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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Chaco Canyon, New Mexico
August 7, 1942

Mr. Robert H. Spencer
4704 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Because President Zimmerman and the members of the department of anthropology at New Mexico didn't know when we would have another opportunity to play host to a fifth annual Chaco Anthropological Conference, we did our best to have such a conference this year. Every precaution was taken to facilitate the entertainment of visiting anthropologists who, we knew, would have to make a long drive to get to Chaco Canyon.

Of several hundred invitations dispatched we received an overwhelming reply--"we can't make it this year". Only two persons expressed a definite intention of attending; and fourteen said "perhaps, I'll let you know later". And we haven't heard from them.

Therefore we have no choice but to warn those who said they would come, and those who said "perhaps", that we would rather call off the conference than have them drive such a distance to attend what might at best be a mediocre meeting. Believe me we are sorry to call off the conference, but it seems that there really is no conference to call off! We will hope to see you another--and a much better--year.

Reluctantly and regretfully,
(my colleagues' sentiments, too)

Paul
Paul Reiter
1942 Field Sessions Director

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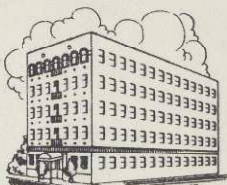


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Written From Phoenix, Arizona

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1942

Dear Dorothy:-

In accordance with your wire, I am returning to Gila this afternoon. When I phoned you the other night I was acting according to the advice of Mrs. Smith and Dr. Lew Korn. They were of the opinion that any work I might do at Gila would be valueless from the point of view of an anthropologist. Very likely they are right. Although they agreed that the history of the development of the social institutions here would be of great interest, they thought that until those forms of society had been fully developed and had definite functions there was not much point in watching their development. They thought that I might be better employed in watching and describing an already fully emerged social life as it appears at Manzanar or Tule Lake. I disagreed whole-heartedly, saying that these camps can always be visited but that the developmental stages are only temporary. The point is, you see, I'm just another headache to them. It was quite obvious that they wanted to be rid of me. Theirs is a darn tough job and I can't say that I blame them. They were, as a matter of fact, kind enough to drive me down to the depot at their own suggestion, find out all about train schedules for me and then to shake my hand and pat my back and say- We'll be delighted to see you in about three months. We give you carte blanche to return when we let you know that every thing is in order.

I realize as well as anyone I think, the unimportance of flower arrangements and other things of that kind. (What I see here is intensely interesting and it makes my blood boil) I want to get out and do what I can to alleviate a miserable situation. I do have another consideration however. I obviously will not be able to deliver the type of stuff that Lowie



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I am afraid

is looking for. He will have to be told, I think that there is no room for descriptive ethnography here. Aside from the fact that these people speak Japanese they have had no opportunities to lapse back into a way of life founded on an acculturated Japanese base. They have been pushed and forced and shoved into an artificial condition and there has been as yet no time for any social phenomena to develop. Gradually, little by little, a social set up is going to evolve. It has not done so yet. These evacuees have been here only a matter of days. As these things come out, I hope to be there to see them. This will not be in accord with Lowie's primary interests and I hope that you will make that clear to him. *do what you want to*

Refuse
I am enclosing a report on my two days at Gila. I have dashed it off as quickly as I could to give you some idea of the situation and the camp set up as I see it to exist. Naturally, there are many points in it which need clearing up. I am not sending a copy to Lowie. I should prefer that he would get a more polished piece of work. He does not believe in preliminary observations and I'm afraid that he would think me over-hasty. I wish that you would read the report and give me your comments on it. I have tried to put down the things that I know interest the sociologist. I am sure that you will find it interesting even though the discrepancies are obvious. I shall appreciate your criticisms and suggestions of problems which I may not see off hand.

I learned confidentially from Lew Korn that a definite movement is afoot in California to move out all the Japanese as soon as possible. It might be worth your while to investigate the pressure being put on the WRA and the army by the City of Los Angeles to close Manzanar, ~~XX~~ which as you know is located on L.A. property.



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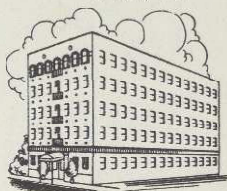


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Written From 3

When I phoned you the other night I left for Phoenix and have been engaged in knocking out the enclosed. I'll let you know of my further adventures at Gila as soon as possible. Believe me, when I did phone you I was really upset over what I'd seen. Your decision that I remain is I believe the best. But just ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ what was Coverley trying to pull? The whole staff here agrees that Mr. Harvey Coverley is a perfect snake and they say he must be watched.

I hope that Earle and Charlie make out O.K. Theirs is going to be no picnic. I shall be interested in knowing how you made out with the WCCA. I am beginning to believe that the WRA is no better.

(Remember me to everyone. I shall look forward to hearing from you shortly.)

Sincerely,

Bob

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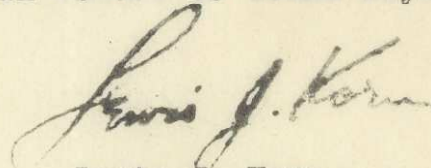
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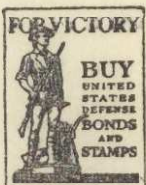
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to identify Mr. Robert Spencer, who is traveling to Fresno, California and back to the Gila River War Relocation Center, Sacaton, Arizona as an escort to Isamu Miyahawa.



Lewis J. Korn
Acting Project Director

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Bldg. 4, Apt. 2
Tanforan Assembly
Center
San Bruno, Calif
Aug. 19, 1942

Dear Bob,

Well, we're still here + hardly expect to be out by next week. Woe is me! I've made it part of a daily routine to rummage thru my ready-packed luggage for essential clothing. Net thinks that we'd better just assume that we'll be here for another month.

Bob, I'm very curious to know what's what down there. How about a little dope on

where this camp is going.

I say that I'm not very concerned, but unless the army acts quick enough on deciding when Charlie & I should go, Utah or Arkansas may see us.

Activity here seem very routine, but all sorts of things are brewing & I hope they aren't bad.

I'd like to hear from you ~~perito~~ pronto, Bob.

Tell us what essentials to bring. Are electric stoves permissible? Will the WRA pay expenses to ship belongings that are not stored

the physical set-up down there. How's administration? How's employment & the Work Corp business?

We've got a Relocation Study committee going on ~~down~~ up here and all of us are very curious to know what's going on in various camps.

A good indication of the restlessness of the people here is that they are very relocation conscious. Every box and carton quickly disappears & numerous rumors are in the air as on when &

under WCCA storage? ⁻⁴⁻ Private
storage OK? How're the med.
facilities? How about employ-
ment for Charlie + myself,
are we to work at anything we
can get a hold of?

A lot of questions I
realize, but oh, so essential
to us. If you can sneak
a few minutes on a typewriter
I'd appreciate it.

Very sincerely,

Earle J. Yusa

P.S. How's your health +
so forth?

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KIKUCHI YUSA WRA GILA

August 12, 1942

Dear Bob-

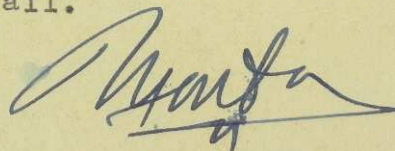
I offered to forge your signature on the enclosed expense account but Dorothy was afraid of repercussions from the office downstairs and insisted that I send it to you. So send it back and someday you will be able to buy those 40 and $\frac{1}{5}$ beers.

The Tanforan matter has straightened itself out very nicely. We can't say anything to the boys there but we (and they) can write anything. Apparently somebody thinks the pen, mightier than the sword, is less mighty than the tongue. It doesn't make much sense to me but it doesn't hamper the study; ~~so~~ so we obey the rule scrupulously and talk about the weather when we visit.

Tsuchiyama has written from Santa Anita, very interestingly, about the difficulties there. Her removal to Poston was delayed because of the imposition of Martial Law, though she expects to leave ~~shortly~~ shortly. Leighton from Poston has written cordially and thanked Dorothy for the release of Tsuchiyama; the latter, however, hasn't heard about that and the current office worry (since there is nothing more important) concerns her possible reactions.

Tuesday, Coverley called and asked when you wanted to leave. He was ~~amazed~~ only mildly surprised to find that he was about twelve hours late and dispatched a wire to Smith, which might have arrived after you. In any case, we hope your desert arrival was not too unexpected. From all indications Earle and Charlie should join you within a week. Save a spot in the shade for them.

~~With kindest regards~~ Best regards from all.



August 18th.

Dear Bob,

Your letter and report just arrived. Believe me, you deserve a gold medal or a martyr's crown. Neither of which I can give you, but I did write a strong recommendation for a raise of salary, and, remember, the living expenses are all chargeable until you get "settled", which I realize is a matter of God knows when and how. (Did I tell you to keep hotel bills?)

I am glad that you agreed that it was right to stay. This is the most interesting thing that has happened on the study, and we are enormously fortunate in having you there at the beginning. Also, I think it is a fortunate break for you, which does not mean that I don't fully realize the hardships you will be going through. The market for anthropologists may be bearish after the war, so, if you get some good sociological experience it may be all in your favor. I will go over your report more carefully later. I wanted to get off a letter as soon as possible to thank you for sticking it out.

There is quite a lot of news at this end. I saw Eastbourne Smith in SF and he certainly looked wrecked. People who know him say he is usually full of energy, but he seemed so tired he could scarcely raise his voice to a decent level. I told him I was sure you would be glad to do anything to help them and not to hesitate to call on you. I think he will ask you to do some work and will be very grateful to you. That will be a good entree into the community.

Provinse has been around for several days. He came over here on Saturday afternoon. He raised some disturbing questions, but disturbing questions are going to continue on this job, as you well know. First, he wanted us to deposit a copy of everything we had (all reports, field notes, etc.) in WRA, to be held "confidential". I resisted that strongly and came back with a countersuggestion that WRA appoint a small working committee to meet with us whenever they wish, to examine such of our materials as might be useful to them, etc. He liked the suggestion. Then he raised questions as to rates of pay, and I have a very uneasy feeling about the whole situation. He is friendly and intelligent and will be ok, but he won't be around here much himself. He seems to have a good line up on the WRA personnel, however, and said that he did not want either Coverley or Bates as the person for us to deal with in the main. We shall just have to see what comes out of it all. He said that Fryer (Regional Director) had been strongly opposed to our setting up at Gila, claiming that our efforts were not "useful" to WRA, that he had never seen any of our material, etc. (I have never even met Fryer). Provinse apparently won out on the thing and convinced Fryer that it should be oked. They did not, however, approve the "spot studies" at Manzanar. That leaves Mari pretty much on the limb, but I think I may be able to settle that later. Curiously, Nash is extremely anxious to have us participating at Manzanar, and wants me to visit him shortly. It seems that we shall have to concentrate our research activities at Tule Lake and Gila. That will be

allright if we can continue to count on it, and I guess we can.

WI and I were all set to go up to Tule Lake tomorrow morning. But yesterday, Tomi telephoned from Tule Lake and said not to come until they told us it was all right. There was a serious strike of the agricultural workers, and apparently a tremendous amount of what they called "anti Caucasian" feeling. I inferred that they did not want any Caucasian visitors until things had been settled. What a world we are living in.

Provinse told me today(probably confidentially) that they are considering removing the "dangerous groups" to a special camp. Included in the dangerous group will be propagandists for Japan, most Kibei, etc. I can foresee some awful injustices if the whole thing is not handled extremely carefully.

Now, as to our Tanforan difficulties. Morton and I went down on Tuesday, after a swell conversation. w ith Major Durbin, w ho said "You and I have always seen eye to eye on this matter." He gave us a ~~xxx~~ special permit, which was to be countersigned by Davis. Davis was out of town, and Estes countersigned it, saying "I dont know what you have done that's wrong, but don't do it again." So we finally got to see the students, but you would never know Tanforan. They had tables lined up in the center of the visiting hall, The Caucasians sit on one side, the Japanese on the other. Internal police walk along and give you a fishy eye all the time. We were obviously "marked" for special attention. This new regulation caused "morale to zoom downward", as Fred expressed it. The kids pepped up when they saw us, but they (and everybody else) were evidently feeling quite low. Durbin had given instructions that we were to be accepted as "social visitors" at any time at the regular visiting hours. Today(Tuesday) I couldnt go down as Da utsch was giving a lunch for Provinse. Morton went alone and was refused permission to enter. So he went over to Major Durbin's office, and the Major gave us a special letter to Davis, which we shall, I believe, try to present tomorrow. Morton said the Major is obviously getting pretty tired of Davis and his crowd, and sent "warm regards to the good Doctor". The Major also confirmed my statemnt about freedom of correspondence, so if Davis tampers with the mail, I think there will really be troubaa, but one never knows.

Then--we had a secretary all line up, a swell gal, with all of the qua lifications we need. She works for Finn. When she presented her resignation, Dedrick refused to accept it, and said that if she left, he would mark on her record "left with prejudice", whatever that means. What a dammed d dirty trick for Dedrick to play on the girl. Morton is now sittting in my office interviewing another possibility who does not strike me as so very hot.

I finally telephoned Mrs. Elkus. Seems she wrote that obscure letter herself. Sure we have the money for the first year, providing Sprould will accept. The n Sproul telephoned and said, in effect(ofcourse not swearing) how the hell could he accept anything expressed as screwily as that. However he finally wrote a letter telling her exactly what he was accepting, so I guess we are ok on that.

Morton just came in here and said I had the secretary story somewhat wrong, but it isnt important, and so I wont bother to expaaain

Keep on writing. We salute you.

Dorothy
Sure I know what you think of flower
arranged
meaning me too
Mudra

Dear Bob;

Thanks for your very informative letter. Well, Charlie and I received notice today that we leave here around 8 AM on Tuesday the 1st of Sept. and arrive Wednesday around 8:40 AM. I don't know where we'll be disembarking, but we hope to see you there. I'm sorry to hear that you've got that gosh-awful dysentary, and I hope that you get over with it in a hurry. ^{person}Fortunate, for us that Dr. Thomas ~~was~~ is the very considerate ^{person} that she is, or else we'd stand a good chance of contacting it. I understand that preventative goods have been shipped down there for us.

The groups from Turlock and Tulare have among them people from areas in which I've worked during the past summer months and it'll be an easy thing for me to establish rapport with them. Some friends I've known for quite some time are down there---though I don't know in which camp. Also, I'll have relatives---name also Yusa---going down there in a few days. The head of the family is also named Earl Yusa, so please watch out for any confusion. He's a dentist around 32 years of age. (Mine is spelled with an e at the end of Earl, as Earle.)

I wonder if you will do Charley and I a favor by saving some wood and plywood for us so that it won't be grabbed up by the time we get there. I'm ordering a lot of tools so I hope I can make some use of them. We expect to make a lot of furniture.

I haven't been doing much writing up on the material that I've gathered up here and I hope I'll have time enough to do all I can. I hope I'll have enough time to get myself properly oriented down there so I can get some good data without any waste of valuable time.

I'm really glad to hear that the administration down there is of top quality. I overheard some brass hats eating at our mess hall the other day speak facetiously of the "sociologists and social workers trying to run the campst." They said practical men are needed.

I'm buying a couple of electric fans and I doubt if that will be a bad investment. I hope we'll all be able to withstand the climate down there.

I'll be seeing you soon, Bob.

Sincerely,

Earle Yusa

August 27, 1942

Memorandum to field collaborators

From D. S. Thomas

In a memorandum dated May 12, 1942, I outlined some general questions bearing on our research and promised to plan more detailed procedures "as soon as the status of the investigation is actually settled." It is now apparent that it is unlikely that the "status" of an investigation of this sort will ever be actually "settled" (even from the administrative standpoint), and that the situation which you are observing will continue to be one of rapid and unpredictable change, with new and important problems emerging for the duration of the study, and that the application of accepted techniques of recording will continue to present great, but by no means insurmountable, difficulties.

The situation in which you are involved and about which you are making records is an enforced mass migration. We have a good background of knowledge and a body of concepts about voluntary migration, both mass and individual, concerning the role of economic forces which have acted to "push" and to "pull" people from one environment to another; the age, sex, and to some extent, mental and physical selectivity of the process; the goals that migrants hoped to achieve and the relative success or failure, under given conditions, of goal attainment; the conflict between the values of the culture patterns of the old and the new environment; disorganization and reorganization of behavior following the change, etc. Much of this background of knowledge, and many of the concepts we have developed are quite irrelevant to the present situation; "selective" factors were practically inoperative and individual wants were completely disregarded. In common with voluntary migration, but greatly accentuated we do, however, have the same problems of culture conflict and of social and personal disorganization and reorganization. On the culture-conflict side, you have the question, in the first instance, of "Japanese" versus "American" ways of behaving. One of your problems is to set up criteria by which the incidence, change, modification, and persistence of these conflicting ways can be recorded. Superimposed on this dichotomy are various important differentials, which have been noted in the earlier memorandum, for example, regional, urban-rural, age, sex, family status, occupational class, social class, etc. On the disorganization-reorganization side, you have, in the first instance, the question of determining the train of experience, the wants of the individual, the means of satisfying, and the success or failure in satisfying these wants prior to evacuation. You then have the problem of determining the extent to which the crisis involved in evacuation broke the established line of experience and thwarted or satisfied these wants, or whether, as frequently occurs in a serious crisis, there is a change of life-direction, a substitution of new ideals, which may lead to a readjustment on a higher level of efficiency. Finally, you have the problem of following through the subsequent modification of wants and behavior in the relocation process.

How will you get and organize this information? First, on the basis of your early field notes, systematic reports on Tule Lake and Gila, respectively, should be prepared immediately, according to the following simplified outline of the Shibutani-Najima-Shibutani report on Tanforan:

This report was organized under three main headings: Administrative Organization, Social Organization, and Social Maladjustments. Under the first of these topics are included analyses of policing, housing and mess divisions, maintenance

division, service divisions of various sorts, the economic system and rules and regulations. Under the second, Social Organization, are included analyses of the following basic social institutions:

Economic institutions: spending money, working, beginnings of private enterprise, substitutes for the money economy, etc.

The family: marriage, courtship, parent-child relationships

Religion: organizations, rituals, interrelationships

Recreation: daily routine, spontaneous groups

Political groups: self-government, internal intrigues, types of leadership, relations with administration.

Education

Social stratification

Under the third heading, that is, Social Maladjustments, are included conflicts between groups and individuals, sex problems, theft, and other forms of delinquency, destitution, and personality problems.

Second, and again on the basis of your field notes, a descriptive chronology of specific events and crises in the community should be prepared. Third, still on the basis of your notes, describe, annotate, and analyze the composition of specific social groupings which you are able to follow. Fourth, keep (and collect from others, if possible) diaries indicating the train of experience of yourselves and other individuals, and you will prepare, where possible, life histories and case records of other individuals.

As to detailed procedure, I cannot emphasize strongly enough the necessity of writing up your field notes daily. The unique opportunity which this situation offers is the obtaining of a socio-historical record on the spot and at the time the events are occurring. I realize that the situation makes it impossible for you to do more than jot down key words and "clues" during the course of the day. These key words must, however, be expanded into narrative form before they get "cold." You are not automatons. You are, yourselves, being modified daily by the experiences you are going through. The chances of distortion of your records and of the introduction of bias into your field notes are greatly enhanced if much time elapses between recording and writing up. So -- the first point in procedure must be a daily write-up of field notes. The second point is an immediate collection and organization of the data for a preliminary report on the structure of the community. The third point is a summary once a week, or at the very most once every two weeks, under the categories of your "structural" report, of changes noted in respect to each of the categories you are considering.

It is of the utmost importance that you send copies of your field notes and summaries to the central office frequently. Field notes should be received weekly, summaries twice a month. Up to the present, I have been overburdened with administrative detail and have been able to devote only a small fraction of my time to analysis and critique. We are now out of the woods on the administrative side, and I shall do my part in sending you a running critique of your records at least twice a month. This technique has worked very well to the limited extent

that I have been able to use it (i.e. in regard to Hoshiyama's and Hayashi's reports from Tanforan). It is the only way in which we can be sure we shall have an organized and integrated body of material. You do your part and I guarantee that members of the central staff will do theirs!

If you can so arrange it, I will provide stenographic assistance for you in the field. I realize fully that you are, or will be, overburdened with the details of your camp jobs. I realize also that full participation in community life is essential not only for obtaining the kind of observations we need but also for avoiding suspicion as to the nature of your activities. Nevertheless, you should make every effort to be put on a part-time basis in the community job, and, as you knew, we have been assured of administrative cooperation in this matter.

For your information, the formal status of the study is, at present, the following: WRA has approved Tule Lake and Gila. The situation as respects Manzanar (where Miss Okazaki is located) and Poston (where Miss Tsushiyama is located) has not yet been completely clarified. Nor have we any plans for the relocation center to which the remainder of our Tanforan observers will be moved towards the end of September. The Tanforan study will continue, by correspondence, with the full approval of the Army and we hope shortly to integrate the reports that have been received with the preliminary Shibutani-Najima-Shibutani report. A partially complete report on Santa Anita is also at hand; and a comparable report on Tulare can be built up from Sakoda's field notes.

Our research assistant, Billigmeier, has been approved for residence at Tule Lake as a teacher; and our research assistant, Spencer, is now resident at Gila and will later, if further approved, spend periods at other Centers, particularly Tule Lake. We hope that Billigmeier can build up (in collaboration with Dr. Jacoby and with the statistical office of WRA) the formal statistical and ecological side of the study at Tule Lake.

be used, etc. I am taking complications much more calmly, I find.

Billigmeier is in the office now. I don't think he will get his certification, but that is all right with us, perhaps better since he will be able to spend his time on the study. Apparently everything is ok with regard to Mrs. Billigmeier.

We still have no absolute confirmation of funds (meaning, the check has not been received since Mrs. Elkus is out of town). I cannot hand in the recommendation for raise until the check comes, but it is all made out. We are in the red, as you can imagine. Am appointing Billigmeier anyway as the president said OK. We have a good secretary, Mrs. Pacquette. She was Dedrick's secretary. We did not take her away from him. She had already resigned.

Let us hear from you. All send regards .

Yours,

Dorothy

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

August 28, 1942

Dear Bob,

I was glad to get your letter. It is certainly swell that you stand in so well with the administration. Am looking forward to your reports to Lowie.

Re your expense account: add a note of explanation that this was an authorized trip and that transportation ~~was not paid~~ was furnished by ^{Mr} so and so who was also making the trip.

In addition to Galen B, I sent quite a supply of foodstuffs which should have reached you by now. Also, we have ordered the University to send other supplies for Earle and Charlie, but they will come direct to you to simplify matters. Upon receipt, please divide them between the two of them. Regarding this latter purchase, there will be no difficulties since the order goes through the university. Regarding the former, for which I include vouchers, the total of \$16.01 should be absorbed in your expense account(put down meals at a reasonable rate for the times when you found it impossible to get any meals!) and then when you receive your check, pay me personally \$16.01. This is the simplest way, otherwise I must go through an enormous amount of redtape to justify my hasty action in not having the University order the things directly.

You will probably have heard by now that Charlie and Earle leave San Francisco at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1st. The inefficiency of the WRA is something amazing. The order for moving just simply stayed on someone's desk after I called Mr. Hart, and the only thing that got action was a direct call to Colonel(formerly Major) Durbin, who pushed the thing right along. We went out to Tanforan last Tuesday and had no trouble. Also, Charlie sent his diaries through the mail and they arrived safely.

As I told you, I am greatly concerned about Earle's wife. She should take all possible means to prevent getting dysentery at this early stage of pregnancy. At least start feeding her Vitamin B immediately. If their supply has not arrived, make her take some of yours.

The Tsuchiyama matter gets more and more complicated. Leighton first, as you know, accepted my offer of a release. Then, when he found out T. W. ~~was~~ being paid by us, he felt that it was unfair to her not to have the opportunity to continue. Also he said he wanted to cooperate and collaborate with us in all possible ways. Province is in Poston so I wired him and said ~~the whole thing was~~ "Re Tsuchiyama matter we have adhered strictly to our understanding in regard to sites of study. She moved on own initiative without advising us. Want you to know that we are not presenting you with accomplished fact but would welcome cooperation with Leighton" and I wired Leighton "Appreciate your generous response. Would welcome cooperation subject to clearance though Province. Will you please discuss matter fully with Province who knows nothing about situation." If it gets clearance, ok with us. If not, again ok. If clearance is obtained, then Lowie will have to deal with Leighton about how results can

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

August 28, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer,
Gila River Relocation Center,
Rivers, Pinal County,
Arizona, c/o Mr. Eastbourne Smith.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thanks both for your report, which I expect to study in the near future, and your two letters of August 22nd and 26th.

I am, of course, sending the carbon copy to Dr. Thomas with whom I have frequent telephone conversations.

It is too bad that, in addition to your attack of illness, you had the difficulties of housing and of adaptation to the new scene generally. However, these problems are doubtless becoming less acute and Mr. and Mrs. Smith's assistance should go a long way towards getting you more satisfactorily settled.

I shall not write any further at the present moment as I expect to do so very soon, after assimilating your report.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Lowie

R. H. Lowie, Chairman,
Department of Anthropology

RHL:m

Mrs Smith

POSTAL

BERKELEY, CALIF.

ROBERT SPENCER

CHECK WITH CHARLIE ON NUMBER OF PACKAGES HE MAILED ME
FROM TANFORAN. HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ONE. IF MORE THAN ONE TELEGRAPH
MORTON DATE OF MAILING EACH.

DOROTHY THOMAS.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

THE GIANNINI FOUNDATION OF
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 1.

Dear Bob,

I hasten to reply to your letter. Certainly, go ahead and hire the girl on an hourly basis. We cannot go beyond 50cents an hour without running into difficulties with the University (special permission, etc.) Enclosed a citizenship blank, which please have her fill in at once. The only other information I need is whether or not she is married. Also, of-course, address to which check should eventually be mailed. However, make no commitments at present. Mrs. Elkus is still out of town and that damned check has not arrived. Until it is in my hands, I dare not make any further commitments. When we get it, I shall go over the budget and tell you just to what extent you may commit yourself. If everything goes well, there is no question but that you will be able to guarantee her a certain amount of continuous employment and use her both as a field observer and secretary. Naturally, I shall let you know just as soon as things are settled.

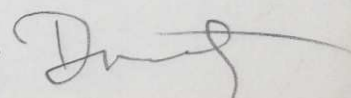
Your case history is excellent. I have had it typed up, changing the name, and shall submit it for criticism to several of the workers. Regarding your Gila report, I have only one point to raise at the moment: I believe you are incorrect in assuming that the people in the assembly centers did not know each other before evacuation. They were sent by neighborhoods. Therefore many business, political and social ties must have existed previously. Naturally, concentration accentuated these ties, and new ones undoubtedly grew up.

Re Earle and Charlie: it would certainly be inadvisable, from the point of view of the study, to have them living together. They should be separated, and they want to be (at least Charlie mentioned that specifically) in order that they can cover different parts of the community. I know you will do everything possible to exercise a little pull so that they get whatever decency is possible under existing difficult conditions.

Re Charlie particularly: soon after he arrives he should set in motion a request for the movement of the remainder of his family through WRA. Tanforan will be evacuated between the 15 and 30 of September, and whereas the doctor does not want to have Charlie's mother moved until the last possible moment, it would be senseless if she went to some other relocation center and then had to be moved to Gila.

Morton and I are off to Tanforan now. Next week will be the last visit permitted. WI and I are leaving for Tule Lake on Wednesday. Will report more later.

Yours,



Tanforan ~~4-18~~ 4-18
September 3, 1942

Dear Bob:

Dr. Thomas tells me that you are getting used to the camp life and are coming along famously. I'm glad to know that you have improved and that you are able to 'take it' so to speak.

I am writing this to let you know that I wrote to a resident at Gila Project (I don't know which camp he is at) but I think he is in the hospital as an exray technician. His name is Verlin Y. Yamamoto and he is a very good man to know and talk with. I told him to get in touch with ~~xxxx~~ you, and I think he will when he finds time unless he has done that already. I have known him for a long time, and I count him as one of my best friends. He has a very searching and sharp mind and I'm sure he's an invaluable help to you in your ~~xxxxxx~~ work. He is the type of person who has his fingers on and in everything which goes about the camp and since I ~~xxx~~ heard that you might have a hard time to get right into the nisei and issei people, I wanted to see if I could suggest anything to help you out. He can give you entre right into the group or at least help you get their inner feelings and attitudes and he can probably give you all the additional information you might need. He is recently married and his father is a dentist, sent from San Francisco. That is why his family was separated from the San Francisco ~~xx~~ people. Merlin is about 5'3" and weighs about 120 lbs. wears glasses and smokes quite a bit. He is scientific minded and has many skills, one of them being an expert photographer. He is of the Protestant faith and has been quite a leader among the Christian youth movement in our community.

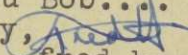
Both Tally and Charles have left and probably they have reached there long ago in good shape and in one piece. Charley might not like the camp from what Morton and Dorothy tells me about the predominance of the Japanese speaking people. Now, I wished that I might be there at Gila, although my folks wouldn't want me to separate right now.

I am going to leave Tanforan on ~~Sept~~ Sept. 9th and I have volunteered to go on the first contingent which will set up the camp. Others will follow beginning Sept. 15th and continue until about the end of the month. I feel that it will take until early part of Oct.

We are planning a tremendous big affair called the Mardi Gras, the biggest thing to happen to the Japanese people for it'll be a three day affair, Sept. 5, 6, 7th and it'll be all-inclusive of every age group from baby contest to grand pa races. This is something which is being put on by the whole camp residents and the enthusiasm and the interest is mounting daily.

Let me know how things are with you and you can write to above address for I'll get it. When I'm permanently relocated, I shall let you know, but in the meantime, my folks and brothers will all be here until the very last for our mess hall will be the last group to leave Tanforan.

Good luck to you in your work and best wishes to you Bob...

Sincerely, 
fred hoshiyama

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ROBERT SPENCER

WRA

RIVERS, ARIZONA

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DORTHY THOMAS

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Charge Giannini Foundation

September 12, 1942

Robert Spencer
Gila War Relocation Project
Rivers
Pinal County
Arizona

DISTURBED BY RUMORS AND LACK OF NEWS. WIRE COLLECT BRIEF ACCOUNT SITUATION

Dorothy Thomas

phoned 9/12/42

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 14, 1942

Dear Bob,

It was certainly a relief to get your letter today. Meantime you will have received my wire (sent September 12th). The reason for my urgency in wiring was that rumors of Eastbourne Smith's resignation have been flying around for the past ten days, apparently well-founded. Also, I understand Fryer is with you, taking over for the next month, and I wondered how that would affect you. Also, Alice Kikuchi had heard nothing from Charlie and was worried. She suspected that Charlie had pulled some sort of fast one on the guard, since the guard was taking it out on her after his return.

I shall try to answer your questions. I had hoped to have very definite information to give you regarding our financing. The situation is now as follows: the check for \$10,000 has arrived from the Columbia Foundation and is on the President's desk. Due to what the chief accountant calls a failure of "minds to meet", the President has not yet accepted the check, but will probably do so today or tomorrow. (The screwy correspondence between Sproul and Mrs. Elkus is a cause of wonderment: if only I could have handled the damned thing directly with Mrs. E., we would have had the money long ago) As soon as he does, I shall send out official letters regarding appointments. I am putting Charlie and Earle on as regular research assistants at \$62.50 per month, and, if you agree, I should like to do the same with Miss Matsumoto. I am enclosing a draft of the notification. It has been very carefully formulated to protect the students' money, for the WRA is planning to turn the disposition of all "earned" income over to the local community ~~xxxxxx~~ council in each project, and the council may, if it wishes, confiscate earnings and place them in a "community trust fund". Of all the damned nonsense! How can they justify penalizing the earners and letting those who have "unearned income" continue to accumulate their funds? These well-meaning liberals are apparently missing the boat again. Anyway, Provinse said he would make every effort to protect the students, and the senior staff decided that a letter of this sort would be helpful. You may inform them that, unless the individuals concerned notify us specifically that they wish to have their money held out for them we shall send them monthly checks as usual. If they wish, I can open checking accounts for them (enclosed two cards, to be signed by red crosses both on front and back; no minimum balance required but must buy check books at \$1 per ten checks) then I can deposit checks directly for them.

To summarize what I am placing at your disposal at Gila: (subject to President's acceptance of check): three assistants at \$750 per year each; \$250 for disposition in small honoraria; \$900 for travelling expenses) Let me know if this is adequate.

(Charlie, Ende, mess m.)

I am enclosing a citizenship blank for Miss Matsumoto. We can give small honoraria if you will observe the following rules. Make out a bill, on behalf of the person concerned, to evacuation and resettlement study."for Japanese case histories". In this way, we are purchasing a product, not services, and no citizenship affidavit is required (person can be an alien) and we avoid redtape. We are making a blanket requisition for this purpose, so charges should be taken care of promptly.

WI and I went to Tule Lake. The situation is still hot: another strike was in progress. The students asked us not to come to their quarters. We were given a nice guest room, however, and they spent all their time with us. We made real progress in planning their report, and their morale, which was very low when we arrived, improved perceptibly. I had your case history copied, using pseudonym, and asked for comments. Enclosed are Jimmy Sakoda's.

Fred has gone on to Utah, but will continue working for me until a complete Tanforan report is at hand. As soon as Earl is feeling better, please work on him to finish up his Tanforan report. He has submitted very little, but has a great deal of value at his disposal. You will have to dig at Earl to get things, but he will be very useful.

I wish you would plan to come back here for a few days about the first of October. I shall have materials to show you and to talk over with you. I may want you to stop off at Poston and possibly even to visit Manzanar on your way back to Gila. Let me know if this suits your convenience.

Your case history is very good. I hope you can get more of the same. I realize how difficult it is to make contacts of that sort. I look forward eagerly to further reports.

Morton leaves tomorrow for Washington. Also, Chernin, who will be there for the duration with the Board of Economic Warfare. We should get some interesting material from that end. Our secretary, Mrs. Paquette, is turning out very well. I guess we will have plenty of money, so don't hesitate to let me know how you think we can use it most profitably.

I hope to get the Kikuchi family rejoined without false moves, as I called the Army about it. It was a damned good thing I did, for there seemed to be no record of it anywhere.

I called Coverley about your \$1 a year status. He suggests "collaborator", without pay. That checks with my information: you cannot hold two jobs, even though one only carries \$1, but you can get official title of collaborator or consultant.

No, you cannot charge repairs for your own typewriter. Eat it or forget it. Send in your expense account anytime at all.

I certainly hope everyone's health is now ok. Have not seen Embree yet. Rovinse asked Tsuchiyama to work both for us and for Leighton.

Do write soon.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 15, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer
Gila River War Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

Your letter of September 13 just arrived. I had heard of Smith's resignation some time ago and was greatly disturbed at its implications. You are facing a very difficult situation and a large part of the success of the Study depends on how you handle it. My advice at present is as follows: Do not avoid contact with Mr. Fryer. Seek him out and offer to serve him in any way you can, even if this means temporarily dropping your research. Indicate to him instances in which what you are doing will be helpful to the W.R.A. Do not give the implication of being just a personal friend of the Smiths. I beg you to try to stick it out in any way you possibly can. Impress upon him the importance of getting the records going from the very beginning, of the fact that you are directing our Japanese observers who have been moved there for the specific purpose of working with you. Be very appreciative of the cooperation he has offered and make clear the fact that Provinse is very much interested in what we are doing and that we are making our findings accessible to headquarters. In other words, cultivate and do not avoid Fryer.

I wrote you yesterday about the financial situation. You can assume that it is settled even though the President has not yet written the acceptance, so go ahead and hire the people that you need. As I told you I am putting Charlie and Earl on the continuing basis. I prefer to have the others on rather short-time work so that we do not get committed and can shift from person to person but you let me know what your advice is in this matter.

I realize that I am putting a very difficult situation up to you in this matter of Mr. Fryer, but for the sake of Charlie and Earl, as well as for the Study, please do everything you can to stay. I suggested yesterday that you come back for a visit around the first of October. Do not leave, however, unless you have absolute assurance that you can get back.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy
Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

You can
tell them
what I
am planning
for them.
Just called
Regina:
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accepted, so
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 15, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer,
Gila WRA Relocation Center,
Rivers, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

After a telephone conversation with Dr. Thomas and a reading of your letter of September 13, I want to write you briefly in reply. Incidentally, I should also like to say that I have read your first report and like it very much. I am not quite sure whether in the rush of business I have already acknowledged it. In case I have not, let me emphasize the fact that I am particularly pleased with your having become thoroughly acquainted with one of the less educated of the evacuees. Obviously, he would be more representative than the more sophisticated university students, who in any case are very articulate.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Smith is, of course, a real blow, but I hope that you will succeed in establishing some sort of amicable relationship with Mr. Fryer. Dr. Thomas has informed me of the general purport of her letter on this point, and we are in full agreement.

I am delighted to hear that you come into contact with George Matsuura. He is a fine boy, and I had hoped that he would be permitted to pursue his education along the lines of drawing and related subjects, since he has considerable talent in that direction. I presume there is no prospect of that at present. He has written us from time to time. Is there anything that we could do by way of making the situation more palatable for him?

We hope to see Dr. Embree tomorrow; Dr. Thomas is certain to, and I rather expect to get in on the tail end of their luncheon meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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207 GIANNINI HALL UNIVERSITY OF CALIF

YOUR WIRE DELAYED. APOLOGIZE FOR FAILURE TO INFORM YOU DETAILS
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Dear-----

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

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

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 22, 1942

Dear Bob,

I was so glad to get your letter today. Let me take up the points you raise:

Charlie and Earle should by all means have the \$62.50. Sure it means they have to work, but, as you point out, Charlie has done a great deal already, and this will stimulate Earle. Inequalities in the basic pay of the observers at Tule Lake, Gila and Poston would eventually raise hell with the study. We now have five at that rate: Shibutani, Sakoda, Tsuchiyama, Kikuchi, and Yusa. Others can be on a different level, but these can be considered our main assistants. Your solution re Miss Matsumoto seems to me OK, that is, put her on at \$375 and put another one on at the same basic rate. They are then at the same level as Mari Okazaki (to whom I am obligated for six months even though Manzanar is not "officially" approved for spot observations). I cannot take Utah for the same reason, although the project director there seems anxious to have us do something. I have dropped Doris and Ben, and am keeping Fred on for awhile to help me complete and synthesize the Tanforan materials. Fred has written up his autobiography and family history, among other things, and it is swell. I want you to raise some questions with him about additional points in the Japanese background and customs of the family.

Yes, I agree that the \$250 for small honoraria is probably too small an amount. The Tule Lake crowd also thinks a similar amount too small for this purpose. I suggest that you make out a tentative budget and submit it to me. I have asked them to do the same. Then we shall readjust the whole thing when you come up here. The "case history" basis is the best way to handle any aliens, otherwise we will run into a hell of a lot of red tape. Anyway, draw up a budget so we have something to shoot at.

Yes, please check to see whether we are on the Gila newspaper mailing list. I have received copies, but don't know the source.

I surely hope you are able to establish cordial relationships with Fryer and I see that you get the point of not leaving until you are absolutely sure you will be welcome upon your return. From what Embree told me, Fryer will not actively oppose us since Washington has approved Gila for us. But I should like to get him in a more cordial frame of mind, and leave this difficult job to you, knowing that you can really do it. I made an error in technique in not seeking out Fryer myself some time ago, but as you know, when I asked to see him, he turned me over to Coverley.

Coverley, by the way, has just left to take over Manzanar. Roy Nash resigned, and Coverley will act as director until they can find a new one. The Regional Office is certainly depleted.

It will be good to have you around Berkeley for a while. Then you can get your notes in order and we can arrange to coordinate our activities better.

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I was planning to run up to Tule Lake next week, but if you are really coming soon, I shall postpone the trip. I would like you to have a chance to go there, too. I wonder what you would think of the following proposition: I can probably get a University car once more, and we could go up quite cheaply under those conditions. But I do not know how you feel about driving: is it a strain or do you enjoy it? I should like WI to go, too, but as you know, neither of us drives. Anyway, it is an idea to think about. So let me know your reactions. My only commitments here are dental appointments on October 8 and October 15, when I have to have a goddam bridge replaced for fear my dentist is going into the Navy.

Re your other trips, wait until after you come to Berkeley. Towards the end of October, I want to swing around to most of the centers: Manzanar, Poston, Gila, and Central Utah. Maybe you should wait until then. Because of the delicacy of the Gila situation, I must, of-course wait until things are settled there. But we will talk all that over when you are in Berkeley.

Nuts to you in your reaction to Sakoda's comments. I did not notice any "superiority" in his tone.

I don't like the Tsuchiyama situation either, but that is one of Lowie's ideas (He had two ideas on this study, and one of them was good!) and since I am being pretty dictatorial about matters generally, I feel that I should give way on this. Don't take Tsuchiyama's lack of response to you too seriously: she is a disturbed personality. I will send, under separate cover, copy of a letter from her. By agreement all we are putting into Poston is her salary.

I approve thoroughly of what you are doing with Kikuchi and Yusa. Charlie will operate well on a relatively free lance basis, but Earle is quite another sort, and the more you keep after him the better.

Your expense account is perfectly satisfactory, and you are correct about the amount you owe me. I hope they get that administrative mess hall, for then you can establish residence, but I must say you are not exactly running us in the red with your meals. I take it you eat a very light breakfast! If you need a personal loan to get back to Berkeley on, let me know.

I have heard nothing from Charlie, but did have a letter from Earle. I have followed up the question of moving the rest of the family with Major Santilli, but have not had confirmation yet.

Morton is in Washington. Everyone else sends regards.

Yours,

Dave

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Tamie Tsuchiyama

Block 31, 11 B
Poston, Arizona
Sept. 17, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I was very happy to learn from you and Dr. Lowie that I have been reinstated and that I may start sending you reports from Poston. The remaining sections on Santa Anita are almost completed and should be in your hands within a few days.

We have been extremely busy the past few weeks interviewing prospective research assistants for the Bureau. At present we have about eleven or twelve undergraduates and college graduates working for us in the three camps. Kenny Murase and Bob Sakai, both good friends of Tamotsu Shibutani and James Sakoda, your research assistants at Tule Lake, may work for me provided they can obtain their release from their present jobs. In fact they are so enthusiastic about my research that they are willing to volunteer their services on a part-time basis if they are unable to break away from their present connections. Since Dr. Leighton prefers to have me sit in the office along with Dr. Spicer and direct the activities of the assistants rather than go into the field myself, I am orienting the research in such a fashion that the data you desire will be collected by them and analyzed by me before you receive them. Because of the dearth of adequate assistants we have been able only to cover a restricted phase of culture but with the increasing number of interesting prospects I am certain the research will be more well-rounded. I am planning this weekend to go through the Sociological Journal which contains all reports brought in by the assistants since the Bureau was founded in late June and attempt to reconstruct Poston life before my arrival in the middle of August. I know that we have full data on political organizations, the housing situation, survey of food conditions and religious organizations,

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Sept. 17, 1942
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but I doubt if any serious attempt has been made to study other phases of camp life. Of course this will be supplemented by the data I have gathered myself. I shall do my best to follow the Shibutani-Najima-Shibutani outling; the sore spots will be rectified as soon as my assistants' reports pour in. If you have no objections I shall not send you weekly field notes for the next two weeks but will utilize that time to make a preliminary report of Poston.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Tamie Tsuchiyama

September 19, 1942

Dear Bob: Pass on to Charlie and Earle---thanx. fh.

Greetings to you from Topaz, our new home which will be the fifth largest city in Utah when all of Tanforan and part of Santa Anita gets here. I promised to write to you but since I'll be writing just about the same thing to all of ~~you~~ you, I am making carbon copies which I hope you won't mind too much. It's just one week ago that I first set my foot at Topaz and within that week I have had a chance to get some information about our center and get a cross section of our community life.

After a long 35-hour of tiring and uneventful train ride, we arrived in Delta, Utah Fri. a.m. Sept. 11th, from Tanforan, California. Since the 17th, about 500 persons are arriving daily until the 23rd. Then, a short lull and some more contingent of 500 a day will be arriving. To date, we have nearly 1200 in our new city.

Our new home is called TOPAZ which is about 16 miles from Delta, the nearest train station. Name Topaz is taken from a beautiful mountain which lies about 12 miles west of us. Topaz is situated on a former ~~lake~~ lake bottom and is surrounded on all four sides by long ranging mountains which makes our sunrise and sunsets very picturesque. The temperature varies from 20 degrees below zero to 120 degrees F. It is not uncommon to find a difference of 50 degrees in one day as we have experienced. Elevation of Topaz is about 4,600 feet above sea level. Our first impression of the land around Delta was good; nice country with small farmlands of alfalfa, feed corn and pastures. Area around Topaz which is 12,000 acres (5 mi. by 7 mi) is quite alkali and we are not certain what type of agricultural pursuits ~~is~~ possible. Mr.

Our city will have 42 square city blocks, but only 32 will be used for living quarters. Other blocks are being used for schools, civic centers, playgrounds. When we are fully housed, there will be approximately 9100 residents here. Hospital with 250 beds is being rushed to completion and later there will be erected a civic center and high school right in the middle of our city. Auditorium and gym will also be constructed by the civic center. When we get our parks, trees, and pools, we shall have a true oasis right in the heart of Utah desert. All the residents will have a part in building and creating the 'dream' city into a reality.

Approximately 300 to 360 persons will be housed in one block. Each block will have two rows of six buildings each making 12 buildings in all and each buildings will have six apartments (three different sizes--). In the middle of the two rows of barracks will be found the laundry room, men and women showers, latrines, wash rooms with individual basins, and note this ladies: 'baths for women' (four of them per block), and a large dining hall capable of seating 500. The walls in the apartments are not finished yet. An inner wall of whitish rock sheet material and ceiling of same material must be constructed. When it's all finished, the rooms will be well insulated and clean and modern looking. Incidentally, the resident carpenters will do the finishing work. The floors have masonite coverings, the same material which we found on our mess tables. Barracks are 120 ft. by 20 ft. There is a vestibule for every two apartments and each apartment has a individual door ~~and~~ which is necessary to open the door of the vestibule before getting into the apartment door.

There are three definite first impressions as you arrive into Topaz. First is the sincere, cordial friendliness of the Director, Mr. Chas F. Ernst, and his top staff members. Second is the uniformity of the buildings, strung blocks upon blocks, same shape, same size, same color, on a very ~~isxx~~ level ground. Third, is the fine, whitish dust. After about one week, you get used to the dust, learn to like the well structured buildings (which aren't completed yet) and learn to love the people who are here to administrate to us. There is no question that we are lucky to have a man of Mr. Ernst's calibre, his rich background experience in this type of work, and his genuine interest in our welfare.

After mixing around with new arrivals and getting their impressions of this city-to-be, I think that it is safe for me to make a succinct statement which covers their thoughts. "We like Topaz." While we were in California, we proudly and boastfully spoke of our sun-kissed state, but I have thousand Topazian residents who will back me up when I say that California does not know what 'sun-kissed' means. In the afternoons it gets very warm and dry. So many of the people get heat exhaustion and have to go to the hospital with a fever of 103 to 104 degrees F. Couple of salt pills, quiet and rest brings them up on their feet in day or so.

This morning there were ice in the outside fire barrels. That's how cold it gets at night and mornings and at noon, it's so hot that you have to run around in your "T" shirts. Around 2:00 pm the wind tries to cause us trouble by blowing up all the dust it can possibly stir up. Only one thing mars the serenity of our life and that's a four lettered word with a capital D.U.S.T!~~x~~ We can control dust storms with vegetation and plant life so we're looking forward to better times in the near future. Stoves will be installed in every room so we know our winter won't be too bad. Food has been plentiful and quite good. The first week was really swell since the group were organized, and excellent food was served, people knew each other and cooperated together, and the weather had been ideal. Just when the new contingents started coming in did the weather man 'sell us down the river'. But, I'm sure dust storms can't last all the time. There won't be any more dust to blow around soon.

Except for the first seven blocks, the dining halls, and other essential facilities aren't ready for occupation. It means that we will have to eat in shifts to accommodate the new arrivals who will have to live in blocks 14, 13, 12, and so on. There is quite a bit of confusion already and I'm afraid it'll be worse than at Tanfo. The experience at Tanforan should teach the Army that it doesn't pay to send the people in when the place isn't ready. There isn't any military necessity since all the people are in assembly centers and since we WAITED until this late date to be relocated, another week isn't going to hurt too much. Of course, plans will naturally have to be modified and the feeding problem at Tanforan will be a real problem, but it's better than sending them into empty barracks without beds, mattresses, toilet facilities and other unpreparedness.

There has been a great deal of gambling going on ever since we got on the trains and this has continued right into camp and daily, number of the young fellows amuse themselves gambling away \$10.00, \$15.00 per session. It's too bad, but we'll just have to tackle the problem and try to stop it before something serious happens.

There are some things which we shouldn't mention for the negative reaction it may have, but a report must be authentic and objective so with the scientific point of view in mind, I shall mention about the few incidents which have been recorded on the liability side of the ledger. Mistakes and errors are often costly, but they serve a lesson and in so serving become assets. One incident which happened between the Chief Stewards and the Japanese cooks is now settled and we hope that no such walk-out will occur again, but we almost didn't eat a few meals on account of the strike. There are few caucasians who are not so praiseworthy as the top men ~~xxxxxx~~ Mr. Lorne Bell, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ernst, and others. The head nurse and few others are giving us a bad time and it'll take time to adjust ourselves to each other. On the whole, the administrative officers who are here did not have to come here and ~~as~~ yet they came here because they wanted to serve since they felt that it was important and they have a certain social philosophy which they know is important, especially after the war. Employment is in a jumble yet, but Mr. Jennings, placement officer, is open to suggestions and things will work out, whereas, ~~at~~ Tanfo. the situation was different. Housing is a headache and Mrs. Roy Takagi and Masae Morioka stay up until midnight to get it organized for the next day's contingent.

Being a new experience for the administration as well as for us, it'll take time to learn together, making glorious mistakes as we learn, and yet, if we accept this humble and cooperating attitude, we can't help but attain a harmonious relationship and a smooth and well organized city in the end. That's our goal!

There are lots of lumber for individual carpentry since we have a scrap pile which has over 1 million board feet. Taking one tenth of the available scrap lumber, we still have over 450,000 bd. ft. and more is accumulating daily as construction continues. We may get more from Camp Kern situated near here. We are working out a system so that everyone will receive their share of needed lumber. Block Managers are working out the detail. For the first group, we volunteered to get the lumber for everyone and distributed them equally as possible. Late comers will get theirs so do not worry.

This report is being done in piece meal style. I started it this morning and it's 7:00 pm already. The weather is perfect right now-- so calm and sunny and comfortably cool. This morning it was 30 degrees Fahrenheit, afternoon it was 85° and now, it's 65°. Tonight, there will be another meeting to which the new arrivals will attend and Mr. Ernst and his staff will greet them and answer any questions they may have.

Block Managers have been temporarily appointed by Mr. James F. Hughes, Assistant Director. They are: Gary Sugawara, Tom Yamashita, Ernie Iiyama, Toby Ogawa, Mr. Kanehara, Tora Ichiyasu. They are getting organized and so is the coop group. First meeting was held with Walter Hondrichs, Chief of Community Enterprises, with interested leaders of Coop study group of Tanforan.

Church services for both Christians, issei and nisei, and Buddhist services have been announced for tomorrow. Last Sunday, a special worship period by both Buddhist and Christian members ~~was~~ held jointly and it was the first one of its kind in our history. They all liked it.

It may not be authentic, but I heard that Mr. Ernst telegraphed Mr. Davis asking them to hold up sending any more contingent until we are more prepared in receiving them. Those that came already are having a hard time getting beds and ticks. Incidentally, we ran out of ~~haskanyam~~ army mattress yesterday and we are filling 'ticks' with straw now. It's going to be cold unless those with ticks will put lots of newspaper as insulation.

We've had a social last Sat. night for a mixer, but this Sat. nite, nothing has been planned as yet. Since there is no place large enough to hold a gathering of any sort for all of us, we will have to plan things on block basis rather than camp-wide.

Notices for provisional government has been put ~~u~~ up already. Bob Iki and I met with Mr. Ernst and Mr. Lorne Bell and drew up the notices and the regulations for the self-government for our city. This is just the temporary election and when all of the residents get here, we shall have a real election and set up the city council and the charter and etc. Self-government in Topaz will be very important and will have lots of power within the framework of WRA regulations. One councilman from each block is the plan. These councilmen will serve voluntarily since it will not be a paid job like the house manager's job. Here, housemanagers and councilmen will be two separate and distinct body with different functions. Housemanagers can not become councilmen.

The quality of food and variety of food has dropped somewhat from the first week's menu. Perhaps the increasing number of residents and the added confusion in the dining halls due to having the Blocks 11, 12 13 and 14 eat at Block 5 and 6 until the others are ready are making the menu making and etc. difficult. This means that Dining Halls 5 & 6 will have to eat ~~in~~ in two and three shifts.

Here and there one can hear the pounding of the hammer, cutting noise of the saw, and shaving of the plane during the early evening hours. Most of the camp is quiet around 9:30 pm but the shower rooms are still a good 'bull session' spot until midnight. Radio is blasting away in every barrack and so the community is alive with activity and noise. The most beautiful thing about our evenings are the splendid sunsets and the starlit skies at night. I'm waiting for the full moon and I'm sure it'll be a sight that will dazzle in more ways than one.

There are few snakes, lots of flies, rumors of scorpions, lots of ants and tons of dust. Nothing serious has happened yet. One person, Hirotsuke Inouye went back from Topaz to San Jose to his dying wife. He got out very easily on government money. One girl, Miss Miyo Miura had appendectomy at Delta. She was operated ~~on~~ Mon. and is back to Topaz yesterday. Will be up Monday according to the doctors.

One big difference in the attitude of our administrative staff members and that of Mr. Davis and Co. is that at Topaz, each official is genuinely interested in each one of us and tries to provide all the opportunities for us that they can. At Tanforan, we had to fight for our opportunities and often didn't get them. This difference makes all the difference in the world to us. There will definitely be a spot in this city for everyone of us as far as employment is concerned. They will make a job for us to suit our particular talents if there isn't a place already. That's how much concerned they are of our interests.

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You might be interested in knowing the type of Community Enterprises we shall have. We have a man who sold himself into our confidence 101%. He really is an expert on cooperatives and he is one of the top men in our country and we are lucky to have him with us. Larry Collin was here last week. Mr. Hondrichs claim that the WRA offices sent instructions which was drawn up with sincere attempt to buy the best quality of goods and sell it for the least in our center stores. There's nothing in it which he'd want to change. Under these instructions, we shall have a coop which will be able to be a democratic, flexible coop. Rebate system will be used and goods will be sold at retail value, about 20% mark-up. System and plans to be set up by us, and we shall work on Consumer's education. Employees of the stores will be paid the same wages as other workers in the center, but the government will charge the cooperative enterprises for the exact cost of salary and the money will be taken from profits to pay these employees. There will be no restriction or discrimination on buying. Any profit, after capital fund is built up equal to stock bought, emergency reserve fund, and other store expenses, are deducted, the net gains will be rebated back to the consumer according to their purchases. I forgot to mention that our chief on coops is Walter Hondrichs.

Mr. Coverly came in last night and he spoke to our group. He is an expert in agriculture, and his work is a big headache, and yet he keeps smiling through it all. He is the assistant director of the Regional Office in San Francisco. As a speaker, however, he doesn't compare with our director Mr. Ernst. Mr. Ernst is head and shoulders above anyone in these parts and for that matter, in our nation, he would stand right at the top. We sure hate to lose him for any reason at all. I understand that Mr. Roy Nash is leaving Manzanar and Eastbourne Smith of Gila project has resigned.

Our education staff will consist of the best educators in the state. In fact, Mr. Bell proudly claims that we shall have as good a educational staff as any of the colleges in Utah and Utah ranks next to California in having the best education system. We will have Junior college and high school and elementary school in addition to the Nursery for the tots. Soon as our so called domestic problems and housing and local problems are settled and cleared away, our city will really boom with culture, education and industry, both agriculture and manufacturing. Many Californians are on the administrative staff. Mr. Ernst is from Washington, Bell from California, Roscoe Bell from Berkeley, California and number of others from California like George Lafabregue, Art Eaton and few others. Many are Cal. grads. By the way, we are going to organize U.C. alumni groups and have a real time together.

I may get a chance to organize the first YMCA in Utah. I understand that there are no YMCA in Utah yet. Boys Scouts will be strong here for the Mormons go for the scout movement with full support.

I'm due at another meeting so I shall close for this time. I've rambled on much too long already. This makes my 6th meeting today. I'm sure on the go right now and boy, am I tired. Tomorrow is Sun. so I'll rest and sleep and sleep and sleep! With kindest personal regards to all of you.

Cordially,
fred hoshiyama Topaz 3-3-E, Uta

September 19, 1942

Mr. Bob Spencer
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
Gila River Project,
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

Received your letter of Sept. 10th today. I was ~~was~~ hoping to hear from you. By all means, try to arrange a trip to Utah. I'm here now and it's all right. In fact, I feel that this will be the model center of all the WRA centers. I'm not saying this just because I am here, but, I speak because of the director that we have and his hand picked staff members.

Dorothy also wrote to me and she seems to want to come out here soon also. It sure would be grand to have such a visit from both you and her. WI might make the trip with Dorothy. Mr. Ernst, the project manager is as grand a man as any body would want. He is called "pop" Ernst for his paternal and genuine interest in us.

I do hope you can get in touch with Verlin Yamamoto. I wrote to him, but I didn't hear since from him so I don't know what had happened between you two. I was thinking about Charlie. Cheer him up and try to have him get around to dropping me a line. Perhaps, Charlie will get used to the place and then he will like it there. It sure isn't too ~~uncomfortable~~ comfortable here. The weather is hot during the day and cold at night and in the mornings. We had ice this morning and it sure was cold. Brrr.

I'm enclosing a copy letter on the Topaz situation, a description and etc. The centers are all alike and it'll be boring news to you at best, but there are few things which is peculiar to us that might interest you. So, will you read it and pass it on to Charlie and Earle. Thanx.

Since we're not ready to receive ~~new arrivals~~ any more arrivals, this place won't be really relocated until middle of October at best. This is my guess and so just consider it as a guess.

These centers are much different from WCCA centers and we sure are glad to be here. Nothing like a feeling that the place is yours to make as you wish and plan as you wish. I'm really glad to be here and I like it very much. I would have liked to be at Gila, but I don't think you can beat Utah. Soon, we shall see just how the centers turn out. Nash and Smith, Manzanar and Gila projects respectively, are leaving. I sure hope we don't lose our Ernst. No one can replace him, I'm sure. Who is taking Smith's place there?

It'll be a treat to hear from you again and will you tell Earle and Charlie hello for me and to ask them to drop me a line.

Best regards and good luck in your work.

Cordially,
Fred Hoshiyama Topaz 3-3-
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

September 28, 1942

Dear Bob,

Your letter contained welcome news. I am delighted that you have been able to get your relations with the administration on a solid basis. And I hope they are as grateful as I am for your good deeds.

I have shifted my dental appointment of the 8ths to the 22nd. Don't know why I didn't think of that simple solution before. So I suggest that you come along towards the end of this week, spend a few days here going over your notes, etc. and then we can go up at our convenience towards the middle of next week (say Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest) if they will still let us have a car. I am enclosing a check for \$33.90. Then you will owe me an even \$50 when and if you ever get your expense money back! The payroll went in today, so at least your salary will be waiting for you upon your arrival.

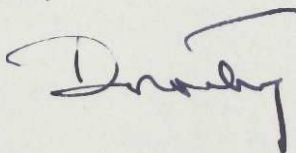
I have started going through Charlie's diary for the analysis of specific points. It is a gold mine. One thing I should like to arrange, however, is for him to keep the diary in the small books that we sent him. He informs me that he is now using a 500 page book. Since the diary will be a source for follow-up reports, the smaller books will speed up the process enormously. Please bring his 500 page book along with you, even if there is a lot of blank pages at the end. (That will burn him up!)

I hope, for the sake of Charlie and Earle, that their families are now receiving letters from the people at Topaz, Utah. History is repeating itself: housing is not available, and colonists are being moved in at the rate of 500 per day anyway. The administration is evidently swell, but impotent in the face of the situation.

The Tule Lake people are working hard on their report, but unfortunately decided (i.e. our observers) to take a little time out for internecine warfare. I have a hunch we are witnessing the beginning of "concentration camp psychosis".

We are eagerly awaiting your arrival. Let us know when we may expect you.

Yours,



October 8, 1942

Mr. Robert S. Spencer
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I received your letter of October 1, this morning, together with \$6.00 in cash, for which I thank you very much. I am enclosing herein my personal check for \$30.00 for the typewriter which you are going to get for me. As regards the size and model, I will leave it to your judgment. I believe the desk model will be more practical. I had talked to Mr. Hikida about a typewriter also.

Since you left, Mr. Landward and I have been getting along very well. We moved to the new Administration Building, and Mr. Landward has two rooms--No. 15 and 16. I am in Room 15 with Mr. Omachi and a secretary. We are quite busy at the present adjusting insurance problems and various business matters outside.

I miss you a great deal. Mr. ~~Uda~~ and I talk about you every day, and about how good you were to the Japanese people here in this Center. We are all waiting for your return as we can't get along without you.

Very sincerely yours,

Gohachiro Miura

Gohachiro Miura

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Gila River Relocation Center
Rivers, Arizona

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Enclosure

October 12, 1942

Robert Spencer
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Evacuation and Resettlement Study
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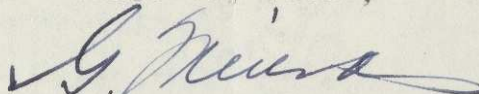
Dear Mr. Spencer:

When I wrote to you the last time I forgot to add more money for the expense of sending the typewriter. If you need more money kindly let me know.

By the way, I noticed in a magazine that a new book called, "History From Prison Bars", by Jawaharlal Nehru, published by John Day & Co. Will you be so kind as to get it for me. I will send you a check if you will let me know the price. Then, there are those other books you are to get for me.

Trusting that you are well and hoping you will be coming back soon, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Miura', with a stylized flourish at the end.

G. Miura
72-9-C
Gilar River Relocation
Rivers, Arizona

October 22, 1942

Robert Spencer
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I was very happy to hear from you once again. Thank you ever so much for being so kind as to obtain a typewriter for me, it will certainly be a great help to me.

Within the last week our camp "swelled" up with more than one thousand new residents from Santa Anita Assembly Center. Among them I found many of my old friends. There are a number of very well educated, intelligent individuals and I'm sure you would like to meet and talk to some of them. Mr. Henderson, you will remember as the Supervisor of Housing and Employment, is at the present in San Francisco, and possibly you may run across him there. There is a possibility that he may become the Project Director here. At least we are hoping and recommending him highly for that position. I have found this man to be one of the best on the administrative staff; capable, efficient and sincere in his dealings with the Japanese people here. I have seen him work far into the night--and during the induction of Santa Anita people, he worked till as late as 3 o'clock in the morning. I'm sure that he is the right man for the job.

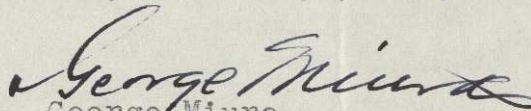
In regards to the matter of your report work which you mentioned in your letter, may I suggest that you wait until you come down here and read over their work; then, you can pay them according to the merit of their work. Rather than paying them by the month, as you might have had in mind, don't you think it would be a better idea if you

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paid them by piece work? Since you left, I have come across several persons who are good observers and might prove to be very valuable in your work. I am anxious to talk this matter over with you when you return to us again.

Awaiting the time you will be able to be with us again, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Miura". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

George Miura
General Advisor
72-9-C
Gila River Relocation
Rivers, Arizona

GM:KI

Oct 11

Dear Mr. Spencer

I don't know how
to thank you for all
that you have done for
me.

I'm enjoying my
study very much here.
The people here are very
nice.

Very soon I may
leave on a job.

I hope everything is
fine your way.

Please let me know
of any new developments
in the Center.

I remain.

Very truly yours
Jiro Kawata

Oct. 22, 1942.

Mr. Robert Spencer,
c/o University of Calif.
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

It is almost a month since you left here for Berekeley and during this period, as I was told by Mr. Miura, you have been well and healthy, which I was very happy to learn. I was particularly happy to know that you are making wonderful progress in your preliminary write up on this proposed research work. I am also happy to inform you that Mr. Okuno and I have spent considerable time in observation of evacuees life here at Gila, and when you arrive here, I am certain, that some of very interesting facts will be presented to you for your material.

In regards to the typewriter which I asked your favor of securing one for me, Mr. Miura told me that upon your kind note

to the effect that one is available, he at once ordered for himself and forwarded you the sum of money. Then, I was not quite certain whether that particular one was for Mr Miura or for me so I decided to wait for further information from you. Just recently, I understood that Mr. Miura wanted it.

The day of your start for Gila is getting near so I decided to write this letter asking you if another one is available. If it is not too much inconvenience on your part may I ask your favor of getting one for me. I will be very happy to forward the amount. As to the mode and price, I will leave these matter to your discretion.

Hoping to meet you soon at Gila and wishing you best of health.

Sincerely yours,

S. Hikida

Shotaro Hikida.

64-7-B

Rivers, Arizona.

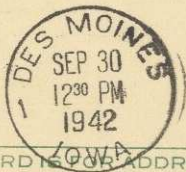
Dear Mr. Spencer:

After your departure, I
had to wait until 12:45 before
the bus came. I did not
get into Phoenix until
2:45. That was a long ride.
Because the Santa Fe
Line was 4 hrs. and
45 min. late, I had
to miss the Rock Island
Line which left at 11:45 A.M.
I did not get into Des Moines
until Tuesday morning at
1:30. After that uneventful
trip, it was good to feel
the soft bed under a person.
I am very thankful for which
you have done for me - I remain
your friend

Masa OKI

1133 2nd ST.

DES MOINES, IOWA



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Spencer
% University of California
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, Calif.

October 28, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

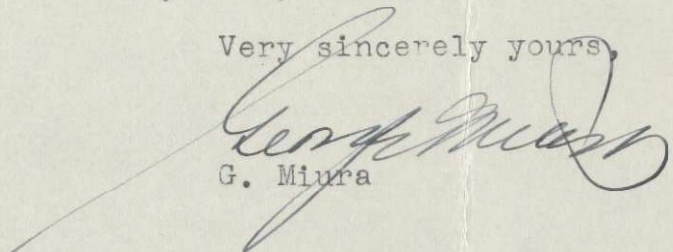
A day after I sent you my last letter,
I received yours, for which I thank you very
much.

I'm very sorry that I put you through so
much trouble over the typewriter. I had not
realized that conditions have undergone great
changes in the outside world.

Thank you again for your kind efforts ex-
tended me in regards to the books and my desire
to establish a book agency here.

I am still working here steadily and keep-
ing myself occupied most of the time. Things
are going quite smoothly here at the present.
I am awaiting anxiously for your arrival here.

Very sincerely yours,


G. Miura

GM:ki

Topaz 3-3-E, Utah
October 29, 1942

Dear Bob:

By this time you have given hope of hearing from me I'm sure. Well, here I am and surprisingly I am still residing at Topaz. The reason I find myself here and not at Springfield, Massachusetts is that I applied for extension of my permit deadline until Dec. 30th 1942 and I have received no answer yet. But I am patiently waiting for the affirmative reply. Otherwise I must be in Mass. by Nov. 5th. These governmental business seems to have a difficult time maneuvering itself through the beaurocracy which is better known as the sterio-typed term 'red tape'. If my permit for extansion of deadline comes in tomorrow or so I shall be here until Dec. 20th or so.

Your letter was keenly appreciated and I thank you for it and for your sincere good wishes. Those supplementary questions which you asked has been lurking somewheres in my mind these past few weeks without my actually realizing the quick lapping of the interim since receiving your letter. Just about the time I received your letter I obtained a job with one of the contracting firms which contracted for all the plumbing in this center. The work called for digging ditches, putting in pipe lines and general labor work. The hours were from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and often after 6:00 pm and all day Sat. and Sun. So, when I get back from work, my weary bones and muscles refused to function in organized way in order to enable me to think clearly or generate enough initiative to seat myself before my desk. Together with apathetic physical condition, my folks and brothers arrived from Tanforan on the 15th and so I had to get the place ready for their habitation and with each arriving contingent, I had to chairman the reception meeting for Mr. Ernst and his staff members to meet the newly arrivals. So, my evenings weren't conducive to do any studying or serious thinking. I am not offering the above expla~~nations~~ as apologies for neglecting to answer your queries, but I'm sure you can better understand the situation if I gave them. Tonight I worked until 7:00 pm in the cold free~~ing~~ outside putting in fire hydrants and after taking semi-warm showers (not enough coal to have real hot water) and eating my cold ~~u~~ supper, it was 8:30 pm. Right now it's little after 9:00 pm and I haven't long to type tonight for neighbors sleep early and noise disturbs them. Therefore, I shall start on the answers to your queries now and continue long as I can, taking up where I leave off tomorrow and next night.

Before I proceed, you might be interested in knowing how I got a job with the plumbing outfit. Most of the caucasian help quit for various reasons such as deer hunting season, just tired of working here, and many wanted to go to the Coast. So, the outfit I'm working for which incidentally is a San Francisco firm (All the contractors here are Bay Region and nearby firms--Salinas, Burlingame, and San Mateo.) Well, they wanted few fellows to dig ditches for 85¢ an hour. I wasn't working for WRA since I quit everything to go to school. While waiting for my permit, I thought it would be a good chance for me to make a few dollars to pay my train fare. The job has lasted over one week and now the boss made me a foreman of about 20 men. So, I'm kept quite busy all day getting close to \$9.00 day.

Bob-2

Right now, we have coal shortage. On some days we haven't enough in some of the blocks to cook food with and absolutely none for stoves and showers. Also, there is food shortage and on some days we have just rice or bread and tea with jam or Japanese pickles. The menu which is posted on the wall cannot be carried out. There is investigation going on to determine where the fault lies. Perhaps it's transportation, or maybe somebody is making side money somewhere.

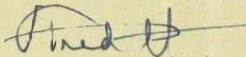
Due to the fact that so many of the men went out to work in beet fields and other private employment, there is lack of workers in the center to maintain normal maintenance. We will soon know if policy to deter men from accepting outside jobs will be made or not. For those besides agricultural work, those receiving pay for private employment may have to share it with those working in the center for \$16.00 per month. No definite policy is set yet.

We had our first snow yesterday. Today was colder than yesterday but it didn't snow today. I hope tomorrow will be warmer for when we work with pipes and water, it gets mighty uncomfortable.

Just wanted to say thanx for your good letter and to let you know that I haven't forgotten you and will make it my next project to finish answering your queries. I shall send them to you in care of our 'boss' Dorothy soon as I finish them. In the meantime, I hope you will get your materials worked up like you wanted. Say hello to the gang there and if you're coming here this year let me know just about when so I can be expecting you. Hope you will come. Also Dorothy and WI.

Until next time.....good luck, Bob.

Sincerely yours,



Fred Hoshiyama

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Nov 2, 1942

THE GIANNINI FOUNDATION OF
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Bob,

I opened the enclosed from Fred; hope you don't mind.
By the way, send us your key, will you? If "on time", we
got train reservations today. If "on time", we
arrive at Parker at 4:45 a.m. Wednesday the 18th.
I said better go to Parker the evening before & stay in a
hotel. That is the only difficult part of the trip
more details when I actually get the tickets.
Hope you have a good trip. Have done all of
Charles' errands & will do some of Earl's.

Yours,
Dorothy

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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 6

Dear Bob,

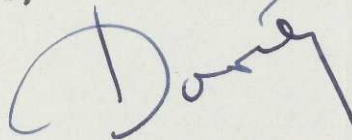
Miracles again. I telephoned Fryer and asked whether there was any reason why we couldn't operate in U ah. He said he could not think of any reason whatsoever against it, that we ought to follow up that interesting Tanforan group. However, since the negotiations had started in Washington, he would wire Provinse and "put the heat on him", etc. Imagine Provinse's surprise when he finds Fryer acting in our behalf. Will let you know the latest.

Leighton wrote Lowie confidentially that Tauchiyama is in a bad state, very maladjusted, hates Poston, etc., consciencestricken about lack of performance, etc. etc. Suggested a change might be good for her, and thought he would write Redfield asking him to give her a job at Chicago. That is of-course impossible, because Chicago will not accept Nisei at all. However something may turn up for her. If not, I suggest moving her to Utah and letting her work there--a more urban, sophisticated group, etc. and a clean slate. Maybe she wouldn't want it, though. We shall see. I had a long letter from her, telling her troubles from her side. Will send a copy later.

Have not heard from Leighton myself, but have my tickets. So WI and I plan to leave on the 16th. Next week I shall run up to Tule Lake just for the day, to see how things are going and to introduce a little "morale." A letter from Tom today said that sometimes he was "overcome with remorse" about his griping. He is evidently turning out his report in good shape now, but I want to see what they are doing, and try to get a few dead lines set if possible before leaving for Arizona.

Hope you have got the situation straightend out about getting your mail. My first letter was, as you know now, returned.

Hope to hear form you soon. Yours,



November 7, 1942

Dear Bob,

That telephone call was certainly a blow. I can imagine how upset you are, and I hope you realize how upset we are. Informal inquiry revealed that General Barrows would be opposed to intervention; also, that Sproul does not ask for deferrments. Am enclosing two copies of a letter that Morton and I composed, and I hope to God it does the work. Phone or wire when you get any further news. Enclosed also a few tax exempt blanks, which you may need.

Yours,

Dorothy

*Sent Air Mail, Special Delivery
on Nov. 7.*

November 7, 1942

Local Board No. 2
Selective Service System
Santa Fe County
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Robert F. Spencer,
Member of the Staff of
Evacuation and Resettle-
ment Study

Gentlemen:

Re: the case of Robert Francis Spencer, which is now being reopened, I respectfully ask your consideration of the following facts:

The University of California has been granted large funds from the Rockefeller Foundation of New York and the Columbia Foundation of San Francisco and is itself adding other funds for the support of a study on enforced mass migration with particular reference to the Japanese now in America. This study is focused on the serious situation which many of us believe will face this country in regard to displacements of population at the end of the war. In this very real sense it is a war project, for total war, in our opinion, involves totality of planning for the postwar period. General David P. Barrows of this University has said that "this is one of the most important research programs now being carried on and will be of tremendous aid in the reconstruction period." President Robert G. Sproul has said, "We hope that out of this study there will come information which the University of California can offer to the world as another contribution to the successful solving of postwar problems." The government departments concerned with the evacuation, including Army agencies and the Department of Justice, deem the research important enough to offer it the fullest measure of cooperation and support.

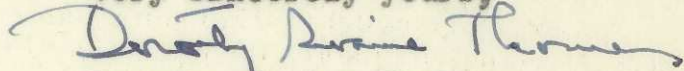
As you well know, problems of personnel are a serious matter. Spencer cannot be replaced. He is the only member of the staff who knows the Japanese language and has been able to observe their behavior and attitudes in Japan and Hawaii as well as in America. With full recognition of the responsibility which such a request involves, I earnestly request that you grant him a deferment to enable him to continue his invaluable work with us.

*of the
Japanese*

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Because of his very defective eyesight, which up to now has kept him in classification 4 F, Spencer is obviously unfit for combat service. If accepted for the military forces at all, he will undoubtedly be in the class of "limited service" personnel. It seems improbable that any desk job given him by the army would allow him to do work of such permanent value to his country's welfare as the task on which he is now engaged.

Very sincerely yours,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

DST/vp

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Rivers, Arizona

October 13, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Spencer,

It was nice to receive your letter. I inquired for you, but learned that you left in a hurry. I was sorry I had not seen you to say goodbye; however I am looking forward to next month when you return.

In case you have not Marian's address, it is: Visiting Nurses' Association, 1636 Ordway, San Francisco, California.

Sincerely,

Nora L. Hurley
Nora L. Hurley
Chief Nurse

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
RIVERS, ARIZONA

Memorandum #1,1455,3622

To: Mr. Robert Spencer, An-thro-upologist of the first water.

From: Mr. F. S. Fredrick; and Miss Jane Lewis, Chief Social Butterflies.

Subject: Dance, November 11, 1942.

We regret to inform you that the first annual struggle of the Local Board, #9,999¹/₂, of Benevolent and Protective Order of Sandhogs, Canal Community has been postponed until further notification.

The weather bureau got wind of the pending tremor and their seismograph could not stand up under the strain of such persons as yourself cutting rugs (linoleum, to you) until proper shock absorbers have been installed.

In the meantime don't drink out of any strange toilets, might be bad for the breath and you may find yourself in the position of the guy who used Listerine only to find out he wasn't popular anyhow.

Feeling poetically inclined we dedicate this ode to you:

"The fleecy clouds, may kiss the sky
The rose, may kiss the butterfly
The sparkling wine, may kiss the glass
And you, my friend, 1-----2-----"

FAREWELL,

Jane Lewis
F. S. Frederick

26-9-3

Rivers Arizona
Nov 4 1942

Send to Bob

Dr. Dorothy Thomas
University of California
Dear Madam:-

I recently heard ^{over} of the radio that the University of California was making a concerted study of the Japanese people as a race. This study was as I understand originated due to the fact that recently the people of race were evacuated from the Western United States and placed in W. R. A. centers.

I have been told that the University has sent to Gila River Center, one anthropological research worker who is connected with the above study.

I write to you for help. Can you in any way elaborate on this scant information that I have? Under the guidance of a few Caucasian leaders that we have in Camp we are making a study of the Japanese people as a racial minority problem.

Sincerely yours
Mats Ando

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 10, 1942

Mr. Robert F. Spencer
Gila River Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

The last thing that Dorothy said when I took her to the train last night was, "Write Bob, Airmail." Therefore, I am now writing Bob, Airmail.

Dorothy is in Tule Lake today for a one-day "cheer up". She has completed her arrangements for her trip South and Leighton has written that he has arranged accommodations for her, W.I., and you for the evening of the 18th.

Dorothy has apparently taken your letter of yesterday with her but, from memory, I think I can answer some of the questions in regard to the financial matters. The most important point is that you have full authority, under Dorothy's general supervision, to spend the funds allocated for Gila as you see fit. Therefore, if you want to hire your secretary, go ahead. Thus, if you want us to send the two gentlemen specifically mentioned in yesterday's letter \$25 (or \$22.50) each, we will do it immediately. However, if it is necessary for us to have their last names and if you will send them by return mail I can promise these gentlemen their "checks of encouragement" several days later.

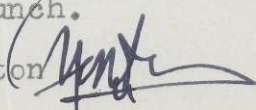
As a general rule, if you will just send the full names of the people you want paid with the amounts and with a brief description of what they are being paid for (i.e. secretarial help, in which case hours and a citizenship blank are required, or "Japanese case histories") we will send the checks out.

I am enclosing a letter from somebody at Rivers who is interested in this project and, at Dorothy's direction, I have acknowledged the note and told Mr. Ando that you will contact him in the future.

We all have our fingers crossed, hoping for the best in your battle with the draft board. Dorothy and I sweated a whole morning over her letter, and I do not see how it could be any stronger.

Best regards to the Gila bunch.

MG/vp

Morton 

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 12

Dear Bob,

I am chewing my fingernails in anxiety. For God's sake, hasn't anything happened yet? ~~Maybe~~ I will hear from you before you get this. This note has just two purposes:

First, of-course, we can pay Charlie's expenses. Meet us in Parker on Wednesday the 18th. We presumably arrive at 4:45 am. We will go to some cafe that Coverely vaguely described as being on a side street near the station. I have asked Leighton to arragne to have us picked up at the station at about 7 a.m.

Second, send me the exact names and address of your two Issei (anthropologists surely ARE impractical!) and checks will go out to them pronto for \$25 each.

No time for more news at the moment. Went to Tule Lake. Great unrest there and still bad feelings among the observers, but productivity all right.

Yours,

Devotely,

If Charlie is coming, you'd better
inform Leighton directly & immediately.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 11, 1942

Mr. Robert F. Spencer,
Gila WRA Center,
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I was very glad to get your letter of November 5th. Naturally it is a little premature to make definite arrangements about our visit at Christmas time, but I do hope that we can manage it.

I am naturally eager to hear how Dr. Thomas will find conditions at Gila. The other day she telephoned about your present difficulty with the Draft Board, but I earnestly hope that it will clear up. After the definite promise made to you before, there is little excuse for such action, it seems to me.

As for your report, I have read a very large portion of it and I am extremely well pleased. You have every reason to be satisfied, both with what you have already accomplished and with the contacts you have established. I think the discussion of religion is very good indeed and contains a number of suggestive and even amusing items. I was also especially pleased at your careful attention to the Japanese expression and repression of emotion on different occasions. This is presumably the kind of information which many observers fail to get.

~~Another~~ Other points, such as the statistical data to be obtained along certain lines, we have threshed out sufficiently by word of mouth so I need not say any more about that at present. If anything further occurs to me I shall let you know at once.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lowie

RHL:CJ

W. I. THOMAS
2710 GARBER STREET
BERKELEY
CALIFORNIA

Nov 12.

Dear Bob,

Your letter received this p.m.
I decided that a letter to Hershey
would just be pigheaded. Then I thought
of my old friend, Fred Osborn, who
has helped me (and whom I have helped)
often. Let's hope it works.

Requisites for Messrs. Hukida &
Osborn have been prepared. Re the others,
they sound swell, and if they are
within the budget you submitted, go
right ahead.

Hope to see you & Charlie
on Wednesday.

yours,

Dorothy.

November 12, 1942

PERSONAL

Brigadier General Frederick Osborn
Morale Division, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Fred Osborn,

Greetings from California! As you may have heard, I am happily and busily involved in many things out here including a research project on enforced, mass migration which is by all odds the most interesting research I have ever attempted. I am enclosing a series of documents which will give you some idea of what we are trying to do.

Now, however, I am in a jam, and as has happened often before, I am appealing to you to help me get out of it. My letter of November 7 to the Selective Service Board at Santa Fe, New Mexico, will show you the nature of my difficulties. I know that I don't have to explain to you that I would be extremely hesitant to ask for any special favors that might in any way interfere with the war effort. But since Spencer has such very defective eyesight that he couldn't possibly be of any direct use in the armed forces and since he is so important to our research project I feel that a request for intervention is quite justified. Because of the violent anti-Japanese feeling in Santa Fe, I am very much afraid that my request will not be given serious consideration. If you feel that you can intervene or at least give me some advice about procedure, I shall be extremely grateful. If you feel that this request is in any way improper, I assure you that I shall understand.

W. I. joins me in cordial personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST/dk

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207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

November 24

Dear Bob,

Here we are again. I certainly congratulate you on the fine organizational job you have done, and I congratulate us on having you and just hope beyond anything that we can keep you. It was a swell trip, and WI and I think Charlie is wonderful, and we enjoyed Mr. Hikida and Mr. Okuno and the various Kikuchis and everything. The inconveniences were as nothing, but boy you haven't heard the whole of the inconveniences. Our train kept getting announced as later and later and the air in that station got fouler and fouler and the stationmaster fouler and fouler too. So, at 12:30 we got on another train that came by for Phoenix, just to break the monotony. We landed at Phoenix at 2 am, and sat around in an equally dismal station until 5 A.M., when our train finally groaned in. Needless to say, we didn't have to worry about what to do with a day in LA. We spent it sleeping on the train, got off just in time to have a nice dinner including cocktails and beer at Fred Harvey's restaurant and then caught the Lark for Oakland. Curiously, neither of us is the least bit tired, and even I did not become irritated.

The Poston strike is getting the world's worst publicity, and I am afraid the whole program will be set back because of it. The Post Enquirer has a 5 inch headline "8500 Interned Japs Defy U.S. in Strike", and the radio has, I am told, been even worse. The whole thing is played up as a pro-Axis, subversive move. It is really tragic. If you or Charlie get further news, please let me know immediately.

Have attended to all errands I think, except Charlie's savings account. I must have his book if I am to make deposits for him there.

m Now, Bob, you know enough about rumors to realize that the following, which I have not had time to check, may not be true. Anyway, a girl (presumably your girl friend) has a key to building and to 220, typed away till 2:30 a.m., left the front door unlocked, and when called down by janitor said she worked for Giannini and didn't see why they locked the door anyway. Since it is forbidden for undergraduates to have keys to the building, this could, if true, be a serious matter. Anyway, I wanted that key to 220. Do you think there is anything to the story? If so, will you handle the matter?

No news from Osborn. Will let you know immediately. A snooty letter from Embree, goddam him anyway. An appointment with Fryer for Thursday or Friday. A letter from Margaret Lantis, who has a postdoctoral fellowship, saying she would like to do anything for us that would be useful if we would let her, in Arkansas if possible. I thought she was going to work for Leighton. What do you make of it.

Everyone sends their very best. We think you are tops and by God you are.

Dorothy

Expense Account: Robert F. Spencer

Oct. 27, 1942

Lunch, San Francisco, Calif.

.97

Carfare, San Francisco

.07

November 2, 1942

Fare, San Francisco to Mills Field, South
San Francisco by car provided by
United Air Lines

1.00

Fare, San Francisco to Phoenix, Ariz.

42.10

(Voucher #1)

Fare, Phoenix Airport to Phoenix, Ariz.

1.00

by car provided by American Air Lines

Fare, Bus, Phoenix to Casa Grande, Ariz.

1.72

Dinner, Casa Grande, Ariz.

.95

November 3, 1942

Breakfast, Casa Grande, Arizona

.45

November 10, 1942

Registered Mail. (Se. enclosed voucher for
such payment in accordance with official
instructions.)

2.13

November 16, 1942

Telegram to A. Leighton, Poston, Ariz. to
announce arrival.

.55

November 17, 1942

Dinner, Salome, Ariz.

1.20

November 18, 1942

Poston, Ariz. Lodging 11-17-42 to 11-18-42
(No receipt available)

.50

Breakfast, Poston Ariz.

.50

Lunch, Poston, Ariz.

.50

Dinner, Poston, Ariz.

.50

November 19, 1942

Lodging, Poston Ariz. 11-18-42 to 11-19-42
(No receipt available)

.50

Lunch, Salome, Ariz.

1.12

Dinner, Phoenix, Ariz.

1.50

November 17 to November 19, 1942

Travel to Poston, Arizona from Rivers, Arizona
and return in private car of Mr. A. R. Hutchinson
in lieu of common carrier--

8.10

Total:

\$65.36

Received, November 2, 1942, in advance

50.00

Amount owing:

15.36

Dear Mr. Spencer,

I came to ask whether you would talk to the University Club on Saturday, December 12th. Everyone seems to want to hear you talk.

How did your physical examination turn out? Will you have to go to the service soon? If you are leaving before then, perhaps we can somehow arrange with Mr. Randward to switch dates, because he is scheduled for next Saturday.

Please let me know soon as possible. If you want, you may phone the message to Walt, my brother. Thanks

Sorry to have missed seeing you.

Mary Jane Sanada

Mr. Spencer

C
O
P
Y

November 21, 1942

Miss Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology,
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Thomas:

It was mighty good to hear from you after all this long while.

The documents you enclosed about your work are most interesting and I am taking them home to look at over the week-end.

With regard to the case of Robert Spencer, I hardly know how to reply. My relationship with Selective Service ceased almost two years ago when I was moved over into what eventually became my présent job. I am still able to approach General Hershey on matters affecting men in service, but I can hardly approach him on outside matters affecting single individuals. I do not know exactly what you can do except to keep pounding the local Board and the State Board of Appeals. I believe that there is a person appointed with each State Board to hear matters of just this sort, who would have more jurisdiction than the local Board alone.

My sympathies are strongly with you. We are harrassed daily by just such problems ourselves.

Most warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Fred Osborne

Reception

immediately following ceremony

39 Dining Hall

Rivers, Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. George Shiroku Shimizu
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Kimiko Virginia

to

Mr. Masato Inouye
Monday, the thirtieth of November
nineteen hundred and forty-two
at seven o'clock
40 Chapel
Rivers, Arizona

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 1, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer,
Gila WRA Center,
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I was very much interested in what Dr. Thomas had to report about your activities in Gila, as well as concerning the two evacuation centers which she visited. As you doubtless know, both she and I are extremely well satisfied with the work you have achieved.

i. e. asked for On the basis of your message and what Dr. Thomas told me, we made reservation yesterday to leave here on the evening of Christmas day. We shall, of course, have to be back by January 2nd since the vacation period has been very much curtailed.

We feel very badly about the uncertain condition in which you find yourself. We can only hope for the best.

During my visit with Dr. Thomas I briefly inspected the two Issei manuscripts and found them very interesting.

Because of our schedules, I have missed Professor Kroeber and have had no chance to ask him about separates for the Rev. Suzuki. I am, however, undoubtedly going to see him tomorrow and shall then inquire what we can spare in the way of reprints. In the meantime I am forwarding to you a few separates of my own for Mr. Suzuki. As you know, California has never been my field, but the Washoe paper and the article on the Hopi ceremony may interest him.

I am looking forward to any material you may be able to send me.

Mrs. Lowie joins me in reciprocating your regards and we both anticipate much pleasure from the Christmas trip. It would, of course, be fine if you were able to be there at the time of our visit.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

RHL:CJ

Robert H. Lowie

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 1, 1942

Mr. Bob Spencer
Gila Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

Dorothy has shown me your letter of yesterday, in which you ask me "to sit down at a typewriter" and do a piece on "Why Evacuation?" I wish it were possible for me to do this for you. Actually it is impossible. In the first place, I am over my head in work preparing for the WRA meeting Monday. Secondly, there is no such thing as a short statement on why evacuation took place. I have been working on this study for five months now and my main emphasis has been a study of precisely this question. But the more I study, the more complex the thing becomes and the more contraversial the issues stand out. I cannot write a statement of my own conclusions because those conclusions are based on the confidential data that I received in Washington. I cannot write a statement giving all the reasons pro and con because such a statement would take at least a month to write.

On the other hand, I don't want to leave you holding the bag because I appreciate your situation and because I sympathize with Mr. Young's desire to have the problem fully discussed. Therefore, I am sending you under separate cover a pile of documents that cover, I think, both the pro and the con sides of the evacuation:

1. In part 29 of the Tolan Committee Hearings I have marked the lengthy paper of Dr. Eric Bellquist which, from the opposition side, gives some reasons that are given for evacuation.

2. Norman Thomas' little pamphlet suggests further selfish reasons for evacuation.

3. The copy of Colonel Bendetsen's speech, on the other hand, gives the official argument of "stern military necessity" and the reasons behind the Army's decision to evacuate.

4. In the Tolan Committee's Fourth Interim Report I have marked the committee's summary of arguments for and against evacuation. This summary is probably the best cross section of opinion that has yet been published.

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Spencer
12-1-42

5. Shibutani's lengthy manuscript expresses very well, especially in part three and the brief conclusion, an intelligent nisei's reasoning.

I hope you can turn these documents over to Young in fulfillment of your pledge to him. Above everything else, I don't want you to think that I am letting you down. I simply cannot write anything myself, not only because of the time element but also because of our pledge of confidence. I would not be able to write it even if it were only to be circularized among the Gila officials; but, certainly, I could not write it, even if I had all the time in the world, for the purposes of school instruction.

I hope you understand my position and I hope the documents will prove of some use. We would, incidentally, appreciate their being returned.

Best wishes to you, the Kikuchis and the Usas

Sincerely,



Morton Ginzins
Research Assistant

MG:vp

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 4, 1942

Mr. Bob Spencer
Gila Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

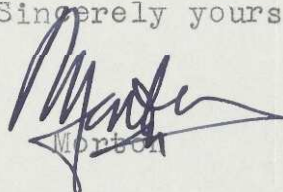
Dorothy is down with the flu and will probably be away for five or six days. She is anxiously awaiting word from you in regard to your draft status, and I hope that the news you have will contribute to her recovery.

Our new pay roll included Joe Omachi and honoraria checks have also been requisitioned for Okuno and Hikida.

There is nothing else to write. You might tell Charlie that his typed diary is now on its 978th page and that Dorothy's silence is due to her illness. Let me know if I can do anything for any of you.

With best wishes to all.

Sincerely yours,

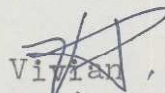


Morton

MG:vp

Dear Bob:

I hope you have received the supplies you asked for in your letter to me. I ordered them on Nov. 20, so they should have reached you before this.



Vivian

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 7, 1942

Mr. Robert F. Spencer
Gila Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Bob:

Since Dorothy is still at home in bed with the flu, I will substitute again and reply to those sections of your letter that I am able to. This means all I can do is give you the statement in regard to your budget.

You have the sum of \$1,615 for expenditures at Gila up to September 1st, 1943. This amount is exclusive of your salary, as well as Charley's and Earle's. You have already encumbered this sum, as follows:

Joe Omachi \$62.50 monthly from Nov. 1, 1942	\$625.00
Mr. Hikedata \$25.00 monthly from Oct. 1, 1942	275.00
Mr. Okuno \$25.00 monthly from Oct. 1, 1942	275.00

Assuming that you keep Omachi, Hikedata and Okuno until Sept. 1, 1943 they alone will take \$1175.00 from your total which will leave you \$440 for stenographic aid and for additional case histories. Of this \$440, incidentally, you have already paid C. Matsumoto \$10.50 which reduces your total unencumbered *balance to* \$429.50.

The last figure, however, is somewhat false, in as much as you have not definitely committed yourself (as far as I know) to retaining Hikedata and Okuno regularly throughout the rest of your fiscal year. Dorothy has, however, written Omachi that he has a regular appointment to September 1st.

Does this clear the matter up for you? Personally, it seems to me that you are leaving yourself somewhat short for stenographic assistance by keeping Hikedata and Okuno on regularly. If, however, you think they can cover the Issei situation for you with but little added assistance, then I think you may be alright. By dispensing with their services for a month or two you add correspondingly to your funds for stenographic and additional Issei assistance.


We are sending \$10 to Ochi today in care of you and, of course, if you make arrangements for him to have it donated to the church there can be no kick back from this end.

Spencer
12-7-42

I am glad that you were not too disappointed in the documents which I sent you. I just talked to Dorothy who is much better and who will follow your advice regarding the State Director of the Draft either at home or when she gets back to the office on Wednesday.

Nothing is happening here except I am rushed as usual
Best regards to all.

Sincerely,



Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:vp

P. S. I just talked to DST again for a few minutes. Since we are all so uncertain about the future, it is her opinion that you should go ahead and spend money, regardless of present budget limitations, on A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS. In other words, if you think a case history by a couple of Isseis would be useful, but cannot see your way to buy them in view of your small \$400 balance --- forget your balance and use the money anyway. With the draft hanging over all of us, there may be plenty of money left over in the end! On the other hand, DST doesn't want any long commitments. If you have something you want to buy, buy it and clear with us. But no more people on for a year appointment, etc. This, of course, eases your situation a whole lot. Just be sure you keep us informed on what your spending. MMG

December 24
Gila River Project

Dear Mr. Spencer:

This is just a note to
thank you for speaking before
our group last Saturday
night. Without reservation
I can say that all those
present found your talk
most interesting and as well as
educational.

As you leave us to take
on your duty, our best
wishes go with you and
we wish you Godspeed!

Sincerely yours,
The University Club

May Shiraawa
Loves. Secy.

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OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

BILL FOR COLLECTION

Gila River Project - Rivers, Arizona
 (Office or Unit) (Location)
 CREDIT ACCOUNTS
 Appropriation Limitation
 Allotment Symbol Obj. Class
 Misc. Receipts 11-5255, Quarters Occupancy
 Payer
 Robert Spencer
 75-4-1
 Rivers, Arizona

Bill No. 910

Date Dec. 7, 1942

Date Due Dec. 1, 1942

November 3 to 30, 1942
(Period Covered)RETURN THIS BILL
WITH
REMITTANCE

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INDEBTEDNESS	AMOUNT
For quarters occupied by Robert F. Spencer at 75-4-1 during November 3 to 30, 1942, inclusive.	
28 days @ \$5.00 per month	\$4.67

Payment of this bill should be made
 in person or by remittance payable
 to the Treasurer of the United States
 and forwarded to the WRA Rivers, Ariz.
Joe A. Lewter Rm. 1, Adm. Bldg.,
 where an official receipt will be
 issued.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ 4.67

I certify that the above bill
 is correct and just; and that
 payment therefor has not been
 received;

Ray J. Lawson
 (Signature)
 Acting Senior Administrative Officer
 (Title)

THIS IS NOT A RECEIPT; IT SHOULD ACCOMPANY REMITTANCE

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Form WRA _____

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

OFFICIAL RECEIPT

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28 days @ \$5.00 per month	\$4.67
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Receipt acknowledged
subject to collection.

Amount 4.67

Date 12-14-42

Joel Senter
(Signature)

Fin. acct.
(Title)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Rivers, Arizona

#247

APPLICATION FOR STAFF HOUSING

Name of Employee Robert F. Spencer
Employed - Position Detail Division _____ Section _____
Work Location - Community Butte 2nd Canal Block _____

Members of Immediate Family

Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Present Address City	Employed By	Will Live on Project
Robert F. Spencer	M				University of Calif	Yes

HOUSING DESIRED ON PROJECT

☒ Room with meals ☐ One bedroom apartment ☐ Two bedroom apartment

Rec'd. Date 11-3-42
Assigned to 75-4-1 Date 11-3-42
Occupied Date 11-3-42
Rate \$2.50 per month

Approved by [Signature]
Date 11-3-42

In occupying these quarters, I agree that I will observe all housing regulations of the War Relocation Authority and of the Project Director, that I will accept any reassignment of quarters deemed necessary for administrative reasons by the Project Director. I authorize the Personnel Section to make regular payment deductions for payment of rent.

Signed Robert F. Spencer

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 10, 1942.

Dear Mr. Spender,

I had heard that you were engaged in your present project and understood, of course, that you were unable to see me about your manuscript. I shall be very glad indeed to see you when you are in Berkeley and to talk it over with you.

All the best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. B. Emeneau", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

M. B. Emeneau.

December 10, 1942

Mr. Earle Yusa
72-10-D
Gila Relocation Project
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Earle:

I have just returned to the office after one week at home with the flu and have carefully examined your latest report.

I must tell you that I am keenly disappointed in both the quality and scope of the work. As far as I can determine, your total output for the week was less than three, poorly written pages about the post office at Tanforan. At that, this report consists mainly of quotations from non-identified sources and I look in vain for your own analytical comment. The other documents you sent are incomplete and quite useless without accompanying analysis.

I hope you will not think me heartless in my criticism. For the good of the study, and in fairness to the other research workers, however, I do not think that you should continue on the present basis. I realize, *circumstances* as you told me at Gila, that your present work in the camp makes it difficult, if not impossible, for you satisfactorily to do analytical work of the sort that is essential to the study. I sympathize with you in your situation and I am quite sure that you are capable of carrying a full share of the research burden if circumstances were more favorable.

Since it seems impossible at present for you to arrange your circumstances at Gila so that you could give your full measure of work and concentration to this research project, the only solution seems to be for you to give up your current research assistantship and take on a job as an observer under Bob Spencer, at the rate of \$20.83 per month. Thus you will be able to maintain your position in the community and will not find it necessary to alter any personal relationships.

Further a position as an observer will allow you to maintain your contact with this study but at the same time will make it unnecessary for you to assume responsibility for report writing, for detailed analysis, or for any stated weekly output. Rather, you would work on specific assignments under Spencer and report to him verbally. He would become responsible for writing up and analysing your observations.

If, in addition, you wish to prepare analytical reports on special topics and on various phases of life at Gila, these would be welcomed by us. They should be submitted from time to time and you would be given full credit for authorship and would, in addition, receive extra compensation for each such document.

Page 2.
Yusa
12-10-42

Will you let me know your reaction to this at your early convenience? Again I assure you of my best personal regards and my high regard for your ability.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 10, 1942

Dear Bob,

I'm back and more or less on my feet. I immediately wrote to the State draft board, and we shall see. No news is good news, I honestly believe, so just continue to take it calmly.

The enclosed is my little bombshell that went out today to Earle. There just is no use kidding ourselves about what he can do, so pensioning him off seems to be the best solution. However, I certainly expect him to help you, and I hope you will arrange for regular conferences with him. You might point out that, theoretically, he is now on a basis where he can contribute a great deal and also increase his income by producing as many documents as he pleases. I suppose Mimi will hit the ceiling.

Re your finances, etc. Morton told you the budgetary situation. But, you will remember that we agreed that you were to have anything you want within reason in the immediate future. Therefore, proceed as follows: you need not consult me about the disposition of the funds so long as you are within the set budget. Anything outside the budget must be submitted to me from time to time. No long-term commitments outside the budget may be made. Is that clear? I am anxious that you have just exactly what you need to facilitate your work, but realizing your streak of pecuniary impracticality I feel that I must keep a fishy eye on the commitment angle.

What about this guy Bennet who has been appointed director? Hell is popping all over WRA, and Shirrel has resigned at Tule Lake so Tom tells us.

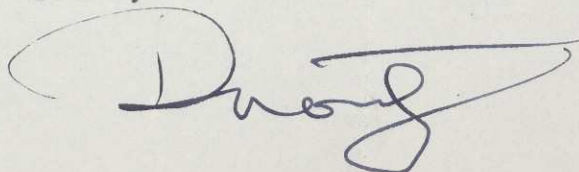
Tamie, damn her, has decided she wants to stay at Poston. Lowie said, "My God, I am provoked".

Lowie and Mrs. have been trying to get reservations for trip to Arizona, in spite of a complete report that I gave on our difficulties. Am not sure they can arrange it. If not, they will come in February. I had planned to go to Tule Lake, but it looks as though we shall not be able to get reservations until sometime in January. I don't believe you could get back here for Christmas if you wanted to. Will let you know Lowie's plans as soon as I hear anything definite.

I still feel a little bit like hell, but will be quite all right in a day or so. I even lost interest in liquor and tobacco.

Our regards to all.

Yours,



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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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

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To Local Board No 2 - Selective Service System

Street and No. Sande Dr, New Mexico

Place

Received affidavit 42A re: Robert Spencer, Order No. 230, Saturday,
January 2. Affidavit ~~being returned~~ returned Airmail, Special
by University War Council
Delivery three hours after receipt. No assurance, however, that
will reach you before ~~your~~ January 4 meeting.

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor, Rural Sociology

SENDER'S ADDRESS
FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE
NUMBER

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3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
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5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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

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

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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

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

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

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

NIGHT LETTERS

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

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

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

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

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

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

WEEK-END LETTERS

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

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 14, 1942

Mr. Robert Spencer,
Gila WRA Center,
Rivers, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I hasten to tell you that although we still expect to come to the evacuation center, it will not be on the dates originally planned for. Because of the confusion in the S.P. office, our original order for reservations was mislaid, and although we asked for them several weeks ago, nothing happened in consequence. We were therefore obliged to shift to the next possible period, namely, the week or so between the present terms. Accordingly, we shall leave, if all goes well on the railroad situation, on February 6, arriving at Casa Grande on the 8th. We expect to stay three or four days.

You probably have heard that we recently had a conference in Dr. Thomas's office with Kimball, Gibson, and Bates. It was all very pleasant, and we only wish that some representative of WRA could remain in San Francisco for the monthly meetings we originally had in mind. Unfortunately, everybody seems to be headed for Washington.

How are your draft troubles shaping themselves? Also how is the work progressing? I read both of the Issei documents with great interest, and consider them equally valuable, each in its own way.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



P.S. If you are in San Francisco during the holidays, be sure to get in touch with me.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 14, 1942

Dear Bob,

Just received your letter of December 10th, and read your report immediately. This report of trouble brewing is one of the most important things we have had on the study, and I implore you, unless you get your induction order, not to leave the community while things are in this state of indecision. To get the complete story, from you, from the Issei, from Joe, from Charlie is the chance of a lifetime. Your analysis seems to me to be excellent. Please carry on, and I cross my fingers about the draft. You see, I think maybe you are about to "predict a social trend", so for God's sake, be in on the climax and solution if you possibly can.

I had an inherent, smuggled letter from Mari, and as soon as things settle down there a bit, I am going to ask Morton to beat it right to Manzanar. This he has agreed to do.

As I told you, Tamie does not want to leave Poston, and has promised us the inside story on the strike there in a few days.

W and I are going to Tule Lake on January 11th. Shirrel has resigned (not voluntarily) and there is evidence of an awful mess and mixup there. Boy, is this an exciting study? Ethnology or ethnography, hell!

We had our WRA meeting, with Kimball, Gibson and Bates present. It went off quite well, I think. What proposition they will have later, I can't foresee, but we shall face it when it comes. Kimball made a bright remark, said that WRA policy was not quite defined, but that maybe it might be defined in such a way that all this turmoil was for the best, enabling them to "sift out" the loyal and disloyal. Morton asked innocently who the victim at Manzanar was, and suggested that it might be quite a price to pay for sifting.

Lowie has doubtless told you they have postponed their trip till February, due to impossibility of getting reservations.

Tell Charlie I am sending a package with a very slight remembrance for the Kikuchi's and am enclosing one for the Yusa's.

Earle sent in some more "documents", which will be useful, but not one word of analysis or writing of his own. No wonder he won't show you his "reports". I still feel justified in my action.

Bob, I implore you to stay at Gila as long as you possibly can. You may fly both ways for a short trip if you wish, but don't leave while things are brewing. Yours, *Dorothy*

I've read the report, too. If you
ever get tired of anthropology, you
ought to go in for journalism. You're
a damn good reporter. I agree with
Dorothy that it would be a shame if
you were absent when the En 3.5 comes.

You know the story of Mohammed
& the Mountain. I realize you can't
get your draft people to Lila - but
wouldn't you like to Christmas in
the Desert?

Lynda

December 17, 1961.

Dear Bob,

Received your letter & telephoned Louis. He has written you already that it is definite that they will come in February. You can stop worrying about his comfort or whether he can "take it". Louis really understands that it is not a winter visit, and he should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Re a secretary: that is definitely not a "luxury" but a necessity — not only for you but for Charlie & Joe, whenever they need me, and for any of the other observers when and if you decide it is desirable. It is a very good idea to train Tinkie for the job. Incidentally, we "upped" Ruby to 35¢ per hour very soon after she got going, but have held her at that for some time. It is a good incentive. We will find money for whatever secretarial assistance you need. The same goes for observers — with the understanding that, in the case of long-term commitment, you will consult me. I always thought you should have Hilda & others for the whole year; but you did not know the whole situation when he wrote. I hope Tule is "reassigned" to his job. And I hope you will make definite appointments to get information for him under the new arrangement. We are, incidentally, paying him the full \$62.50 for this winter. You may add approximately \$375 to your budget for the difference between his early & present remuneration for Jan - Sept.

Re Tule Lake (and please do not tell this to even your best Comintern friend) — Shivers did not resign, but was forced out or "transferred" by WRA. To our unsolicited job either in Chicago or Washington. (This too is our friend Coverley is taking over Tule Lake. ^(this too is confidential)) In my opinion, Shivers is being made a scapegoat — & WRA is finding jobs for those who want (or whom they did want) to go to Washington.

2. I had an interesting talk with Coverly. He said the Posse, by not calling in the military, "had" risked the lives of 500 Caucasian employees." That struck me as a particularly strong interpretation. But it seems that WPA is now planning to fly hell with the military and use strong arm tactics at every point. It's all right to tell this to Charlie, but not to any Caucasians whatsoever! I can see very hard times ahead. Coverly thinks hell is about to pop at Tule Lake, whereas Gila is all settled and quiet. My prediction is that the opposite is more likely. We shall see.

Am still crossing my fingers re your draft situation. Please wire me collect if there is any change anywhere.

Material from Tule Lake is coming in pretty regularly - & I think our January trip will be good.

In addition to Charlie & Joe, I hope you are getting the Issai & Kibbi stand on the right at Ygila.

Vivian now has the flu. It is certainly getting around.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,

Dorothy

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Mr. Robert Spencer,
Gila WRA Center,
Rivers, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Spencer:

Just a few lines to thank you for your continued worrying over our trip, which we hope to make in reality early in February.

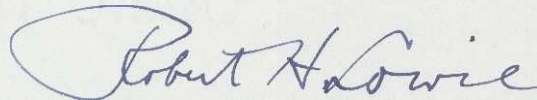
I am terribly sorry that your draft board is still failing to come to a definite favorable action. However, as Dr. Thomas has doubtless informed you, we are somewhat more optimistic after her interview with Dr. Cheney.

I have read all of your last report, and find it very illuminating. It is amazing how certain attitudes seem to crop up among the ^{old} Japanese, and those of the younger generation influenced by them.

As for your report in 244, my suggestion is that you limit yourself to a well-integrated portion of the total field. It would obviously not be feasible for you to cover all the phases you have tackled to date. For purposes of the report, I should be entirely satisfied with a unified statement, either about religious developments or any other one aspect of the cultural or social developments.

With all good wishes of the season,

Sincerely yours,



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