California Crocker Co. (Manager Japanese Dept.)
1937-39

Luer Packing Co. (Salesman) 1939-40

So. Calif. Japanese Retail Grocers Association of
Los Angeles, Calif. (Executive Secretary)
1940-42

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L. - Los Angeles, Calif.

Accomplishments:

"I helped Japanese Issei and Nisei and in social work."

Name: Frank Ichiro Abe

Age: 32

Present Address: Blk. 37, Bldg. 4, Apt. C

Former Address: P.O. Box 32, Seal Beach, California

Marital Status: Married, two children

Schools Attended: Long Beach Junior College graduate

Business Positions Held: Owner-operator of vegetable farm
out flower farm

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Long Beach J.A.C.L.

" " Japanese Presbyterian Church
(Board member)

Seal Beach-Bixby Celery Growers Ass'n.

Southern Calif. Floricultural Ass'n.

Accomplishments:

"Previous to evacuation, I was chosen as one of the delegates representing Long Beach J.A.C.L. to the special national session in San Francisco.

"I was one of the elders of the Long Beach Japanese Presbyterian Church and served as Clerk of the Session.

"Pre-medical career was cut short by the depression. In school I participated in the Premedical Society, College Y, and the German Club.

"Out of school, I was in partnership with my father in farming which also included wholesale marketing and retail fruit and vegetable merchandising. Since the death of my father in 1938, I have engaged in vegetable production and have experimented with cut flowers.

"Although I had majored in "Premed" at school, I am just as interested in business and in social work aside from farming."

Name: Iwao Aoki

Age: 26

Date of Birth: June 15, 1916

Present Address: Blk. 38, Bldg. 3, Apt. A
Former " Rt. 1 Box 100, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Graduate of Huntington Beach Union High

Business Positions Held: Farming
Manager of large farms, vegetable and chili pepper
Manager of chili dehydration system
Shipper of vegetables

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Orange County Y.M.A.
Orange County J.A.C.L.
Orange County Y.M.W.B.A.
(President, 1935 and 1941)
(Vice-President in 1936)
San Diego Coop. Ass'n.

Accomplishments:

- "1. As manager of farm and dehydrating
 - a. Harmonious relationship between Mexican and Japanese laborers.
 - b. Unity among workers of office staff and employees.
 - c. Closer relationship among Issei and Nisei employees.
2. As shipped
 - a. Made many contacts with various business men.
 - b. Through contacts and correspondence made many friendships among Americans."

Name: Takeo Momita

Age: 40

Present Address: Blk. 39, Bldg. 3, Apt. D
Former " 826 Commercial Ave., El Centro, Calif.

Marital Status: Married (3 children)

Schools Attended: U.S.C. College of Pharmacy
8 years Japanese School in Sacramento

Business Positions Held: Worked as pharmacist, 1924-26
Owner and operator of store from 1926 to time of
evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

National Retail Druggists' Ass'n.
California " " "
So. Calif. " " "
U.S.C. Alumni Ass'n.
Brawley Chamber of Commerce (Director)
Imperial County Retail Druggist Ass'n. (Sec.-Treas.)
Japanese Ass'n.
Buddhist Church
Boy Scouts (Organizer of Brawley Buddhist Church
troop)
Boy Scouts (Organizer of San Diego Buddhist Church
troop)

Accomplishments:

"I have persuaded County Supervisors to change ordinance to take Japanese into County Hospital on the same basis as Americans.

"I have been accepted into membership of the El Centro Rotary Club but declined for personal reasons.

"I have successfully fought the San Diego City ordinance for the benefit of the Japanese because of discriminations.

"I have been interpreter of the Superior Courts of San Diego and also the Immigration Office of San Diego.

"I have saved the Buddhist Churches of Brawley and El Centro many dollars due to unfair taxations.

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"Before evacuation, I helped and assisted the WCCA and our Welfare Committee until the last day.

"Instituted the Japan Night day at the County Fair and it has been yearly since.

"Since coming to Poston, I have been recuperating until I was drafted into organizing the block office. I have helped the Block Manager by making announcements and holding meetings in Japanese to the benefit of the Issei. I am now serving as Chairman of the International Service Division of the Poston Chapter of the American Red Cross."

Name: Elmer C. Suski

Age: 26

Present Address: Blk. 42, Bldg. 10, Apt. C
Former " Los Angeles, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Amelia St. School, 1921-1929
Lincoln High School, 1929-1933
Los Angeles Jr. College, 1933-1935
(Aero Engr. Course)
Frank Wiggins Trade School, 1935
(Aircraft riveting course)
U.S.C., evening school (summer)
Compton Airports for C.A.A. flight training course, 1941
Scott & Coulter Inc. for pilot's license (completed)

Business Positions Held: Circulation of Japanese Daily (school days)
Cashier at Venice Celery Distr., 1936-1941 (wholesale produce)
Cashier and field agent for A.P. Produce Co., 1941

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Oliver Club, life member (athletic and social club)
Japanese Athletic Union (Member of Board of Control)
Jr. Produce Club (Sec.-Treas. of 1st cabinet)
(organization of all young workers in L.A. wholesale market)
Jr. Optimists and Knights (school organization)

Accomplishments:

"Had sale of my former place of employment, Venice Celery Distr. Sold to outside concern, but last minute 'war scare' and evacuation broke deal. Felt my share of responsibility accomplished.

Aside from this, being younger than other Block Managers nominees, I haven't accomplished anything outstanding but feel that Poston is a field for great endeavor in the years to come."

Name: Frank Shiotaro Miyamura

Age: 28

Present Address: Blk. 43, Bldg. 5, Apt. B
Former " P.O. Box 234, Stanton, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Agricultural School in Japan
(comparable to our high schools here)
Circumstances forced him to work which
prevented him from going to school in
this country.

Business Positions Held: Foreman of labor crews (of about
100 men) on large farms. Last position held was
that of a salesman for a large fertilizer company.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L.
Orange County Judo Club

Notes: Born in Puente, California, went to Japan at the
age of eight years, returned to the United States in 1931.

Just after the outbreak of the present emergency, he re-
ceived an honorary discharge from the U.S. Army. He was
stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois.

*No examination.
Special appointment approved.

J.G.E.

Name: Ralph Murata

Age: 28 Date of Birth: November 10, 1913

Present Address: Block 44; Bldg. 8; Apt. B

Former Address : Box 217 Carlsbad, California

Marital Status : Single

Schools Attended: Grammar School
High School

Business Positions Held:
Farming

Membership in Clubs and Other Organizations:
Lettermen's Club
J.A.C.L.

".... My present age is twenty-eight years, and am single. I still live with my parents. The schools that I have attended are grammar and high schools. As far as my scholastic standing was concerned, my work was average. I did not attain spectacular grades. Upon my graduation from high school, I immediately went into farming with my father. All but three years of this period was spent in farming. During the three years, I worked as a produce solicitor for a San Francisco firm.

".....I worked as district governor of the J.A.C.L. for three years.

"All other accomplishments are not particularly worth mentioning. I am just another average human being."

Name: Jack Y. Nakagawa

Age : 30 Date of Birth: December 5, 1911, Missoula, Mont.

Present Address: Block 45; Bldg. 8; Apt. C

Former Address : 3420 E. Fifth St., Los Angeles, California

Marital Status : Single

Schools Attended: Lowell Grammar School - Five Years
Hell Gate Grammar School - Two Years
Missoula County High School - One Year
Franklin High School - Seattle, Wash.
Washington Technical School - Seattle, Wash.
Wilson's Business College - Seattle, Wash.

Business Positions Held:

Worker in cannery (salmon) in Alaska
Dishwasher and bus boy for three months
following graduation from high school
Bookkeeper in a furniture factory for one
year
Contract field harvester
Manager of retail furniture stores
Farmers' agent and vegetable salesman
Fruit stand owner
Free lance broker
Special field agent for A.F. of L. of the
Retail Clerks International Protective Assn.
Union spokesman of Japanese Citizens Federation

".....My father's occupation at the time I was born was railroad section foreman, hotel keeper, and farmer. I majored in commerce at high school. While working as a bookkeeper in a furniture factory, I studied business law and radio at night. In 1932 I received my commercial radio operator's license. While operating a fruit stand in Seattle, I dabbled in the stock market and lost a good part of the bankroll in a gold mine speculation, and some more to a broker who absconded with clients' accounts. During the years of 1932-36, I spent considerable time organizing Christian church conferences in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. I became fairly well acquainted with businesses of Japanese firms such as Mitsui, Mitsu-bishi, Yokohama Specie Bank, etc. through fellowship with their managers and department heads. At the same time I became well acquainted with people in the Pacific Northwest. In 1938 I returned to Seattle to take over my father's business, the Seattle Tofu Company. He had passed away. I returned to Los Angeles in 1939 after selling the controlling stock in the Seattle Tofu Company. In 1941 I helped organized the

Union Local 1510, A.F. of L., of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association. I became their recording secretary and special field agent. In 1942 I helped organize the Japanese Citizens Federation in Los Angeles and became the Union 1510 spokesman in that organization. I was evacuated from Boyle Heights on May 29, 1942.

"My family includes my mother, a brother working with the fish culture department, and a sister working as secretary to Mr. H. W. Smith and Mr. A. W. Empie. I have two married sisters. One brother-in-law is a Municipal Councilman, Mr. Seiichi Nomura, Law and Order Committee. The other brother-in-law is Mr. R. S. Tanaka, Life Guard Captain."

Name: William Susumu Tanaka

Age: 22

Date of Birth: August 6, 1920

Present Address: Blk. 46, Bldg. 1, Apt. B

Former " 1722 Pennsylvania Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: First Street School, to second grade
Breed Street School, sixth grade
Hollenbeck Jr. High
Woodrow Wilson Jr. High
Glendale Brdwy. High School, jr. year
(quit school to help relatives hoping to attend later)
Night School

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

N.A.A. Air cadet at the Grand Central Airport,
Glendale
National Breakfast Club
National Jr. Red Cross, Glendale Chapter

Accomplishments:

"Before we had to evacuate, I went on with my welfare work of helping the people of all different classes and races, and at the same time, the American's worst enemy--crime. I went to work for a private police agent in Los Angeles to pick up training and experience hoping someday that I might be of great value to the society and the country. Here I found out how to get along with people and talk to them.

"I have saved many of my people's lives during those dark hours of the night which was never recorded but kept confidential by our agents and myself. I was not on the pay basis or did not accept any money during my service for Barney Jewett, Los Angeles Police Dept. #2379. I attended Juvenile cases to help locate lost children and locate the ones on the criminal list. This job appeals to me the most because I have done more for society than in any other organization besides the Red Cross.

"Here I take the pleasure of saying my life and duty now remain for the duration, for the people of Poston.

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"I am an orphan and will do my level to help in this
welfare work of serving my people here."

Name: Kenichi Shibata

Age: 52

Present Address: Blk. 54, Bldg. 5, Apt. B
Former " Bonsall, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: 10th grade at Hilo, Hawaii

Business Positions Held: Foreman on fruit farm
Timekeeper on vineyard owned by Fruit Exchange & Co.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

American Legion
J.A.C.L.

Accomplishments:

"I have helped to organize a Citizens League in some town in Central California. I have worked with the American Legion between the Japanese Community."

Name: Shogo Saito

Age: 28

Date of Birth: April 16, 1914

Present Address: Blk. 59, Bldg. 15, Apt. D
Former " P.O. Box 412, Westmoreland, California

Marital Status: Married on November 28, 1941.

Schools Attended: Grammar High School
High School

Business Positions Held: Helped on farm at home, later
taking over the farm.
Trucking business
Field Representative for produce firm in Los
Angeles

Membership in Clubs, Associations and Similar Organizations:

Boy Scouts
J.A.C.L.

Accomplishments:

"While I was on the farm I became interested in scouting, especially the Japanese group. The Brawley Chapter of the J.A.C.L. sponsored the troop and as Scoutmaster, we organized a full troop, receiving fine cooperation from the parents.

After a year and a half the boys were getting older and there was a need for further activities although the boys were working for higher rank. A suggestion of a Drum and Bugle Corps was made by one of the Councilmen so after investigating thoroughly, the boys really liked the idea. After contacting various music stores and scout supply offices, we got the equipment at a very reasonable price. The Corps was very successful and during the year we played for jamborees, Court of Honor, county fairs, etc."

Block #60

Name: Henry Toshisuke Sase

Age: 42

Present Address: Blk. 60, Bldg. 10, Apt. C
Former " 508 C Street, Brawley, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan

Business Positions Held: Self-Salesman
(Insecticides, fertilizers, etc.)

UNIT I LOCAL COUNCIL

LAW & ORDER	G. Iseda	3
	F. Okamoto	53
	C. Yamaguchi	16
	Dr. Suzuki	47
PUBLIC RELATION	S. Yamada	2
	C. Ikemiya	13
	Y. Nagase	18
	K. Horita	6
	S. Yoshikawa	59
AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRY	G. Yukawa	5
	S. Ito	14
	K. Uyeno	27
	G. Soejima	31
	S. Okabe	28
HEALTH & SANITATION	S. Sasaki	19
	Y. Funaki	22
	Y. Iwaki	38
	Y. Sano	46
EDUCATION	D. Nishimoto	45
	J. Shimahara	54
	T. Tanaka	42
	F. Kobayashi	21
SOCIAL WELFARE	A. Takahashi	36
	M. Nishijima	17
	M. Furuta	12
	44
FOOD	S. Fujisaki	4
	K. Fujii	15
	M. Hanaoka	26
	S. Fujimura	43
	F. Seko	60
COMMUNITY ACT	S. Shioya	11
	K. Endo	32
	S. Shigemura	39
	F. Kakita	35
	S. Kanno	37

Name: Takeo Stanley Isobe

Age: 23

Birthplace: Stockton, California

Present Address: Block 3, Bldg. 8, Apt. D

Former " Route 4 Box 91, Watsonville, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Pajaro Grammar School
Watsonville High School
Salinas Junior College

Business Positions Held: Student

Membership in clubs, etc.:

Y.B.A.
Photography Club

Editor of the 1941 manzanita, yearbook of
Watsonville High School

Block Manager's Examination

Block #2

1. Full Name;
Shozo Sasuga
2. Former address;
2800 Boulder St.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Present address;
2-7-B
Poston, Ariz.
3. Age; 57
Birthplace;
Yamanashi, Japan
4. Marital Status;
Married, 3 children
5. Schools attended:
 - a. Grammar (Japan)
 - b. High School (Japan)
 - c. Junior College (Japan)
 - d. College (Japan)
6. Business position held: (work background)
Employed at Owl Drug Co. for 23 years as
Window and Store Interior Decorator.
7. Membership in clubs, associations, and similar
organizations, school clubs, etc.
International Artist Club
8. Also include all accomplishments, or attainments
which in your estimation are worthy of record, to-
gether with any incident, or incidents in your life
which have had a direct bearing on your character.
--None

Name: Yossige John Horiye

Age: 53

Present Address: Block 3, Bldg. 6, Apt. C
Former " Di Giorgio Garms, Arvin, California

Marital Status: Married. Three boys, one girl

Schools Attended: Grammar school, 8 years
High School, 5 years
College, 4 months

Business Positions Held: Cook

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Accomplishments:

"Not much for the record, but while in America for 37 years, I was in the restaurant business together with other jobs as salesman, detective, farmer, cook, contractor, and railroad foreman.

Block #4

Name: Taro Akutagawa

Age: 25

Present Address: Block 4, Bldg. 3, Apt. B
Former " Rt. 1 Box 115-B, Perris, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Market Clerk
Farmer

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Block #4

Name: Taro Akutagawa

Present Address: Block 4, Bldg. 3, Apt. B
Former " Rt. 1 Box 115 B, Perris, California

Age: 25

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Onion and Potato Grower
Salesman

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Lake View Onion Grower Association
Mitsu Boshi Club

Name: Chitoshi Sugi

Age: 60

Birthplace: Miyazaki, Japan

Present Address: Block 5, Bldg. 6, Apt. A
Former " 4460 Howard Ave, Riverside, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Florist

Membership in Clubs, etc.: None

Accomplishments: U.S. Navy, 1903-1907

Block #11

Name: Yoshimi Yamada

Present Address: Block 1, Bldg. 4, Apt. D

Former " 3092 Walnut Street, Riverside, California

Age: 44

Birthplace: Hiroshima, Japan

Marital Status: Married, two children

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan, 7 years
High School in Japan, 5 years

Business Positions Held: Wholesale produce market

Membership in clubs, etc.

Fairmount Country Golf Club

Japanese Association of Riverside

Name: Kenzo Sugino

Age: 53

Birthplace: Kagawa-ken, Japan

Birthdate: June 10, 1889

Present Address: Block 11, Bldg, 8, Apt. B

Former " 3261 Folsom St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: married 1924

Schools Attended: Grammar and High, 12 years in Japan

Univ. of Nebraska, 2 years

Los Angeles College of Optometry, 2 years

Business Positions Held: Practiced optometry 1921 to March 1942.

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Sunrise Angling Club

Kita Nog-gaku kai (noh drama club)

American Philatelic Society

Parents Ass'n. of Japanese Language School

Accomplishments:

"There are no accomplishment or attainment aside from my hobbies of fishing and in Noh drama. And I could say I was enjoying my daily life up to memorable Dec. 7. Since then everything has been topsy-turvy. I do not know whether the incident which I experienced last year had a direct bearing on my character or not, but I was picked up by the FBI and detained at Immigration Station at Tujunga for 6 months. The reason, I suppose, was just because I happened to have been the president of the Parents Ass'n. of a Japanese Language School which was formed at the request of the American Presbyterian Extension Board who ran the school to bring better understanding between teachers and pupils."

Block #12

Name: Thomas Yuichiro Okamoto

Age: 20

Present Address: Block 12, Bldg. 5, Apt. A
Former " Route 4 Box 215, Santa Ana, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Grammar school
High school

Business Positions Held: "I have no experience of business.
Reason: I was in school until evacuation.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:
Japanese Presbyterian Church in Huntington Beach,
California

Accomplishments:

"After finishing Junior High School, I did not enter high school the following school term. I worked for a year and a half and went to night school while I was working. Then I started high school and was to graduate June 11, 1942 but was forced to evacuate May 15, 1942. I received my diploma December 7, 1942.

At the present time I have received personal advice from Tomo Ito. We play cards every now and then to become better acquainted. Now that I am in office, I surely wish there were more people like Tomo and Roy. This block is a tough one so all I can do is to do my very best. I have a staff in now that is working 100% for the block."

Block #12

Name: Keige Kaku

Age: 28

Present Address: Block 12, Bldg. 6, Apt. B
Former " P.O. Box 366, Brawley, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: High School

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in Clubs, etc.: J.A.C.L.

Block #13

Name: Hiroshi Sato

Age: 22

Birthplace: Fresno, California

Present Address: Block 13, Bldg. 6, Apt. C

Former " 921 Glenwood Ave., Delano, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Westside Grammar School

Delano Joint Union High School

Business Positions Held:

Membership in Clubs, etc.

J.A.C.L.

Y.B.A.

Y.M.A. (Delano)

Block #13

Name: Tadashi Onami

Age: 28

Date of Birth: April 12, 1915

Present Address: Block 13, Bldg. 10, Apt. B

Former " 2310 Catner Ave. West Los Angeles, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: 4 years Evening High School (U.S.)
6 years Grammar School (Japan)
4 " High School (Japan)

Business Positions Held: 5 years Landscape Gardener

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Irvine Y.M.A., 1 year president

2 years secretary

Santa Monica Y.M.A., 1 year president

1 year treasurer

Name: Matsuki Doiuchi

Age: 59

Birthplace: Japan

Present Address: Block 15, Bldg. 4, Apt. AC
Former " 1626 W. 37th., Los Angeles, California

Marital Status:

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan
High School in Japan, 2 years

Business Positions Held: As collector for Rafu Shimpo,
Japanese Daily News, from 1910 to
1937, 104 N.L.A. St., L.A.

Membership in clubs, etc.

Accomplishments:

"Smooth life, no sick, no accident, no fight, no
gambling, no drink, no smoking, no trouble. My two sons
in army Camp Shelby."

Block #16

Name: Tsuneo Sumida

Age: 43

Present Address: Block 16, Bldg. 1, Apt. A
Former " 1503 Laguna Street, San Francisco, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Commercial High School in San Francisco
School in Osaka, Japan

Business Positions Held: Importers and Exporters

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Association
Y.M.C.A.

"As my duty I shall work to preserve peace within the
block and to obey Administration orders."

Name: Kakuji George Tanaka

Present Address: Block 19, Bldg. 7, Apt. A
Former " Box 426, Lancaster, California

Age: 62

Birthplace: Hiroshimaken, Japan

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School, Japan

Business Positions Held:

Membership in clubs, etc.

Farmers' Association, Norwalk, California

Name: Frank S. Kobayashi

Present Address: Block 21, Bldg. 8, Apt. C
Former " Rt. 3 Box 552, Santa Ana, California

Age: 32

Birthplace: El Monte, California

Marital Status: Married, 3 children

Schools Attended: Kameyama Jinjo Koto Sho-gakko, 6 years
Sotoku Chu-gakko, 5 years
Whittier High, 2½ years

Business Positions Held: Fruit stand, 10 years

Membership in clubs, etc.

J.A.C.L., Santa Ana, California

Name: Hifumi Henry Fujiura

Age; 23

Present Address: Block 22, Bldg. 5, Apt. D
Former: " P.O. Box 641, Oceanside, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: 3 grammar schools
Imperial Valley Union High School, 2 years
Sweetwater High School, National City,
California, 2 years

Business Positions Held: Owned and operated a wholesale
produce company for a period of 2 years.
Also was junior partner (verbal agreement) in the
Imperial Valley Produce Company, operated by
Caucasians.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Young People's Christian Society of Chula Vista,
California, Secretary
Young Farmers' Association of North San Diego,
Secretary
C.S.F. in high school
Boy Scouts
Captain of various school teams

Accomplishments:

"In regard to the last paragraph, I haven't much to say
except that because of my business dealing, I found out I was
able to get along with people of various temperment and races."

Name: Richard (Dick) Toshiaki Shimada

Present Address: Block 22, Bldg. 13, Apt. F
Former " Rt. 3 Box 119, Anaheim, California

Age: 25

Birthplace: Moneta, California

Marital Status: Married - no children

Schools Attended:

Grammar - Wiseburn, Hawthorne, California
Junior H.S. - James A. Foshay, Los Angeles, Calif.
High School - Polytechnic, John H. Francis, L.A.
Junior College - Fullerton J. C.

Business Positions Held: Fruitstand Clerk
N.Y.A. work
Assisting Machine shop instructor
Orchard Work (general)

Membership in Clubs, etc. .

Y.M.C.A.
Japanese Club (Polytechnic)
Boy's League (Polytechnic)
J.C. Japanese Club
Methodist Church

Accomplishments:

"As of now, Acting as Block leader I have learned leadership, responsibility, and how to govern a large group."

Name: Masaki Hanaoka

Age: 33

Birthplace: Portland, Oregon

Present Address: Block 36, Bldg. 1, Apt. B-2

Former " 121 South Fresno Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Junior High School, 1 year

High School, 2 years

Junior College, none

University of Southwestern, 1 year

Business Positions Held: Bookkeeper and checker

Membership in clubs, etc.:

Japanese Club in High School

J.A.C.L.

Japanese Association of L. A.

Name: Tahachiro Yoshioka

Age: 60

Present Address: Block 26, Bldg. 12, Apt. A
Former " 115 South Fresno Street, Los Angeles,
Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar School, 2 years
High School, 1½ years
College, 1½ years

Business Positions Held: Hotel Manager

Membership in clubs, etc.: Japanese Association

Block #28

Name: Ritsuko Ikemi

Present Address: Block 28, Bldg. 12, Apt. A
Former "

Age: 25

Birthplace:

Marital Status:

Schools Attended: Vista Grammar School
Oceanside High School

Name: Edward Ichizi Ouchi

Age: 32

Birthplace: Sacramento, California

Present Address: Block 30, Bldg. 3, Apt. C

Former " 2670 Island Avenue, San Diego, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar and High School in Japan

Sacramento High School

Sacramento Junior College

University of California, 1½ years

Business Positions Held: Owner of Wholesale Produce and Farm

Membership in Clubs, etc.

San Diego Buddhist Church

Accomplishments:

"Successfully managing 1700 labors which has increased 30% efficiency, eliminate 75% internal trouble, decreased 25% expenditures than previous management.

"Giving financial aid and legal advice to many Japanese farmers in San Diego.

"Accomplishments here in Poston, please refer to Mr. Head and Dr. Leighton."

Block #31

Name: James Masato Fujimoto

Age 41

Present Address: Block 31, Bldg. 8, Apt. B
Former " Rt. 2 Box, Rucher Ave., Gilroy, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: San Juan Elementary School
San Jose High School

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Name: Asakuma Jo

Age: 39

Former Address: P.O. Box 152, San Juan Bautista, Calif.
Present " Block 32, Bldg. 12, Apt. A

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Private tutor in Pasadena, California

Business Positions Held: Foreman in Delano, California

Membership in clubs, etc.: None

"I have been the Block Manager of Block #32 for the past 10 months."

Name: Buichiro Kataoka

Present Address: Block 38, Bldg. 2, Apt. B
Former " Rt. 1 Box 107, Huntington Beach, California

Age: 63

Birthplace: Japan

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Grammar
High School

Business Positions Held:

Bookkeeping

Worked for Mr. Iwao Aoki
Huntington, Beach, California
Mr. George Y. Kakuda
Huntington, Beach, California

Name: Harry Asachika

Age: 36

Present Address: Block 38, Bldg. 3, Apt. D
Former " Routel, Box111, Buena Park, California

Marital Status: Married. One daughter

Schools Attended: Grammar School in Japan
High School in Japan
Teachers' Training Course
Iolani High School in Honolulu
Pasadena Junior College
L.A. City College, Post graduate course

Business Positions Held: Manager of a store
Teacher, Principal
Executive Secretary of Automobile
Association.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Accomplishments:

Honor graduate in Japan
Honored by Governor
Attended schools for 9 years after graduating
high school
Entirely self-supporting

Name: Koichi Tsunoda

Age: 28

Birthplace: Compton, California

Marital Status: Married

Present Address: Block 42, Bldg. 8, Apt. D

Former " Box 150P2, Thermal, California

Schools Attended: Silsbee Grammar School, El Centro, Calif.
Central Union High School, El Centro

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in clubs, etc.

Thermal Farmer's Co-op. Ass'n.

Name: Tom Yataro Sakai

Age: 25

Marital Status:

Present Address: Block 42, Bldg. 9, Apt. A
Former " P.O. Box 133, Indio, California

Schools Attended: Roosevelt Grammar
Coachella Valley Union High School
S.C., 2 summer sessions
L.A.C.C.

Business Positions Held: Owner and farmer of 40 acres
since 1935.

Membership in Clubs, etc.:

Coachella Japanese Christian Church
C. Valley Farmer Association
California State Guard

"Graduate of H.S. only but have attended summer school at L.A.C.C. since graduation in 1935. One of leader of Coachella Y. People since graduation. Three month trip to Japan in 1937. Can speak Spanish more fluently than Japanese. Church background."

Name: Seichi Fujimura

Age: 55

Birthplace: Yamaguchiken, Japan

Present Address: Block 43, Bldg. 14, Apt. C
Former " San Juan Capistrano, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Lahainaluna School, 4 years in Hawaii
School in Japan, 8 years
Polytechnic Evening High, 4 years
L.A.C. College, Chapman College, U.S.C
3 years

Business Positions Held:

Membership in clubs, etc.

Protestant Church
U.S. Army service during World War I

Name: Shigeshi Yamano

Age: 39

Present Address: Block 43, Bldg. 9, Apt. B
Former " P.O. Box 92, Solana Beach, California

Marital Status: Married, two children

Schools Attended: College graduate (in Japan)
1 year High School in the United States

Business Positions Held: Manager of apartment house in
Los Angeles, California

"Ever since coming to this country, the life I spent was one long stretch of rather easy going and whatever I have accomplished did not mean much either to myself or to anyone in particular. But the democratic mode of living here seems to have thoroughly got hold of me, so I have no other desire to live anywhere but here, all my life if permitted."

Block #44

Name: Sunao Murakami

Present Address: Block 44, Bldg. 5, Apt. A
Former " Rt. 2 Box 154, Santa Ana, California

Age: 24

Birthplace: San Gabriel, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Rowland Union Grammar School, Puente, Calif.
Tustin High School
Santa Ana Junior College

Membership in Clubs, etc.

O.C.Y.M.A.

J.A.C.L.

Letterman Club in school

"I have helped on my father's farm. While attending J.C., I was taken ill. I was ill for a year. My intentions were to continue school when we were evacuated."

Block #44

Name: Kaneaki Kobashi

Age: 38

Present Address: Block 44, Bldg. 9, Apt. B
Former " P.O. Box 424, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Marital Status: Married. One daughter, three sons.

Schools Attended: Graduated from Redondo Beach High School
in 1928.

Business Positions Held: Farming, 7 years
Manager of s fruit stand, 6 years

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

"I was a member of the Athletic Club and the Latin
Club in high school."

Accomplishments:

"I really haven't got much to say in regard to my life
career, but during my past experience in farming and managing
a fruit stand, I do not remember a single instance of having
a quarrel or argument with the people I had contact with. I
think it is due to my fair treatment of the people.

Having been elected the Manager of Block #44, I must
have courage to meet some difficult problems that happen to
come up from the block people in the future. We are living
in the same block and eating in the same mess hall so I con-
sider myself the head of a larger family. I am willing to do
my very best to see that the people are treated fair, to see
that they are all happy, and doing their share to make this
Poston an ideal place to live."

Block #45

Name: Ray Shigeru Tanaka

Age: 35 years old

Present Address: Block 45, Bldg. 8, Apt. D
Former " 3416 East Fifth St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married. 3 children

Schools Attended: Waialua School
McKinley High School
Lahainaluna Tech. High School

Business Positions Held: Manager, Star Produce Co. Los Angeles

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Junior Produce Club
J.A.C.L., Los Angeles Branch

Name: Takashi Morioka

Age; 25

Birthplace: Watsonville, California

Present Address: Block 46, Bldg. 9, Apt. B

Former Address: 2800 #. 4th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: First Street School, Los Angeles, Calif.
Hollenbeck Junior High School, L.A., Calif.
Roosevelt High School
National Schools (Radio-Television)

Business Positions Held:

Worked as retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerk.
Managed a retail Fruit and Vegetable stand.
Owned and operated Fruit and Vegetable stand.
Owned and operated Grocery Store.

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Golden Bears (Y.M.C.A.) 14 years
Vice-President of Sr. Class Jr. High
Boy Scout of America
Member of Baptist Church Young People

Name: George K. Oki

Present Address: Block 46, Bldg. 9, Apt. D
Former " 2522 Gleason Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

Age: 24

Birthplace: Newcastle, California

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Newcastle Union Grammar School
Auburn Union Grammar School
Flacer Union High School
Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

Business Positions Held:

K.N.S. Produce, owner and manager
Glendale, California
Ace Produce, manager
Los Angeles, California
Save Rite Produce #4, assistant and manager
Rosemead, California
Stop and Shop #1, Akiyama Produce, clerk
Serval #2, clerk
P.H.S. Trucking Outfit, truck driver
Venice, California

Membership in Clubs, etc.

Automobile Club, Southern California
A.F.L. Local Union #10

Name: Richard Hiroshi Iwata

Age: 25

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California

Present Address: Block 47, Doctors' Dorm #4,
Poston General Hospital

Former " 129 So. Mathews Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Marital Status: Single

Schools Attended: Boyd St. School
Breed St. School, L.A.
Jr. High School: Hollenbeck
Roosevelt High School
University of California at Los Angeles
A.B. Psychology
Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif.
A.B. Biology
College of Medical Evangelists, School of
Medicine

Business Positions Held: Member of Medical Staff,
Poston Hospital

Membership in clubs, etc.

Present Position: Councilman 47

Military training: Reserved Officers Training Corp
Honorable discharge - Corporal, Machine Gun.

Licensed Radio Amateur: W6NQG

Photography: Speed Graphic, f. 3.5 Tessar, synchroflash,
Silent and sound photography and projection - 16mm.

Boy Scouts of America

Positions: Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committeeman,
Merit Badge Counselor.

Rank: Eagle, Silver bar; 1 year veteran.
Scout life guard.

American Red Cross:

Instructors Certificates in Life Saving and First Aid.

Religion: Seventh Day Adventists

Sabbath School Superintendent

Block #53

Name: Saichi Hara

Age: 46

Present Address: Block 53, Bldg. 4. Apt. B
Former " P.O. Box 196, Brawley, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended: Grammar school

Business Positions Held: Farmer

Membership in Clubs, Associations, and Similar Organizations:

Japanese Methodist Church
World War Veteran
American Legion

Block #60

Name: Thomas Tamotsu Miyamoto

Age: 37

Present Address: Block 60, Bldg. 12, Apt. B
Former " 538 "C" Street, Brawley, California

Marital Status: Married

Schools Attended:

Hilo Union Grammar School, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.
9-12--6-20
Hilo High School, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.
9-20--6-24
University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.
9-24--6-25
Central Junior College, El Centro, California
9-25--6-26, graduated

Business Positions Held:

Sales Manager & General Manager, Accountant,
Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables Packing & Shipping
Firm, Brawley, California, 10-32--5-42

Membership in Clubs, Association, and Similar Organizations:

J.A.C.L., Brawley Chapter, Treasurer
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
California State Guard, 10-41--4-42

It is the unanimous recommendation of this hearing board that leave clearance be granted to Mr. Kawaguchi.

Mr. Kawaguchi has been in this country for the last forty years with the exception of a few short trips to Japan in connection with his importing and exporting business. In March, 1942, he applied for repatriation due to the fact that his wife had been interned by the Immigration and Naturalization authorities and it was his understanding that she would be deported. He desired to be with her. She was released after a period of six months and since it was not necessary for him to return to Japan to be with her, it was his desire to remain in the United States for the rest of his life. He explained that all of his friends are in this country and that he has none in Japan.

It is the feeling of the hearing board that he would in no way be of danger to national security.

One lesson is that the whole world

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November 2, 1944

Mr. Walter Mewing
Relocation Supervisor
328 Idaho Building
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Mewing:

Our records indicate that the above named

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It is the unanimous recommendation of this hearing board that

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RECOMMENDATION

LEE KAWAGUCHI

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

EXHIBIT A

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD ON LEAVE CLEARANCE HEARING

Place: Mr. Carter's Office
Date: November 30, 1944
Time: 8:45 a.m.

Interviewers: C. R. Carter
David A. Conlin
Interpreter: George Fujii

NAME: Itsu Kawaguchi

FAMILY NO: 22946

ADDRESS: 27-3-A

FAMILY MEMBERS:	AGE	CITIZEN	SEX	ADDRESS
Wife, Miye Kawaguchi	52	Japan	F	Poston, Arizona
Brother, Jotaro Kojima	71	Japan	M	Aichi Ken, Japan
Sister, Kuni Yokoi	65	Japan	F	Nagoya, Japan

Q. You have been asked to come in because you applied for repatriation and we need some further information for Washington.

A. Before coming here, I asked the Spanish Consul in San Francisco for repatriation. After that time, I have asked him to cancel it every time.

Q. Could you tell us where you were born?

A. Aichi Ken, Japan.

Q. When did you come to this country?

A. 1904.

Q. Been here ever since?

A. Several times I went to Japan.

Q. Could you tell us when?

A. I have a passport. I went two three times.

Q. You went to Japan then in 1919. Right?

A. Yes.

Q. And in 1928?

A. Yes.

Q. And in 1927?

A. Yes, I can't remember exactly. I am an old man.

Q. Could you tell us why you made trips to Japan? Were they visits?

A. I had business.

Q. What kind of business was it?

A. Importing and exporting.

Q. Then it was necessary for you to go back and forth to handle the business?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you own any property in Japan?

A. Not much.

Q. How much?

A. Maybe just a little.

Q. Land?

A. My brother is taking care of it.. I had a house but it burned up, so I don't know exactly. My brother is three years older than me. After I came to America, my mother died and my father died, but I wasn't home. I was here. My brother was there so he took care of it.

Q. Do you have any money invested at all?

A. No money.

Q. Do you own any Japanese bonds?

A. No, I am a poor man, you know.

Q. Did you engage in importing and exporting work at all times you were here or did you do something else?

A. I had a grocery business.

Q. Where was that?

A. Seattle, Washington.

Q. You had your own grocery?

A. I used to work many years in a coffee company. I worked for seventeen years for Ben Hur Coffee Company in Los Angeles, California.

Q. What were you doing immediately prior to evacuation?

A. I worked for the coffee company.

Q. You applied for repatriation in 1942. Could you explain to us why?

A. My wife was arrested by the FBI. I thought she was going to go to Japan so I thought I would go along. Everybody at that time told me my wife was going to be sent to Japan by the Government of the United States. I, myself, didn't want to stay in the United States alone.

Q. What happened to your wife?

A. I don't know. I don't know why she was taken in.

Q. Was she released?

A. I don't know.

Q. How long was she held?

A. About six months.

Q. Where was she kept?

A. San Pedro.

Q. Jail?

A. No, Immigration Office.

Q. You then cancelled your request for repatriation. Why?

A. My wife came back so there was no reason for me to go.

Q. When did you cancel that request?

A. I can't remember exactly. It was about six or seven months ago.

Q. Do you expect to spend the rest of your life here in the United States?

A. Yes.

Q. And does your wife intend to too?

A. Yes, wife too. I have been in the United States a good many years. No friends in the old country. Forty years I've been here. I have all kinds of friends in the United States.

Q. Do you belong to any organizations of any kind?

A. No.

Q. No Kenjin Kai?

A. No.

Q. No organizations at all?

A. No.

Q. Do you feel that as long as you stay here in the United States you will abide by all the laws of the country?

A. Yes, sure.

The hearing was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

It is the unanimous recommendation of this hearing board that leave clearance be granted Mrs. Nakamura. Mrs. Nakamura was born in this country but was taken to Japan at the age of six where she remained until the age of twenty-one, when she returned to this country. During her stay in Japan, she was graduated from Middle School but has had no subsequent education in America. She returned to Japan again in 1936 to be with her mother due to illness but remained for only eight months and returned again to the United States. In 1941 she again returned to Japan, this time because her mother died. Again it was for but a short visit, after which she returned to America. No pp.

She is married to an alien who came to this country at the age of four and who has therefore had an American education and is at present on indefinite leave in Chicago where he is working in a hospital.

Mrs. Nakamura has an eleven-year old girl whom she intends to have educated in this country and raised to be an American citizen. She has no intention of returning to Japan but intends to relocate next spring, if possible, to join her husband and remain in this country for the rest of her life.

Although Mrs. Nakamura spent many years in Japan, it was evident that she has no ties there such as she has in this country, and it was the feeling of the hearing board that she would in no way endanger the national security were she to be granted leave clearance.

It is the unanimous recommendation of this hearing board that leave clearance be granted Mrs. Nakamura. Mrs. Nakamura was born in this country but was taken to Japan at the age of six where she remained until the age of twenty-one, when she returned to this country. During her stay in Japan, she was graduated from Middle School but has had no subsequent education in America. She returned to Japan again in 1936 to be with her mother due to illness but remained for only a few months and returned again to the United States. In 1941 she again returned to Japan, this time because her mother died. Again it was for but a short visit, after which she returned to America.

Our records indicate that this individual is a woman of Japanese descent who came to this country at the age of four and who has therefore had an American education and is at present on indefinite leave in Chicago where he is working in a hospital. Mr. Nakamura has an eleven-year old girl whom she intends to have educated in this country and raised to be an American citizen. She has no intention of returning to Japan but intends to relocate next spring, if possible to join her husband and remain in this country for the rest of her life.

Although Mrs. Nakamura spent many years in Japan, it was evident that she has no ties there, such as she has in this country, and it was the feeling of the hearing board that she would in no way endanger the national security were she to be granted leave clearance.

Dear Mr. Nowing:

Relocation Supervisor
Chicago, Illinois
November 2, 1944

It is the unanimous recommendation of this hearing board that leave clearance be granted to Mrs. Yamamoto.

Mrs. Yamamoto was born in Hawaii and was taken to Japan at the age of two and did not return until she was twenty years of age. Since that time, she has not been back to Japan.

She married an alien who was interned immediately after the inception of the war. Inasmuch as they had three children and Mrs. Yamamoto was alone, at that time, her husband felt that the best thing to do was to request repatriation to Japan in order that they would be spared *further difficulties since* another evacuation because he felt that the evacuation was too great an ordeal for a woman in her circumstances.

Since that time, they have discussed their future plans and decided that they should remain in this country and raise their children to be American citizens, and for that reason, withdrew their repatriation request. At the present time, they have no definite plans for relocation. Mrs. Yamamoto would rather stay in Poston since it would be hard to take care of and support a family on the outside.

It was evident throughout the hearing that Mrs. Yamamoto's decisions as to her future depend primarily upon her husband, and since he has made up his mind that America is the country to which they belong, it is her intention to plan accordingly. It was the feeling of the hearing board that Mrs. Yamamoto would in no way endanger national security if leave clearance were granted.

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November 2, 1944

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