

Box 2:24 Japanese-American Relocation

Miscellaneous

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Palo Alto, California

June 10, 1944

Dear Dr. Wilbur;

I have been asked by the American Friends Service Committee to consult you upon the following question: We believe that the time has come when the Japanese-Americans should be restored to their civil liberties and to their former homes. We do realize that bringing these people back to California has to be done with the utmost care and diplomacy. We would like to know if you approve of a plan to start bringing back students to the California universities. The universities seem to be a safe place to bring the young Japanese-Americans to. This would not involve any housing problem or problem of direct economic competition. If we succeed in establishing the students, the next step can be taken to bring back the others. We believe that it is very dangerous to wait until after the war with bringing these people back to the west coast. Yesterday I talked to Dr. Tresidder, who seemed in favor of this plan but is in doubt as to the right time to undertake such a move.

You have taken much interest in the problem of the Japanese-Americans and it would be ~~important~~ to know if you approve of this plan. I would be grateful if you could answer as soon as your health permits you to do so.

Sincerely,

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19-8-C, Topaz, Utah
July 26, 1944

My dear Mrs. Duveneck:

Your kind, encouraging letter reached me some time ago. Please know that my procrastination in no way designates my lack of gratefulness or lack of enthusiasm. I needed ample time to thrash out my problems in my mind first and know definitely what steps I should take before venturing to write you. I appreciate from the bottom of my heart, your interest in me and in many other niseis you have taken under your protective wings.

The main reason for my husband's action in volunteering in the U.S. Army is our little year and a half daughter, so that she can face the future with no discrimination such as we have gone through. He is willing to die - so that his little girl can be brought up as any other Americans. You can see why my chief concern is my daughter, and do not wish to expose her to anything that will be destructive or contrary to my husband's aims. California is my first choice, if I can be accepted and assimilated. My brother as well as my cousin besides my husband have volunteered their services for the Army. My cousin and husband are both overseas. My brother will leave soon. My older brother is teaching Japanese at North Western University in Evanston.

Both my parents are dead. Mother passed away four months prior to Pearl Harbor attack. Father passed away three days after arrival in Topaz -- the trip proved too strenuous and the altitude too high. My immediate family in Topaz now consist of my sister and my baby. My sister has lived with me for the past four years. Since our family are scattered all over the globe, it is my brothers' and husband's wish that we stay together if possible. I am desirous of going back to California with them at an earliest possible date.

I have taught piano for the past twenty years. I have no other vocational training. Therefore, my choice now for my vocation would be to work as a domestic in a cultured home. I cannot work too freely with a baby, so all I would ask would be board and room plus a small salary. My sister, if allowed to go back, may be able to find employment else where as she is an experienced stenographer. If possible we would like to stay together. If there is a youngster in the home where I am employed I am more than willing to tutor school work as well as give piano lessons in addition to housework. I shall do everything to please my employer if I can devote part of my time to my baby.

As much as I appreciate the job you mentioned in your letter, working away from home does not appeal to me. First, I

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cannot leave my baby for long hours at a time. She is young and needs my devotion and personal care at this stage. Second, I do not favor living in a Dormitory. The main reason for my wanting to get away from camp life is to give her home atmosphere and to get away from community living. I cannot subject her to immodesty, crude speech and vulgar habits of camp life any longer. I must go from this extreme to the other extreme of culture and refinement, in order to get a proper balance I hope I do not seem too selfish in telling you only of my needs being utterly ignorant of the conditions outside. In short, I wish to work in a home where I can feel protected at this experimental stage of Nisei's homeward trek. Where I can be with my baby and make up for all the proper atmosphere she missed and undo whatever foreign manner and speech she may have picked up. I certainly need lots of undoing and relearning and want to learn the best of American life so that I can pattern my life and family after them.

Thank you ever so much for your interest in me. I feel honored that I am one of the few in Topaz to receive a letter personally from you. I am looking forward to meeting you for I know that knowing you will be an inspiration to me -- an inspiration that will help to make me a true American, my husband's goal.

Sincerely yours,

Saku Maiwaki Moriwaka
(Mrs. Yoshiaki Maiwaki)

P.S. Please advice me and point out wherever I am wrong.
Perhaps you may know a better plan, or a better setup.

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Walnut Creek, Calif.
Jan. 3 '45

Dear Mrs. Moriwaki,

I read in the Chronicle of your plans to return to California, and I would like to add my "Welcome Home" to those you will receive from your friends.

It takes real courage to come back among the first when none of us know what is ahead, but I sincerely hope all will be well with you and that you and your little girl -and your brave husband thru you- will find happiness back home in California.

I have several friends in the 442nd, and I know what sort of life they are leading, and how glad they will be to get home, and how important it is to make and keep a home for them. My husband is in the Navy and I have a boy $4\frac{1}{2}$ and a girl just 8 months old, so I know from that angle, too.

This whole Relocation has been a terrible thing, and I know of no other group of people who would have had the patriotism to do it. I hope some day we can make it up to you in some way.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Wyman Graham

My dear Mrs. Duveneck,
Forgive me for troubling
you. I have heard recently from
the Nakatas, a family which we
have known. Grace, their small
daughter, writes from Heart Mountain
for her father and mother. Roy, the
son is in training in Florida.

Grace writes: - "We want to go
back to Palo Alto during the summer
vacation so I could go to school
without missing any. Father wants
a job of gardening. If you can,
would you please find him one
and would you please tell us. Father

One of my friends who employed Mr. Nakata as a gardener, said that her place looked better under his care than it ever had before. We employed him to care for some property that we owned in Mayfield and found him very faithful. He kept the place in good shape always.

said he would even go back himself. Mother does not want to work because she has a backache."

The problem is to find a place for them to live. Their possessions ^{at the Methodist Church} are all stored here in Palo Alto. I have written Grace asking her to send me a list of his former employers. If he could come ahead alone, it might be easier. Have you any suggestion?

I am writing you because I know that this whole problem lies close to your heart. I'm hoping you may be able to help me solve the problem for the Nakatas.

Most sincerely,

Celine S. Dodge

February 23, 1945

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March 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Swain:

I received your very kind letter yesterday. Thank you very much ^{for} answering. It's so very heart warming to know that friends are willing to help you when in need.

We do not own our home, unfortunately and we do not have definite place to go when we do return. What I had in mind, before I have to report for active duty was to see if I could have them placed in a home, where dad could do some light gardening work and mother could do the housework. As you suggested in your letter. It would be nice if dad and mother could find a place where they can work together. Mother is in good health thank God for that! Dad, is physically much better, he is not weak in strength, only his body cannot absorb the type of work he did prior to evacuation.

I know that the housing situation in California is acute and the only possible solution for dad and mom, is to find them a place as I mentioned above. I do think that is best for those concerned.

Thank you for giving consideration to my fiancée to be. I sincerely appreciate it very much. She will be leaving for New-York around the third week of April. She and I would appreciate it very much if you would forward any letter on the line of employment for her, by sending any letter or offer of a job to her address in this center, which can be sent to her hostel address in New York City. I will let her know what to do. I also realize the trouble it's for you to do this for all of us. I hope some-

day, we can all repay you back for the faith and interest in us. It makes a world of differences in attitude.

When this mess is over and I get discharged, I will take full advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights, altho' it remains to be seen if it will work for all of us. I hope so.

Since I've been accepted by the Intelligence language school I shall remain in the mainland for at least one year. By that time I hope dad and mother is settled. It would relieve so much off of my mind. It's going to take strength and faith to start all over again, but we must do it! Thanks to people like you, many of us, will again start our life in America.

Dad, mother, Miss Emi and I, sincerely wish to extend our regards to you, for it does give us something to work on.

Sincerely Yours,

James Sato

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Rivers, Arizona
March 29, 1945

Mrs. Weber
490 Kingsley Ave.
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mrs. Weber,

Concerning your kind offer of domestic employment for my wife and living quarters for all of us I had a serious discussion with my wife and her folks. Our little son has just learned to walk and is at the mischievious stage requiring constant watch and care that it would be unfair for you as she would not be able to devote her full time faithfully and efficiently toward her duties.

I hope that you understand the inevitable circumstances and may we have an equal consideration at a later date when my family will join me.

Thank you for your kind offer and consideration. I hope that this letter reaches you in time and I have not caused you undue inconveniences.

Very sincerely yours,

Address at Stanford:
Box 2593
Stanford University

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

United States Department of the Interior
Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

March 30, 1945

Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authority
308 Burrell Building
246 South First Street
San Jose 17, California

Dear Sir:

Re: OISHI, Makoto #31976

Enclosed is the family summary for Mr. and Mrs. Makoto Oishi who are very anxious to return to the Palo Alto area. They have worked as domestics there since 1929. Their last employer was Charles Day McDonald of Los Altos, a lawyer for whom they worked from 1937 to 1942. They also name Mr. A.H. Wheeler, assistant postmaster of 640 Coleridge Avenue, Palo Altos as their friend.

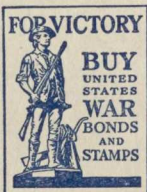
This couple applied for the Dr. Blake Wilbur job because it provided housing which of course, they must have. Mr. Oishi states they wish to leave the center about May 15 but may be able to leave earlier if a job offer is available.

We shall appreciate any help you can extend to help this worthy couple to reestablish a home in Palo Alto.

Yours truly

Signed Claud C. Gilmore
 Acting Relocation Program Officer

Enclosure



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

246 N. 1st St.
San Jose 17, Calif.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Oishi

Mrs. R.A. Isenberg
2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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

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FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

Topaz, Utah
Recd. April 5, 1945

James E. Edmiston
Relocation Officer
Rm. 308, Burrell Bldg.
246 S. 1st St.
San Jose, Calif.

Kei Hasgawa 31-3-C has written letters direct to Mesdames Davis and Isenberg.

Emil Sekarak

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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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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.

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DOMESTIC SERVICES

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A full-rate expedited service.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

SERIALS

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2 A.M. for delivery not earlier than the following morning at rates substantially lower than the standard telegram or day letter rates.

CABLE SERVICES

ORDINARIES

The standard service, at full rates. Code messages, consisting of 5-letter groups only, at a lower rate.

DEFERREDS

Plain-language messages, subject to being deferred in favor of full-rate messages.

NIGHT LETTERS

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Project Director
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Contact Kay Hasegawa family 31 dash 3 dash 6 negotiating employment with Mrs. W.H. Davis Los Altos PD Several wires from both Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Isenberg unanswered PD Mrs. Davis wants this family confirm arrangements promptly and come on. Wire reply this office.

James E. Edmiston
Relocation Officer

I certify this is

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2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif.
April 9, 1945

Alum Rock Sanatorium
Fair Ranch Rd.
San Jose

Dear Sirs:

I have just had a letter from Shigetomo Motoike saying that he is arriving in San Francisco at 10:50 on Sunday, April 15. In all probability the train will be late. I have wried him instructions to telephone you when he gets to the city to let you know what train he will take to San Jose, and what time it will be due to arrive there. Will you please arrange to meet him at the station in San Jose, and kindly let me know if you can do this.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry M. Adams

2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif.
April 9, 1945

Dear Mrs. Bingo,

Mr. Edmiston of the WRA in San Jose has written to me about your desire to return to California, and to find work where you can bring up your child in a free American manner. The great difficulty in your case, as you probably realize, is finding a household where there is room and the people are willing to have a small child. Finding work presents no problem at all. I have given all this some thought and think that I have found a situation that will suit you very well. A Mrs. Russell Broadhead, who teaches at the high school in Redwood City, and whose husband is overseas, is very anxious to have a capable Japanese American woman share her home with her. She has a small boy about three years old, and would be happy to have your little girl in the house.

Mrs. Broadhead lives a little out in the country, but in a well populated small community of people mostly connected with Stanford University. Although Mrs. Broadhead is not in a position to employ a housekeeper full time, she can offer room and board to you, and will see to it that you find plenty of domestic work in the immediate vicinity, at which you will surely be able to earn \$25. a week. Work at Mrs. Broadhead's house would not amount to more than three hours a day, and it is customary to consider three hours of work fair exchange for room and board.

I should explain that her house is very simple, just a country cottage. On her property is a tiny single room cabin which you can have for your own, letting the two children sleep in the bigger house which is only a few yards away. If this is not suitable to you, Mrs. Broadhead feels sure that the two of you could work out other arrangements. The community is rustic but not crude, and all the people in that area are very pleasant, forward-looking and broad-minded. There is a grammar school very near that your little girl could attend along with the other children of the neighborhood. Although Mrs. Broadhead's house is two miles from Palo Alto, she and her neighbors would be very cooperative in seeing to it that you get into town, meet people, and make friends quite freely. I live next door to Mrs. Broadhead myself.

In spite of the drawbacks of distance from Palo Alto and the rustic simplicity of the living arrangements, I recommend this offer highly. You could hardly find anyone nicer than Mrs. Broadhead to live with, and the country is both beautiful and healthy for you both. Please let me know how you feel about this. Mrs. Broadhead is anxious to have you come as soon as possible, if you will consider

this offer. She is writing to you herself this evening. Please feel free to ask me any questions about the work and the situation that I have not covered to your satisfaction in this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Eliza Adams

Mrs. Henry M. Adams

2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif.
April 9, 1945

Dear Mr. Edmiston,

Enclosed you will find a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Mrs. Bingo. As you will see from the contents, we have been able at last to find someone who would not only be willing but very glad to have Mrs. Bingo and her child. There are many people in that little neighborhood who are eager to have help in their homes, by the hour, and this offer does seem eminently suitable to Mrs. Bingo's problem. Please have the kindness to return this copy to us. We will let you know what comes of this possibility and whether Mrs. Bingo is interested.

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Relocation Officer
W.R.A., 308, Burrell Bldg.
246 S. 1st St., San Jose, Calif.

Reurtel April 11 Mr and Mrs Oishi not interested in Mrs Schroll job.
Also specify job must be in city of Palo Alto and will not leave center
till last of may as Mr. Oishi not too well.

Claud C. Gilmore
Acting Relocation Program Officer

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

WESTERN UNION

A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

1206

CHECK
ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
TIME FILED

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

C O P Y

April 11, 1945

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

Claud C. Gilmore
Relocation Officer
Heart Mt. Relocation Center
Heart Mt., Wyoming

Reurtel April 10. Have excellent job for Mr. and Mrs. Oishi, 23-17-F, with Mrs. Schroll, Rt. 1, Box 773, Woodside, Calif. Three children in family and nurse. Eight miles from Palo Alto, one mile from busline, transportation to busline. Salary \$200 per month plus room and board. Two room apartment with private bath. Wire reply immediately.

James E. Edmiston

I certify this is
Official Business
Government Rate
Charge WRA

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeat message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeat message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeat-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeat-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines.

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the actual loss, not exceeding in any event the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount the sender of each message represents that the message is valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeat-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

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.

4. Except as otherwise indicated in connection with the listing of individual places in the filed tariffs of the Company, the amount paid for the transmission of a domestic telegram or an incoming cable or radio message covers its delivery within the following limits: In cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where the Company has an office which, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, is not operated through the agency of a railroad company, within two miles of any open main or branch office of the Company; in cities or towns of 5,000 or more inhabitants where, as shown by the filed tariffs of the Company, the telegraph service is performed through the agency of a railroad company, within one mile of the telegraph office; in cities or towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants in which an office of the Company is located, within one-half mile of the telegraph office. Beyond the limits above specified the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will endeavor to arrange for delivery as the agent of the sender, with the understanding that the sender authorizes the collection of any additional charge from the addressee and agrees to pay such additional charge if it is not collected from the addressee. There will be no additional charge for deliveries made by telephone within the corporate limits of any city or town in which an office of the Company is located.

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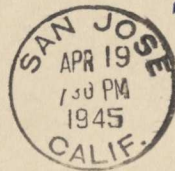
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

246 S. 1st St.
San Jose 17, Calif.

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Mrs. R. A. Isenberg
2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif.

16-9-F. Topay, Utah, via Delta

Dear Mrs. Adams and
Mrs Broadhead,

I want to
thank you for your kind
and thoughtful offer. I
had not left camp due to
legal matters coming up
sooner than I had expected.
I shall keep your addresses
and hope I can recommend to
someone who would accept
your offer. I have my intentions
but I do not know as to how
soon I may leave. Thanking
you again

Sincerely
Mrs. Futaye Bingo

April 24, 1945.

2175 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, Calif
April 29, 1945

Dear Mrs. Bingo,

Mrs. Broadhead was very disappointed that you cannot come after all. We would appreciate it very much if you would be kind enough to tell any of your friends who wish to return to this area of California, about Mrs. Broadhead's offer. It is a highly

recommended position for a single woman, or a woman with a small child, who wants to work where she will be treated as part of the family. I suggest that you show Mrs. Broadhead's letter and mine to anyone you know who might be interested. Mrs. Broadhead is anxious to have someone come to live with her as soon as possible. Please ask whoever is interested to write to her at once. Thank you very much for helping us, since you could not come yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry M. Adams

Turner

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Tule Lake Center,
Newell, California

MAY 27 1945

Mr. Fred Ross,
Relocation Officer,
War Relocation Authority,
406 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Ross:

Re: Taiichiro Mishima
FN 40475

Mr. Taiichiro Mishima, alien 50, has been inquiring about educational possibilities for his son. He wants his son, Herbert Eiichi age 16, who is a sophomore in high school, to finish high school on the outside, particularly because the boy might be going to college. This is Mr. Mishima's main concern. However, he has indicated that he and his wife, Masu, alien 49, might relocate with Herbert or at least might follow him. We are asking the Welfare Section to prepare a social summary for submission to you in the expectation that Herbert will relocate alone. We are writing now to ask if you can line up a possible situation for Herbert in the Palo Alto vicinity and can give us some information about it.

Mr. Mishima would like to have Herbert enter school on the outside as soon as possible. If there are summer schools available, he would like to have his son relocate in time to attend the summer session.

The situation that Mr. Mishima would like to find for his son is one where Herbert could be in a good and responsible home, where he could work for room and board and if possible, for a little extra cash while he would be attending regular day time classes. Mr. Mishima hopes that his son will go



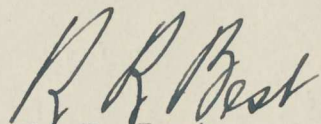


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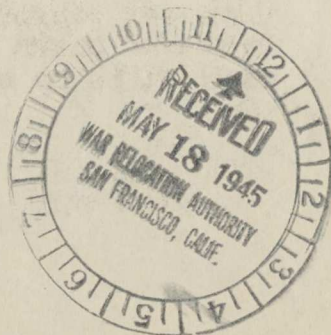
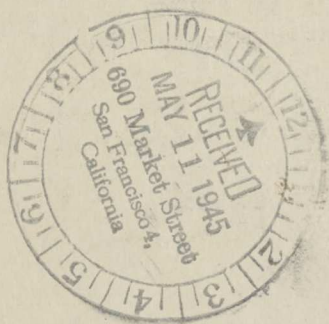
on with college work. The boy thinks now that he will want to study medicine. Mr. Mishima feels that a suburban and university community, such as Palo Alto, would be rather ideal for his son. We believe, however, that some other community near San Francisco, similar to Palo Alto, would be acceptable. Although Herbert does not have an outstanding record this year in high school, he has previously had a large percentage of A's. The father feels that the responsibility of earning his way through school would be good for him. Mr. Mishima apparently does not have any substantial financial reserve but he could help his son some.

The welfare summary will be forwarded as soon as possible. We feel that the process of obtaining agency supervision of a minor can be expedited if you can line up possible employment and home for the boy. Accordingly, we are asking that you attempt to do this now, while you are awaiting receipt of the summary. Having found some opportunity for the boy, will you then let us know about the circumstances, the community sentiment and schooling opportunities in the community. Mr. Mishima will greatly appreciate this latter information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. R. Best". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

R. R. Best
Project Director



May 8, 1945.

Mrs. Hillhouse Ford
2101 Waverly Dr.,
Palo Alto, cal.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your ad,
will say that I would like to
work in domestic near San
Francisco. I am experienced
cook and houseworker. Worked
in Beverly Hills for nice families
prior to the evacuation. They
were very much pleased with
me and be glad to have me
back, but now I want ^{to} start
somewhere ^{else} new. In May 16,
I am leaving here to L. A.
to look over my things, so

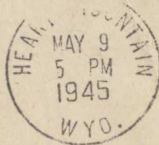
I won't be able to start work before the 1st. Meantime if you are interested, please write to me how to get there from Los Angeles. And what train to take. I can find out as to the time schedules.

Anything you wish to know I'd be glad to tell you.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Toshie Kurotori
1062 S Euclid Ave.,
Los Angeles 23, Calif.
c/o Mrs. Hilda L. Hausel

Day 1. 964
leave L.A. 8¹⁵

San Jose - 448



Mrs. Hillhouse Ford

2101 Waverly St.,

Palo Alto,

California.

Suzuki, Jimmie

C O P Y

RFD 856 R1, Menlo Park, California
May 17, 1945

Dear Mr. Duveneck:

We have just had a very nice three day visit from Okamoto and out of it has come the need of some information I know you will be able to give me as regards some of the problems of the return of Japanese, not American born.

Okamoto and his wife are all fixed up as to their own return sometime within the next few months. They are to come to Mrs. Clark Whittier as sort of part timers and will have a home there, and both will be free to take on any outside work. The people I refer to however are the family of another man born in Japan but educated in Sacramento, his wife, born in Hawaii and also from Sacramento. Jimmie, as we know him, has a good mechanical training, especially in automobile repairs, but due to unions he had to turn to other things and for many years did garden work with Okamoto, his wife working at Roble for years also. They have four children the eldest ready for High School and the youngest already in the first grade. At Topaz Jimmie has been practically the first man with the pig rancher, has an excellent record, and at present faces the fact that the camp is scheduled to close in October. He is most anxious to be some place where his children may have proper schooling, and where employment may be had for him and his wife. I have been in pretty close contact with Mrs. Suzuki since they went to Topaz since she has done all the correspondence for the Okamotos.

I think what I am really trying to ask you is just where they may write for any information along the lines I have mentioned. I know you and Mrs. Duveneck are very interested in these problems and so I dare to bother you. The Suzuki address is James Suzuki, Topaz, Utah 29-8-B.

Anything you may be able to tell me both David and I will greatly appreciate you may be sure.

Cordially,

Elizabeth Davidson

C O P Y

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

June 8, 1945

Relocation Officer
Rm. 308 Burrell Bldg.
246 South First St.
San Jose 17, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ujita, Umeno
#31973

Mr. and Mrs. Ujita are interested in returning to Palo Alto if they could find suitable housing. They would like to know what the possibilities are for Mrs. Isenbert, American Friends' Service Committee, 2175 Cooper Street, to help them in securing suitable living quarters.

They plan to relocate as soon as housing can be obtained.

Yours truly,

Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

Enclosure

28-24-D
Heart Mountain,
Wyoming.
August 27, 1945

My dear Mr. Dueneck:

I am now on furlough visiting my family here at the relocation center in Wyoming. My main purpose for coming to visit my folks was to plan on their relocating.

They have decided on returning to the West coast preferably in the vicinity of the peninsula. At present my father has no definite plans and we are without a place to stay. The family plans on leaving for the west sometime during the month of September. I have a father, mother and two younger sisters. Father is in his early forties and my sister is of high-school age. Mother will not be

2. able to do any work since she has to care for the baby. Father can read and write English and speaks to a fair degree. I am sure he will find no difficulty in carrying on a conversation with anyone. All the family is in good health. I have a younger brother but he is now in the army under the Army Specialization program in Ohio.

If you know of any place in your vicinity where my family can stay until my father can find a suitable position, I would appreciate it if you could write us. Father is a gardener by trade with ten years of experience. Could you write us if you have any place in mind so that we can plan our relocation.

Respectfully yours,

Cpl. Mutsuto Iwuya

P.S. I am returning to my station this week in Florida.

Sept. 9, 1945
Preston, Arizona
Blk. 17-2 B

Dear Mrs. Hughes,

May I take up this moment intruding you in saying how are and your sister Mrs. Kennedy.

It has been a quit a long time since I last wrote to you and heard from you. I cannot forget how nicely you treated me when I was a gardener at your place in Palo Alto.

At this time may I say that I hope you and your sister are in their best of health as for us we are just as healthy as before.

It has been pretty hot here in Camp these summer months

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but today for the first time
this year its cloudy and
could feel the coolness around
the Camp. I heard from some of
my friends which relocated in
that areas and they answered
back saying that the weather
is just fine out there in fact
they needed a sweater or a
jacket during the evenings.

The reason I'm writing to
you at this time is because
I want to know if you can
give me any assistance because
I am planning on relocating
my family since the camps
are going to close within two
months from now.

It has been little over
three years since we were
put inside the camp here

in Boston. I never seen the world outside for three years or more so I wouldn't know what the changes are when I relocate from here.

I meant to tell you if there are any opportunity of us relocating out in Palo Alto or any other places near by.

I am planning on gardening again to start again on my new life on the outside with my son which he is Twenty-two years old at the present and he'll like to start the life by working and helping me out with the gardening or any other work available.

I have a daughter and son who'll like to finish

their high school since the school semester is about to start. One of my son are going to be senior in high school and the daughter a freshman in High.

I wonder if there are any opportunity for them as a school-boy and girl. I would also like if any house work are available around that community since my oldest daughter would also like to work as a house-keeper. She is very interesting in this sort of a work.

I would be very glad if I could in some way receive some sort of job offerings which I explained in my

earlier part of my letter.

I would be very glad and thankful if you could assist me in anyway.

Before I come to the end of my conversation my family and I want to wish you and your sister the best of luck and good health.

Very truly yours,
J. Yamaguchi

ORDER OF PAROLE

District No. 1300/4263

Alien No. 3759682

C. O. No. 55404/494

In the case of FUJIYU ABE

a citizen of Japan who has been excluded from admission into the United States or arrested in deportation proceedings.

It appearing that said alien may be paroled under the supervision of the Immigration and Naturalization Service as provided in Operations Instruction 150.5 I, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such alien be paroled and permitted to be and remain at large during compliance with the following conditions:

- (a) That said subject shall report to the sponsor named on the reverse hereof as specified in paragraph (e);
- (b) That said subject shall report to the designated parole officer of this Service as specified in paragraph (f);
- (c) That said subject shall notify the designated parole officer of this Service of any change in residence or employment within an Immigration and Naturalization Service district within 48 hours after change is made;
- (d) That said subject shall not change his residence or employment from one Immigration and Naturalization Service district to any place outside thereof without prior knowledge of the designated parole officer of this Service;
- (e) Once a month, in person.
- (f) Every six months, or as directed, in person, To District Parole Officer, Immigration & Naturalization, 1106 Appraisers Building, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California

This order shall be vacated and set aside upon the cancellation of the immigration proceedings.

DATE: February 27, 1946

J. F. Nixon
I. F. NIXON

(Signature of District Director)

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May 26, 1947

Sub-Committee No. 2
House Judiciary Committee
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The California Committee for Justice is an organization of California citizens embracing all shades of political opinion designed solely to help make Democracy work among minorities in this State. We have just been advised that your committee is holding a hearing on May 28 on the bill drawn for the purpose of reimbursement to persons of Japanese ancestry for losses in personal property occasioned by evacuation.

This Committee wants you to know that the organization is unqualifiedly in favor of federal reimbursement to these people for the provable losses sustained by them.

It does not seem necessary for us to go into the facts which, no doubt, will be laid before you in detail. May we say simply that it seems to us that simple justice demands that some restitution be made? May we report to you that at a recent membership meeting of this body it was unanimously agreed that we should support any sane proposal to come before the Congress dealing with reimbursement to the Japanese.

Sincerely yours,

CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE

Gerda Isenberg
W. T. Freitas
Diana Payne
Charles F. Miller
James E. Edmiston
Eva R. Keavney
Helen Slingluff
Cecil Stilgebauer

By:

Frank Barrett

July 24, 1947.

Bear Gerda; Re - Evacuation Claims Bill.

Masaoka wrote air-mail for our support of the above bill (H.R.3999). I have air-mailed letters to the 12 senators of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a sample of which is enclosed for your record. I assume that this was O.K. as you previously had me write members of Congress on the same subject. The bill seemed to have suddenly advanced making necessary the Senate approval. I hope that you enjoyed the Bach Festival.

Frank

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PALO ALTO FAIR PLAY
COMMITTEE
2344 Webster Street,
Palo Alto, California.

July 24, 1947.

Honorable Alexander Wiley,
Senator from Wisconsin,
Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Wiley; Subject - Support of the Membership
of the Palo Alto Fair Play
Committee for the
Evacuation Claims Bill,
H. R. 3999.

At the last regular meeting of the
Palo Alto Fair Play Committee, which is a local
chapter of the California Council for Civic Unity,
the membership voted to give support to the above
mentioned House Bill 3999.

The membership of our local committee
is composed of a substantial percentage of the
responsible citizens of the community, including
professional men and members of the Stanford University
faculty. The feeling expressed is that the evacuation
placed an undue burden upon one minority group which
should be offset by some form of compensation. Many
of the evacuees whom we personally know lost homes,
business, and much personal property. Rather than
detail material which is likely clear to you we take
this opportunity to offer written evidence of the
action of our membership and to bring to your attention
the fact that many persons who cannot possibly benefit
by the passage of the H.R. 3999 support it.

Respectfully yours,

B/C

Vice-Chairman,
Palo Alto Fair Play Comm.

July 24, 1947.

Mr. Mike Masaoka,
National Legislative Director,
J. A. C. L.,
P. O. Box 1628,
Washington (13) D.C.

Dear Mr. Masaoka; Re - Your letter of July 18,
in Reference H.R. 3999,
Evacuation Claims Bill.

We thank you for your letter in regard
to the present status of the above bill and the need
for letters to members of the Senate Judiciary Comm.

Our Committee has consistently supported
the Evacuation Claims idea and has written numerous
letter to members of the congressional committees. A
new set of letters to the twelve Senators is going out
at once air-mail. We hope that this support will be
of help.

With all good wishes, we are,

Yours very truly,

Vice-Chairman,
Fair Play Committee of
Palo Alto, California.