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October 31, 1942

Mr/ Thomas D. Elliot,  
768 Foxdale,  
Winnetka, Illinois.

Dear T.D.E.

You can imagine my surprise when John Thomas handed me a letter written by you inquiring about the possibility of housing one or two Japanese American students. I have forwarded this by air mail to our West Coast office where they will get in touch with you as soon as they can check on the students in that area in need.

John Nason tells me that you have a son at Swarthmore and I have been intending for the last week or two to get to see him as I am living at 401 Walnut Lane, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

The University has given me a war-leave for three to six months to come East to direct the Student Relocation Program. I was only in Chicago for about five minutes when the plane came down and so did not have an opportunity to telephone you.

Am looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to seeing you in the near future,

Sincerely,

*Robert W. O'Brien*

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Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eliot:

Your letter to Dr. Kneier has been forwarded to us by the War Relocation Authority as we are handling the relocation of students of Japanese ancestry now in relocation centers.

After looking through the documents of many students, we think that you might be interested in Miss Sachiko Nakauchi, 13-4-E, Minidoka WRA Project, Eden, Idaho.

She is hoping to attend the Vogue School at 116 S. Michigan Boulevard in Chicago and she has been accepted there as a student. Before we can apply for a student's travel permit, however, there are several requirements which must be met: (1) the student must be officially accepted by the school she wishes to attend, and (2) the Government requires proof that she has adequate money with which to finance her stay and Miss Nakauchi has furnished us with this evidence; (3) before a student can be relocated to a college, the college, itself, must be cleared by the War and Navy Departments as a place where American students of Japanese ancestry may attend. We have submitted the name of the Vogue School, but as yet we have had no answer. (4) The Government also asks us to make sure that the student will be well received in the new community and we have had this assurance for this student. (5) Each student is given a routine check by the FBI before travel permits are issued and we have submitted Miss Nakauchi's name to have the routine check made.

So, as soon as the 3rd and 5th requirements are met we shall be able to apply for her travel permit.

She is 22-years old and was born in Seattle, Washington. She wishes to prepare for teaching in the field of Textiles, sewing and pattern drafting, and if possible, she hopes to fit herself to teach High school home economics. While at school she was

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in the upper third in her class of 450. She was a member of the "Big B" club and of the "Girls' Club". She was a senior at the University of Washington when the evacuation took place. She majored in Home Economics and minored in Art. She was also a member of the "Roger Williams" Club, "Home Economics" Club and of the "Social Club". She has had some experience in dressmaking, as well as typing and clerical work.

One of her references says "she was a favorite with her classmates and her ability to cooperate with other people was very strong." Another reference indicates that she was well poised and had a good temperament and was very friendly and attractive.

She has written us that she had planned to live at International House in Chicago temporarily until she could find a reliable and pleasant home to live in.

If there is any more information we could furnish about her, please feel free to ask us. We believe it might be easiest if you write to her directly stating just what might be expected of her in her new home.

Cordially yours,

*Trudy King*  
Trudy King  
Permit Department

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NATIONAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

October 19, 1942

My dear Mr. Townsend:

I have had some correspondence with Miss Margaret Hester concerning two young women of Japanese-American parentage who are in the Minidoka War Relocation Project: Catherine Shimizu and Lucy Hiyama.

It has taken us here a little time to sound out our student body, faculty and community in relation to our taking Japanese-American girls as students in the college, provided they were able to secure permission to come to us. I have been informed by Washington that the Army and Navy have approved National College of Education for students of Japanese-American parentage from the relocation project.

We have only one full time tuition scholarship that we can give to a girl of Japanese-American parentage for this year. While we appreciate the very fine qualifications of both of the girls, Catherine Shimizu and Lucy Hiyama, we prefer to award our scholarship to Catherine because of her excellent scholarship record and the fact that she has had some work in college. I understand from Miss Hester that her parents can help with travel expense and incidental fees, and that if we find a home in which Catherine can work that it will be possible for her to come. We are willing to undertake to do this and are sure of our ability to find the suitable home.

We think that our arrangement had better be for the present year, but at the end of the year we will be willing to consider having Catherine continue with us, provided her work has been satisfactory and she has been happy in the school. I can understand that it may seem wise to have her go back to the project after a year because of the need of help in the care and training of the young children.

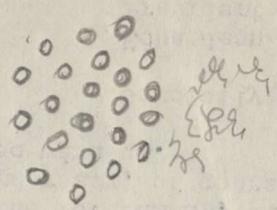
As I indicated earlier in my letter, we would be very glad to have Lucy Hiyama come, too, but can not grant her the tuition scholarship unless we are able to secure help through the Evanston Missionary Union or the Baptist Church. I, of course, do not know the resources of Lucy's parents; possibly they might be able to assist her with the tuition. It would be very desirable to have the two girls come together because I am sure that this arrangement would give them a companionship that they would not have in any other way. We can, of course, find a home in which Lucy can work for her room and board, so that the only stumbling block would be the tuition.

It is our understanding that if the girls are released to come to us they are still under the general supervision of the government, although the government release only loyal girls; we would stand ready, of course, to work with any Japanese students while they are enrolled with us.

Cordially yours,

Edna Jean Boker (signed)  
President

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November 11, 1942

Miss Trudy King  
National Student Relocation Council  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss King:

I appreciate greatly your thoughtful letter of October 31st, and I am hoping that an acceptable arrangement may be worked out. I am enclosing to you a letter which I am writing to Miss Nakauchi. Referring to your third paragraph, I presume that if she were to come on you would provide me with copies of documents establishing the five points there mentioned. Winnetka has always been a liberally minded community but one never knows when one might be challenged and such documents would be useful if they were immediately accessible.

The only doubt in my mind is whether the program of the Vogue School would be such as to make it difficult for a student to get back from Chicago (a one-hour trip) early enough to prepare the warm evening meal which is the main need of our household. Your description of Miss Nakauchi is most attractive and I can assure you we will try to welcome her as a friend, and, through the American Friends Service Committee, possibly even to put her in touch with congenial companionship.

Please keep me in touch with the progress of the case so that I may have some idea when definite action may be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas D. Eliot  
Professor of Sociology

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CC to Miss King  
CC to Robert O'Brien

November 18, 1942

Miss Sachiko Nakauchi  
15-4-E  
Minidoka WRA Project  
Eden, Idaho

My dear Miss Nakauchi:

Perhaps the West Coast headquarters of the Student Relocation Council, 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California, has sent you a copy of my letter in regard with my wish to be of some service to an evacuee and my need for some household help. From time to time for many years Mrs. Eliot and I had a college student living with us and receiving board and room in exchange for a specific number of hours of help in the home. Mrs. Eliot died in January and there are no longer young children to be stayed with in the evenings. There are just my daughter sixteen and myself in the home, and we neither need nor can afford a full-time servant. It is, however, bad for both digestion and morale for us to return from work to jerk a meal out of the ice-box. Both of us have heavy schedules and I do not feel that I can ask Rosemary to undertake the full responsibility of housekeeping. What we need is one warm meal a day and a little extra help on some one or two days at convenience to keep the house reasonably clean. You would be asked to do nothing that we ourselves have not been willing to do as needed. Our students have been free to share our table when and as they wish, but on the occasional evenings when we have guests they have sometimes preferred to stay in the kitchen in order not to have to keep jumping up and down in serving the meal. We do no formal entertaining but enjoy occasionally inviting in students or other friends for supper or an evening. On such occasions we would wish to consult your convenience in advance.

From the description of your plans in Miss King's letter, my chief doubt has to do with the considerable distance between Winnetka and the address of the Vogue School. I am wondering whether your program of studies could be arranged to permit your leaving the center of Chicago early enough to get back to our house in time to prepare supper. The trip takes at least a full hour. Of course if you are not admitted to that particular school, it is possible that the authorities might accredit you to National College of Education or Northwestern University in Evanston, which are less than half an hour from Winnetka. Neither of these schools, however, has a department of home economics.

I hope that something worth while for both of us may develop and that you will keep me in touch with events as they concern your possible release.

Very truly yours,

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Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Eliot:

When Mr. Provinse sent your letter on to us, stating that you would be glad to take a Japanese-American student into your house we turned the letter over to our travel permit department to suggest a student who was already relocated near you.

I did not see the letter that went out, I can understand that Miss Sachiko Nakauchi might not suit your purposes if she had to make a trip into Chicago every day.

We greatly appreciate your helping us. We are now trying to locate for you a student who could gain admission to one of the cleared institutions in Evanston who could only come if she could have her room and board by working for them. We will send you in a few days a proposal of such a student whom, if she seems satisfactory to you, we shall recommend to one of the Evanston institutions. Northwestern University, as you know, has not been cleared.

You probably will remember me as the Historian for whom your nephew, Eliot Weil, worked in Chicago during the summer of 1932. I saw Eliot a year ago last summer when he was home from Chungking. I wonder if you have heard from him more recently.

Yours cordially,

*Howard K. Beale*

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Evanston, Illinois

Dear Professor Elliott:

Mr. Beale has requested me to answer your very pleasant letters of December 4th and 7th. We wish to thank you for making the arrangement for Miss Nakauchi and we believe she will be very helpful to you. Mr. O'Brien saw and talked with her while visiting at the Minidoka Relocation Project in Idaho and was able to give her some impressions of Evanston and the professors there.

Yes, this is a silly "cock-eyed" world. Take for instance, Boulder-- American citizens of Japanese ancestry are allowed to go there to work and many are teaching Japanese at the University of Colorado. However, students are not allowed to go to the University of Colorado if they have been in a relocation project because the War and Navy Departments have not cleared the University of Colorado because of the secret work (teaching of Japanese) that is going on there. Some of the students we know arrive in Boulder only to find that the doors of the University are closed to them. Others remain in the projects hoping they may get out.

As soon as the report from the FBI on Miss Nakauchi is received, her educational leave will be granted and she will be coming East. At present we do not have a social case worker associated with our organization, but things change very quickly and we may have at some future time.

We wish to thank you for your continued interest in this problem of American education and we hope that some time the inconsistencies will be ironed out and that students will be able to attend Northwestern University.

Cordially yours,

*Trudy King*  
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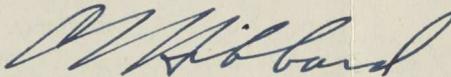
January 4, 1943

Dr. Thomas D. Eliot  
College of Liberal Arts  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Dr. Eliot:

This is to certify that the Northwestern University (Chicago) does not appear on the Army or Navy proscribed list in effect as of December thirty-first, 1943. We have consulted with the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D.C. and find that as the Northwestern University (Chicago) is now cleared, their office does not object to the attendance of students of Japanese ancestry at your university. The list may be changed in the future and you will be informed of developments by the Provost Marshal General's Office in your area or by the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. This means that students wishing to attend the Northwestern University (Chicago Branch) will not have to obtain any special type of clearance, will not have to fill out W.D., P.M.G.O.-I.D. Forms No. 58.

Very truly yours,



C. V. HIBBARD  
National Director

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January 4, 1943

*of Northw. U.*  
(Chicago Campus, only)  
↑ (near Wesley Hospital)

This is to certify that the Northwestern University (Chicago) does not appear on the Army or Navy proscribed list in effect as of December thirty-first, 1943. We have consulted with the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D.C. and find that as the Northwestern University (Chicago) is now cleared, their office does not object to the attendance of students of Japanese ancestry at your university. The list may be changed in the future and you will be informed of developments by the Provost Marshal General's Office in your area or by the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council. This means that students wishing to attend the Northwestern University (Chicago Branch) will not have to obtain any special type of clearance, will not have to fill out W.D., P.M.G.O.-I.D. Forms No. 58.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

C. V. HIBBARD  
National Director

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January 11, 1943

Mr. Robert O'Brien  
National Student Relocation Council  
1201 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

As an ancient Dutch uncle I am calling attention to minor items in your otherwise admirable work: (1) Your West Coast Committee is not using the same title for the Council as you have on your letterhead. (2) Your West Coast letterhead does not give your national headquarters address. (3) A letter addressed to you in October in care of the War Relocation Authority in Washington, D.C. was forwarded not to you but to an A. E. O'Brien in the San Francisco office of the War Relocation Authority. Mr. A. E. O'Brien replied, believe it or not, on December 21st, and, believe it or not-er, he never heard of either you or, apparently, of your West Coast office. Such an apparent lack of coordination would be astonishing if it were not that more incredible and cock-eyed things are happening all over the map. (4) Beal at one point was apparently not informed of the conversation between you and Miss Nakauchi and myself, and almost called off the negotiations. The last word from the West Coast office, however, indicated that she might come east as soon as F.B.I. clears her case. (5) So far neither your West Coast office nor Miss Nakauchi have given me any information in regard to her family background and circumstances. The first letter merely gave something of her college record. The West Coast office informs me that it has no social worker. I am aware that trained social workers are scarcer than hens' teeth, but I do not think that it would take 300 hours of the sacred magic of field work in family welfare to impart the idea and the simple set of questions involved to give to each home to whom a student is referred, some useful facts which would be helpful in the friendly adjustment of the student on arrival. A similar set of facts should be secured from the home for transmission to the student, and both parties should be requested to provide the West Coast office with copies of letters in regard to the conditions of transportation, work, and housing involved.

Last week Mr. Posey, who is assistant to Vice-President Fagg, told me that for reasons which he did not discuss, there seems to be a positive veto on the releasing of Northwestern University for attendance by evacuated students. Posey himself is taking one of these boys from the Hunt, Idaho, camp.

If you are in contact with Tulalake Project, remember me to Harold Jacoby, who took his masters here.

Let me know if you are passing this way. I am deeply interested in your work and wish I could be of more constructive service in it.

Sincerely yours,

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January 21, 1943

Mr. Howard Beal  
Pacific Coast Headquarters  
National Student Relocation Council  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Beal:

I can realize that in the process of getting organized the case work job of finding and fitting students to jobs, schools and homes has inevitably slipped cogs occasionally. Apparently my letters to you and Miss Nakauchi at the Idaho project got crossed up in some way because while I had received a cordial acceptance from her and had notified you that she was definitely acceptable and that the school had promised to arrange her hours accordingly, and I understood that she needed a part-time job, and had notified her to let me know when she would be coming so that I could meet her, and gave her instructions how to reach Winnetka, I now understand that she has been at International House for some weeks; I find she came to Chicago with the instructions from you that my home was too remote from the loop and that she should report to the American Friends Service Committee. This she did without mentioning my name at all, and proceeded to find a job at a store. Tuesday she called me up and I assumed that she had just arrived and talked with her on that assumption that her stay at International House was very temporary and that she expected to come to my home. She explained that her school only operated for two and a half days a week and would only last for two and a half months, and wondered whether that might be unsatisfactory to me. I said that it didn't matter at all and she should call me up again the day before she wished to come to my home in order that I might meet her and have things ready. I had no further word by Friday and wrote her a letter. I had no reply to this and finally reached her by telephone. She then explained that her school ran until 4:15 and that she would have to pay for the additional hour of instruction without having a chance to make it up; also that from International House it only took her ten minutes and ten cents to attend. If the terms of her release from camp include the freedom to live where she pleases without a sponsor and without a job, and if she has the money to meet her expenses without having to work for her board and keep, this arrangement is of course the most satisfactory possible. I asked her whether she had enough money to continue at International House as long as it is not turned over entirely to soldiers, and she said that she was beginning to wonder on that point as living expenses were higher than she expected. She also said that she has no experience in housework and prefers to find employment in a store. Again if she is able to carry out this plan it would seem a satisfactory solution.

The flaw in the whole situation-process has been of course the failure of everybody and anybody to keep me informed of what was going on.

Mr. Howard Beal

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The foregoing episode has involved for my household two months without a servant or other help, waiting for action. Most of the delay concerned was due to FBI, but this will now have to be repeated for another student because of lack of clear understanding in respect to Miss Nekauchi's needs and intentions and movements.

I think that in your council's contacts with the camps and especially in correspondence with students about to be placed out in jobs or homes, a form paragraph might well be devised in which they are reminded that the success of your council in continuing to find openings for the Nisei will be seriously affected for good or ill by the carefulness with which they observe the principles of personal responsibility in their reporting and other relationships. It would be very easy for a good many people, for example, to have developed a prejudice against all such students on the basis of an experience such as mine with Miss Nekauchi, combined with the current stereotype in regard to the so-called "Japanese" character. As for me, I would be equally willing to believe that she has been just a little too well Americanized.

I believe that National College of Education is now a cleared school. Perhaps Evanston Collegiate Institute is also cleared.

Cordially yours,

TDE:AH

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February 1, 1943

Mr. Thomas D. Eliot  
768 Foxdale Avenue  
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Friend:

As Mr. Howard Beale has returned to the East, our West Coast Director has asked me to answer your letter of January 21st. We are indeed sorry for this mixup about Miss Sachiko Nakauchi but we do not believe that it is quite as bad as you say.

We were in contact with her from July on. Early in September she was accepted at the school and we started collecting the necessary evidence so that we might apply for her education leave, which we did on November 5th. As you will remember, on October 31st, we wrote you about her, briefly describing her. On the same day we wrote her telling her about you and giving both of you each other's addresses.

We received your letter of November 18th at the very end of the month and wrote her on November 30th. She forwarded to us the copy she had received but this did not reach us until December. As soon as we heard from you we wrote her on December 2nd and stated to her that you might prefer to have a student who would attend a college in Evanston. This we based on the second paragraph of your letter of November 18th. However, when we received your two subsequent letters of December 4th and 7th we immediately wrote her again telling her of the changed picture and we also wrote you. Unfortunately these letters never reached her--due to the Christmas delay--and she left Chicago still with the impression that you preferred to have someone who could work and who would be educated in Evanston.

As with most students, we gave her the name of a person to whom she could turn when she reached the new community. She wrote us on the 17th indicating that she was staying at the International House in Chicago, that she was enjoying her short stay there very much and she also indicated that she had not received our most recent letters to her. However, she called you up and found

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Thomas R. Eliot-2

out that you were expecting her but since the school ends at 4:15 and since the transportation to and from Winnetka is quite high and takes time and effort, she felt that it would be wiser if she could find employment in or near Chicago. She was indeed sorry that there were so many complications and she hopes that someone worthy will be found so that you can have a part-time helper.

As we look over our files we do not find any letter to indicate that we told her not to commute or to go to the American Friends Service Committee. <sup>in this office</sup> We are not social service workers but are human beings who are <sup>trying to give</sup> ~~giving~~ other human beings a chance to live <sup>again</sup>. We don't intend to run this girl's life for her nor do we intend to run the lives of any of the other students, so we don't make all the arrangements but leave them some freedom to choose for themselves.

We do feel very badly that this has caused you such a great deal of inconvenience but we realize that you are big enough not to feel too <sup>greatly</sup> ~~much~~ upset ~~about~~ <sup>by</sup> it. I'm enclosing a list of a few other students <sup>who</sup> will probably be in attendance in colleges in Evanston. These are:

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, EVANSTON

Lucy Hiyama

19-6-B, Minidoka Relocation Project, Hunt, Idaho

Catherine Shimizu

7-2-C, Minidoka Relocation Project, Hunt, Idaho

Betty Fujii, Colorado River Relocation Project, Poston, Arizona

EVANSTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Thomas Takemura

Daniel Takeoka

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Grace Watanabe

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215-13C, Poston, Arizona

Cordially,

TRUDY KING  
Permit Department

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July 5, 1943

Dear Friends:

Harvey Itano, medallist of the 1942 graduating class of the University of California at Berkeley, left Tule Lake Project to attend college on July 4, 1942. He was the first student to receive a travel permit through the help of the National Student Relocation Council. Numerous students had left before with the help of Robert O'Brien in Seattle and Joe Conard in San Francisco, but these students had not been in assembly centers or relocation projects.

A year later we find that 1555 students of Japanese ancestry are in college. Of these, 627 were not evacuated from their homes or at least were never placed in assembly centers or relocation projects. Nine hundred and twenty-eight are from assembly centers and projects. In addition to these, there are 122 others out working this summer and who will be going to the colleges at which they have been accepted for the fall classes.

Some 358 other students have been accepted at colleges. A breakdown shows that 139 have their educational leaves and may have already arrived at their campuses, although they have not yet had time to inform us of this. Another 53 have fulfilled all requirements and are waiting for Washington to issue their educational leaves. We are still collecting materials for the remaining 166. Some of these need to convince their families of the desirability of going to college; others are delayed because their college has not been cleared; a few have temporarily lost interest. The majority, however, still need to have their financial plans carefully worked out.

Thus, 1411 have found relocation opportunities (928 evacuees at college, 119 out working, 6 enlisted in the army, 358 accepted by or admitted to colleges but still on the projects - 1411) and 630 others are at college (627 non-evacuees on campuses and 3 non-evacuees working) making a total of 2041 accepted by or going to a college.

We are working on the placement of the 1853 other students who have filed questionnaires. An additional 541 students have indicated an interest in college. The total number of students interested in continuing their education at the college level is 4435:

1411 with relocation opportunities  
630 non-evacuees  
1853 new applicants  
541 interested students

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Attached are 2 charts. Chart Number 1 shows the number of students relocated by assembly centers and relocation projects. Chart Number 2 is a tabulation of the results of a financial questionnaire we sent to 445 of the relocated students. Not quite a third of these need financial assistance. The average need for these is \$230. We are appealing first to the colleges and universities, then to the church groups and private groups. It is interesting to note that almost all these students are earning their living expenses while they are attending college. All those who can are taking jobs this summer to earn money ahead. Some of these students are working with us here in the office and join the rest of the staff in sending you friendly greetings.

Cordially

*Trudy King*  
TRUDY KING  
Permit Department

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NOTE 1: The Directory of American Students of Japanese ancestry in the Higher Schools, Colleges and Universities of the United States of America Including Students Currently Working But Intending To Enter College shows that there are 1687 relocated persons. The difference in figures is due to the fact that the directory was compiled in May and there have been changes since. A breakdown indicates that:

630 are non-evacuee students (see Chart Number 1)  
874 students at college--34 of these left the projects on non-student leaves  
60 are no longer at their colleges  
183 persons are out on work leaves

NOTE 2: There are students, according to the directory, at 281 colleges in 187 communities in 38 states.

RELOCATION PROJECTS  
ASSEMBLY CENTERS  
FSA CAMPS

RELOCATED STUDENTS

PENDING

Students accepted by or ad-  
mitted to college but not  
yet there

TOTAL PENDING

	At College	At Work But Ac- cepted at College	Enlisted In Army	Total Relocated	Column 1	Column 2	TOTAL PENDING
Minidoka	156	31	5	(192)	35	19	(54)
Tule Lake	108	12		(120)	41	23	(64)
Poston	107	7		(114)	14	26	(40)
Granada	92	15	1	(108)	14	10	(24)
Gila	96	9		(105)	20	17	(37)
Topaz	86	14		(100)	15	15	(30)
Heart Mountain	69	10		(79)	18	22	(40)
McGehee - Rohwer	42	3		(45)	14	13	(27)
Jerome - Denson	37	6		(43)	12	8	(20)
Manzanar	36	4		(40)	9	8	(17)
FSA Camps: Nyssa	8			(8)		2	(2)
Caldwell							
Ontario							
Non-Evacuees	570 - 57 - 627	3		(630)*		1	(1)
Santa Anita	41	1		(42)			
Tanforan	27	2		(29)			
Puyallup	5	4		(9)			
Fresno	6			(6)			
North Portland	5	1		(6)			
Stockton	4			(4)			
Tulare	2			(2)			
Merced	1			(1)			
No Recent Address						2	(2)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(1683)</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>(358)</b>

Column 1: Students who have fulfilled all requirements, have had their documents shipped to Washington.

Column 2: Students whose documents are now being gathered.

\* These 630 non-evacuees represent 57 we have corresponded with as to their college, 3 who are working and 570 who were relocated independent of the Council (Their names are in our directory.)

SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRES

SENT TO ALL RELOCATED STUDENTS

DENOMINATION	NO NEED (can manage)	NEED	UNCERTAIN	AVERAGE NEED	AVERAGE GRADE POINT	TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONNAIRES RETURNED
Presbyterian	26	32		\$250	2.3	58
Methodist	66	37		\$200	2.2	103
Congregational	24	8	2			34
Episcopal	3	7		\$200	2.2	15
Catholic	10	5		\$200	2.4	15
Buddhist	24	7		\$200	2.3	31
7th Day Adventist	9	--		----	1.5	9
Reformed & Evangelical	5	3	1	\$150	2.0	9
Baptist	23	9		\$150	2.2	37
Protestant	10	10		\$300	2.3	20
No Religious Affil.	75	21	1	\$250	2.2	97
Miscellaneous	14	3		\$400	2.1	17
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July 2, 1943	299	142	4	\$250	2.3	445

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Dear Mr. Eliot -

Miss King has been terribly bothered by your grand letter of January 21, telling us frankly how you felt about Sachiko Nakanchi + her apparently giving you a run around. Miss King has tried several times to get off the "right" answer to you - without success. She feels the enclosed isn't much better than the earlier tries. But could you take it as it is. We are working under great pressure trying to get as many students as possible out before terms are too far along.

Sincerely, Thomas R. Bodine

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