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Survey of Mixed Marriage Cases of the Colorado River  
War Relocation Project

Full name of husband -----

Address prior to evacuation -----

Date and place of birth -----

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( )

Nationality -----

Birthplace of mother ----- Father -----

Occupation of husband prior to evacuation -----

Environment of husband:

Full name of wife -----

Address prior to evacuation -----

Date and place of birth -----

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( )

Nationality -----

Birthplace of mother ----- Father -----

Occupation of wife prior to evacuation -----

Environment of wife:

Children:      Name                      Age                      Sex

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Financial status of couple:

Place they wish to establish residence -----

Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E.R. Fryer, Regional Director  
FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director  
SUBJECT: Photographs for persons released because of mixed blood  
or mixed marriage.  
DATE: August 28, 1942

As suggested in your letter of August 21 and received by this office August 25 regarding the photographs for persons released because of mixed blood or mixed marriage, we have taken snapshots of these individuals.

Due to the fact that no cameras are allowed in this area and to the fact that we have no official photographer on the project at present, it was most difficult for us to carry out this request. However, on August 26 we sent a roll of films to Los Angeles for developing and printing. This will entail several days before the pictures are returned to us.

Inasmuch as travel is to be concluded within fifteen days from the date issued, August 21, we doubt that there will be sufficient time to get them back from Los Angeles and up to your office and back again to Poston before the date of travel expires. If this should happen, what will be our procedure about permitting the people to leave Poston before Sept. 5, the date travel must be concluded.

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director

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Sample

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Whitcomb Hotel Building  
San Francisco, California  
October 2, 1942

MEMORADUM TO: Mr. Wade Head, Project Director  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
SUBJECT: Release of Virginia M. Ciaramello, Mixed-marriage case

Enclosed is the Travel Permit necessary for Virginia M. Ciaramello to be released from Colorado River War Relocation Project in order to travel to Los Angeles, California.

Will you kindly submit it to the person for whom it is drawn and instruct her to comply exactly with the terms of the permit?

Before she is released from the Relocation Project, will you kindly forward two (2) individual snapshots, approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " of her to this office as requested in our memorandum of August 21, 1942, in order that she may have some means of identification in order to protect her when she establishes residence outside of the Project.

The person should not be allowed to leave the Project until satisfactory photographs have been developed. She may then be released from the Project and the photographs forwarded to this office together with the address at which she will reside after her release. When the evacuee's photographs have been properly stamped and sealed, they will be mailed directly to her at her new address.

Robert A. Petrie  
Executive Assistant



April 2, 1943

Re Mixed Marriage Policy

"Military clearance to reside in the evacuated areas is still dependent upon the existence of unemancipated children, or ~~your~~'s husband being in the armed service."

Excerpt from Acting Field Director's memo to an applicant requesting info on mixed marriage policy - April 2, 1943.

From San Francisco office of WRA.

Oct. 7, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Wade Head, Project Director  
Colorado River War Relocation Authority

Subject; W.C.C.A. Mixed-Marriage policy

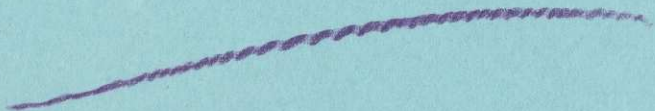
Reference is made to your memoranda of Oct. 1, regarding Mrs. Flossie Requillman, and Mrs. Miyuki Flores, Japanese women who are married to Filipinos. Since the W.C.C.A. mixed-marriage policy still requires that mixed-marriage families must include unemancipated children in order to be eligible for release to return to the evacuated areas, the above named women cannot be authorized to return to their homes in California. Mrs. Flores' application for release would also be prejudiced because of the fact that she is an alien.

With regard to the application of Yuri Frances Vetter, we have been advised that the WCCA does not consider this a valid request since the father who was the Caucasian member of the mixed marriage is deceased. Since the Vetter children, however, are mixed-blood persons, who are not more than fifty percent Japanese, it is believed that they might be considered eligible. In other words, if Yuri Frances and William Reheinwald Vetter wish to leave their mother at Poston and return to their home in the evacuated area, the army would probably authorize their release. Mrs. Sade Higashida Vetter has been declared ineligible for release, however, according to the WCCA mixed-marriage policy.

Robert A. Petrie  
Executive Assistant



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*Family mixed marriages*

The Caucasian wives of ~~the~~ Japanese evacuees here came to see Nelson today, according to his story, They had had free access to the town of Parker up to this time. Their permits had been issued by Wade Head, but they had expired now. The women demanded their renewals from Nelson. But the Acting Project Director refused, because the women were wives of evacuees here and they should have no more privileges than ~~other~~ <sup>the</sup> wives of other evacuees. He argued that they should not be granted of special privileges when others could not enjoy the same privileges. The Caucasian women were disturbed and argued back to Nelson emotionally.



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The women told Nelson that he was an unreasonable man, and *that*  
they would directly appeal to Duncan Mills when he returns.



# MIXED MARRIAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Disposition of Request</u>
✓ 1. Barlow, Mrs. Peggy	1. P.T. 9-1-42 (B)
2. Collier, Mrs. Alma	2.
✓ 3. Cornejo, Mrs. Benjamin	3. P.T. 9-8-42 (B)
4. Dana, Mrs. Alice	4. Rejected
✓ 5. Dequin, Mrs. Haru	5. P.T. 9-8-42 (B)
✓ 6. Dischner, Mrs. Ruth	6. P.T. 8-31-42 (B)
7. Duce, Mrs. Mary	7.
✓ 8. Estrada, Mrs. Mary	8. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
✓ 9. Giraud, Mrs. Toshie	9. P.T. 8-31-42 (B)
✓ 10. Gray, Mrs. May	10. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
✓ 11. Grimmesey, Mrs. Satoye	11. P.T. 9-15-42 (B)
✓ 12. Hamilton, Mrs. Frances	12. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
✓ 13. Hirata, Mrs. Margaret	13.
✓ 14. Hirose, Mrs. Rose	14.
✓ 15. Ito, Mrs. Garmen	15. P.T. 9-19-42 (B)
16. Kagitani, Mosaku	16.
✓ 17. Kame, Jacob	17. P.T. 9-3-42- (B)
✓ 18. Kanoki, Luz	18. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
19. Kinoshita, Charles	19.
20. Kushida, George.	20.
21. Mukai, Yoichi	21. P.T.
22. Nagao, George T.	22.
23. Naito, Kenneth K.	23.
24. Nishihama, Kikumatsu.	24. P.T.
25. Noguchi, Isamu.	25.
✓ 26. Romero, Mrs. Alice	26. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
✓ 27. Sadamune, Kakuichi	27. P.T. 9-8-42 (B)
28. Shirokawa, Arthur	28.
✓ 29. Sing, Mrs. Mary	29. P.T. 9-7-42 (B)
✓ 30. Striplen, Mrs. Eva	30. P.T. 9-2-42 (B)
31. Sunabara, Jack.	31.
✓ *32. Takagi, George, age 21	32. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
33. Takai, Ikuo	33.
34. Tanaka, Harvey	34.
35. Tanigoshi, Elmer	35.
✓ 36. Willess, Mrs. Elizabeth	36. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
✓ 37. Williams, Mrs. Frank	37. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)
38. Yamamoto, Sueichi	38.
39. Yamamoto, Yosotaro	39.
✓ 40. Yoshimoto, Gertrude	40. P.T. 9-3-42 (B)

✓ \*Takagi, Henry, age 19  
 ✓ Takagi, Helen, age 16  
 ✓ Takagi, Emma, age 14  
 ✓ Takagi, Bertha, age 13.

P.T. -----Picture Taken

(B) -----Reported to Bettsy

✓ -----Releases reported to Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 307 Ellis Building  
 Phoenix, Arizona



✓ 41. Lee, Mrs. Marie  
✓ 42. Lew, Mrs. Jean  
✓ 43. Lawson, Mrs. Bettine Yoneko  
✓ 44. Acenas, Mrs. Mabel.  
✓ 45. Reyes, Mrs. Miyoko S.  
✓ 46. Ciaramello, Mrs. Virginia M.  
47. Oh, Mrs. Dorothy  
48. Garrett, Mrs. Fujiko

41. P.T. 9-20-42 (B)  
42. P.T. 9-20-42 (B)  
43. P.T. 9-22-42 (B)  
44. P.T. 9-22-42 (B)  
45. P.T. 9-16-42 (B)  
46. P.T. 10-21-42 (B)  
47. P.T. 11-5-42 (B)  
48. P.T. 11-6-42 (B)



ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORIES OF APPLICANTS FOR RELEASE IN  
CASES OF MIXED MARRIAGES

Mrs. Mabel Acenas

Wife: Mrs. Acenas was born in Waiahole, Oahu, T. H. on October 30, 1916 of Japanese paprentage. Her father's name is Yoshito Takumoto. He left for Japan in 1935 due to illness. He had intentions of coming back but never did. The mother Chiyo Takumoto died about 20 years ago. The remaining family consisted of two sisters and a brother.

The eldest sister left the Hawaiian Islands as a child and did not have the opportunity to return to the Island. The youngest sister is at present in Waipahu, Oahu. She is married and has two children. Her husband is a citizen of the United States, working on a defense project.

The brother is in Honolulu, T.H. and is working on a defense project. He will be drafted in the Army at any time.

Mrs. Acenas received her education in Ewa School and graduated in 1929. She went to Honolulu to Central Junior High and graduated in 1930, then McKinley High School, graduating in 1933. In 1934 she was married to Migl Acenas. At present he is in the United States Navy. There are two boys in the family. Daniel, age 4 years and Leo, 6 years. Came to the United States on June 16, 1941 on U.S.S. Matsonia, under the order of the United States Navy. She has been residing in San Diego, California about 10 months when she was evacuated to Santa Anita on April 7, 1942. Prior to Evacuation, she had very few associates outside of navy wives. They are Mrs. E. Muellans, 2425 "K" Stree, San Diego. Mrs. Ethel Powderly who was exempted on August 28, 1942. Others ~~were in Santa Anita with her~~ who were in Santa Anita with her were: Mrs. Grace Record, Mrs. Betty Lawson whose husbands are in the U.S. Navy.

Husband: Mr. Migul Garcia Acenas was born and education in the Philippine Islands. He became an American citizen in 1940. He has been in the United States Navy the past 13 years. They had no contact with Japanese societies.

Appearance: Her appearance is that of Hawaiian Japanese and at a glanc<sup>3</sup> would pass for a Chinese or a Filipino lady. Her mannerisms are not Japanese. If one is listening to her speak without the knowledge of her nationality they would take her to be a Filipino or a Hawaiian.

Future Pland: She would get in touch with the Navy chaplain, ask him to make all necessary arrangements for her living quarters. Her husband is fully capable of supporting her.



Miss. Mabel Takumoto Acenas

Interviewed: Sept. 16, 1942.

Husband: Miguel Garcia Acenas.  
San Diego, Calif.  
Born in the Philippines  
In U. S. Navy.

Wife: Born in Waiakole, Oahu, T. H. of Japanese ancestry.  
Has 2 sons, age 6 + 4.

Financial Status: Bank of America, Insurance, Allotment U. S. Navy.

(Released Sept. 24, 1942).  
to return to San Diego.



Mrs. Peggy Barlow  
27-2B.

Interviewed July 27, 1942.

Husband: American of English ancestry. Born in U.S.  
Occupation: farming.

Mr. Barlow said that he has never been associated with the Jap. C. He met his wife in school. He does not know Japanese & is not here.

Wife: Mrs. Peggy Nafashima Barlow, Buena Park, Calif.  
Born in Vernon, Calif. Both parents were born in Japan.  
Graduated from high school. Attended Japanese language school on compulsion of mother. Most of her friends are Caucasians since they lived in a Caus. district.  
Has 2 children: Paul, age 2, & Douglas, age 4.  
Children are blond and show no Japanese features.

Financial status: Family owns home, but is renting due to wife's incarceration. Husband has gone to Ely, Nevada, thinking he might be able to get his wife to come there. He is trying to get work in the mines.

Wish to return to Buena Park, Calif. but if this is impossible wish to go to Ely, Nevada.

Letter husband sent to Mr. Head requesting family's release:

Post office #568  
Ely, Nevada,  
Aug. 8, 1942.

Mr. W. W. Head

Dear Sir:

My wife has written to me saying that there may be some way she could get released from camp.

I have established residence here in Nevada & am working as a hardrock miner. The work is at an elevation of over 9,000 feet, therefore, is isolated. My employer, Mr. Goodman, same address as mine, is



willing for me to send for my family & has supplied me with a house here. If there is any way I could secure their release, I would be glad to know and am willing to post bond or comply with any restrictions attached to the release.

There are a few Japanese living at Ely, Nevada, near here & they are not discriminated against. This is not a restricted district nor are there any military camps here.

The mine I work in produces lead ore & there is a big shortage of miners. I work underground 10 hours a day & operate drills, etc. I have been offered work in Colorado at higher pay. If this district I am in is restricted for some reason, I would like to know if Colorado or any of the other states would be open to us.

My children are at the age where they should have a father as well as a mother. If there is no way out, I may decide to leave this job. I take up residence at Pooton. However, I feel responsible for this part of the war effort & dislike having any part of my family living off the government.

I would appreciate an answer in the near future and remain,

Yours very truly,  
Paul C. Barlow.



Mrs. Virginia M. Ciaramello  
4-9-C.

Interviewed Sept. 7, 1942.

Husband: James Vincenzo Ciaramello.  
2657 S. Budlong, L.A.  
Born 9/22/06 in Providence, R.I.  
Italian ancestry.

Occupation: salesman.

Environment: Work with general public. Associated with  
a few intimate mutual friends. Lived among Caucasians.

Wife: Born in Riverside, Calif.  
Ancestry: Japanese.

Employment: sales clerk.

Environment: Lived with Caucasians. Work with general  
public or in private American homes.

No children.

Financial status: Small savings. Insurance. Set  
salary from U.S. Navy, plus wife's allotment.



Mrs. Thelma Hamako Yamada Cornejo

Interviewed 7/27/42

26-4A

Husband:

Benjamin Huzman Cornejo  
944 K Street, Brawley, Calif.

Born in Brawley, Calif., 1912.

Parents born in Mexico.

Occupation: farmhand.

Environment: Man has always been a migrant laborer,  
assoc. mostly with Mexicans; met his wife  
while working for her father.

Wife: Born Oct 11, 1917, in Cupertino, Calif.

Parents born in Japan.

Occupation: housewife.

Environment: Went to Japanese school for one year;  
finished public high school. Since marriage  
in 1939 lived in Mexican community. Went  
from place to place with husband.

Has 2 children: Stephen, age 2, and Elias, 2 months.

Financial Status: Has only enough money to pay his way out  
of camp. Man would like to go out to work +  
would send for family later on.



Mrs. Mary Yoolikawa Estrada - 15-4C.

Interviewed on Aug. 4, 1943.

Husband: Joseph Perez Estrada.

Hayden, Arizona

Born in Nogales, Arizona, 10/12/12.

Parents were born in Mexico.

Environment of husband: Brought up in a Mexican home.  
Went thru 10 years of schooling. Now living at  
Hayden.

Wife: Born in Hayden, Arizona, 5/6/16.

Of Mexican, American & Japanese ancestry.

Mother born in Nogales, Ariz.; father in Japan.

Environment: Raised in a Mexican home due to  
death of mother when Mary was 16. Speak  
Mexican & English in home. No Jap. influence.

Children: Paul, age 4; Randolph, 3; Ray, 2 months.

Financial status: Steady work. Man earns \$150.00 per month;  
never had public or private assistance.

Place of residence requested: Hayden, Arizona.

Released 9/3/42.

Taken from memo to Fryer by Head requesting her release:

"Mrs. Estrada was raised by her maternal aunt & her  
Jap. uncle, Mr. Kame. Mr. Kame tho' an alien was an  
outstanding loyal resident as a statement signed by 100  
of the local residents of Hayden will attest. Mrs. Estrada  
was raised in a home where all Jap. culture & traditions  
were lacking. The atmosphere of the home was Mexican."



Mrs. Ruth Kikuchi Dischner

Interviewed: July 29, 1942.

Husband: Louis Monty Dischner, Jr.  
Rt. 1, Box 156, Garden Grove, Calif.  
Born in San Pedro, Calif., Sept. 7, 1914.  
American & German descent.

Occupation: Farmer.

Environment of husband: Finished high school, afterwards  
worked in lumber yard as carpenter for 3 years.  
Went in for truck gardening. Associated with  
Jap. & American &. Speaks little Japanese.

Wife: Born in Talbert, Calif., May 16, 1917.  
Parents born in Japan.

Occupation: Housewife.

Environment: Finished high school and then  
stayed at home to help folks. Has never attended  
Jap. language school or gone to Japan.  
Only English is spoken in the home. Met her  
husband at a dance which was attended by  
Jap. & American.

Children: One, Betty Mae Yankis, age 3.

Financial Status: Leased ranch; husband still on ranch.

Place they wish to establish residence: Garden Grove,  
Calif.



Mrs. Mary Yoolikawa Estrada - 15-4C.

Interviewed on Aug. 4, 1943.

Husband: Joseph Perez Estrada.

Hayden, Arizona

Born in Nogales, Arizona, 10/12/12.

Parents were born in Mexico.

Environment of husband: Brought up in a Mexican home.  
Went thru 10 years of schooling. Now living at  
Hayden.

Wife: Born in Hayden, Arizona, 5/6/16.

Of Mexican, American + Japanese ancestry.

Mother born in Nogales, Ariz.; father in Japan.

Environment: Raised in a Mexican home due to  
death of mother when Mary was 16. Speak  
Mexican + English in home. No Jap. influence.

Children: Paul, age 4; Randolph, 3; Ray, 2 months.

Financial status: Steady work. Man earns \$150.00 per month;  
never had public or private assistance.

Place of residence requested: Hayden, Arizona.

Released 9/3/42.

Taken from memo to Fryer by Head requesting her release:

"Mrs. Estrada was raised by her maternal aunt + her  
Jap. uncle, Mr. Kame. Mr. Kame tho' an alien was an  
outstanding loyal resident as a statement signed by 100  
of the local residents of Hayden will attest. Mrs. Estrada  
was raised in a home where all Jap. culture + traditions  
were lacking. The atmosphere of the home was Mexican."



Mrs. Toshie Kobayashi Giraud - 19-12C.

Interviewed July 27, 1942.

Husband: Frank Giraud  
Rosamond, Calif.

Born Aug. 27, 1909 in France.

American citizen of French parentage.

Occupation: Wool grower. Has assoc. only with  
Caucasians. Met his wife thru his father.  
He is not here with his wife so very little  
info. can be obtained.

Wife: Born in Visalia, Calif., Jan. 31, 1919.  
Parents born in Japan.

Environment: Mrs. Giraud was legally adopted in 1926 by  
Mr. & Mrs. Kobayashi. She has assoc. only  
with Cauc. Never used Japanese at home.  
References are of the best.

Children: Henry Frank, age 14 mo.

Financial Status: I believe they are financially well off.  
He is in business for himself and owns home  
in Bishop and Rosamond where they spend winter  
& summer.

Place of residence: Rosamond, Calif. If cannot return  
to Calif., she wants a transfer to Mangaroo  
which will be closer to her husband's home.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Mrs. Fujiko Goya Garrett - 329-14B.

Interviewed:

Husband: Edward Garrett

1113 Orange Ave., Coronado, Calif.

Born in Texas, 9/28/07.

Of Irish and English ancestry.

Occupation: In U. S. Army.

Wife: Born in Kohala, Hawaii, May 15, 1911.

Parents born in Japan.

Occupation: Home laundry.

Children: Billy, age 5; and Anna, 1 mo.

Financial Status: Husband earns \$250.

Place of residence requested: San Diego, Calif.

(Present address: 3874 Park Ave., Riverside, Calif.)

Released ~~Oct. 14~~<sup>Nov. 6</sup>, 1942.



Mrs. May Shimamoto Gray - 19-44B.

Interviewed July 27, 1942

Husband: Frank Joseph Gray.  
700 - 19<sup>th</sup> St., Bakersfield, Calif.  
Born in Illinois.

Of Irish-English parentage.  
Mother born in England; father in U. S.

Occupation: Carpenter.

Environment: Mr. Gray not here with wife & little  
info. available. He has never been a  
Japanese. His wife is 1<sup>3+</sup> Jap. he met.

Wife: Born in Bakersfield, Calif., 1/11/16.

Parents born in Japan.

Occupation: Dietician.

Environment: Mrs. Gray was raised by an  
American, Miss Nellie Anderson of  
Bakersfield. She took Mrs. Gray &  
her brother Noval, at the time of their  
mother's death. Mrs. Gray then 3 yrs. old.  
She lived with Miss Anderson for 17 yrs.  
Left her home to work in Trinity Hospital;  
worked there 5 yrs. Can have position  
back, upon her return.

Child, Janice, shows no trace of Japanese.  
Mrs. Gray's father was main responsible  
for children.

Children: Janice Lorraine Gray, 23 months.

Financial Status: If she cannot return to Bakersfield  
would like a transfer to Mangrove. No desire  
to move out of Calif. She would like to return to  
her work.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Mrs. Satoye Itagaki Grimmesey - 14-4C.  
Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband: Orris Robert Grimmesey  
1895 N. Mountain, Upland, Calif.  
Born in Japan.  
American citizen of English ancestry.

Occupation: Lemon grower. Was born in Japan  
because his parents were in business there.  
Later he became vice-pres. of Columbia Records  
Co. He speaks, writes & understands Japanese  
which was necessary for his work. Returned  
3 years ago because of conditions here. He  
is not here with his wife.

Wife: born in Japan, July 14, 1910.  
Japanese citizen

She is from a wealthy Jap. family. Has lived  
in Japan all of her life until 3 yrs. ago  
when she accomp. her husband to this country.  
Met him thru friends. Their children were  
born in Japan. They speak English but  
understand Japanese.

Children: Robert Louis, age 8  
Kay, age 7  
Barbara, age 10  
Theodora, age 11.

Financial status: Plenty of money to be independent.

Place of residence: Upland, Calif. Woman will  
write husband about going East.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Mrs. Frances Josephine Hamilton , 4-1218.

Interviewed :

Husband: Claude Rexford Hamilton

2195 John St., Arlington, Calif.

Born Aug. 14, 1908, Deer River, Minnesota

Occupation: Part-time employee of Calif. State Dept.  
of Agriculture.

Environment: Typical American home, public school  
education, high school graduate. Work experience:  
mechanic, lumber mill, skill + semi-skilled  
labor; agric. inspector.

Wife: Born in Riverside, Calif., 2/18/20.

Mother born in Sweden; father in Japan.

Environ: Typical American home. Public school  
education, high school graduate, one junior  
college, three mon. business school.  
Married 2 years.

No children.

Financial status: Moderate saving incl. war bonds +  
checking accounts. Neither have been on relief  
or any public works programs. Entirely able to  
take care of themselves.

Residence requested: Arlington, Calif.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Mrs. Carmen Millan Ito - 15-7C

Interviewed: July 26, 1942.

Husband: Frank Kamonazuke Ito.

Phoenix, Arizona

Born in Japan, 7/3/84.

Occupation: Wholesale producer. Business associates have been of all nationalities. Claims he has no Jap. friends. Speaks English at home.

Wife: Born in Douglas, Arizona, 10/9/01

Mother & father born in Mexico.

She has no friends among the Japs. Their children have mingled with Mexicans & Whites.

Children: Frank, age 10  
Bob, 7

Financial status: If husband cannot go back to Phoenix mother wants to take her children back to Phoenix where they will be supported by her mother.

Residence requested: Phoenix.

(Released Sept. 19, 1942. Mr. Ito remained in Poston while wife & 2 sons returned to Phoenix).



Mrs. Luz Guesada Kame 15-413

Interviewed : July 26, 1942.

Husband : Jacob Gonzales Kame  
Hayden, Arizona  
Born 9/12/21 in Hayden, Arizona  
Father born in Japan; mother in U.S.

Occupation : Clerk + butcher.

Environment : Has lived all of his life in a  
Mexican community & ∴ have no associates  
with Japanese.

Wife : Born in Hayden, Arizona, 7/5/23.  
Parents born in Mexico.

Environ : Has associated w Mexicans only.

One son, Jamie, 10 months old.

Financial status : If they can return to their former home  
man will be able to get a job & take care of family.

Residence requested : Hayden, Arizona.

Released Sept. 17, 1943.

Excerpt from letter sent by Jacob Kame to Miss Findley  
after his return :

"Miss Findley, words would fail if I tried to express  
my feeling of gratitude for the kind service you have  
rendered us. All I can say is again many thanks & may  
God bless you.

I can't help but feel good because of the way the  
have accepted us, and their expression of gladness upon  
our return to our community."



Excerpt from Wade Head's letter to Fryer requesting Kame's release:

"Mr. Kame is a loyal American & was brought up by his Jap. father to respect the U. S. His father, who was accidentally killed during the days prior to conviction, was highly respected by the entire community in which he lived. We have on file a copy of the statement attesting to his loyalty, which was signed by 100 of the residents of the small community of Hayden.

Mr. Kame is married to a young Mexican girl. I should they be given permission to return to Hayden, they will again be absorbed into the Mexican community."



Mrs. Carolina Barron Mukai

Interviewed : July 30, 1942.

Husband : Yoichi Mukai  
Calif.  
Born July 15, 1899, Hawaii of Japanese parentage.  
Farmer.

Environment : Came to U.S. in 1920 & went to  
Missouri to a mechanical school. Came to Calif.  
in 1926 and worked on farms. Parents in Japan.  
Has no friends among Japs. Speaks & writes English.  
& Spanish, speaks some Jap.

Wife : Born May 15, 1908, Mexican parentage in Mexico.  
Came to U.S. in 1919 & went to school in New Mexico  
where she finished 3 years of schooling. Stayed  
home & did ranch work. Home life has been  
entirely Mexican. Cannot speak English or Japanese.  
Met husband thru her brother. Family life is Mexican.

Children : Son, aged 18; son, 17; girl, 15; boy 14; boy, 11;  
girl, 7; girl, 5.

Financial Status : Can support themselves if able to obtain work  
with concerns in Imperial Valley that are owned by Americans.

(Released Nov. 8, 1942)

Father in Boston. Thought at first of going to Utah but  
gave up idea. 2 oldest sons have jobs awaiting them on  
their return. Relatives of Mrs. Mukai have guaranteed  
indefinite support of the children.



Mrs. Rita Valenzuela Nishihama

Interviewed July 30, 1942.

Husband : Kikumotaru Nishihama  
El Centro, Calif.

Born in Japan, April 5, 1886.

Foreman of ranches. Came to U.S. in 1907. Has been back to Japan twice, last visit in 1926 to see his relatives. Has always been a farmhand. Married in Mex. & speaks Spanish fluently. All friends are Mexican.

Wife : Born in Nogales, Arizona, 1911 of Mexican parentage. Completed 5 yrs. of schooling. Father used to be farmhand so she went to work with him. Met her husband on ranch she was working. Cannot speak English very well nor any Jap. Only Spanish spoken in home.

Children : 4 boys, aged 8, 6, 3, 1; and one girl, age 4.

Financial Status : Feels they would not be a public charge since he can get jobs anywhere in Imperial Valley.

(Released Nov. 8, 1942. Father in Boston.)  
Is go to Hopeville, Calif.



Mrs. Mary Jacobita Yamamoto Sing  
Interviewed July 26, 1942

Husband : Henry Yee Sing

Phoenix, Arizona

Born in Phoenix, 1911 of Chinese ancestry.

Clerk in grocery store. He is not in camp with his wife.

His wife said he has never assoc. with the Japanese.

Wife : Born in Albuquerque, N. Mex., May, 1918.

She is Japanese - Mexican. Mother was born in New Mexico,  
father in Japan.

Mrs. Sing is a sister of Mrs. Williams and ∴ her life  
has been identical with that of Mrs. Williams.

She knew her husband for several years before her  
marriage.

Has one child - a girl, age 5.

Mrs. Sing, if allowed to return to her home will be taken care  
of since Mr. Sing is still in Arizona at his job.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Mrs. Eva Tanabe Stripen

Interviewed : July 27, 1942.

Husband : Joseph Anthony Stripen (Divorced)

Wife : Born in Hawaii, 1906.

Is Japanese - Hawaiian. Mother born in Hawaii,  
father in Japan.

Was elementary school teacher in a country school at  
Bohersfield. Finished high school in Hawaii, came to  
UCLA for her education. When 11 years old left home  
to work in American homes to get her education.

Since then has lived with Hawaiians, can speak  
the language, but no Japanese.

Has one child, age 7.

Mrs. Stripen is sole supporter of herself & daughter. If there  
is no chance of her returning to her job, she prefers  
to remain here.

Requests to go back to Bohersfield.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942)



Mrs. Elizabeth Ahlstrom Hama Willess  
Interviewed July 29, 1942.

Husband: Lester Hama Willess  
Loma Linda, Calif.  
Born in Wyoming, 1912 of English ancestry.  
Occupation: Hosp. clerk + university student.  
Educated in private schools + public high schools.  
At present is a Univ. of Redlands student.  
Reared in a minister's home. Has always assoc.  
with a wide circle of friends. Near assoc.  
with Jap. until he came to Boston.

Wife: Born in Riverside, Calif., 1917.  
Of Japanese - Swedish ancestry. Mother was born  
in Sweden, father in Japan.  
Occupation: Calif. reg. pharmacist.  
Educated in public schools, graduated from U. S. C.  
in '39. Reared in home of American standards;  
unfamiliar with Jap. lang. & customs. Social  
friends have always been Caucasians. Employed  
in 2 reputable hospitals + leading drug stores of  
So. Calif.

No children.

Financially independent. Wife works to help meet the  
expenses. Husband works in hospital to defray  
expenses while attending the University.

Request to go back to Loma Linda, Calif. If unable to  
return will wish to move to Austin, Texas where  
Mr. Willess's aunt resides.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942 to return to Loma Linda, Calif.)

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Helen Takagi - 16  
Emma Takagi - 15  
Bertha Takagi - 13  
Henry " - 19  
George Takagi - 21 (married to a Mexican girl).

Father : George Takagi (deceased for 13 yrs.)

Mother : Maria Macey Takagi Gonzales.  
Tucson, Arizona  
Born in U.S. of Mexican ancestry.  
Is a waitress.

In this case only the children are here. Since their father's death, the mother remarried a Mexican. The children have had only Mexican friends since they lived in a Mexican colony.

The two sons will support themselves & their sisters if they are allowed to return to Tucson, Arizona.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Excerpt from letter by Wade Head to Foyer requesting Mrs. Willers's release:

" Mr. Willers came to Pooton voluntarily when it was necessary for his part-Japanese wife to evacuate. He has proved himself to be a loyal American citizen & has rendered valuable assistance in getting our hospital under way. We have letters from various ends which attest to his loyalty.

Mrs. Willers shows no Japanese characteristics. She was raised in a home where American ideals prevailed. We have on file letters which attest to her loyalty. We believe that she is a loyal American in the true sense of the word.

We recommend that both Mr. & Mrs. Willers be released from Pooton at an early date and be permitted to return to Loma Linda, Calif. where Mrs. Willers has a position awaiting her & so that Mr. Willers may return to the U. of Redlands for the fall term. "

Aug. 4, 1942.



Mrs. Mary Louise Yamamoto Williams  
Interviewed July 26, 1942.

Husband: Frank Aaron Williams

Phoenix Arizona

Of English - French ancestry; born in Globe, Arizona,  
1919.

Is drug clerk.

Is not in camp with his wife. Has never assoc.  
with Japanese.

Wife: Born in Phoenix, Ariz., 1923.

Of Mexican - Japanese ancestry. Mother born in New  
Mex., father in Japan.

Beauty operator.

She has assoc. with Chinese + Mexicans only.

She + husband have no knowledge of Jap. ways, only  
Spanish. Father has been dead for 13 yrs.

Has one son - 2 yrs. old.

Mr. Williams is a drug store clerk earning about \$25 a  
week. He is able to support his wife & child.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).



Gertrude Yuko Yoshimoto

Interviewed Aug. 1, 1942.

La Sierra College, Arlington, Calif.

Born in Honolulu, T.H., 1921. of Japanese - English - Hawaiian ancestry.

Financial Status: Father is in charge of workers' camp of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. He is able to send her money for her education and living quarters so she will not have to work.

Environment: Lived in Hawaii 20 yrs. attended an Episcopal Seminary until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then enrolled in Hawaiian Mission Academy until graduated. Came to Calif. in 1941 & enrolled in La Sierra College at Arlington, Calif., majoring in nursing & nursing in secretarial administration. The last two schools are owned by the Seventh Day Adventists of which she is a member. Her parents are not of such denomination. They were educated in the public high school in Hawaii. The family life has been on the American plan, with English as the only language spoken.

Satisfactory arrangements for entrance have been completed with Union College, Nebraska. This college has not yet been approved by the Army. If possible would like to return to La Sierra College, Calif.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942 to go to Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.)



Mrs. Haru Taniguchi Dequin

17-7D.

Interviewed: July 29, 1942.

Husband: Sebastian Dequin

R. 1, Box 13A, San Juan Baptista

Born in the Philippines on Jan. 20, 1900.

Parents were born in the Philippines

Occupation: farmhand.

Environment: Came to U.S. in 1924. Settled in Hilroy, Calif., worked on the farms. Friends have been Mexicans, Filipinos and Whites.

Wife: Born in Sacramento, Calif.; Nov. 24, 1918.

Parents were born in Japan.

Education: Went to school as far as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Then helped her parents who had a vineyard where she then met her husband who was employed there. Did not like Japanese customs so has severed all relations with them since their marriage. Was disowned by her family for marrying a Filipino.

Children: One son, Dan, age 3.

Financial status: Husband has never been out of work. Has some money. They prefer to go to designated cities because there are more Filipinos who are liable to help them. Want to go to Yuma or Phoenix.

(Went back to Hilroy, however).

Released Sept. 8.



July 8, 1942

Dequin Sebasiaian, A Filipino, came to the office to see a social worker. He stated that James. F. Van Loben Sels of the Federal Reserve Bank in Salinas told him to see a socialworker when he came to Poston.

Mr. Sebastian speaks English fairly well and has an attractive Filipino accent. He stated that he came to California in 1923 as a common laborer. He has lived in Sacramento, Stockton, Salinas, Gilroy, and other farming areas.

Today he wanted to discuss the possibilities of taking his family away from Poston. He is the only Filipino here and is lonely. The Japanese scorn his wife because she is married to a Filipino. He stated that they were always talking behind her back. She too is lonely. He wishes that he could return to his town, San Juan, where he has all of his things stored and where his Filipino friends live.

I asked where his wife's family was. He stated that they were in Tule Lake, but that would make no difference because when she married him, a Filipino, the family threw her out. Ever since her marriage in 1938 she has lived among the Filipinos where she was acceptable as a member of their group.

Mr. Sebastian would not think of leaving his family here because he must work and take care of them, and then too he loves his little son, Don, and he wonders who would take care of them if he would go away and leave them. However, he is lonely. He misses his friends, and he misses his work.

Mr. Sebastian arrived in Poston, July 1, from the Salinas Assembly Center. I asked him if he came directly from the Philippines to California. He stated that he went from the Philippines to Hawaii. We then had a free discussion about the places he worked in the Hawaiian Islands. He arrived there in 1920 and after serving for 3 years on one of the most prosperous sugar plantations, he made his way to Calif. His face lit up when I used some of the local expressions common to the Hawaiians. He answered them readily and seemed to be quite amused.

He is concerned over the fact that his wife is shunned by the neighbors. I told him that I would send a social worker in to call upon her.



Mrs. Luz Morales Kanoki

Interviewed Aug. 4, 1942

Husband : Common-law.  
Born in Japan.  
Farmer.

Environment : Out of the picture

Wife : Born in Phoenix, Arizona, 4/2/05; of Mexican parentage.  
Parents born in Arizona

Environment : Casual worker-housewife. Here with children  
Speaks no Japanese and very limited amt. of English.  
Mexican spoken at home. Lived w. Mexicans  
prior to evacuation.

Has 2 children; girl, 10; and brother girl, 7.

Financial Status : Was supported by Public Welfare - \$30 per month.  
Arturo Cruz will marry her and care for her family  
upon her return

Place of residence : Phoenix, Arizona.

(Children released on Sept. 17, 1942)

Letter from Arturo Cruz entitling her to be released -  
will marry her and take care of her children).



Mrs. Bettine Yonoko Lawson

Interviewed Sept. 1, 1942.

Husband: Iduro Milton Lawson.

U.S.N. Pacific Fleet, San Diego.

Born in Georgia, 5/3/13 of Caucasian parentage.

Occupation: Chief Petty Officer, U.S.N.

Environment: Reared & educated in Georgia thruout childhood until enlistment in Navy, March, 1932.

Wife: Born in Lemon Grove, Calif.; 2/4/16.

Parents born in Japan.

Occupation: Housewife. Was active worker as Red Cross Nurse's aide, County Hospital, San Diego.

Environment: Reared & educated in San Diego County, mostly among Caucasians which led to intermarriage. All friends Caucasians except for U.S. Navy wives who are Japanese & married to Caucasians.

One child: Joyce, age 2.

Financial Status: U.S.N. (Chief Petty Officer's pay), of which \$120 allotment goes to support of child & wife. Allotment to be increased to \$175 soon. Has insurance, Bank of America - \$400.

Place requested: San Diego, Calif.

Released 9/24/42.



Mrs. Bettine Y. Lawson

Wife: Mrs. Lawson was born in Lemon Grove County, San Diego, Calif. in 1916, of Jap. parentage. The father was a foreman in a Lemon packing company and the mother was a housewife. Received her early education in Lemon Grove Grammar School. She was the only Jap. student in this school. Outside of school her friends were Caucasian.

In 1923 they moved to San Diego where the father went into business of markets and restaurants. She attended Franklin Grammar School, Lincoln Grammar School, Memorial Junior High School and San Diego High School -- graduated in 1933. From 1927 to 1935 she studied stage dancing under Florenz Kelton and Rattiff Dancing Academy.

In Dec., 1935 she visited Honolulu for three weeks. Returned to Hawaii again in 1936 to be engaged to be married and worked as a dental assistant. In March 1937 she returned unmarried to San Diego.

She met her husband in Dec. 1934 while he was serving in the U.S. Navy at San Diego. They were married in Tiajuana, Mexico. Their friends are all Navy family.

Husband: Her husband went thru High school in Georgia where he was reared. He did not associate with the Jap. until he married. He entered the Navy at the age of 19. Speaks only English.

Neither of them had any contact with Jap. societies. They attended the Baptist Church in San Diego.

Her plans are as follows: Returning to 2055 Ocean View, Blvd., San Diego.

Appearance: Her appearance is that of Chinese and her mannerism is more americanized

Financial Status: Her husband is fully capable of taking care of her and her child.



Mrs. Marie Lee

Interviewed:

Husband: Howard Lee

Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in China in 1913, of Chinese parentage.

In wholesale produce business.

Environment: Chinese community.

Wife: Born in 1915 in U.S. of Japanese parentage.

Environment: Chinese communities in last 9 years.

Has 4 children - all boys - 7, 5, 4 and expecting in November.

Financial status - \$300 a month.

Place requested: Los Angeles.

Released Sept. 18, 1942.

August 14, 1942

Dear Mr. Head,

We were advised by Miss Kirkland to write to you about our background, our history till now. My sister, Marie Lee and I was both born in Tacoma, Washington and spent our childhood there. I, Jean Lew left Tacoma, Wash. as soon as I finished Stadium High School to enter California School of Fine Arts, affiliated to University of California in Berkeley, Calif. This was in Oct., 1930 when I went to San Francisco to enroll in the Art School to become an art teacher. In March 1932 the whole family moved down to Los Angeles, California because of the depression but it was worse after our family was settled in Belvedere's Garden, suburb of Los Angeles, Calif. My family had hopes of making a better living for us but after our father spent almost all of his savings looking for business ventures he became very morose and tried to commit suicide. This happened in April 12, 1932 and my mother was accidentally killed trying to stop my father from shooting himself. Our father, Kiyoshi Niwhioka was in the county jail for three months awaiting trials since we had no money to bail him out. He was finally acquitted of the crime and freed. At that time I just became twenty years of age and Marie was seventeen years of age, both of us at that most sensitive age. We had to suffer many humiliating experiences because of the fact that our mother died by our father's hands and the Jap. people would not let their children associate with us even though we were the innocent victims of an unfortunate tragedy.

I was attending Otis Art Institute and Marie was enrolled at Roosevelt High School then in Los Angeles, Calif. We both had to quit school because of financial reasons. I could not get a decent, respectable work amount the Japanese so slowly we drifted away from them, and started



going among Chinese friends. About that time I met Mr. Howard Lee and introduced him to my sister Marie who is now his wife and have three lovely boys the oldest will be eight years old in Aug. 26 this month. I've made many Chinese friends when I was attending Claifornia School of Fine Arts in San Francisco and Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, California. In August 1934 I found my first job since Mother died, at New China Cafe on Sixth and Flower St. in Chinatown and have been among Chinese community till now. The other two places I have worked is Mee Fong Cafe at Alameda between Ferguson Alley and Marchessault St., and Tai Loy Cafe on Ninth and San Pedro Street till I was with my first child. I met my husband Hing Wah Lew in April, 1934 and married him in Jan., 1936 and have two children and expecting the third in November. Marie too is expecting her fourth in November.

We have been among Chinese people for nine years since our unhappy memories concerning the treatment we received from the Japanese. We hold our father responsible for the tragic events of our lives and since our marriage to Chinese, we have severed all relationship of kinship between our father and us. After all to make matters worse, our marriage had us ostracized by the Japanese community.

Since coming to this relocation center, we are going thru a terrible mental and physical strain. We do not read or write Japanese language and our children do not understand any other language but the English lang. Most of the inhabitants look upon us with curiosity and some even point out our children and tell their friends that they are not Japanese. I'm glad for our children they aren't pure Japanese but I don't want people to stare at us as we were circus freaks. Perhaps it's just our imagination but we feel we are being ostracized, some jeer at us and others look upon us with pity.

We are total strangers here and it is very hard to get accustomed to the people here, and their ways. Our children are under four years of age and since both of us is in the late stage of pregnancy we can't stand this strain of readjusting ourselves and children all by ourselves. My little daughter who has just reached two years of age is very frail and delicate, she has been ill since we came here, even on the train. Unlike the sturdy Japanese children, she may not be able to stand this life much longer. She was under our doctor's care till December 1941 and was just recuperating but now she is getting thinner and would not eat at all. If we cannot be exempted and be allowed to join our husband in the Western Defense Command area and have our babies born among our Chinese friends and relatives I would like to ask you if we could be released from here and go out to some other states where we could raise our Chinese children from this Japanese environment.

At the San Francisco's WCCA office, Major Herman P. Goebel Jr., has all our letters of credential and character references from friends and people in public offices stating that we are loyal American citizens and our wish is to be allowed to continue to live and raise our children as an American in our own American Chinese community at our former home together with our family united.

I hope this letter covers all the facts that we do not belong among the Japanese in this relocation center. If you need any more details please let us know and I will gladly furnish it to your satisfaction. I thank you kindly.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Mrs. Jean Lew  
/s/ Mrs. Marie Lee



Mrs. Jean Kazu Lew  
Interviewed:

Husband : Lew, King Wah.

Born in Canton, China, 10/11/09 of Chinese parentage.

Occupation : Bond Market, Produce Dept., Studio City.  
Has lived in Chinese community all his life.

Wife : Born in Tacoma Washington, June 18, 1912 of Japanese parentage.  
Has lived in Chinese community for 9 yrs.

Has 2 children - boy, age 4; girl, age 2; and  
expecting in November.

Financial Status : \$200 a month.

Place requested : L.A.

Released Sept. 19, 1942.

(cf. environmental history of Mrs. Marie Lee)

Aug. 21, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Community Services

FROM: Housing-Registration Office

SUBJECT: Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lew, Mrs. Oh, and Miss Uragami

Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lew and Mrs. Oh are persons of part Japanese ancestors  
sue to intermarriage with other races. They are residing at 325-2-C.

A request was received from them for a change of apartments due to both  
being ~~pregnant~~ expectant mothers and because they are bothered by inquisi-  
tive neighbors in apartment 325-2-B.

Because this request is considered a social problem we are turning  
in this report to your department as to the steps taken by us to  
alleviate the situation. Our department took the liberty of taking care  
of this matter upon the request of Albert Kaniye, supervisor of block  
managers in Camp # 3.

Our office in Camp #3 called upon the families of Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lew  
and Mrs. Oh and after several discussions came to the decision that Mrs.  
Lee and Mrs. Lew and their small children will remain at their apartment  
in 325-2-C inasmuch as they have no other place to go.



Mrs. Oh, who is here by herself, and Miss Uragami, who is living with relatives are to be assigned to separate small apartment in an adjacent block.

Mrs. Oh and Miss Uragami have agreed to take care of these small children when Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Lew are removed to the hospital when their time of childbirth arrives.

This department feels that this is a temporary solution to the problem. The main trouble, it seems is the inquisitive neighbors at 325-2-B which may or may not lessen as time goes on.

We trust the matter meets with your approval.

HOUSING\*REGISTRATION OFFICE

By John Evans /s/  
John Evans



Mrs. Dorothy E. Oh

Interviewed: Aug. 28, 1942.

Husband: Samuel Oh.  
Dinuba, Calif.  
Citizen of Korean ancestry.  
Farmer.  
Korean Community.

Wife: Born in Fresno, Calif.; 9/23/22 of Japanese ancestry.  
Has lived in Korean community.

Request to go back to Dinuba farm.  
(Released Nov. 5, 1943)

Excerpt from letter written to Nell Findley after her release:

"I am very happy to be home and do not regret leaving Poston. It was a very trying hardship for me cause of my mist marriage. Poston is just a memory to me now and as time goes by, I want to forget about my hardship there."

Excerpt from letter to E. M. Rowell, regional director, from Wade Head:

"Mrs. Dorothy E. Oh, who was recently transferred to Poston, has asked that her request for release on the grounds of mixed marriage be reopened. Mr. Oh was inducted into the Army on Sept. 9. Mr. & Mrs. Oh are under the impression that Mrs. Oh would now be eligible for release due to fact that her husband is now in the Army.

It is our understanding that the first request was not granted because they have no unemancipated children."



Mrs. Dorothy Etsuko Oh

Husband: He was brought up in a Korean family but americanized in customs. Little is known of his childhood by the wife. He is known to have assoc. with Jap. people until his marriage. He speaks English always and Korean to converse with his people. He was known to be reckless and wild but after his marriage he changed in personality and the family recognized it very much. He began to work hard and to find more time at home. He received all his education here. He is employed on a farm in Dinuba.

Wife: She spent her early childhood like any Japanese children except that her companion's were Americans. In the environment where she lived were all Americans. Her constant association with them made her very American in manners. When she entered high school her companions were Italian and American girls. She is from a large family and so had always worked hard to get anything she wanted for herself. Her father was a farmer but when she was graduated from high school he moved his family to Reedley where he ran a boarding house. In that environment she came to know many people and also met her husband. After a year of courtship she was married to him. This upset her family and was disowned by her brother. Her older brother had always been hard toward her. He had treated her so mean that she drove herself into doing everything she could that seemed it would be a revenge on him. She can never visit her mother until she knows her brother is away or out of town. Since her marriage she has lived among her husband's people. In her home English was always spoken except to converse with her folks.

Appearance: His appearance is that of a Korean. He has high cheek bone, slender and tall. His mannerism is americanized.

She has Japanese features but can pass for a Korean. Her manner and customs are americanized. Her height is average and slender.

Financial status: Husband is employed on a ranch. His employer is Korean. He is financially able to support his wife. He has no other private income.

Memo: Her husband was inducted into the Army and if taken for duty wishes to go where ever he is to be sent.

Mrs. Oh is not a church member and does not belong to any other organizations.



Mrs. Miyoko S. Reyes

Interviewed: Aug. 26, 1942.

Husband: Itene A. Reyes  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Born in 1900 in Philippines of Filipino ancestry.  
Hotel proprietor.  
Environment: Came to U.S. in 1926.

Wife: Born in L.A. in 1909 of Japanese ancestry.

Children: girl, age 8; girl, age 2.

Requested release to go home to L.A. or if non-release to  
be transferred to Manzanar.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942).

Husband: The husband was born and reared in the Philippines where he received an elementary education. He learned his English there. At home he spoke his native language and a little English.

Wife: She was born and reared in California. Where she completed her high school education. During her childhood days, she had a few Jap. friends. Since her marriage 12 years ago, she had no contact with folks of Japanese friends. Her neighbors were Filipinos, Mexicans and Americans. She speaks very little Japanese and was not affiliated with any Jap. societies. She is a member of a Filipino Christian church.

Appearance: Her appearance is that of a Filipino lady than a Japanese. Small built and weights 98 pounds. Her mannerism was that of a Filipino.

Financial Status: Husband is operating a hotel at 506 Temple St., L.A. which has 38 rooms which is sufficient for the husband to finance his wife and his two children.



Mrs. Alice Yoshikawa Romero  
Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband: Robert Ozuwa Romero.

Hayden, Arizona

Born in Hayden, Arizona, in 1916 of Mexican parentage.

Occupation: Chemical assayer.

Not here with wife. Has lived all of his life in Hayden among Mexicans.

Wife: Born in Hayden, Arizona, 1918. Mother of Mexican ancestry, born in Mexico; father born in Japan.

Environment: Has lived all of her life in Hayden with Mexicans. Has been separated from her father for 10 years. Has been raised in Mexican atmosphere.

Children: One son, age 2.

Financial Status: Well taken care of since Mr. Romero still has his job.

Released Sept. 17, 1942.

Excerpt from Head's letter to Fryer requesting her release:

"Mrs. Romero has never associated with the Japs. She was brought up in a strictly Mexican atmosphere. After the death of her mother, Mrs. Romero with her feeble-minded sister was taken to the home of her maternal aunt for care. She lived with her Mexican aunt & her Japanese uncle, who was an outstanding resident in Hayden, Arizona until his death. The small community in which Mr. Kane lived put out a testimonial of his loyalty to the U. S. just prior to evacuation. He was killed accidentally on May 7, 1942. Mrs. Romero would be returning to a Mexican community & would not be in any way subjected to Jap. influence."

Mr. Romero has steady work & is well able to care for his wife & child. The family has never received financial assistance from any public or private agency.



Clarence & Frances Sadamune (age 21 + 17)

Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Father : Kahuichi Sadamune.  
Oakland, Calif.  
Born in Japan in 1888.  
Grocery store owner.

Environment : Has mixed with all races. Lived in Hawaii since 18 yrs. of age where he was mgr. of a dept. store. Came to Oakland, set up grocery store which catered to Americans.

Mother : Clara Mary Brarata Sadamune.  
Born in Santa Clara, Calif., 1897, Portuguese ancestry.

Environment : Went to Hawaii w family. Met her husband & married him. Raised her children in a Portuguese atmosphere.

2 sons, age 27 + 24 in U. S. Army.

Financial Status : Have enough money without being dependents of the State.

Request to go back to Oakland. If not to Colorado or Nebraska.

(Released Sept. 17, 1942)  
to return to Oakland.

Excerpt from letter to Findley after Clarence's return :

"I really felt homesick for Poston yesterday. I miss the friends I made down there. They have all been so nice to me. Parting from Poston will always be remembered by me."

The G of Poston don't know how lucky they are to have one of the best administrative staffs there — Mr. Head, Mr. Selvin, Mr. Evans, Dr. Powell, & you."



Excerpt from Had's letter to Fryer requesting release of Clarence  
+ Frances Sadamune:

"Mr. Kakuichi Sadamune is an alien Japanese who is married to an American & of Portuguese ancestry. Two of his sons, Alfred + Raymond, are in the Army. Clarence, the 21-year-old son, has endeavored to enlist in the Navy + Army but was turned down due to his Japanese ancestry.

The family is sufficiently well off financially never to become dependent on public welfare. Mrs. Sadamune requests that she be permitted to return to Oakland, Calif., with Frances + Clarence. Mr. Sadamune desires to remain in Boston. If this is not possible Mrs. Sadamune wishes to go to any state outside the military zone to make a home for her children. Both Frances + Clarence have no Jap. characteristics and have never assoc. with the Japs. and are loyal American in every respect."

(Mother joined family in Boston on July 24 - after remaining behind in Oakland to clear up business matters).



July 20, 1942

Clarence Sadamune, aged 21, called to see about the possibility of his mother coming to Poston for a visit of at least two or three months. He said that when the family came to Poston, the mother remained at home in Oakland to close up the business affairs. The grocery store which they ran is now being leased and the home is in the care of his brother's fiancée.

If everything agrees with Mrs. Sadamune, she will live indefinitely with her family. Clarence stated that it will be very much better to have his mother here because the father has become queer recently. He is suspicious of his mother and is sure she is going to run away with a young man who is a friend of Clarence. The father states that he is going to get a release from Poston to go back to Japan. The sister, Frances, gets very angry with the father and scolds him for saying such a thing, but Clarence says let him write the letter and he gave him an envelope and stamp. The father never wrote the letter.

His father was a storekeeper in Oakland and is now doing landscaping in Poston. He is 54 years old. He came to California from Hawaii in 1923.

Clarence has two brothers, Raymond and Albert. Both are in the Army. Raymond is in Hawaii and Albert is in Kansas City.

Clarence spoke most highly of both his mother and father. He seems especially fond of his Portuguese mother who he says can speak five languages fluently. She speaks Japanese and likes to live among the Japanese. Her associates are mostly of that race. He knows that if his mother comes here, she will not have a hard time adjusting.

The children are anxious to have their mother come and have made arrangements for an extra cot, and Clarence urged that I arrange this request so that she can get here as soon as possible. She has already bought her ticket and is ready to come.



Pending  
release

Take out Isamu Noguchi's case -  
Was released in Nov., 1942.



IL 15C

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. R. Fryer, Regional Director

FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director

SUBJECT: Request of nine families of mixed marriage who do not wish to leave the Colorado River War Relocation Project, unless they are permitted to return to California, a restricted area.

DATE: August 6, 1942

In the survey made of families of mixed marriage there were nine families who do not wish to leave the Colorado River War Relocation Project, unless they are permitted to return to California, a restricted area. They feel it would be impossible for them to get work in any other area where they might support themselves with any degree of security. They have decided to remain in Poston, as they cannot go to California.

W. Wade Head  
Project Director

WWH/PT

1. Yosotaro Yamamoto.
2. Elmer Taro Tanigoshi
- ✓ 3. Jack Kijoto Sunahara
4. Jim Yosakaga Morizaga
5. George Shirochi Kushida
6. Masaku Kagitani
7. Jusuke Hirata
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Yosotaro Yamamoto & family  
Interviewed July 29, 1942.

Pending List

Husband: Yosotaro Yamamoto.

Anaheim, Calif.

Born 1896 in Japan.

Restaurant worker.

Came to U. S. in 1916. Worked as gardener at first and then kitchen work in restaurants.

Lived with Mexicans most of time. Speaks Spanish fluently.

Wife: Carmen Rodriguez Yamamoto

Born in Mexico, 1889. of Mexican ancestry.

Has always lived with Mexicans. When she came to U. S. worked in hotels. Cannot speak Jap.

Has one son 15 yrs. old. Not here because he is Mr. Yamoto's step-son. However, he wishes to join his family.

Financial Status: Unable to go anywhere.

("Yosotaro Yamamoto felt that he could not earn ~~his~~ a living anywhere but at his former residence which is Calif., a restricted area, but would like to have his wife's son, Arthur Andrade, join them here")

Head's memo to Fryer, Aug. 5, 1942.



Mrs. Helen Kojima Yamamoto  
Interviewed: July 28, 1942.

Husband : Sueichi Yamamoto.  
Los Angeles.

Born in Hawaii, 1904.

Head salesman of produce co.

Environ : Was reared in the average Jap. atmosphere.  
Like most of them, he mixed with all races.

Has several personal friends of Cauc. race.

Wife : Helen Kojima Yamamoto.

Born in L.A., 1913. of Jap. - Geck ancestry.

Waitress.

Lived in Jap. community as child. Parents did not  
try to teach any Jap. customs. Fear of her Jap.  
blood made her marry a Jap. Claims no  
knowledge of Japanese language.

Has one son, 9 yrs. old.

Financially unfit to go anywhere.

("Sueichi Yamamoto & family desire to remain here in  
Porton. Has no funds with which to carry on while  
he is getting started again.")  
W. Head.



Elmer Taro Taniguchi

Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband: Elmer Taro Taniguchi  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in L.A., 1913. of Japanese - German ancestry.  
Wholesale produce dealer.

Environment: Has assoc. indiscriminately with Cauc. +  
Jap. Attended U.S.C. law school + there his  
friends were Cauc. Thru his father made  
acquaintances with Jap. &.

Wife: Haruye Shiba Taniguchi.

Born in Fresno, Calif., 1914. of Jap. ancestry.

Removes from average Jap. home since both parents  
are Jap.

Has 2 children: daughter, 8 months; and son, 2 yrs.

Financial status: Have insufficient funds to start a home  
anywhere outside of L.A.

Request: Calif., providing conditions permit him to  
reopen his own business.



Mrs. Iode Higashi Vetter

Interviewed Sept. 22, 1942.

Husband : William Rheinwald Vetter (deceased).

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., 1872 of Caus. ancestry.  
Postal clerk, San Diego.

Did not have Jap. friends. 32<sup>nd</sup> Mason, member  
of Eagle, Spanish War Veteran. Was postal  
clerk at time of death.

Wife : Iode Higashi Vetter.

Born in Japan, 1887 of Jap. ancestry.

Cannery worker.

No Jap. friends because of environment of her husband  
+ children.

Two children : Yuri, 19, and William, 17.

Financial Status : Bank account, gov't bonds. Children own home.

Wants to go back to San Diego. Daughter can get a job  
in San Diego; brother can work in cannery.



Masaichi James Suzuki and Child  
Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband: Masaichi James Suzuki.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in Japan, 1905.

He has his first citizenship papers / he obtained  
in Jan., 1942.

X-ray technician.

Came to U.S. in 1923. His schooling in Japan  
obtained in missionary schools since both of his  
parents are Xians. His father was the first to build  
a publishing press for the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists in  
Japan. In U.S. went to Pacific Union College &  
Madison College, all of which are controlled by  
the specified denomination. Has worked at White  
Memorial Hospital / is owned by this church.

Wife: Irene Emilia Pena Suzuki.

Born in Vera Cruz, Mexico, 1908. of <sup>Spanish</sup> ~~Mexican~~  
ancestry.

R.N. nurse. Also attended Madison College in Tenn.  
where she met her husband. Has worked at White  
Memorial Hosp. for about 5 yrs. Speaks English &  
Spanish.

One son - age 6.

Would like to go to L.A. but he fears that patients will  
be resentful & does not feel that his wife should  
make the living.

Request: Delta, Colorado.



Ikuo Takai and (Children)

Interviewed: 8-3/42.

Husband: Ikuo Takai  
Los Angeles.  
Born in Japan, 1878.  
Importer.

Came to U.S. in 1896. Returned to Japan on 3 occasions  
on business. Home is American. English spoken.

Wife: Jeannette Louise Takai. <sup>Cauc. ancestry.</sup>  
Born in Tennessee, 1881, <sup>2nd</sup> Second wife - married  
in 1924.

Wife not strong. Do not with husband.

Children - June West, 34 yrs. old.

Edna Parker, 32.

Ray Takai - in Gila, 29.

Financial Status: good. Self-supporting.  
Undecided as to plans.



Arthur Takemori Shirohawa and Children.

Interviewed: July 28, 1942.

Husband: Arthur Takemori Shirohawa

Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in L.A. of Jap. parentage.

Produce Salesman. Finished high school and 2 yrs. of J. C. Was reared in typical Jap. home. However mingled with Chinese, prob. because concern he worked for was owned by Chinese. All of his friends are either Chinese or Americans. Has some Jap. acquaintances. Served 2 yrs. in Citizen Military Training camp with an honorable discharge.

Wife: June Euendolyn Lane Shirohawa.

Born in Oregon, 1913, of Chinese - English parentage.

Was raised in San Francisco by her parents in a Chinese atmosphere. Speaks Chinese but no Jap. Met her husband at a Chinese dance. Had known each other for 10 years.

Has 3 children: boy, age 2; and twin girls, age 1.

Financial Status: His previous job is still open so financially able to take care of family.

Request: L.A.

2-15-43 - Mr. S. volunteered for Army so family will be returned to L.A. by the Leave Office.



Jack Kijoto Tanahara and Child

Interviewed Aug. 3, 1942

Husband : Jack Kijoto Tanahara.  
Sacramento, Calif.

Born in San Fernando, Calif., 1908 of Jap. ancestry  
— Rancher, owner of property. Father + mother here for  
30 years. Never returned to Japan. Parents  
wanted children to be Americans. Never went to  
Jap. School.

Wife : Mary Theodora Linda Badella Ishikawa  
Born in S. Francisco, 1919.

Has one child, son — 3 months old.

Request : Sacramento. Knows no other place to go.  
Does not want to leave parents due to their age.  
If they could go with him, he would think of  
leaving them.



Kenneth Kyoaki Naito

Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband : Kenneth Kyoaki Naito

Los Angeles.

Born in L.A., in 1914.

Refrigerator service-man. Completed high school & then went in for refrigerator work for 9 yrs.

Cannot speak Japanese. Friends have always been Caucas. Typical American home.

Wife : Dolores Thelma Ward Naito.

Born in Sacramento, 1917 of English ancestry.

Dispatcher for Yellow Cab.

Was raised by her stepmother since her own parents were divorced. After finishing high school worked as waitress where she met her husband. American type of home.

No children.

Financial status : Can always get work in refrigeration line.

Residence : L.A.

9/18/42

(Went out to Layton, Utah for sugar beet work where Mrs. Naito offered job in defense work.



Isamu Noguchi

Interviewed July 31, 1942.

Released →

Applicant: Isamu Noguchi

New York City, N.Y.

Born in L.A., 1904.

Father born in Japan; mother in U.S. of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Sculptor.

Single. Is sculptor of renown. Has lived in Europe as well as U.S. Is interested in making definite contribution here.

Wants to return to New York. Is able to support himself.

(Released from Boston just before Nov. strike)



Jim Yonekazu Morinaga & Children  
Interviewed: Aug. 24, 1942.

Husband: Jim Yonekazu Morinaga  
Arroyo Grande, Calif.  
Born in 1907 in Santa Clara, Calif.  
Truck driver, field worker.

Environment: Went as far as 1<sup>st</sup> yr. high school.  
One of 6 children. As a child spoke Jap. & English  
in the home. Never went to Japan.

Wife: Alosa La Mar Pelmar Morinaga  
Born in Wisconsin in 1914.  
Married in 1933. Went to 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. high school.  
Home is American standards. Children do not speak  
Jap.

Has 2 children — Yvonne, age 6; and Robert, (adopted) — age 4 <sup>months</sup>.  
If permitted to return to Arroyo Grande will be self-supporting.



Mrs. Ruth Midori Miyaji Monroe

Interviewed Sept. 24, 1942.

Husband : Robert Leroy Monroe (deceased)  
Born in Kansas City, Kansas of Cauc. ancestry.  
Was laborer before death.

Wife : Los Angeles, Calif.  
Born in Bakersfield, Calif., 1912 of Japanese ancestry.  
Housekeeper.  
Mixed only with Cauc. for last 10 years. Did not  
belong to any organizations or jap. clubs.

Has one daughter — Harriet, age 6.

Requests leave to go to L.A.



George Shoichi Kushida and daughter

Interviewed July 27, 1942.

Husband : George Shoichi Kushida  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Born in Japan, 1904.  
Refrigerator Salesman.  
Has assoc. w Japs. mainly. Met his wife thru a  
friend of his.

Wife : Hazel Virginia Seymour Kushida.  
Born in New Orleans, La., 1915 of French-Irish ancestry.  
Previous to her marriage has never lived among Japs.  
Left her family when young because of unhappiness  
and came to L.A. Because she doesn't know  
the language she is trying to learn everyday words.

Has one daughter, age 8.

Do not wish to move anywhere because of financial &  
racial reasons.

(in Head's report to Fuyer: "George Kushida feels that he is  
better off in Poston than anywhere else at this time.")



Charles Kai Kinoshita and Child (45-9A)

Interviewed : July 28, 1942.

Father : Charles Kai Kinoshita  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in Watsonville, Calif. in 1915.

- Salesman in produce, Terminal. His parents went back to Japan leaving him when he was 12. He & his brothers left alone to take care of themselves. The company he worked for is owned by Cauc. Has few friends among the Jap. but predominantly Cauc.

Wife : Pauline Marian Haddad Kinoshita

Born in Oklahoma, 1915. of Syrian ancestry.

Finished elementary school only. Lived in Muskogee, Okla. most of her life. Her assoc. were Caucasians. Came to L.A. and worked as waitress. Met her husband in a cafe where he traded while working at the Produce Co. Her friends are all Cauc.

One child: Charlene, age 4.

Financial status : If cannot return to Calif. or Ariz. would like to go to San Antonio, Texas, where his brother is located on a farm. Jobs in previous States are open.

Places requested : Los Angeles, Tucson or San Antonio.



George Kawasaki and Children  
Interviewed July 28, 1942.

Husband : George Kawasaki  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Born 1880 in Japan.  
carpenter.  
Came to U. S. in 1905 and has resided in Denver,  
Chicago + L. A. Has done fancy woodwork +  
cabinet building. Home has been typical American.  
Speaks only English.

Wife : Margaret Brannon Kawasaki.  
Born 1882 in Ireland.  
Has her first papers and was ready to obtain her second  
paper when evacuation came.  
Came to U. S. in 1910 to Chicago to learn domestic  
science. Obtained work as cook in private homes.  
Met her husband thru friends. Has reared  
her children like Americans.

Has 2 children here : Cecilia, age 17; and John, 16.

Financial Status : If whole family can return, the son will  
support them. But if father cannot be released, the  
mother will take her children to Chicago where her  
sister lives.

Places requested : L. A. or Chicago.



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Ketha E. Breeze,  
Elementary principal.



Mosaku Kagitani and Children  
Interviewed July 27, 1942.

Husband: Mosaku Kagitani

Brawley, Calif.

Born in Japan, 1883.

Farmhand. The community he lived in was composed of Mexicans, Japanese & Americans. He assoc. with Mexicans because he hired such people. Speaks Spanish.

Wife: Maria Virgen Kagitani

Born in Mexico in 1905.

Her whole life has been connected with Mexicans.

She met her husband in Texas. She cannot speak English or Japanese. Mexican life has been atmosphere at home.

3 sons, aged 11, 7 & 4; and 2 daughters, 13 & 12.

Financial Status: No money. If whole family can return to their home they can make a living since husband is sole supporter. If husband cannot leave, rest of family would like to go to Mexicali where there are Mexican & who can help them.

Excerpt from report on Consuelo Kagitani, age 12, by her classroom teacher to Miss Breeze, Elementary principal:

"Consuelo seems very unhappy & not accepted socially by her group. Her teacher reports that she stays constantly in her home in the barracks when she is not in school.

In the classroom she is no particular ~~problem~~ trouble but does not seem free and willing to contribute to class discussions. Probably this is due to the fact that she does not feel that she is part of the group.



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Ketha E. Breeze,  
Elementary principal.



Yos Hirose

Interviewed July 28, 1942 (wife not here)

Husband : Yos Hirose

Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in Japan, 1882.

Architect.

Came to U.S. in 1903 and since then has not returned to Japan. Enrolled in Chicago School of Architecture and graduated. Has become a prominent architect of L.A. His friends are Euro. + Japanese of prominence. Speaks English very well, also German, Japanese + Hungarian.

Wife : Born in Czechoslovakia in 1897.

American citizen of Czechoslovakian ancestry.

Dressmaker.

She came to this country when 16. Has never intermingled with Japs. previous to her marriage. Met her husband thru friends. Only English, German or Hungarian spoken at home. Not here with husband. No children.

Financial Status : I believe they are well-off. Mr. Hirose would like to return to L.A. if possible. They are also property owners.



Jusube Hirata and Children

Interviewed:

Husband: Jusube Hirata  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Born in Japan, 1898.

Worked in kitchen of coffee shop.

Has been in U. S. for 26 years. He has clerked in Jap. stores and has done art work. Has worked as kitchen help in Biltmore Hotel and the Medical-Dental Coffee shop of L. A. Speaks only English at home.

Wife: Born in Mexico in 1899 of Mexican ancestry. Has always lived among Mexicans. Came to L. A. in 1915 and took job as clerk in a Jap. store where she met her husband. Speaks Spanish but no Jap.

Children: 4 sons: 18, 17, 8 + 5

One daughter: age 10.

Son, 18 yrs. old is serving in the U. S. Marines.

If whole family can return to Calif., Mr. Hirata will be able to get his job back at the Medical-Dental Bldg.



~~Mrs. Glynna Jessie Butler Fujimoto~~  
Interviewed July 29, 1942

Saichi Fujimoto & children  
Wife not here.

Husband : Saichi Fujimoto.

Gilroy, Calif.

Born in 1905 in San Francisco.

Operated service station.

Spent his first 5 years in San Francisco. Spent rest of his life in Gilroy. Mixed with Italians, Mexicans, and Whites. At 19, assoc. w Japanese. First wife was Jap. but never got along because she followed Jap. customs too closely. Met his second wife at a dance in San Jose.

Wife : Born in Oklahoma, 1914, of Euro. ancestry.

Environ : Spent 9 years in school. assoc. w all types of races. Never worked until after her marriage at present is doing housework in San Jose. Their friends consist mainly of Mexicans.

3 children : 2 girls, age 10 & 11, and one ~~girl~~ boy, 9. The above children are by his first wife who is dead.

Financial Status : Is a mechanic by trade.  
Wants to go to Utah.



Mrs. Hanako Nishi Fong

Interviewed: July 29, 1942.

Husband: ~~Mr.~~ Fong - Long.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Born, 1887 in U. S. of Chinese parentage.

Restaurant owner.

Mr. Fong is not here, but from what I can obtain his environment has been that of Chinese.

He can also speak Japanese.

Wife: Born in Japan in 1903.

Environment: Has been in this country for 18 yrs. 10 yrs. ago returned to Japan for a year. In 1935 went to China. Father owned a hardware store where she helped on trade. Met her husband thru friends. All friends now are Chinese. Speaks Chinese.

Has three sons - age 12, 7, 2; and one daughter, age 10. Children all speak Chinese.

Financial status: They will be well taken care of if able to return to their home, since the husband is still working.



Mrs. Miyuki Flores

Interviewed Aug. 26, 1942

Husband: Agapito R. Flores  
Los Angeles.

Born in 1900 in Philippines.

At age of 17 came to U.S. Went to Engineering school at Los Angeles.

Wife: Born in 1901 in Japan. Came to U.S. in 1920.

Wants to return to L.A. In case of non-release request transfer to Manzanar.

Environmental History:

Husband: Mr. Flores was born and raised in a small town in the Philippines. Until he was 17 years old he attended a Catholic School in the Philippines. The language spoken at home was English, Spanish and Filipino. After school he came to U.S. and attended an engineering school in L.A. At present, is running two apartment houses.

Wife: Was born in Japan in a small country village. After finishing school she came to America alone. She was 18 years old. She attended a night school to learn English soon after her arrival from Japan. She speaks more English than Japanese because of her contact with the younger generation of Japanese and Filipinos and she also speaks a little Filipino. She has worked in a American home half a day every day for five years. Mr. R. E. Bright of L.A. was her employer. Her activities have been centered with the Filipino Women's International Club and has served as president in 1941. This club is composed of women who are of different nationality and have married Filipinos. She attended Catholic church once in a while but was not a member. Had no affiliations with Japanese organizations.

Appearance:

Husband: His appearance is that of a Filipino. Is dark & heavy set, always well-dressed & refined looking.

Wife: She has an appearance of a Japanese but would pass for a Filipino. Because of her constant association with Filipinos her accent and her mannerisms are Filipino.

Financial Status: He is owner of 2 apartment houses in L.A. He is in a financial condition to support his wife.

Mrs. Miyuki Flores



Mrs. Mary Umeko Ueda Duco

Interviewed July 29, 1942.

Husband: Licerio L<sup>a</sup>orin Duce  
West Los Angeles, Calif.  
Born in 1911 in Phillipines.  
Cook. While in the Islands he was a salwsman for a drygoods  
firm. Came here in 1931 and worked as ~~cook at Thrifty drugstore~~  
a houseboy, etc. up noth. Is cook at Thrifty drugstore at  
present time, a job he has had for 6-7 yrss. Only  
friends are Filipinos and whites.

Wife: Born in Terminal Island, Calif. in 1920. of Japanese parentage.  
Finished high school and then married. Attended Jap. Baptist church  
language school for three years, but never learned anything. Had  
known Filipinos for 3 years before marrying one. Has always  
preferred Filipinos. Has no Jap. friends.

Has one girl, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old. Daughter is not here with mother, remained with  
a Chinese friend.

Prefer to stay here with for her father's sake because he is old and  
not very well. If something happens to him she wants to go back.



Mrs. Alice Murata Dana

Interviewed July 29, 1942

Husband: Felix Azarcon Dana (not in Poston)

Brawley, Calif.

Born in Phillipines of Filipino parentage.

Pool hall worker.

Environment: Mr. Dana is not here so very little info. could be obtained. His own friends are Filipinos and Mexicans. He does not associate with Japanese.

Wife: Born in 1907 in Lindsey, California of Japanese ancestry.

After finishing two years of high school, she helped her parents who were engaged in farming. Has been married to two Japanese who have died. Worked as a waitress and in this way met her present husband. Has always lived and assoc. with Japanese people. She visits her friends while ~~she~~ he visits his. No mutual friends.

No children.

Financial status: He makes \$16 a week and can support her. She generally works as a waitress to help out.

Place requested: Brawley, California.

Petrie's letter to Head:

Sept. 4, 1942: "We have been advised by the WCCA that they do not consider her eligible to return to Delano, Calif. or any other locality lying within the excluded area because she does not have any "unemancipated children".



Mrs. Alma Shigeko Collier

Interviewed: Aug. 3, 1942.

Husband : Vincent James Collier  
Fresno, Calif.

Born in 1915, Fresno, Calif. of Italian parentage.  
Shoe repairer.

Environment : Mother in Fresno. Educ. in public schools.  
3<sup>rd</sup> yr. high. English spoken in home.

Wife : Born in Reedley, Calif., 1910 of Japanese parentage.  
Was beauty operator.

Education : High school. Father in seed business. English  
spoken at home.

No children.

Financial status : Business in brother's hands. Will get business  
back.

Place requested : Fresno, Calif.

Excerpt from Head's letter to Fryer requesting their release:

"Mr. Collier just arrived in Poston. He was born and brought up in Fresno and has lived there all his life. English is spoken in the home. He is entirely responsible for the support of his mother as well as for his wife.

Mrs. Collier who is a Japanese is one of three children. She went thru high school. English was spoken mostly in her home and she had mingled freely with Caucasians and other races living in Fresno. Both Mr. and Mrs. Collier feel they will be welcome in Fresno should they be permitted to return there.

Mrs. Collier shows her Japanese characteristics very plainly but she has always been on friendly terms with the majority of Caucasian people due to the fact that she was a beauty operator and frequently met them in a business way.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier do not want to go any place other than back to Fresno. Mr. Collier might be eligible for the draft. In that case Mrs. Collier might either continue to reside in Fresno with her husband's people or return to Poston to live with her own parents who were evacuated here quite recently."



Mrs. Grace Umeko and Child

Husband: Vernon V. Record, Sailor in U. S. Navy.

Excerpt from Petrie's letter to Head concerning her release:

Oct. 9, 1942.

"Mr. Vernon V. Record, Sailor in the U. S. Navy, has discussed his wife's release with Capt. Eardley of the WCCA and has advised him that he and Mrs. Record have never been legally married. As the WCCA does not recognize common law marriages in the interpretation of their misef-marriage policy, they have refused to authorize the release of Mrs. Record and her dtr. from the relocation project in order to return to the evacuated areas.

If in the future, evidence is presented, indicating that Mr. & Mrs. Record have entered upon legal marriage contracts, it is believed that their case may be re-opened & considered favorably.



Mrs. Alice Ben Yeomans

Interviewed Sept. 17, 1942.

Husband: James Alfred Yeomans (deceased)

Born in Canada, 1865<sup>2/15/40</sup>

Wife: Alice Ben Yeomans.

Born in Japan, 1899 of Jap. ancestry.

Environment: Caucasian.

Has one son, Stanley, age 20.

Has own business. Capable of taking care of self.

Wants to return to Tracy, Calif. to rejoin son who is living in Tracy on special permit from Gen. De Witt.

Petrie's letter to Head - Nov. 5, 1942.

"apparently Mrs. Yeomans is not considered eligible under WCCA mixed-marriage policy since her Cauc. husband is deceased & since her only child is presumably emancipated, & since she is not a citizen of the U.S."

Mrs. Yeoman's letter to Head, requesting release:

"It is my desire to be released from Boston in order that I may rejoin my son at Tracy, Calif. He is conducting and managing a retail furniture store.

I find living here among the Jap. population very lonely having for the past 20 years assoc. with Cauc. people."



Wife:

Mrs. Alice Yoemans was born in Japan on Sept. 24, 1899. She came to the U.S. with her parents when she was six years old. Her father being a landscape gardener, and his clients being mostly Caucasians, Mrs. Yoemans' friends were mostly Caucasians. Most of her childhood was spent in Loomis and Monterey, Calif.

In 1920 she married James Alfred Yoemans who was a retail furniture merchant in Tracy, California. She has one son, Stanley, now living in Tracy, with special permission from General Dewitt's office. Since her marriage, Mrs. Yoemans has not assoc. with any Japanese to speak of. The only association being that of an occasional visit with her sister and nephew who lived in Watsonville, Calif.

Mrs. Yoemans has been educated in the U.S. having graduated from high school in this country. She has acquired many American mannerisms, and in truth is more americanized than Japanese. Having had very few dealings with Japanese, even though the city of Tracy was populated with Japanese, have only added to her being more americanized.

Husband: (deceased Feb. 15, 1940): Mr. James Alfred Yoemans was born in Canada in 1865 and became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 1898. Prior to his entrance into the retail furniture business, Mr. Yoemans had been a school teacher, and then a superintendent of a fish cannery in Monterey, Calif. He had been a respected and successful business man in the retail furniture line until his death in 1940.

Stanley Yoemans, age 20, son of Mrs. Yoemans is now in Tracy thru a special permit on the basis of mixed blood, from General Dewitt's office. He has been carrying on with his father's business since his father's death in 1940. His associations have been almost purely Caucasians; the only Japanese with whom he has associated to any extent are his aunt and cousin who lived in Watsonville, Calif. prior to evacuation.

Appearance: Mrs. Yoemans at first glance would suggest a full blooded Japanese. She is of average height and slenderly built. The only striking difference in her appearance are her deep set eyes and hollow cheeks -- features not very often found in Japanese.

Financial status: Mrs. Yoemans and her son will be able to be financially independent and carry on with their business as in previous times.

References: Mayor Fred Herzog of Tracy, and Chief of Police E.C. Wyman also of Tracy, have expressed their desire to have Mrs. Yoemans come back to their city again. They have assured her of their willingness to give references wherever needed.



Mrs. Flossie Kume Regulman

Interviewed Aug. 26, 1942.

Husband : Paulino Barroga Regulman.  
Reedley, Calif.

Born in 1907 in Philippines

Left at age of 18 for U. S. Finished high school in  
San Francisco  
Minister

Wife : born in Montana of Japanese ancestry in 1918.  
Housewife + lemon packer.

Born in Montana + at age of 6 or 7 moved to N. Dakota.  
Came to Calif. in 1937 alone + lived with Amer.  
friends. Met husband in San Diego.

No children.

Financial Status : Husband works for Gerrard Co. in Reedley  
at 55¢ an hour.

Wants release to return to Reedley or transfer to Manteca  
to be closer to husband.

#### Environmental History:

Husband: He has lived with relatives and not with Jap. therefore did not  
have any Japanese acquaintances.

Wife: While living in Montana, her relations have been mainly with Americans  
tho there were several Japanese families living near her neighborhood. Her  
father at that time worked on the railroad. When they moved to Williston,  
North Dakota, they were the only Japanese family there. None of the  
family spoke Japanese at home and conversations were carried on in English.  
Her folks are still living in Williston. He worked as a lemon packer and  
was the only Jap. in the packing house. When she moved from Williston to  
Escondido, she did not have any Jap. friends. She met her husband thru  
the church and her American friend who is also married to a Filipino. She  
was his constant companion for two years before marriage took place.

Occupation and financial status: At the present time husband is working  
for the Gerrard Co. in Reedley, at 55 cents an hour, 10 hours a day.  
They have some funds to fall back on for a period of about three months.  
It is the policy of the Filipino race to help those who are in need and there-  
fore ~~friends~~ have friends to go to in times of need. They also belong  
to the Church Welfare which will be able to give them aid. In both cases  
aid is guaranteed.



Mrs. Mary Haruno Lee and Children

Interviewed Sept. 14, 1942.

Husband: George Allen Lee  
San Francisco

Born in Fowler, Calif., 1895. of Chinese ancestry.  
Business & private residence in Jewish section of  
San Francisco, Calif. Very few Jap. associates.

Wife: Born in Japan, 1894.  
Dressmaker.

Business & private residence in Jewish section of  
S. F. acquaintances mostly Chinese, Jews &  
Cauc. Few Japanese friends.

2 children: Mrs. Eva Nakamura, age 26.  
Mrs. Fusaye Nakamoto, age 28.

Capable of taking care of self. Shop in S. F. well established.  
Mrs. Lee's clientele awaiting her return to S. F.

#### Environmental History:

Wife: Mrs. Mary Haruno Lee, age 48, was born in Japan. She came to the U.S. when she was 16 years old. Her education in this country has been limited to about three years of private tutoring. She was married to a Japanese farmer in Fresno soon after her arrival in this country. She had 3 daughters thru this marriage.

Upon separation from Mr. Arata 23 years ago, Mrs. Lee went to San Francisco with her daughters and entered a sewing school. She then worked in various dress making establishments until she met and married Mr. George Allen Lee, a Chinese American citizen.

Under the name of "Geary Embroidery Shop", they began a business in San Francisco which specialized in furnishing dress making needs such as buttons and trimmings. Mrs. Lee set up her own dressmaking shop in conjunction with the supply shop, and maintained a business which drew a clientele from different sections of the Bay Area.

The shop is situated in a section of San Francisco withdrawn from either Jap. or Chinese residents. Mrs. Lee's associations have been with Jews, Chinese and Caucasians. Very few Jap. are numbered among her acquaintances. Since her separation from her Jap. husband, occasions for associations with Jap. have been very few. Then too, her work in her dress making shop has not given her very much time for social activities.



Many of Mrs. Lee's Caucasian friends and clients have asked her to come back to S.F. and live among them again. They have expressed their regrets in having her leave them, and many advised her to get special permission from General Dewitt's office to stay in that city. Mrs. Lee herself feels more at home among her Caucasian and Chinese friends than she does in Platoon among the Japs.

Mrs. Lee is Americanized more than Jap. or Chinese. Her environment and associations have given her mannerisms and outlook which are typically American. She uses English in her speech more frequently than she does Japanese.

Husband: Mr. George Allen Lee was born in Fowler, Calif. His parents had arrived here in the early mining days. Mr. Lee had engaged in farming prior to his entrance into the clothing business. Before opening his own shop Mr. Lee was manager of the Chinatown branch shop of Rosenthal's, Schneider's clothing shop and Paul's Clothing shop.

Mr. Lee's associations have been mostly with Chinese, Jewish and Caucasian people. Even after his marriage to Mrs. Lee, his association with Japs have been few -- mostly with Mrs. Lee's daughters and their immediate families. The girls have never really known their Jap. father and have always called Mr. Lee "dad".

Organizations: The only organizations in which Mr. and Mrs. Lee have taken active part are the Chinese Fishing Club and the Presbyterian Mission School, both of which are in San Francisco's Chinatown.

Financial Status: Mrs. Lee would be financially independent. She has a clientele in the Bay Area which is awaiting her return. The shop which the Lees maintain still stands with a good reputation and Mrs. Lee's return would be a welcome addition to the shop.

Appearance: Mrs. Lee is very attractive in appearance. She is slenderly built. Her hair is greying and is always attractively dressed. The most distinguishing feature about her is her round, beady, dark eyes.



Interviewer M. Tsunoda

No. 36156  
SV

Address 308-2-C Camp #3

Date August 26, 1942

Survey of Mixed Marriage Cases of the  
Colorado River War Relocation Project

Full name of husband Steve A. Reyes

Address prior to evacuation 506 Temple St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Date and place of birth Sept. 2, 1900, Phillipine Islands

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( ) National

Nationality Philippine

Birthplace of mother P. Islands father Phillipine Islands

Occupation of husband prior to evacuation Hotel

Environment of husband: Born in Phillipine Islands--Came to  
U. S. A. in 1926

Full name of wife Miyoko S. Reyes

Address prior to evacuation 506 Temple St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Date and place of birth Aug. 15, 1909, Los Angeles

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( x )

Nationality Japanese

Birthplace of mother Japan father Japan

Occupation of wife prior to evacuation Housewife

Environment of wife: See sheet attached.

Children:	Name	Age	Sex
1.	<u>Sarina</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>female</u>
2.	<u>Risalina</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>female</u>
3.			
4.			
5.			

Financial Status of Couple:

Place they wish to establish residence Release to go home  
Los Angeles, and if non-release transfer to Manganar.



Permits received--September 15, 1942

Pictures taken--September 16, 1942

Sent to San Francisco--

Left September 16, 1942 11 P. M. by train

Report sent to F. B. I at 307 Ellis Building, Phoenix Arizona on September 17, 1942



August 26, 1942

Re: Mrs. Miyoko S. Reyes

Environmental History:

Husband: The husband was born and reared in the Phillipine Island where he received an elementary education. He learned his English there. At home he spoke his native language and a little English.

Wife: She was born and reared in California. Where she has completed her high education. During her childhood days, she had a few Japanese friends. Since her marriage twelve years ago, she had no contact with folks or Japanese friends. Her neighbors were Filipinos, Mexicans, and Americans. She speaks very little Japanese and was not affiliated with any Japanese societies. She is a member of a Filipino Christian Church.

Appearance:

Wife: Her appearance is that of a Filipino lady than a Japanese. Small built and weighs ninety-eight pounds. Her mannerism was that of a Filipino.

Occupation and Financial Status:

The husband is operating a hotel at 506 Temple Street, Los Angeles, which has thirty-eight rooms which is sufficient for the husband to finance his wife and his two children.



Interviewer Holl Findley

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address 817-1-0

Date 8-24-42

Survey of Mixed Marriage Cases of the  
Colorado River War Relocation Project

Full name of husband Jin Yonekazu Morinaga

Address prior to evacuation Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Date and place of birth Santa Clara, Nov. 22, 1907

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( ☒ )

Nationality Japanese

Birthplace of mother Japan father Japan

Occupation of husband prior to evacuation Truck driver, field work

Environment of husband: Went as far as first year high school.  
One of six children. As a child spoke Japanese and English in  
the home. Never went to Japan. Does not belong to any Japanese

Full name of wife Alva La Mar Palmer, Morinaga (over)

Address prior to evacuation Arroyo Grande

Date and place of birth Arpin, Wisconsin, Dec. 26, 1914

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( ☒ )

Nationality American

Birthplace of mother Mississippi father Minnesota

Occupation of wife prior to evacuation housewife

Environment of wife: Married in 7-3-33. Went to 2nd year high  
school. Home is American standards. Children do not speak  
Japanese.

Children:	Name	Age	Sex
1.	<u>Yvonne</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>F</u>
2.	<u>Robert (adopted child)</u>	<u>4 months</u>	<u>M</u>
3.			
4.			
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Financial Status of Couple: If permitted to return to  
Arroyo Grande, can be self-supporting.

Place they wish to establish residence Arroyo Grande, Calif.  
no other place desired.

(over)



Environment of husband: (Cont'd) societies. Many has fine  
work record. Waller and Franklin--Seed Farm., Catalina,  
Calif. Parents dead.

9-16-42 Wants to go out for 3 months beginning November 1, 1942.  
Wants to return. Might have to complete adoption papers.  
Could return to work there.



*Dr. Leighton*  
Interviewer Holl Findley

*File under mixed marriages*  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address 317-1-0

Date 8-24-48

Survey of Mixed Marriage Cases of the  
Colorado River War Relocation Project

Full name of husband Jim Yonekazu Morinaga

Address prior to evacuation Arroya Grande, Calif.

Date and place of birth Santa Clara, Nev. 22, 1907

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien (X)

Nationality Japanese

Birthplace of mother Japan father Japan

Occupation of husband prior to evacuation Truck driver, field worker

Environment of husband: Went as far as first year high school. One of six children. As a child spoke Japanese and English in the home. Never went to Japan. Does not belong to any Japanese

Full name of wife Alva La Mar Palmer Morinaga (over)

Address prior to evacuation Arroya Grande

Date and place of birth Arpin, Wisconsin, Dec. 26, 1914

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien (X)

Nationality American

Birthplace of mother Mississippi father Minnesota

Occupation of wife prior to evacuation housewife

Environment of wife: Married in 7-3-33. Went to 2nd year high school. Home is American standards. Children do not speak Japanese.

Children:	Name	Age	Sex
1.	<u>Yvonne</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>F</u>
2.	<u>Robert (adopted child)</u>	<u>4 months</u>	<u>M</u>
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Financial Status of Couple: If permitted to return to Arroya Grande, can be self-supporting.

Place they wish to establish residence Arroya Grande, Calif.  
No other place desired.  
(over)



Environment of husband: (Cont'd) societies. Many has fine  
work record. Waller and Franklin--Seed Farm., Guadalupe,  
Calif. Parents dead.

Date

Address

Survey of Mixed Racial Cases of the  
Colorado River and Reservoir Project

Full name of husband

Address prior to evacuation

Date and place of birth

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( )

W. citizenship

Birthplace of mother

Description of husband prior to evacuation

Environment of husband

Full name of wife

Address prior to evacuation

Date and place of birth

Status: alien ( ) or non-alien ( )

W. citizenship

Birthplace of mother

Description of wife prior to evacuation

Environment of wife

Relationship

Financial Status of Couple

Please show how to establish residence



*Dr. Lighter*

*Mixed Marriage*

Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Preston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. M. Rowalt, Regional Director

FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director

SUBJECT: Request of Jim and Alva Morinaga to be released from the Colorado River War Relocation Project and return to Arroya Grande, Calif., under the mixed-marriage policy

DATE: September 17, 1942

Attached herewith is the request of Jim and Alva Morinaga to be released from the Colorado River War Relocation Project and return to Arroya Grande, Calif., under the mixed-marriage policy.

Mr. Morinaga stated that he had heard Japanese were being permitted to return to California. He has a position awaiting him and desires to return to his home. We explained to him that this would be impossible, but he insisted that he had heard Japanese were living in Arroya Grande at this time. We believed the fact to be nothing more than a rumor, but he asked that the statement be verified.

Mrs. Morinaga inquired if it would be possible for her and the two children to leave Preston on November 1. She is anxious to complete the adoption papers for Robert. After completing the adoption papers, she will return here.

We informed Mr. Morinaga that it would be possible for him to go to some other area if he so desires. He stated he would consider that at a later date after he has found out it would be impossible for him to return to Arroya Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Morinaga are fine people and could easily adjust themselves outside the Western Defense Command if given the opportunity. An early reply to this letter will be greatly appreciated.

WF/pt  
Enc.

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director



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Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. R. Fryer, Regional Director

FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director

SUBJECT: Request of nine families of mixed-marriage who do not wish to leave the Colorado River War Relocation Project, unless they are permitted to return to California, a restricted area.

DATE: August 6, 1942

In the survey made of families of mixed-marriage there were nine families who do not wish to leave the Colorado River War Relocation Project, unless they are permitted to return to California, a restricted area. They feel it would be impossible for them to get work in any other area where they might support themselves with any degree of security. They have decided to remain in Poston, as they cannot go to California.

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director

Enclosure

Request for release

Suwabara, Jack  
Taniguchi, Edmer  
Nishikawa  
Naito  
Mukai  
Tagitani, Masakuni  
Hirata, Yasuko



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Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. R. Fryer, Regional Director  
FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director  
Subject: Requests of three families wherein the husbands are Filipino and the wives are Japanese  
DATE: August 5, 1942

Attached herewith are the requests of three families wherein the husbands are Filipino and the wives are Japanese.

Licerio L. Duce, a Filipino married to an American-born Japanese woman, prefers to remain in Poston due to the fact that the woman's father is old and not very well. There is a possibility that she might change her mind at a later date.

Felix A. Dana, a Filipino married to an American woman of Japanese ancestry, is not at present in Poston. His wife, who is here, desires to return to Bravley, Calif. to be with her husband. If this is not possible, she prefers to remain in Poston.

Sebastian Dequin, who came to Poston with his American wife of Japanese ancestry, requests that his family be permitted to go where there Filipinos living. Since their marriage his wife has lived with the Filipino group and has had nothing to do with the Japanese. If it is impossible for them to return to San Juan Baptisto, Calif., they wish to go to Yuma, Ariz. They do not care to go to any other place.

We recommend that these requests be given careful consideration.

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Request for release

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director



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Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. E. R. Fryer, Regional Director  
FROM: W. Wade Head, Project Director  
SUBJECT: Request of three families of mixed-marriages  
to remain in the Colorado River War Reloca-  
tion Project  
DATE: August 5, 1942

In the survey made of families of mixed marriages residing in the Colorado River War Relocation Project, there were three families where the husbands are Japanese. They are the families of Yosotaro Yamamoto, Geroge Kushida, and Sueichi Yamamoto. They do not wish to leave Poston for the following reasons:

1. Yosotaro Yamamoto felt that he could not earn a living anywhere but at his former residence which is California, a restricted area, but would like to have his wife's son, Arthur Andrade, join them here.
2. Geroge Kushida, feels that he is better off in Poston than anywhere else at this time.
3. Sueichi Yamamoto and family desire to remain here in Poston. Has no funds with which to carry on while he is getting started again.

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W. Wade Head  
Project Director



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Sebastian, Dequin

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Dequin Sebastian, a Filipino, came to the office to see a social worker. He stated that James F. Van Loben Sels of the Federal Reserve Bank in Salinas told him to see a social worker when he came to Poston.

Mr. Sebastian speaks English fairly well and has an attractive Filipino accent. He stated that he came to California in 1923 as a common laborer. He has lived in Sacramento, Stockton, Salinas, Gilroy, and other farming areas.

Today he wanted to discuss the possibilities of taking his family away from Poston. He is the only Filipino here and is lonely. The Japanese scorn his wife because she is married to a Filipino. He stated that they were always talking behind her back. She too is lonely. He wishes that he could return to his town, San Juan, where he has all his things stored and where his Filipino friends live.

I asked where his wife's family was. He stated that they were in Tule Lake, but that would make no difference because when she married him, a Filipino, the family threw her out. Ever since her marriage in 1938 she has lived among the Filipinos where she was acceptable as a member of their group.

Mr. Sebastian would not think of leaving his family here because he must work and take care of them, and then too he loves his little son, Don, and he wonders who would take care of them if he would go away and leave them. However, he is lonely. He misses his friends, and he misses his work.

Mr. Sebastian arrived in Poston, July 1, from the Salinas Assembly Center. I asked him if he came directly from the Philippine Islands to California. He stated that he went from the Philippine Islands to Hawaii. We then had a free discussion about the places he worked in the Hawaiian Islands. He arrived there in 1920 and after serving for 3 years on one of the most prosperous sugar plantations, he made his way to California. His face lit up when I used some of the local expressions common to the Hawaiians. He answered them readily and seemed to be quite amused.

He is concerned over the fact that his wife is shunned by the neighbors. I told him that I would send a social worker in to call upon her.

Finley