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Box 872
Winslow, Arizona
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Memorandum to: Mr. Robert Spencer
Rockefeller Foundation Garment Co.

Subject: What Manner Men Are These With Their ("

Enclosed is a mess of junk that you find useful. I must ask you to use extreme caution with same. Very confidential, and all that sort of rot. More later.

Later is right. Two days or, rather, three days later. As you perhaps know, we are moving to Leupp, Arizona, which is about 34 miles from Winslow -- north and west. Former Indian Boarding School.

From all the info I can get, we will be receiving many new customers soon after we arrive from the various centers. We move from here next Tues -- the 27th. This was supposed to be a family camp, but there seems to be some doubt at this writing which doesn't help with the morale.

What do you hear about interning for the duration all those who answered "No" to #27 and #28? And how do they propose to do it?

Better plan on visiting us at Leupp. You are always welcome -- don't know yet about the facilities or accommodations, but if you let me know in advance when you intend to come, I'll let you know if it can be arranged. Undoubtedly, it is the one spot where you can get a cross-sectional view of the ten other projects. Fully expect we will have representatives from all projects. We now have Manzanar, Tule Lake, Gila and expect about forty or so from Topaz or Delta.

If the enclosed stuff is any good to you, you may use it -- treat it as very confidential -- copy any or all of it that you feel you can use and return it at once if not sooner. They are my copies. The Naval Intelligence and F.B.I. wanted a copy each so my supply did not meet the expected demand. I made a copy for you originally, but didn't figure they would figure my work worth having a copy of.

I have been busier than a one-armed paper-hanger with the hives. Been Acting Project Director for about a month or a month-and-a-half since Feb. 18th.

Have my fingers crossed re the organizational set-up of the Isolation Center. This is one place where Internal Security should be the #1 agency or division, but will the brass hats recognize this. Will we

have a C.A.S.? Sincerely hope not. Big session at Leupp on Sun. the 25th with a half dozen or so of the big-shots -- Myer, Glick, Cozzens, and some others. Should know more after this meeting as to what the plans are. I predict moving again to a larger camp. What should happen is to have more than one Isolation Center with one centralized clearing house for classification of types. This business is nothing but the evacuation all over again. The camps had to clean house in a hurry and dumped them all here without any definite plans or ideas as to what to do with them. What some of these guys (W.R.A.) call dangerous is certainly questionable! Johnston picked up one guy by the name of Masuo Kanno who had the misfortune of having the same last name as his cousin and lived in the same house as the latter. The cousin's first name was something like Masuda or something similar and thus the wrong guy was grabbed. Understand that friends of this kid protested to Bennett and he is alleged to have said that it didn't make any difference if it was a mistake; he was staying there. Johnston also knew it about half way up here and I asked him why he didn't call from here about bringing him back but he wouldn't nor would he bring him back. Don't say anything about this -- at least so that they will know it came from me. Rather disappointed in Johnston. Got to know him quite well on the trip up here.

Understand that Graves has really got in with Bennett. There is a strong possibility that they might have gotten together before Gila from what I learned in San Francisco. You will remember that they both arrived at about the same time. I told Williamson to look out for Graves but he thought I was all wet. He'll have his job yet.

Bennett treats this project like poor relatives but expect he is in for a jar or two. This Best, Project Director, is not the type to take a rap lying down, and he thinks Bennett is a big bag of shit. Again don't quote. Best is O.K.

I would appreciate your sending me any dope you think I'd be interested in and I will treat it as you prescribe.

Hope to be able to answer your letters much sooner another time. Don't forget to return stuff to me -- registered mail -- and hope you can see your way clear to visiting and studying Leupp.

I have seven broken down Caucasian guards under me and no one I can depend on to leave in charge for any length of time. I've been Mess Operations, fiscal maintenance, housing, and other departments as well as Internal Security to say nothing of being Acting Project Director. Talk about a one-man band. One thing is that I've had my way on everything so far.

Gotta stop now. Let's hear from you real soon. Maybe you're in the Army for all I know.

Good luck to ya and give my regards to Landward -- a right guy.

/s/ F. S. Frederick

July 20, 1943

Mr. Francis F. Frederick
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Winslow, Arizona

Dear Swede:

This is a brief note to acknowledge receipt of the interesting report you sent me earlier this month. Like all the other material I have been getting from you, we regard this as very valuable.

As you know, as the result of my recent change in jobs, I am not able to keep in as close contact with evacuation and resettlement problems as I would like. Nonetheless, I do manage to devote some time to writing up the material I had and to keep in contact with Gila. I wanted to thank you for your letter, and Jane for her note.

I don't know whether I mentioned in my last letter to you that a replacement had been found for me to carry on the Gila research. Dr. Thomas found a very capable girl who could do the work and who is, like me, an anthropologist. She began at Gila about ten days ago, and has seemingly made a good impression on the powers that be; a much ^{better} one apparently than I succeeded in doing. Until we get some detailed reports from her, however, I really have little to offer you by way of interesting gossip.

I would ask you for some information about the matter of segregation which, apparently, is contemplated to begin on September 1. In the event that such segregation takes place, what will happen to Leupp? Will the internees there be shipped to the segregation project? Rumor has it that it will be Tule Lake. In this case, what will become of you and your staff at Leupp?

Another interesting matter that came to my attention today, appeared in a recent edition of the Topaz Times, where Ernst made a public statement that eleven men had testified their disloyalty to the United States and their willingness to perform acts of sabotage. Just what sort of people are these? You now apparently have them in your custody. I would be interested in knowing just how such a statement as to disloyalty was secured from these individuals. Their names are given in the Topaz Times of the middle of the month. It seems to me that some very curious and hysterical forces are at work in bringing about this matter of isolation and segregation. Dr. Thomas has just asked me if I can't

possibly arrange for some time off from my present job to spend a few days at Leupp. The way I see it now, I shall have about an 8-day period between quarters in which I shall be free, perhaps in the middle part of next month. Under these circumstances, I may be able to get down to your part of Arizona. Naturally, I can't promise, inasmuch as I don't know what the Army, my present employer, has in view for me for those days when my students are on furlough, but if I can possibly make it, I shall certainly attempt to get down to see you.

There is a terrifically interesting development mentioned in your letter, which seemingly comes out of Manzanar, a project on which we have considerable information. The two men who were apparently instigators of the Manzanar trouble have, according to your reports, come virtually to blows. I refer to the existing relationship between Kurihara and Uyeno. I'd like to meet those boys if I can get down to your location. This, of course, raises the question as to your own prospects. I daresay if you would be unable to be there, or if you left, it would be most inadvisable for me to attempt to see anyone at Leupp. Earlier this month you mentioned that you were trying to get into some branch of the army or navy. If that materializes for you, of course, any visit I might make would be out of the question.

I'll be glad to hear from you and to know what your own immediate prospects and plans are.

Regards to Jane and to Yamashiro, if you are on speaking terms with him.

Yours,

Bob

July 22, 1943

Dear Bob:

Just received your letter and decided that I would start answering it now. Glad to hear that the stuff was useful to you and for Chrisake if it isn't be sure totell me because I am a miser when it comes to expending energy.

Some hours later. Things happen so fast around this place that a girl doesn't have time to pick her nose. Just as I started this epistle, Mizuno from Gila came in to my orifice all steamed up and stated that someone had written his and two other boys names on the shithouse wall stating in Japanese writing that they were canines or a reasonable facsimile. He asked permission to address the bums at the mess hall during the supper period ~~###~~ at which time he hoped to request that whoever felt moved to call him and the other two monkeys K9s would he please stand up or give some other sign of admission that he was the culprit. I told him ~~###~~ "No", but that I would do it for him. Whereupon at 5 pm I addressed the group with my golden, pardon me, brass tongue and waxed eloquent for nearly an hour. The original plan was to talk for about 2 minutes. I had an interpreter who was, incidentally, one of those whose name# adorned the shithouse wall, and he was very interested in the speech. I opened this oration by telling them that he was selected as interpreter and pointed out that he might have difficulty in finding the correct corresponding Jap words and gave them as an example that I would probably refer to some guys as chicken-shit and did not know whether there was a Jap word for that or not. Very interesting experience. Had questions popped at me some of which were a mite difficult to answer; others I was only too happy that they had brought it up. I believe that I lived up to my reputation as the tough guy at Leupp. Et the ass of 'em.

Incidentally and seriously, I learned much from them as one will from each incident where the emotions come into play. One excellent suggestion was made and that was that we have a weekly forum here where the girls can get together and pull hair--mostly mine, I imagine. I had suggested this earlier in the game at Leupp but didn't get much in the way of assent so just dropped the whole thing. Looks like we will have one now, however, having disclosed to the Project Director what took place at the mess hall. Should learn much from these interviews or forums and I am to officiate since the project director cannot get into any discussions of this type with them. In any event, it should let them get off some of the excess steam and prevent trouble.

Now to answer ur letter. First; segregation. All the project director, assistant p.j., attorneys will meet in Denver next Mon. the 26th to discuss segregation next, Tule Lake is to be the spot for the projaps and Best#--R.R. Best, formerly of Leupp, Moab, etc. is to be head man. Leupp is here for the duration to take care of those bad boys from all centers. There'll always be an England and there'll always be a Leupp, we are told. Always, of course, meaning for the duration. Those who graduate cum laude from Leupp will have two avenues of escape -- one to projap camp tother to permanent relocation or to a center of proams. Of course, they can always beat the rap by kicking the bucket and leaving here in a wooden kimona or commit a crime of a serious enough nature where prosecution in the appropriate state or federal courts will ensue. Imagine losing a case in Arizona? I can't. On yes, Paul G. Robertson will be project director at Leupp and is here now -- Best is leaving Sat. Seems like a nice guy and is a friend of Johnston's and stated that he wanted him here as chief since my removal to the armed forces appears imminent--wants me to break him in before I go. Johnston is now at Topaz on detail. Super confidentially, I don't think Dee is the one for the job -- too juvenile, etc. but dammit who else have they got in internal Security anywhere that can do it any better. Of course, they will never, never find anyone that can fill my shoes. I have recommended him for the task and will help him all I can. I have been reclassified 1A, in case I didn't mention it before.

Schmidt, National Director Internal Security, is here and is going to Denver Sat. with Best and expects to return later.

Re segregation they expect that there will be a great emotional upheaval and expect that the population will or might double at Leupp. We have 68 now having graduated a few from the class of '43. What's your opinion of the effect this will have? I wouldn't faint with surprise if they had a hell of a lot of trouble nor would I reach for the smelling salts if they didn't. They have had

plenty of time to get organized--the Japs, I mean and it's rather hard for me to think that the boys with a flair for leadership are going to let this issue pass without trying to make the most of it. One of the difficulties these leaders have is finding an issue popular enough to unite huge or large groups. Here is the issue and it remains to be seen what they do with it.

Re the 11 from Topaz. They are all young boys--haven't been here long enough for me to give you much description regarding them. The statements were secured by interview conducted by the FBI and they were asked some 50 questions (I am told) I don't believe some of them meant it at all but there is strong indication at this writing that the manner in which the questions were put to them brought the answers about.. In other words, if I approach you in a belligerent manner there is apt to be some belligerency from you. The fact that being questioned by the FBI caused some inflation to set in # in the minds of these youths also seems indicated. Best took it upon himself about a week ago to interview some of the parents of these boys at Topaz and came back convinced that they were bullied by the FBI and in some cases the parents succeeded in convincing him that their little willies wouldn't say a thing like that under ordinary conditions. Don't use Best's name, please but it does appear that the whole thing was much of a farce and the kids have taken a stand and feel that they have to stick to it. I know I'm not worrying about them and have let those who want to work go outside of the fence to do it. If they want to commit sabotage they'll have the opportunity. One of the questions that was asked them was - if an authorized agent of the Jap gov't. ordered you to commit sabotage against this country, would you do it? Do you worship or feel that Hirohito is a divine person? This was another one-- both may not be the exact words but the substance was the same. Do you suppose that if I eat my Grape-Nuts every single morning that someday I will be a Junior G-man? You know, most police agencies that know anything about the FBI laugh at their antics-- if not openly they do to themselves. They are plenty powerful however and a girl cannot afford to buck them.

would be very happy to have you here and know that you would find it most interesting. However, I may be called anytime so I can't say whether I'll be here or not. Maybe if they have enough trouble about segregation they'll figure --the WRA-- that the Internal Security men are key men and take it up with the Manpower Commission. What a bunch of apple polishing politicians? Afraid to state that a chief of police was an important enough man in these centers to be listed as a key man--knowing full well that they cannot replace him --all because they don't want congress to be mad at them. I could go on all night on this subject but what the hell? Keep in touch with me and I should know when they are getting ready to seduce me, pardon me, induct me. Always thinking of somethin to eat.

Re Kurihara and Ueno they were thick at Manzanar, divorced at Moab, and remarried at Leupp. Dangerous cokesackers and smooth as hell. Even got to the point that Kurihara was going to get beat up by Ueno's mob at Moab. But true love never did run smooth.

Applications for commissions in the navy and army were not accepted so will go in as a fuck private.

Also had a Miss McKee or somebody here for the past two days. Believe she's an Information Specialist or something. Did a lot of banging on a typewriter and left tonite. Came from Washington and is doing some of the other projects too.

had some interesting developments re Kameichi (?) Fukumoto.- chairman of board of advisors of GYPA--trying like hell to get out of here--has beautiful letters of recommendation including army colonels (kernels) --good contacts--good job offer in Chicago- someone pulling wires for him--etc. All my spies tell me he preaches pro-Axis shit and he comes in the office here waving the stars and stripes. Best damn story I ever heard. He doesn't look Japanese in the 1st place and emphasizes this fact that he was very unhappy in Jap land where he lived since an infant-born in U.S.-- and lived until 36 or 38 and then came back to his country--the U.S.-- the color of his eyes, hairs, facial characteristics, etc. made him an outcast, etc.

came to this country and got a job for a wealthy spinster by the name of Booth who left him a wad of dough-some say about 300,000 bucks and it is rumored that there is \$700,000 more left when that is gone. Stated himself that he was treated very fine by people in this country and was able to accompany a group of people on a tour of inspection of the Saratoga -an airplane carrier- because he looked so much like a Caucasian. Very, very happy here in the U.S. and wants to stay here he tells us. We hear that he tells the boys that they should eat all the food they can so that they can help ### Japan and other such propaganda. He also made a speech at Gila which you will recall at the time of registration. Made it on the stage and also another at the GYPA hall. The one on the stage was supposed to have been very pro-axis- main reason why he was sent here. St### Told us that his speech was not pro-axis. Instructed him to make a copy of the speech in English and received same. A beautiful pro-American speech as you ever seed. This A.M. we called him in and asked him about the speech and then called in 6 boys from Gila who heard his original speech at Gila and let them listen to his speech that one handed us as being an exact copy of his original speech. Yamashiro and Doi- two of his staunchest supporters were amazed, flabbergasted, hurt and shocked. This is based on observation and as the result of the individual interview we had later with each of the six who had the speech read to them. Wonder where he stands tonight? Most interesting. Don't know what he is whether he is pro-axis or pro-American but he is in a spot and I don't feel like writing any recommendation for his release at this time. I do know that his talk has been pro-axis but what he really believes is something else.

Is this ever a place to study things and stuff? Never a dull moment. And it looks like Abou Ben Frederick's tribe is about to increase what with segregation et al. Wish they'd hurry up with it-want to be in on the fun. Cop here from Granada with another boy -20 yrs. old-tonight and said that they have already started hearings for segregation at Colorado.

Gettin tired so to hell with you and your guinea pigs--what am I saying? Am I not one of your choicest rodents? A guinea pig is a rodent# -isn't it? And ### who are you to be calling me a rat? Trying to start an argument?

Try to come if you can and as I said I will keep you posted. Think there is much, much material here that's right up your alley. As stated above, I am getting pooped so stick this epistle right up your alley when your froo.

Do you get silly like this when youre tired?

FSF

PS Kindly observe that the middle initial is S and not F

His Slug -

Just censored this while Chiefie
eats watermelon - It passes so will
put my stamp of approval on it -
Hope you can make it - We have
a house now and accommodations (sp?)
will be passable. Bye now
Jane

Aug. 20, 1943

Fredrickson

Dear Bob:

According to the last letter of mine, I should be in the army by now-originally supposed to report yesterday. At the last minute they became frantic and actually asked for a deferment for me. It is supposed to last for 45 days. Johnston has quit WRA and they can't find him to offer him this job. Rumor has it that his wife's people left him ~~#~~ or rather signed over to him a farm somewhere in Calif and personally I think he would be nuts if he accepted the job. You see, it would not be a promotion because it only pays \$3200 and that's what he got before. I have the title of chief but the pay of associate chief. Maybe this fact will keep me out of the draft because none of the other associate chiefs will want it-maybe. Anyhow, Paul G. Robertson is now director here and he is better than Best and is going to Washington next Tues. and is going to try to get me deferred permanently. Seems that I am the only one that really knows these guys here, etc. I doubt if I will be permanently deferred because the WRA absolutely, positively will not ask for deferments for anyone except project directors, but as Robertson points out they sure deviated from that rule when they were caught with their plants down in my case. In the meantime will keep my fingers crossed.

I was going to try to get into the navy and had a letter from Mrs. Mae Lark's husband who is a recruiting officer for the navy. Thought I could learn something new such as radar, deisel, or something.

Re those case histories, every son-of-a-bitch and his brother wants a copy. Naval intelligence, Fukuzawa, Spencer, etc. I had to do many of them rather hurriedly but there is a lot of meat in them. Any way you could have them copied or get what you want out of them? Or if you'll guard them with your life, I will send them to you when I go into the armed forces and you can return them to my wife.

Re dealing with Best-mention my name because I have told him about you and what a good friend of WRA you are with examples such as telling ~~##~~ him about how you helped out in the early days of Gila and how you closely guarded your info from the Dies committee, etc. He may not remember the details but the impresssion that I tried to leave with him will remain. He does not like people who knock the other guy but he does not like Bennett and will probably welcome any info about him. They have had conflicts and Bennett has been very condescending toward him. He did not like Gaba but didn't know Korn or Hoffman. Strong admirer of Myer and Cozzens. The enthusiastic type-back slapping Rotarian type--prone to jump at conclusions --susceptible to flattery but not a fool--soft hearted and takes the under dogs side. My reason for building you up is because I thought you might come here. He is a politician-former Republican county chairman-likes a drink occasionally--very fine wife and family--former Marine and has a boy in the army. I also told him how Bennett and other brass hats looked upon you with suspicion and he knows about my case re Williamson, Bennett, Korn, Gaba, etc. Feels that I got tangled up in camp politics and they took me for a ride. Might ask you about if you ever heard of Williamson getting paid off by gamblers. Cozzens and Schmidt have investigated this and found definite evidence to lead them to believe that he was. Schmidt-national police head of WRA-is still checking on it even tho Williamson has left. The only reason that I think he may have been is because of Chas. Yonezu and how he fought to keep him in Internal Security. Yonezu, I know, was getting a rake off

and there might possibly have been some connection this way. Understand he left in a hurry.

The Leupp set-up, as you say, is indeed puzzling. Robertson is going to Washington to attempt to straighten it out and believe he will. Finest guy I have met yet in WRA. Honest, sincere, law trained, capable, and likes Japanese. Leupp primarily was set up for trouble-makers and is described in Administrative Instruction No. 95. It was not designed to handle other peoples administration problems and they were supposed to be sent here only after the project had made decided efforts to control punish and prevent the situation. But none of them have attempted to follow this phase of the instruction. There is an emergency clause in it that they all use.

For example, Gila sent a guy here the other day who drew some pictures that didn't meet with their approval. No leader, no organizer, merely an individual act. They gave him a hearing (some joke, these hearings) and sentenced him to Tule Lake via Leupp. That means that we have to pay his expenses to Tule. My analysis of this is: Gila is shitting their pants in expectation of the segregation potentialities and, like cats watching a mouse, they pounce upon such acts as this whenever they are evidenced. Every trade has its tricks and evry workman leave his own particular ear marks. In my racket one gets to recognize techniques. Take Graves. Indian Service for ten years and like all of those guys feels that there are only two kinds of Indians--~~##~~ gooduns and baduns-- and feels that Japs are Indians. You tell one to jump off a bridge and if he does without question, he is a goodun --but if he as much as questions the order he is a badun. With this background in mind--he has had (to date) much success in apprehending one or more of them on the slightest pretense and exhibiting them to the general population as object lessons. He was sent to Heart Mt. because they knew that general strike was impending. You know ~~##~~ now tense these places gets --don't need to be a detective to know that soemthing is cooking. So he picked up a couple of fall guys, sent them to Leupp and the strike broke. Ironically, the guys that he sent here are pro-American and put on the spot by the pro-Axis element that were really behind the strike. Nice goin', huh? So the same technique is being employed in sending this last guy here. Fear of segregation and here is an opportunity to show the people that they had better watch their step. This pattern has been followed in many of the centers and, with the exception of Manzanar, when the people went to bat for Ueno who was arrested for beating Tayama, it has been most successful. The only trouble is they violate that cardinal principle of law enforcement: "Never under-estimate the intelligence of the criminal" These jerks aren't dopes and I am wondering when the day will come that they base their plans on this system. For example, knowing that the WRA will pounce on the first victim available--why won't they say O.K., we will use Joe Doaks for bait--the people know that he has done much for them and when the WRA grab/s him we will lead them to fight for his release. Hope I'm clear.

This might pop up during segregation. Or, as I am expecting, they may use Mahatma Ghandi tactics of passive resistance and say I ain't goin' - that will mean the army will be sent for and god knows what will happen then -- itchy trigger/ fingers--another incident--who knows? These people read papers and listen to the radio. They know that WRA isn't sitting too good with congress and that many are agitating for the army to take over. This might climax that move. As you may recall and

as I am told, that it still exists, there was a strong movement on the part of the people to have the army take over. That trouble at Gila--part of the idea behind that was to have the army take over because they were fed up with WRA and felt that with the army there would not be so much confusion. At least they would know what they could or could not do, etc.

Steps are being taken by WRA to make this segregation run smoothly such as, allowing a yes boy or girl to go to Tule at their own request if they want to be with their parents, etc. Understand that many of them are changing their answers one way or another altho the reports I am getting are that the majority are signing no which might result in more than Tule can handle. Believe there is a movement afoot to get them all to sign alike and put the WRA on the spot but just how large or successful this movement will be is debatable.

Having much fun writing these case histories. I am sure blasting hell out of Gila and have been getting some repercussions already. Bennett now refers to me as that goddam Fredericks which I regard as a compliment considering where it comes from. Got another strong hint that his days are numbered and maybe because he is in this precarious position my expose doesn't help him any. He can get mad at me - I'm just a small fry. My accounts reveal poor administration on his part and maybe -I repeat- maybe these are the excuses they are looking for to oust him. Perhaps they don't pay any attention to my stories but something has happened to run his blood pressure up to make him refer to me as above. Your guess is as good as mine.

I am recommending the release of nearly all the Gila boys most of whom were accused of being members of the GYPA and that's all. I point out that GYPA has enjoyed and still is enjoying official sanction of Gila officials and therefore how can it be a crime to belong to it. Damn fool should have ordered GYPA disbanded if he wanted to follow thru on these guys he sent here. The mistake he made was following the recommendations of Williamson and now he's holding the bag but instead of trying to rectify things, he is being bull headed probably because he has maintained that these guys are bad and can never return to Gila. Having taken this stand he feels that he has got to bull it thru.

According to instructions he is supposed to submit dockets on anyone he sends here and in some cases he has none and Washington has been after him for them and he is in a spot.- especially with Williamson gone. He (Bennett) does not even know these guys to say nothing of writing up a docket on them. He didn't even know who Yamishiro was. My perverted sense of humor makes me chuckle at the situation he is in. I send in recommendations (in detail) for the release of these guys and when they go to look for the docket against him there either isn't any at all or it's so weak that it's ineffective. By they, I mean the Review Board in Washington and I suppose they wire him to send on some dope about these guys and all he can give them is that they are bad.- with no reasons to back it up.

Thanx for the offer for bed, drink, etc. -may take you up on it later. Maybe you can get here yet before I leave. Hope so.

I didn't hear from you for so long after my last letters I was a little worried for fear that someone else got 'em.

Love and Kisses

The Lone Ranger

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August 27, 1943

Mr. F. S. Fredericks
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War Relocation Authority
Winslow, Arizona

Dear Butch:

Congratulations on your stay of sentence. If you feel about going into the army as I do, that forty-five day break will seem very helpful. I'm glad that you'll be around Leupp for a while, although I don't see how I could possibly get down there before December. The Tule Lake plan will come first, in view of courtesies extended to us by the WRA.

Thanks for your good, long and slightly ribald letter. I'm always sorry not to be more prompt in answering same and to give you cause for worry that the letter possibly might have been apprehended. There is no danger of that, I assure you. As you know, by this time I am a hell-of-a correspondent.

I'm looking forward to the visit to Tule Lake as you can well imagine. It promises to be most interesting and I should, if things go according to WRA plan, see the arrival of the first lot of segregees. The place, as I understand it, is an armed camp, a concentration camp in the truest sense. There are 500-odd Caucasian construction workers there, rendering the place as man-proof as possible. I agree with Myer in that Tule Lake will probably be one of the most restful communities, inasmuch as the new residents there will have made their decision, and not be confronted by WRA edicts and consequent terrors any longer, quite unlike your situation at Leupp. I'll present myself to Best, and extend my regards. I feel that if I can get him on our side, I won't have so much difficulty from the opposition to us that has arisen at Tule Lake. Example: One of the bright boys up there remarked that Dr. Thomas is just trying to get her Ph.D. However, I come in under safe conduct from Myer and Cozzens, and I anticipate little difficulty. I think I told you that I am leaving on the 4th, and will stay to the 13th.

Returning to Gila for a moment: I noticed in the newspaper an announcement of the marriage of George Yamashiro with Sally Sunoda, his and/or Fukumoto's erstwhile girl friend. The announcement was given in such a way as to indicate that George was still living in Block 66. I gather, then, that he has been parolled. If so, because of my own personal interest

in George, I should like to know the particulars. Moreover, we would be anxious to know what kind of boards, or hearing committees, are set up to pass on these cases. A further item of interest came from the Gila News to the extent that Bennett had sentenced a "malicious mischief maker" to one day in jail thence to confinement at Leupp and, finally, to detention in Tule Lake. The whole thing seems somewhat contradictory, inasmuch as my impression is that Leupp is a kind of reform school.

We are most interested in your case histories, and if you feel that you can spare a copy from prying F.B.I. eyes, I wish you would shoot it out to us, and I think I can assure you that copyists will get to work on it immediately and return it to you within a few days. As you can probably guess, it would be darned valuable stuff from our point of view.

Johnston's demise is somewhat puzzling, although not so surprising perhaps in view of Graves' ascendancy. Graves, as you may have noticed, has set himself up to something of a martinet, waving a big stick and talking glibly about politeness and the cooperation of the police with the community. You really hit the bull's eye in your evaluation of him. I daresay you are aware of the genial bunch of two-fisted gentlemen who now surround him. A pretty miserable picture, if I may say so, and one which is hardly conducive to any other than a bungling solution of the segregation problem.

I guess that's all the news for now. I'll be sure to write on my return from Tule Lake and let you know how I made out with Best. I know that we have one thing in common, our feeling toward Bennett.

Regards to Jane.

Yours,

August 30, 1943

Dear Bob:

Just received your letter and will proceed to answer else I forget.

Re Yamashiro: To go back to the beginning, he was apprehended shortly before he planned to get married and has been crying ever since that he wants to get married before his father-in-law, a cancer victim, kicked the bucket. He finally succeeded in getting on the good side of Best who has a weakness for the underdog. George succeeded in making Best's heart bleed--such as telling him that I didn't love him and was picking on him, etc. -- and finally got a release over my head with the understanding that he was to go to Gila, get married and then be transferred to Tule Lake. I know Best well enough to ~~####~~ to know that he also figured on using George because of the fact that he is a leader and would eventually go to Tule Lake anyway -- so let him think I am doing him a big favor and he will influence the others at Tule. Hope I'm clear. His release from here was about the last act that Best did before he left--that is, clearance for his release and the release came after Best left. This maneuver was kept from me but it is a cinch to figure out because for two weeks before he left, ~~#####~~ Best asked me several times what I thought about George's release and I kept saying "not until after the other Gila boys have gone first". Since most of the boys are here because they followed him, it didn't seem like good judgment to let the worst one go first. Another amusing sidelight is that when they all came to Moab, he tried to get them to all swear to the all for one and one for all stuff--that the thirteen of them came together and would leave together, etc. and look at the way he breezed when he had the opportunity. Anyhow I figured the reaction here would be unfavorable and brother it was. There are all sorts of stories as to what he did when he got to Gila but to summarize it: he just talked too damn much. A mess hall strike took place at this time and he is being blamed for most of it by the Gila authorities. Got a report from Graves regarding his activities and among other things, it appears that he put Bishop Ochi on the spot. Whether you know it or not, the FBI and Internal Security are working like hell to get something on Ochi and have been for some time and this report says that he counselled the people to adhere to the teachings of Ochi-sensei (meaning teacher no wever it's spelled) Anyhow, we knew here that he was sounding off too much and had decided to bring him back altho plans and clearance had already been made to take him to Tule Lake. The Gila brass hats told him something about that the military would not issue a pass or something--what a bunch of weak sisters! Why in hell didn't they tell him the truth? Anyhow (handy word, that anyhow) Bennett who has been opposed to the return of any Gila boys pounced on this like a cat on a mouse and is making the most of it --saying I told you so and see what happens when they are returned, etc. Yamashiro came in damn handy for him to explain away the mess hall strike altho I think it started before Yamashiro got there -- not sure on this last point. What do you hear about this mess hall strike? I understand that it covered all of camp two mess halls and the reason was because they were cutting down the personnel from 42 to 27. Gila is doing it's best to minimize it but I wonder how serious it is. Also understand that a petition is being circulated to ask for the removal of Bennett.

Best's thoughts

In my last letter I told you that Bennett was now refering to me as that goddam Fredericks and set forth the reasons why I figured this new flare-up came about. It appears that my guess is tight. I sent in some

much to my surprise!

case histories and it appears that they have read them. There was one in particular regarding a Masuo Kanno who was picked up by mistake. Washington wired Bennett that it appears that he might have picked up a wrong person and since they had no docket on him from Gila (remember this-discuss later) wanted to know (1) when they could expect a docket and (2) reasons why he shouldn't be returned to Gila. In return they got a very lengthy wire prepared by Terry and other brass hats attempting to smooth it over. In answer to this they received a very curt wire from Myer stating that they had not ##### answered the questions and to reply immediately the answer to the questions above which he itemized. Boy, are they between a shit and a sweat!

Regarding the docket-- there is an administrative instruction setting forth the fact that a docket shall be prepared for all persons removed to Leupp. We wired, telephoned and wrote Gila asking for these dockets and never received much of anything. Bennett became very arrogant and haughty in a letter to Best, stating that the dockets had been sent to Washington where, in his opinion, they belonged and that if we wanted them he would suggest that we contact Washington, etc. etc. Now it appears that they didn't even send one to Washington in some cases. There are only two persons who know why these guys were sent to Leupp -- one is Williamson and the other is me--and the latter takes the position that they were not legally sent. So how in hell are they going to answer the questions? I don't mind admitting my perverted sense of humor makes me chuckle like hell over Bennett's predicament. Robertson went there with Yamashiro and Bennett didn't even know who Yamashiro was--never had seen or talked to him. So, if he didn't know the big shot, how in hell is he going to write any kind of an intelligent report on a meek little shit like Kanno. Sweat, you bastards.

Robertson is now in Washington and has taken an armful of my case histories which he says are so hot that there may be kick-backs but that he is going to show them to them anyway. He says that some of them would make his hair curl# if he were in Bennett's shoes. He is also going to try to get me a permanent deferment but I doubt if he can. About the only satisfaction I can look forward to getting is that I have blasted that over-stuffed bag of shit Bennett in such a manner that it is hurting him plenty. I usually lose out on these battles but not entirely. I know now that I opened their eyes to Korn and Gaba and while they got rid of me (and I'm still with WRA) I also played a big part in the WRA getting rid of them. And another thing, at least they know in Washington that there is a guy named Fredericks and I have the opportunity of much contact with them thru the medium of my case histories which is more than any other chief in the other centers does. I will have sent about 70 reports to them when the job is finished--that is if the population here doesn't increase. The point I am getting at is that at least they will not consider me mediocre or something and when I leave they will at least notice my absence. Poor compensation but probably the best I can expect. Never a dull moment and there is some fun attached to it.

Regarding the boards or hearing committees that are set up on these cases, I will outline the present procedure. Dockets are supposed to accompany the inmates upon their arrival or shortly after, we read them and then watch the guy while he works, plays, eats, etc. to analyze him. Then I write up a case history on him and make recommendations which is submitted to the project director who usually concurs with my opinion and forwards the case histories to Washington attached to a letter from him and the board of review passes on them. They study the docket and my case history and then decide. But this has been operated on a more or less hit or miss fashion in some cases and I have written a memorandum to Robertson discussing this problem.

I will enclose the memorandum with this letter if you'll send it back pronto. It might explain the problem a little.

"Regarding the malicious mischief maker that Gila sent here, we haven't yet received any docket on him but as nearly as I can get the story it seems that this boy was employed as a receptionist at the hospital in camp 2. On the wall near the reception desk was some sort of sketch ~~#####~~ depicting the segregation program.. A picture of two men was displayed (as I get it) one answered yes to the so-called loyalty questions and he was taking one road. The other answered no and was taking the road to Tule Lake. Seems that ~~that~~ this guy drew a picture of the rising sun or the Japanese flag or something along these lines on the poster ~~##~~ at the end of the road that the no guy was taking. Some crime, huh? No leader, no organizer, and in no sense under the administrative instruction no. 95 an aggravated trouble-maker. According to this instruction, the project is supposed to attempt to punish, correct and handle these cases on the project and that only after all efforts have failed to correct the individual should he be sent to Leupp. However, there is an emergency clause in the instruction that they are all using or, I should say, abusing. Got another guy from Gila that called a Caucasian nurse an old maid. Such blasphemy! What a crime wave!

As I analyze it, there are two factors: one is the arrogant, tyrannical attitude of Bennett and the other is the tendency of Graves to treat and regard Japs as Indians and also to play politics. I might add another factor and that is that they are scared to death of segregation and are pouncing on anyone that shows any sign of getting out of line. This is Graves' technique and has worked so far but I predict that trouble will result from it's continued application. How would that method have worked in the Tada incident? That was precisely what they wanted us to do--arrest Hirokane and put him in jail so that they would have an issue to cause a general strike. It will happen again and they will carefully select an individual for the martyr and poof--away it will go because you can be sure that they will put the guy in jail right away. Wish they'd hurry up and do it while I'm still with WRA. This method of grabbing nearly anyone at random and sending him to Leupp thereby making an object lesson to the others is not going to work forever. The Japs are smart enough to draft their plans around this technique. From all the signs, it appears that any general strike that might result from Bennett's bungling would result in his subsequent removal. Maybe not right away but eventually as was done in the Tule Lake business of removing Coverley following registration. Quite certain that he is skating on very thin ice and the way he has run a temperature over my case histories and/or over me is a symptom that he realizes this position he is in--at least to a degree. From what I have heard and gathered--I have a very strong hunch that they are merely waiting for a good reason to kick him out--must have one so that they can do it gracefully because of his political connections.

Re these case histories--I am a little afraid to send them out right now but I will see that you get them. About every other day I amasked if I have my copy of this guy's or that guy's case history and if I said that I didn't--he'd want to know where they are. But I'll figure out a way if you'll have them returned as fast as possible.

Johnston turned down the offer of my job and I think he was wise. There is a possibility of Harper-from Gila- taking the job but I think he would be crazy if he did. I don't think Leupp is going to last too long if segregation goes off smoothly altho they say otherwise. With reference to your account of Graves', I don't understand your " I daresay you are aware of the genial bunch of two-fisted gentlemen who now surround him". I am not aware of this and would you kindly explain?

Robertson is now in Washington where he is trying to straighten out the policies of Leupp. Such as the procedure for sending them here, their release, etc. As long as I have been here, I'm damned if I know just what Leupp is supposed to be. The way it has been operated so far is very confusing. They insist that it is not a penal colony --so what the hell is it? Do you notice how it is never referred to in any publicity? For example, reference is always made to the ten centers--Leupp makes eleven. I expected the Dies Committee to come here when they were making their investigations and so did the Japs. And were they ever prepared to tell them the works! But they never did come. I doubt if they know there is such a place which, if true, is fortunate for the WRA because they could really learn plenty here--real proof of poor administration on the part of the WRA. Especially since the Dies Committee, recommended a program of Americanization for the centers. How in hell can you Americanize the Japs when Gestapo methods are used in sending them to Leupp--no warrants, no trials, no sentence, separated from their families, etc. Paradoxically, we have some guys here who are pro-American and the finger was put on them by pro*Axis elements and the WRA fell for it and sent them here. What would the Dies Committee do to that?

Well, I have got to go to town so will close. If you ask Buddha to defer me permanently I will by you a beer and Buddha too. How is it spelled?

Yourn,

FSF

COPY

September 2, 1943

Mr. F. S. Frederick
War Relocation Authority
Box 872
Winslow, Arizona

Dear Swede:

Your memoranda of August 30 were waiting for me as I came in this morning, and I found your letter most interesting and am passing it on to the boss for the files. All of this material that you sent is greatly appreciated, I can assure you, and we would be very anxious to get hold of those case histories if you can possibly hand them over to us. In view of your efforts in our behalf, it seems to us that you deserve some special kind of citation, but, due to the shortage of metals, we cannot strike a medal for you yet. I am sorry that I haven't time to go into the matter right now of commenting on the things you have sent, and possibly passing back to you some information. The fact is that I am preparing to pull out for Tule Lake tomorrow and, today, my soldier boys have to be given a final examination, via me. I will say one or two things, however: You refer to a sentence in my last letter relative to "the genial bunch of two-fisted gentlemen who surround him, i.e. Graves." I was thinking when I wrote that of just such people as Harper, Powers, and others whose names I do not know who seem to be good examples of the proverbial cop with all beef and no brains through rip-roaring drunks every Saturday night, and the rest of the time cursing the God damned Japs, and applauding, tacitly or otherwise, Bennett's bigotry. In my opinion, they just aren't the type of men to deal with what appears to be a persecuted minority. I fail to see why they must operate on the assumption that all Japs are bad. Why can't they assume that they are all good, except when they are bad? Subtle distinction! You see what I mean?

This is interesting news regarding Yamashiro. I wonder if he will be in Tule Lake when I get there? This Ochi situation is very peculiar. I'll admit that there is good cause for his internment simply in accord with the policies of interment that have been set up. The fact that a man arrives in this country six months before the outbreak of the war should in itself have been cause to hold him for investigation. It is, as you say, that he

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has set himself up as a kind of leader in the community, picturing himself as a kind of good shepherd. My impression of the man, however, is (and I know him rather well) that he is a bit above feelings of nationalism. I honestly do not believe that his aim is to work against the administration or the Federal government, rather his purpose seems to be to defend his minority group. I will admit that these are subtle differences, and might not be clearly understood by the FBI, but I think they are true. Remember he is a Buddhist priest and, as such, he has not enjoyed favor in Japan. When he returns to the mother country he will occupy a high position in the Buddhist church, but I don't think that this can be construed as nationalism.

Again, thank you for the material you sent. Please find it enclosed. I am having it sent back to you as soon as possible. I hope this is soon enough.

Regards to Jane.

Yours,

BOB

Sept. 9, 1943

Dear Bob:

I am going to start this now but will probably have to stop occasionally.

Rec'd. your letter and was especially interested in your account of Graves & Co. I believe we agree in the possibility of impending trouble at Gila. At least all the factors and/or elements that make trouble are there and to me it is just a matter of whether these factors are brought together or not - making an explosive mixture. Timing and other such things play an important part in it. The fact that Gila is one of the last groups to go to Tule may add to the danger especially if trouble breaks out in any of the other centers.

I have a hunch that you may or may not agree with: that GYPA will be sent to Tule regardless of what or how they answer 27 and 28. The project director has the power to do this and Bennett is hot after the GYPA at this late date. You see, to go back, most of the boys who were sent here from Gila were sent merely because they belonged to or were officers in the GYPA and then he allowed the organization to function for about 7 months after their arrest or transfer, whatever you choose to call it. From the legal point of view, allowing the organization to function when you have maintained by word or act that it is illegal weakens hell out of your case. He has come to realize this- just recently I am sure -- and has been bellowing to get rid of the GYPA. The more level-headed (to give them the benefit of all doubts) advised against this getting rid of them because they were afraid of the possible repercussions and pointed out that segregation would take care of the problem automatically and the hunch ~~part~~ comes in here: he will insist on all members being sent to Tule and then what? As you know, all members of the club are not pro-Japanese. Maybe I am wrong but I still feel that this is going to happen if he is not stopped by some one else. This guy Wortle or Walter or whatever his name is, appears to me to be the real and about only brains at Gila. He might stop Bennett but again perhaps Bennett's concession to wait until segregation ~~will~~ be the full extent of his adhering to Wolter's advice. All of this is mostly speculation on my part-based upon a few known facts.

Robertson returned from Washington this week and was remarkably successful regarding the release of nearly all of our inmates. He went armed with my case histories which aroused them unfavorably toward me but still produced the desired results. He ~~is~~ trying hard to get me a permanent deferment and a raise. You see, I am Acting Chief of Int, Sec. and receive the pay of Associate Chief. It is beyond question now that one of the reasons why I never was raised was so that they could get rid of me by having the army take me. The Chief job is on the key list for deferment and it would automatically bring deferment. I honestly believe they are afraid of me -- the sissies! The only slim hope I have is that Robertson is in my corner and says that he wants me to stay here. He is also a little burned up over the fact that he feels they have been giving him the run-around regarding me. Told him that the chief job was not a key job and when he got back here I showed him proof that it was. I have written for transfer to the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation

in any capacity that they will take me but this is just a last minute shot in the dark. I really would like to get in it however but probably won't be able to.

I may be in Tule Lake in a few days--maybe before this letter reaches you. Gotta guy here whose father is in a critical condition at Tule and we are trying to get him a permit to travel but we haven't heard anything from the army. Cripes but they are hard-hearted bastards. Been 3 days already since we wired them, and said it was an emergency.

Am signing off for now.

Sept. 10 now. Will put in a few more words.

There has been a lot of talk about sending Harper from Gila to take my place. He has recently been promoted to Associate Chief from Ass't. and is not eligible for raise to chief but I saw one teletype that said he could be raised after 4 or 5 months. Yet they have maintained in my case that because of the few number of residents here #### they could not set up a chief's rating. Why in hell didn't they say they didn't want me and get it over with? The strange part of the whole thing is that I asked Bennett when I was transferred # if he would advise my getting out of WRA and he was very eloquent in telling me that I was the only one #### in all Internal Security that had the training for the Isolation Camp (which is true) and that I was selected for this reason. That this was probably an opportunity for me, etc, etc. Without any intention of bragging, I have been the one to set up the rules and regulations and policies of the Isolation Center and the only ones that know it are the project directors here. But of course, you will not hear them admit it. Nor do I mean to say that this center is run to perfection but I have been responsible for most of the policies that exist and had to fight like hell to get them to adopt them. Their effectiveness can be measured by the fact that we have had very little trouble and considering the type of resident together with the Gestapo methods of apprehending them, etc. I feel that we have been most successful.

Before I forget it, that material I sent you regarding Kentaro Takatsui and his accounts of why he refused to register-- he asks that his name be kept out of it and I told him that I would see to it that it was. He will be at Tule Lake sometime in the near future and if you are still there I will see to it that you get to meet him. I have been preparing him for you with all the assurances that you are strictly a scientist and not an intelligence agent - a historian, etc. He may be helpful but you will find that he is subject to error the same as the rest of us.

I am having a hell of a time getting #### this letter written -- more interruptions!

I may be going to Minandoka in the next day or so. Clearance for 3 boys came thru and I want to go to Salt Lake City to see what I can for myself in the army -- gonna look up a couple of colonels. Want to try to muscle my way into the School of Govt. or any other branch that is connected with it. Seems that the army keeps a record and have an occasional inspection and that my records with them are A-1 and reports on me have gone thru these colonels that I hope to see.

Incidentally, if I should want to send you some stuff such as the Case Histories what would you suggest. I would be a little reluctant to send them to you at Tule unless you say it's O.K. If I ever get them all finished there will be approximately 70 and that's quite a few. As I believe I told you before, many of them were written in haste and perhaps of no value but I will separate them into groups and you may find them a little more clear if handled in this manner. To hurry the things I did not go too much into repetition. That is, in the main, each group was sent here for the same thing and the experiences they went thru are identical. In some cases I discussed the whole thing in detail and others contained maybe a single item but they are all related. You may have to read each one to get the whole picture of the group.

Very interested in any of your versions of the Segregation program. What effect do you think the surrender of Italy will have on the answers to 27 and 28? The Japs here seem to think that it will cause many of them to change from no to yes.

Well haven't any more news that I can think of at this time so will close.

Yours,

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September 25, 1943

Dear Swede:

I happened to be in the office this morning when your envelope arrived with the dockets and case histories on these various individuals at Leupp. The boss has just looked the file over and given it to me, and both of us agree that there is some tremendously valuable information in it, so all we can say to you is a very sincere "thanks." We will immediately get on to copying the stuff, and should have it back to you by the end of this week. Our secretary wants to go home now, so I will leave this business of letter writing until next week when we return the stuff to you. I want to go over it in detail myself before commenting on it.

I see that the postage ran over the amount I sent you. I had not anticipated such voluminous documents. Enclosed please find the balance. Again thanks, and you'll hear from me next week when I return your file.

Regards to Jane,

Yours,

September 29, 1943

Dear Swede:

This is just a line to let you know that our copyists are devoting all the time they can to your Case material. It should be ready in a day or two, and at that time we will be able to forward it back to you.

There is one problem which comes up at this time regarding your own status, and because we have heard no word from you regarding it, it is a source of some trouble. According to the Gila News Courier, in the edition of September 21, Harper is being moved from Gila where ^{he} "he will be promoted to Chief of Internal Security." Where this leaves you, I do not know, and since your draft leave must by this time just about be up, it may be that you will have left Leupp by the time we can send the stuff back to you. I suggest that you wire me, collect, telling us where to return the material. If we do not hear from you by next Monday, I shall assume that you are still at Leupp, and will forward the cases to your usual Winslow address.

I hope that the WRA hasn't been giving you the run-around. Let us hear the story.

Yours,

Fredericks
to Spencer

Fri. Oct. 1, 1943

Dear Bob:

Will get off another sketchy and probably erratic letter.

I have just returned from Gila and Poston. Got stuck in Gila for about three days longer than I expected because of road conditions caused by heavy rains. Learned that there was a vacancy for the Chief job at Poston and have made application for same. This would get me a deferment but I am afraid of some unknown power in Washington putting the veto on this. As you have suspected in your last letter, I have been getting the run around from WRA. Robertson wrote a letter requesting my elevation to Chief and for deferment for me, but he was refused. For the life of me, I can't find out the whole story but all signs seem to point to Gila - Bennett and Cozzens. Robertson did everything humanely possible to make me chief here. You see I am the chief but I am rated as Associate and it looked like I could still make it but a replacement was obtained for me --Harper. I still smell Bennett behind this move. Robertson was told that they couldn't make ~~make~~ make me chief because they didn't believe the Civil Service Comm. would allow it for this size project. Yet they sent a teletype message to Robertson saying that Harper would be considered for Chief rating after a few months.

I heard there was a vacancy or rather would be one on Oct. 1 at Tule and I called Best on the phone and he said he would rather have me than anyone he knew and would take it up with Schmidt, National Chief of Int. Security, who was at Tule. The next day I received a teletype from Schmidt saying that there were no vacancies, etc. A very nice letter followed from Best stating that Schmidt had someone picked to replace Jacoby. He also praised my work, etc.

I am due to get the nod from the draft board - my 45 days will be up ~~##~~ the 3rd of Oct. If I can land the job at Poston, I will be all set. Only thing is I am afraid that even if I do get the offer it will be too late.

I have made a good name for myself with the army since I have been in the Isolation Centers which may help me later.

Robertson agrees with me that there is something fishy about ~~##~~ the way they seem to act toward me.

There are times when I feel that I should take some of the data I have accumulated to some of the senate investigating committees but have suppressed that urge so far. Those case histories alone would provide such investigative groups with potent ammunition against WRA. Gestapo methods of arrest, illegal arrest and incarceration and such un-American tactics would certainly cause WRA plenty of headaches. I am not that type that takes things lying down but I question the judgment of my going to such extremes. Anyhow I'll wait a while.

I expect that I will still be here when you send the case histories back so I am not wiring you to send them some where else. *if you can find the time*

Very interested in your impartial comments on the case histories and sincerely hope that they were helpful to your work.

Will write more later but let's hear from you.

As ever,

FSF

Oct. 5, 1943

Dear Bob:

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the Phoenix Republic - Sept 30th issue - relating to a speech Bennett made before the Phoenix Hiram Club and where I always admire a man who has courage of his convictions - I don't feel that anyone ~~who~~ ~~who~~ feels the way he does should be in charge of a center. He complains about Californians exploited by the Japs -- one might ask what in hell is he doing?

On our recent visit to Gila, we observed several of our Jap friends and noticed how thin they were. They all said it was the food or lack of it that they were getting. They said that they were getting all starchy foods -- macaroni, etc. - a lot of very poor fish - that the milk was so dirty that the children and pregnant women etc could not drink it. One woman we know who is pregnant and is supposed to drink milk told her doctor that she couldn't drink the stuff and he told her that he didn't blame her considering the way the milk was so dirty, etc.

Research has shown that the number one cause of riots, strikes, etc. in all institutions is food. You can add this to your list of reasons why you might expect trouble at Gila. What do you suppose the reaction will be after they read what Bennett said in that clipping?

I discovered from reliable sources that the Caucasian mess was being supplied from the evacuees rations. This is true of camp 1 and probably true of camp 2. The source, for your info, was the chief cook in camp 1 who said that the steward - a Mr. Cedar- told her so. The chief cook is Ben's wife -- Fukuzawa. Sooner or later, if not already, this will be common knowledge to the Japs. Bear in mind that the Caucasians pay for their food -- so where does the dough go?

The only reasons I can see for this food condition are:

1. To push relocation
2. To cover up a deficit (Rumor around down there that they are in the hole for 50 grand - thousand to you)
3. Effort on Bennett's part to show how cheaply he can operate with some unknown hope of reward. Best operated on this principal-- so maybe there is a reason. One of the things that WRA points with pride is that they did not use all of the money allotted (sp.?) and were able to turn back some of their funds. A very old political maneuver - ask for more than you need so that you can turn back some at the end of the fiscal year. An yhow, it pleased some of the senators and WRA was complimented on it. Bear in mind, that in spite of all the adverse criticism -- the Dies committee, etc-- that they received every penny that they ask for to operate on during the fiscal period of 1943-1944.
4. A racket where someone is making some of that folding stuff.

One thing I have discovered about Bennett is that he is a damn good public relations man -- the FBI, Naval Intelligence, and probably the Arizona public after that speech -- all think he is quite a guy. This fact coupled with his political backing makes him a potent figure to deal with. The fact that he hates the Japs and says so causes him to be well received by the various groups mentioned above.

The three people that the Japs despise down there are Bennett, Keadle and Graves.

Discovered some interesting things about Graves from Harper and from talking to Graves when I was there.

My reports or case histories caused the WRA to issue a new administrative instruction relative to who and how people are sent to Leupp. It is amusing since they criticized me and my arguments severely in Washington and then went ahead and adopted every one of my arguments as Robertson pointed out to me. Used them as a basis for the new instruction and ~~in~~ a letter accompanying the new instruction.

Graves told me that that new instruction that we caused to be sent out (don't know how he knew we were the cause of it unless it has been discussed by Washington men to Bennett) makes his work much tougher. I t sure does because he will have to use real legitimate police methods and not the hocus-pokus he has been getting away with. I told him that it was not our design to make his work tougher but that we felt that if we were going to handle all the police work of all the projects, why give us the title and the pay. Told him that if they continued to send guys to Leupp every time they stepped out of line, that there was no need for several Internal Security Officers and 150 Jap cops; that all they would need is one man to apprehend them and to send them to Leupp. Don't think he liked it.

When he first came to Rivers, I told Johnston and also Williamson that he was a politician and to watch out. As usual, I was told that I was crazy. Last May when I went to Gila, Johnston said that I sure hit the nail on the head re Graves and said something about the mess he had left behind when he went to Heart Mt. Harper was telling me that when he went to work in Rivers that he got ~~browse~~ or browsing around thru the files and read up many cases. Inquiry divulged that the cases worked up by Graves were purely fictitious - manufactured - pieces of literature showing that he solved the problem without having to make an arrest, take the subject to court, etc. He then would deliver the thing in person to Terry or Bennett and receive their plaudits. Old Indian Service technique: where you take a week's vacation and then write some phoney reports showing how busy you have been. Terry visited this project some time ago and praised Graves very highly. Harper and he clashed when Graves would attempt to make a police matter out of other department's administrative problems. True politician- he tries to do any thing to please the Caucasians and piss on the Japs. I can see where I belong to the wrong school of police technique -- he gets a chief rating and I get ****##### %%%!

Fukuzawa said that Tayama, Slocum, and other such bums were sent to Japan. Don't remember whether I wrote ypu about this or not. Ben says that when the negotiations for the Gripsholm's second voyage were made that the Jap government demanded that these guys be returned - the U.S. refused and they said O.K. no deal. Finally the U.S. agreed and shipped them off. Ben seemed to be very determined that this was indeed true. Know anything about it? He points out the length of time for negotiations to substantiate his story saying that this business is what held it up.

Thought I'd dash this off to you while it was still fresh. Love and XXXXXX s

FSF

P. S. Learned from FBI that they picked up Bishop Ochi about 2 weeks ago -- interned. If you correspond with him you will know that the mail is censored, and probably has been for some time.

Hi Spence -

We missed you when we were at Gila last week. Believe it or not we got flooded in - Such rains! - Be good - Jane

Oct. 17 [1943]

Dear Bob:

Will dash off another sketchy letter.

To answer some of your questions:

The red line drawn thru the names indicated, I believe, the case histories that had been completed. I will send a list later of those who have been removed. The remainder of the case histories are much the same. You see, knowing that my time was limited, I tried to pick out the ones that ~~were~~ were outstanding and those whose case histories would be typical and give a fair cross-section of the whole. Like the Gila bunch, with the exception of one, they were all sent because they belonged to GYPA. Yamashiro would be outstanding and the others so similar that you could write the same for each. You will notice, however, how I did not put all my gripes about the administration of Gila in any one history - a point or an issue in this one, another point in another, and so on. I was trying to convince Washington that the procedure in sending these guys (and not just the Gila admin.) was all wrong and incidentally putting WRA on the spot legally. Many reasons, and I appear to have succeeded judging from instructions emanating from Washington. In an attempt to clarify what I mean, I will point out that there are groups that are here for identical reasons:

1. The first Manzanar group of 16 - allegedly connected with Manzanar Incident
2. Gila of 13 --- members of GYPA
3. Manzanar 2nd group of 10 -- arrested on suspicion - finger put on by Peace Committee
4. Tule Lake first group of 15 -- refusing to register
5. Tule Lake 2nd group -- arrested, convicted, paroled for riot - 5 of them
6. Topaz bunch - about 11 - based on idiotic interviews of FBI
7. Miscellaneous

The Topaz gang I haven't had time to do as yet. Finished Yamashiro and will enclose it with this letter as well as one of the two Heart Mt. boys -- return to me when thru - I will send you pieces from time to time and rather than wait until the whole case is completed. In some cases, you will want a copy of the charges and I will try to get them to you.

I am supposed to make one every 120 days on each guy here but it is impossible for the present. I have seen some of Harper's attempts at Case Histories at I don't believe they would be of any value - unless he improves

Learned from Harper a very interesting angle concerning Yamashiro's return to Gila for marriage purposes. I couldn't include it in the Case History but you should insert it in that part discussing his return. I will get Graves report on his activities at that time for you later.

In the first place, I believe that I told you they tried to blame George for the mess hall strike and mentioned to you that it was an old police trick to find anyone at all to blame a crime on and then you can mark the case closed. The theory would be, in this instance, based on the assumption that in Washington they wouldn't know the difference and possibly an attempt to slap at my judgment. The part they didn't know in this last part is that I not only had nothing to do with his return to Gila but opposed it openly and extensively or intensively or sumpin. During this time another guy got in a jam for mutilating a sign in the hospital - name is Yamasaki and he is now with us. ~~1000 names on it for his removal. It was such a petty crime. Bennett turned them down cold. Then a few days later they got 3000 instead of 1000. Upon a second wait a minute - the petition contained about 3000 names stating that his offense was petty and protesting his removal to Leupp pointing out that the Gila authorities had allowed a much more dangerous person (Yamashiro) to return, give him an extension of time, etc. Bennett turned them down and they then sent a circulated another petition for Bennett's removal. This one is supposed to have~~

The people presented a petition of 3000 names asking that Yamasaki not be sent to Leupp and Bennett turned them down cold. Whereupon, they got up another petition of 7000 or more names asking for Bennett's removal and describing how one boy was sent to Leupp while another dangerous Jap was allowed to return and remain at the camp for some time -- this is Yamashiro that they had reference to.

Graves' report on Yamashiro is a masterpiece of falsehood. For example, he starts in to say that George was a visitor and had absolutely no basis for assuming that he was to go on to Tule Lake from there. George had been given baggage tags and told by Freland, the Leave Officer that his train reservations had been made and told him when he was to leave - the time of the train departure, etc.

Segregation seems to have gone off all right.

Had quite a talk with Wolter and was very impressed. He sure is the backbone of Gila and I wonder where he will end. Judging from other performances of the WRA, he is apt to be allowed to get things in shape and then the others will take the credit for it, discrediting him the meanwhile. I would like to work anywhere where Wolter might be ~~mainly~~ because he is the first sign ~~##~~ that I have ever seen of anyone who knew how to run one of these centers since I have been with WRA.

I have been and still am working like hell to write myself up so I can make an application ~~for~~ a Reserve Officer's commission for Public Safety Specialist. If I make it I would be trained in the School of Govt. at Virginia. My greatest handicap seems to be my age - too young - but they may waive it for a reserve officer and in any event it will be waived after I am in the service. I want to get it in now thru WRA channels. Be interesting to watch and see how WRA handles it. I send it to Robertson who attaches a letter and relays it to Myer who, I like to think, will relay it to the War Dept. I expect induction very shortly so I must get in in right now.

I haven't heard from Poston yet, except that the director there has been in Washington and is expected to return tomorrow and that no action will be taken in my case until he returns.

Must get to work on the army stuff, so will sign off.

Please return enclosed stuff.

FSF

Li Robert — Jan

Box 538
Superior, Arizona
Oct. 25, 1943

Dear Spence,

Enclosed you will find a letter to Frederick from Ben written several months ago. I received some of the spouse's papers today and he thought you might be interested. The Roy Agaki mentioned was in Carlson's "Undercover".

Frederick was home the first of the month on a last furlough before going overseas. In fact he is at his P.O.E. now, I think. His A.P.O. is San Francisco so he may be leaving from there. If he has a chance I know he will call you.

He is in a section of ten men with a Lieutenant. They investigate all crimes involving Army personnel--murder, rape, desertion, blackmarket. He is told there will be plain clothes work, living in hotels, etc. and they will be more or less on their own. He hates the Army so that anything to get away from the routine will be welcomed.

While he was here we went to Gila for an afternoon and evening. Most of the time, of course, was spent at the Fukuzawa's. Ben is now chairman of the Community Council and right in on the know, as usual.

There is the usual agitation against Bennett and a strong move to have him ousted. The personnel as a whole is pretty much disliked, I gathered, and no one seems too happy. The population--evacuee-- is a little more than half the intended capacity of the camp.

Ben mentioned some plan to gather all the grievances the Japanese-Americans have against the government and make one big case, rather than taking hundreds of small cases to court. He said something about consulting the Topaz council about it. All this is to come up after the war, I think, and it is only to be the citizens. He seems to think the Coast will be opened soon after election.

I had a letter from one of the former Leupp boys, Mits Aiso, who is in Cleveland now and he said such an undesirable group ^{was} ~~were~~ being released from the camps. Mainly "zoot-suiters". Gila, Poston and Topaz seem to be releasing the most. Since he was released from Leupp his draft board reclassified him 4C, alien classification. He is just sick about it as he was hoping to go right into the Army as soon as he got out. It is so unfair.

Ben has compiled quite a study on the Gila Young People's Association and is supposed to send it up here for safe keeping along with a bunch of other material, so we wondered if you would be interested. If, and when, it comes and you would like same I'll write Ben and ask him if you might use it. W.R.A. knows nothing about this so it would have to be treated accordingly.

Seems there is a list of the known, and unknown, members, plus the leaders and the powers behind them.

Hear you protegee Yamashiro is Best's right hand man at Tule and very unpopular with the people. Its the priests who have the respect of the people and since Best isn't liked, consequently George isn't either.

These are just bits I have gathered here and there and they are very sketchy, but I thought perhaps you would like them.

Frederick's address is:

S/Sgt. Francis S. Frederick 39923816
37th MP CI Section
A.P.O. 17183 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

I know he would like to hear from you if you ever have time to drop him a line.

If ~~there~~ is anyway I could be of any help to you I will try my best, and when Ben sends this stuff I will go through it and let you know what he has, then you can tell me what to ask him for.

Sincerely,

Jane Frederick

October 27, 1943

Dear Bob:

Just found out a little about the Tule Lake strike and will pass it on now rather than wait until the story is complete. Very little mail came in today so we are up in the air as to the outcome of the strike. My info is from the Japs and it is their mail that I refer to-- perhaps they are holding up allmail at Tule. I have heard nothing about this from official sources but believe it to be quite accurate - the story of the strike, I mean.

On or about the 11thth or 12th of October a truck load of evacuees - about 30 - were being taken to work on a farm about 5 miles from the center under an M.P. escort. The truck was being driven by an evacuee, I believe. The truck tipped over killing 2 outright, 2 others died in the hospital, and about 25 or 26 were injured requiring hospital attention and treatment. Farm employees - all divisions- got together and wanted a committee appointed to negotiate with the administration for damages. They went to see Best and he told them that WRA was not responsible for their lives so they (the WRA) could not award any compensation. The committee was made up of one representative from each block - possibly block mgr.

After receiving Best's statement the entire farm division quit work. Frost has now come to Tule so the stuff needs to be harvested. Other groups such as the coal crews, carpenters, and others have quit in sympathy with the strike. The strike is alleged to have spread into all divisions and departments and things are pretty hot, I am told. Best issued an ultimatum to the committee that unless the workers returned to their jobs by 8:00 A.M. October 25th that he would turn the camp over to the army. That is the story as far as we know at this time and we will have to wait for the mail until we learn what happened. My guess is that they will call his bluff. They should be entitled to compensation since they were injured en route to their work--liability of truck owner which is WRA, etc.

I know Best very well and this is typical of him. In the first place he is constantly striving to pinch pennies for the WRA. He is impulsive and susceptible to suggestion from, oftentimes, the wrong people. Personally I believe the job is over his head but hope he makes it. Anyone who has that job and runs it-the project-according to WRA plan is going to have trouble. Especially in that type of center. Internal Security is too far down the scale in the organizational set-up to be effective. It is a prison-as are all the other centers for that matter-and should be run accordingly. The people would be better off and the administration would know what they were doing-instead of operating the way they do with everyone being a general like the Mexican army. In a prison the warden is the contact man, the public relations guy, the letter writer, the speech maker, etc. The P.K. or Principal Keeper is really the one who runs the prison and he is next to the warden. All departmental functions operate thru him and this way keeps control over the inmates. He is the disciplinarian, he places the inmates where they should be, he assigns the guards where they will be the most efficient and effective. Everything-education, radio programs, employment, etc., are controlled by him. Each department is supposed to know how to operate their own particular job but let any part of it interfere with discipline, morale, security, etc., and the P.K. will raise hell and get results. The Chief of Internal Security should be in the position of P.K. described above. The hell of it is I have yet to see one Chief who knows enough about such procedure to be able to handle such a job. I would like to have a chance at it with full authority to correspond with the responsibility. I can dream can't I? But this will never happen in WRA. The Project Director has to think that he knows all about police matters, etc. and order the chief what to do and it's invariably wrong. He wouldn't think of telling a surgeon how to perform an operation but he will not hesitate to tell the chief of police how to do police work which is, in these centers, as important as the surgeon.

To prove my point about operating these ~~prisons~~ centers like prisons: observe how little, if any, trouble there has been in the internment camps. I have a copy of their rules and regulations and they are nothing but prison rules.

The P.K. and his assistants should circulate about the camp daily to observe camp conditions and have first hand knowledge of how things are running. He would discourage progressive education, for instance, to stamp out juvenile delinquency; he would be very interested in food - what it was, how it was prepared, etc. and raise hell if it were not up to standard. But WRA brass hats have to sit on their prats in offices and write memorandums and listen to the wrong people ~~##~~ advising them how to run the camp. Nuts. I feel better though. Too bad that you have to ~~###~~ read thru all this.

I am not too sure of the accuracy of the strike account but it is what I heard.

Other Tule Lake notes:

Post Office was burglarized (I think) anyhow 20,000 money order blanks were stolen and the stamp was also taken -- 100 books of 200 m.o. blanks per book.

Hawaiian boys are getting out of hand - quite a little rape, etc., as the story goes.

Resentment is emanating from the fact that all the good jobs are taken by old Tule Lake residents, leaving new arrivals to have to work in coal crews, etc/

FSF

P.S. On or about Sept 22nd, my attention had been called to the fact that Frank Fukuchi had made some counterfeit half dollars. He showed one to one of the guards who told Harper about it who told me about it when I returned from a trip. Harper ran a temperature over it and Robertson caught some of Harper's interest. I sent for Fukuchi and asked him about it and he readily admitted making them. I asked him how and he explained that he had made some dies from some metal laying around the garage where he was working. He used a part of an old governor to make the mold. He turned in the dies to me - 6 in all or 3 complete sets. It was so damn obvious that the dope never intended to use the money, that it was merely a prank that I did nothing about it except to report verbally to Robertson after giving Fukuchi a brief lecture. After all, if he had any idea of committing a crime he would hardly have shown it to one of the guards. Robertson made out a very mild report to Washington about this and stated that he felt we should keep him here for another month. He never dreamed that they would turn the matter over to Secret Service but they did and Monday one of their agents came and arrested Fukuchi. Robertson felt very bad about it and so did I incidentally. Wondering what kind of publicity it will receive. In one sense it is a moral victory for me because of my reluctance to make anything out of it. Hope he pleads not guilty and gets a good lawyer. He can beat it - ofcourse he's a Jap and this is Arizona, etc. But the guy never intended to commit a crime which is essential to prove in most cases and they have no proof of this.

Sun. Oct 31 [1943]

Dear Bob:

More news and exciting! This is one damn big fight this Tule Lake thing and I am spoiling to get into the fray. I am having so much internal conflict within myself that I'm nearly nuts. I know the answers to the problems at Tule but happen to be such a small fry that I can't do anything about it. I wouldn't even accept an assignment to straighten out that mess unless I was given absolute authority that will be prerequisite before anyone can solve the mess. And what a mess! This, by all appearances, dwarfs any past strikes, riots, or other rebellion that have taken place in the centers.

To relate the bits of news that I have learned:

Graves ~~###~~ went to Tule Lake to assist in suppressing the strike. Some joke.

A committee of 8 has been designated by the evacuees to carry on the negotiations. The spokesman for this committee has, according to the radio, stated that they consider themselves prisoners of war and therefore refuse to do any work that will further the war effort of this country. From the Japs at Leupp, I have learned that the main issue, including the statement ~~be~~ prisoner of war, etc., is that they are such damn sick of WRA lies and other treatment and are demanding or want the army to take over. Any efforts to effect a change of attitude re the army will have 2 or more strikes on them before they start. Anyone trying to effect an amicable solution to this mess will find it next to impossible if he is in the employ of the WRA. Promises, etc., will have to have some solid foundation this time and it is for this reason that I stated above that I wouldn't accept the assignment unless I had the ~~####~~ authority corresponding to the responsibility. Sounds like sour grapes, perhaps, because I probably wouldn't be considered for this important assignment but someone like Cozzens may remember who stopped the strike at Gila. Only in sheer desperation and as a last resort however would they give me the job.

WATER - the people are complaining about the water-apparently it is dirty and is being drained off too fast for proper filtration.

HOSPITAL - inadequate hospital facilities and staff.

HOUSING - all recreations halls are being utilized for sleeping quarters as well as the mess halls. Complaints about the dirty conditions in the homes.

SOCIAL - fights among themselves, rape, and such violence. Conflicting groups - Hawaiians (over 1000 from Jerome alone) red hot kibeis, fanatics, etc., etc. A party for the new arrivals was allegedly given in their honor by some of the older Tule Lake residents. Whereupon, the persons responsible for the party were beaten and told that in Japan these days that there were no parties so they shouldn't have them there. Many people who didn't realize what they were getting into when they signed for Tule Lake and the resulting emotional upset when they found themselves there. Many who have suppressed their emotions since the evacuation and are now exploding. Many who came there# because of the desires of their parents. Some who feel that they are going to be on the next boat for Japan - many kibeis in this group. Others-many kibeis-feeling that they will be rewarded by Japan for things they might do here some of which reason that they are in the dog-house with Japan for ducking the draft when war with China broke out, and feel that they have to do something to reinstate themselves. What a mixture - or rather what an explosive mixture!

Robertson just got back from Frisco and I have learned that there is no more deferment for me. Part that burns me up is that they take the attitude that I am asking for one. I never have. All I asked them for is a raise which would bring automatic deferment. The raise I felt I was entitled to. Anyhow, Leupp, which has been costing from \$8000 to \$9000 a month to operate, is to be liquidated on or before Dec. 1st.

Oct. 31. [1943]

He also said that Cozzens, Best, etc. said that the trouble at Tule was nothing. That some loyal Japs were coming to harvest the crops and that only the farm crew was striking quietly. I am afraid that they are taking a too smug attitude. These ~~disloyal~~ disloyal Japs are a different commodity from those they have been handling. On the other hand, I could be getting unduly alarmed but I don't think so. It all depends on how accurate the info these Japs here are getting. I know my Japs and if the info they receive is correct, something is really cooking. They have clammed up too much here which is a good symptom. that something is definitely up.

Anyhow I may not have too much more info for you from now on. Depends upon whether I have to go to Salt Lake or can effect my transfer~~al~~ by phone and mail. Got some military connections in Ninth Service Command that I am going to try to cash in on--so must be inducted from Salt Lake in order to do so. Tomorrow's mail might bring more Jap news from Tule and will get it to you if possible.

In one way I feel sorry for Best but in another I don't. He's a politician first, last and always. Bennett is his enemy and I believe is envious of Best's job and is soaring around like a vulture awaiting Best's demise. On the other hand, I know that the job is too big for him and the Japs have grown to hate him. They classify him as a bullshiter - which is accurate. He'll promise you the moon with a fence around it.

Hoffman has been promoted to some sort of a job where he travels from center to center. Am I ever glad to get out of WRA with such pricks as Cozzens, Bennett, Hoffman, and, reluctantly, Best. Would have liked to put on my last performance at Tule so that I could really open up on them, get essential info on Tule Lake's mismanagement, and expose such big wind bags as Schmidt, Natn'l. Internal Security Chief, Graves and others. Any damn fool can read a few books on police work, talk glibly on the subject and sit behind desks issuing memorandums, etc. -- as long as nothing happens. But the real test is when there is trouble and do they ever fold up then. Being a cop or having been one, I feel that I am qualified to say that a relocation center is no place for a cop but rather a person trained in institutional work in addition to knowing how to investigate, make an arrest, etc. As proof of this point, I might point out New York State's attitude regarding this same thing. They will not place a cop directly into institutional work without training him first. They claim that cop experience is helpful but inadequate.

Think I'll write a book - an expose of WRA - want to collaborate?

Nuff for now. Love andXXXXXXXX's

FSF

*Fredericks
to Spencer*

Tues. Nov. 2. (1943)

Dear Bob:

Well, I am not to be inducted until sometime in Dec. Got it arranged so that I will be inducted in Salt Lake City.

Leupp's residents are to be moved from here on the 4:00 P.M. train this Friday. We have 53 in all. 51 to Tule Lake and 2 to some other center.

I have discovered to my satisfaction that the WRA engineered my being drafted. It solved their problem of getting rid of me. Every dog has it's day - so maybe I'll have mine. Got any ideas? Of course, I want to remain ethical such as kicking them in the nuts.

Learned a little more about Tule Lake. Seems that there is a heavy population of Hawaiians estimated by some of the Japs here as being about 3000 and up.- others say less but in any event there are quite a few of them. Many of them were sent here from internment camps in Hawaii. One guy told me that some of them were so bad that they were isolated on an island by themselves in Hawaii and later sent to this country - to Jerome and Rohwer, Ark. and Topaz. They are complaining bitterly of the treatment they received on the boats coming over - that they were treated like pigs, etc. which fact, added to their other feelings of persecution, made them bitter indeed. Now they are all reunited in Tule Lake which should be self-evident. Personally I think that this is typically WRA - I'll bet that they never even thought of the Hawaiian angle until recent developments. The manner in which segregation was planned by placing so many different conflicting groups in one place is actually stupid. ~~#####~~ Classifying all these Japs as either loyal or disloyal is, to me, a form of wishful thinking - it is not quite that simple. Now they have decided to take Leupp's residents to add to their already explosive mixture. This latter fact might not be so bad if ~~#####~~ Leupp Japs did not detest Best - but they do with the single exception of Yamashiro.

One must not lose sight of the fact that these guys at Tule have a much different attitude than those in the other centers. In the other places, such things as being denied leave clearance, etc. have a strong tendency to discourage any organized movement of rebellion. At Tule they want to go all out in their Japanese attitude evidenced by recent demands being made by many to abolish the English section of the camp paper.

One jap gave me his opinion of the major groups at Tule. They are:

Issei	Nisei	Hawaiians
Kibei-many yrs. in Japan	Kibei-few yrs. in J.	
Non-violent	In the middle	Violent

Groups 1 and 3 are natural enemies and both are catering to group 2. Does not know which group is in the majority but both 1 and 3 are seeking leadership. As a result, fighting among themselves is what they are presently doing.

He also said that reports have come in to this center that a bunch of girls went into Best's office and practically ran him out of his own office - protesting about the people that were killed, etc., I believe.

Naval Intelligence and FBI were here today and they said that the people asked for a large funeral and were refused. Damn fool - if he had been smart, he would have taken the initiative and promoted a big funeral himself.

All the ambitious politicians in the WRA are casting envious eyes toward Tule Lake

because this project will be the last to close. Many of them are there already I expect and any analysis of Tule should consider this angle. Politicians of this type will spend all their waking hours knifing each other and little, if any, time will be spent on the work they are being paid to do. The naturally resulting chaotic administration will hardly be conducive to promoting harmony among the several groups of evacuees already in conflict with one another.

Or to be brief as someone once asked, WHYIZZITHERE AREMORE HORSESASSESTHANHERE AREHORSES? Next week: East Lynde! or Those Who Live in Glass Houses Shouldn't Throw Wild Parties.

FSF

Nov. 5, 1943

Dear Bob:

Things have been happenings so fast that it is hard to keep one's mind in order.

First of all, to review what I have already written you, it appears that my sources of information and predictions have been fairly accurate regarding the Tule Lake setup.

We have not received hardly anything in the way of information from official sources - apparently by deliberate design. As I told you before, Robertson was in ~~Washington~~ San Francisco recently and talked with Myers, Cozzens and Best and they were very complacent about it, saying there was nothing to it, a very quiet strike in the farm division, etc. For some reason they did not and do not want him to know but he is too gullible and trusting to understand this. I should explain a little better - he is a swell guy, very fond of Japs, and a very honorable. But, being honorable himself, he is too inclined to believe that everyone he comes in contact with is also honorable - especially those persons in the higher pay brackets. I haven't been able to analyze this situation to my satisfaction as to why he is not being told things, etc. There is a reason but just what it is I am not sure. Perhaps they are afraid he might tell me.

Have you ever made any effort to check on the background of the various project directors in all the centers. I think it might be worth your while if you haven't. I believe you will find that they were picked mainly for their political prestige and nothing else. Best is a former Republican County Chairman from Idaho; Ernst is a former Washington State politician who was removed from the old age pension bureau when housecleaning took place in that bureau - understand the people were really hot about him resulting in his removal from office. Bennett, as we well know, is a politician - verified recently to me by FBI and ONI - and the protege of one Al Myers on the coast. Can you find out anything about this Myers? He is supposed to be very powerful in west coast politics and I think he is a Jew altho not sure on this last score. In any event, there are three who have absolutely no background that I can determine qualifying them for the positions they now hold. Only angle here that might interest you is the political aspect of the WRA administration, but it occurred to me that it might fit into your analysis and study of the evacuation.

Re the Tule Lake incident it appears that WRA is definitely on the spot. It might mean the end of WRA at Tule or/ and all the other centers.

You have undoubtedly been following the press and radio accounts of Tule and noticed the name of a Rev. Kai (not sure of the spelling) who is alleged to have addressed the mass at the administration bldg. last Monday telling that that they owed their all to Japan, etc. and that the people took off their hats and bowed, etc. According to my spies here, he is about 32 years old and fanatic. He is supposed to be the leader of a real tough outfit. He is a Shinshu Buddhist and is from the Jerome center. Before evacuation he is allegedly from Fresno where, according to my Japs, he and his gang murdered some fellow a dew years ago but that there was never any evidence to prove that he and his gang did it. They claim that it was quite common knowledge that the murder was, in fact, committed by these guys but no proof. Nize pipple.

Not having heard from you, I forget just what I have and have not told you in my other letters but we got orders to break camp at Leupp on or before Dec. 1. The Japs were to leave today on the 6:00 P.M. train for Tule and at about 10:30 A.M. we had to

tell them that their trip had been postponed because of the trouble at Tule. All their baggage had already been sent in to Winslow. We had received word that they were to stay here temporarily and that we might have the trouble makers from Tule sent to Leupp. They couldn't tell us when or how many, etc. Military secrets, I suppose - cripes, how those guys hate to give out - Cozzens, Best, etc.

We would be rather interested in knowing who is coming, how many, what types, etc. - probably tell us the day they leave. They did tell us that they would not mix the Tule bunch with our present residents and that they would remove the latter from here before they others arrived.

I am in kind of a quandary. As far as I know, I am still to be drafted next month. I am still working for WRA. If I am called upon to lay plans for this new type of population, I might just get the plans worked out for them and then be drafted and some one else will get the credit for my labors again. I may resign but I hate to because of the opportunities and experience this new problem presents. I will have to insist on more authority and that will bring hard feelings, etc. Robertson is very, very reluctant to make this a prison and seems to be the crusader type that believes that soft words and music will rehabilitate a mountain lion. He is also clever so perhaps he will submit to the inevitable. If they think that they can get me another 45 day deferment and that I'll stay - they will have another think coming. In one sense of the word, I am in the driver's seat in this instance if they haven't got somebody else in mind to take care of my job.

The radio, undoubtedly quoting WRA releases, state that this trouble started last Monday when the 4 to 8 thousand Japs surrounded the administration building holding 75 to 100 Caucasians virtually prisoners for about 4 hours. The whole issue started when that truck ~~####~~ tipped over and the subsequent developments - Oct. 11 or 12 - They requested a large funeral for the one (still not sure of the number) Jap that was killed and were refused by Best. A Jap here told me that some news photographer was beaten up and his camera smashed when he tried to take pictures of the funeral. I am inclined to believe that the photographer was a WRA man. They beat up a Caucasian chief medical officer and a watchman or Internal Security man- so the stories go.

They also said that Best had resigned and that Myers made a speech stating that he was backing him 100%. Not so smart because the Japs hate Best and Myers automatically classifies himself with a person they hate by uttering such a statement. Perhaps this speech that Myers made predicated the mass gathering at the administration bldg. last Monday. Something must have brought them together and public address systems were in operation at that time.

Don't know how the army will send them here or what they will be classified as. Are they prisoners of war, internees, criminals, detainees, evacuees, or what? Looked up a definition of prisoner of war today and according to the definition I read all the evacuees should be classified as prisoners of war. Look it up, it will surprise you by relating that anyone interned because of the war is a prisoner of war.

This will be an interesting place to be if they do send them here.

Will try to keep you posted on developments but if I stay here and they send them here as it looks now, I will be busier than the proverbial one-armed paperhanger with hives. 'Sall for now.

FSF

Nov. 6 - Heard this AM. that they may not send them here. Hope so. They've got to send them somewhere but they're still in army hands so maybe they have other ideas.

Nov. 8, 1943

Dear Bob:

I am seriously contemplating resigning from WRA and making application for employment as an investigator for the Dies Committee or one of the other interested groups investigating Tule Lake and WRA.

I haven't much time before my induction next month so will have to act fairly fast. My position as an investigator would be much better than that of informer were I to be subpoenaed, a possibility that may come up.

I don't feel that I ^{have} ~~am~~ delusions of persecution when I say that I feel that WRA hasn't done right by our little Nell. So I owe them nothing. The reputation of WRA is not any better, if as good, as the Dies Committee, so what is ~~there~~ to lose?

Around my own home town, where I intend to return after the war, my stock would go up considerably were I to be an investigator for the Dies committee and it would receive much favorable publicity.

So with an eye to my own personal future, I am weighing the potential gains of such a move against my remaining mum and staying with WRA which will ultimately end up in my being inducted into the army.

I am convinced that my reclassification to 1A was engineered by the WRA and the part that burns me up is that after receiving such classification I could not apply for any other essential employment in civil service with that 1A tacked on me. The job that I hold calls for automatic deferment so I am sure that they engineered my reclassification. So, tired of being noble, I am strongly inclined to think in terms of the eye ~~for eye~~ for eye, tooth for tooth, theory.

Have you any advice or suggestions to offer regarding this matter? I would appreciate an answer to this question as soon as you can. Perhaps you have knowledge of other investigative agencies that you might feel ~~#####~~ would be better for me to be connected with.

I have been mentally picturing the furor that a telegram to me from the Dies or other committees offering employment as an investigator, would cause here and in San Francisco and Washington. That would really be comical. Cozzens would call Best and Bennett and they'd both sweat their balls off. I might get some interesting offers ~~##~~ in the way of advancement, draft deferment, etc. Maybe I should have you send me a fake telegram signing your name Costello or something. Or James Steadman, I read where he was an investigator for that committee. Something like: Instructed by the Washington office to inquire as to your availability for employment as an investigator for the Dies Committee. Signed James Steadman. That sure would be comical. Enuff of that.

What do you think I should do?

Haven't heard any more regarding whether those bad boys from Tule will be sent here or not, so can't throw much light on that angle of the Tule Lake mess. It is sure making headlines. Since you are well versed on the strike business at Gila, you will have no difficulty in understanding the Tule trouble. The parallel between them is remarkable - many of the same old grievances are there. The Tule Lake incident is what I have expected to happen in the other centers long before this. Remember when I used to get all steamed up and thought it was coming very ~~##~~ shortly? Rebellion such as Tule's is what I had in mind.

Let's hear from you soon and help me make up my mind.

FSF

Nov. 18, 1943

Dear Bob:

Rec'd. your letter and was very happy to hear from you. I'm too lazy to find it so will try to discuss things from memory.

I agree with your point of view re getting rid of Bennett, etc. in that it might not be any better for the Japanese but it would be better for me personally.

I understand the food has been getting better at Gila for some reason or other.

Re my employment with your boss, thanx kindly for "them kind words, stranger." Do you have any dollar a year men in your outfit? If so, would like to apply. It would be good experience for me and I might earn the dollar. If you could give me an outline of what you want, I could keep the eyes and ears open.

Understand that when the Tule trouble broke out that each center (except this) was requested to send 1 Internal Security man to Tule. That's how come Graves went. When he returned to Gila the Internal Security dept. was in a hell of a mess. Seems there are ~~###~~ 6 chiefs at Gila and when he left he didn't name any one of them to take his place during his absence so they all started issuing orders and the Jap cops got all riled up. So when a second call came for an Int. Sec. man for Tule he sent Nichols instead. That's the story I get but I don't believe that this was the only reason for his not going the second time. Believe he realizes that he hasn't a chance for Tule Chief's job.

From public newspapers, radios, Tulean Dispatch, etc. , it appears that Rev. Kai, George Kuratomi, and a Dr. George Kinomatsu Hashiba are big-shots in the present rebellion at Tule. The Dr. Hashiba I know nothing about having just seen his name for the first time today. The other two however are very close pals of three of our guests here from Jerome. Enclosed you will find some copies of letters from our files showing the connection of Geo. Kuratomi with two of our boys. Notice the date and the wording of the letter written by Kuratomi in behalf of our Rev. Tsuha.

Last week Robertson discovered an article entitled DOUBLE TROUBLE on page 2 of the Nov. 6th issue of the Gila Courier. The article discussed the Tule Lake trouble and stated that some of the leaders were Leupp residents. He sent a copy of the paper to Myer and demanded a retraction if the charge was groundless. Yesterday I got a clipping from the San Fran. Chronicle stating that the brains behind the Tule biznes was a former Manzanar resident who was a World War I veteran and presently residing at Leupp - that's Joe Kurihara and you can believe me he has nothing to do with it. The source of info was given as a high WRA official whose name could not be divulged. Speculation here has it that the source must be Bob Brown, Manzanar Asst. Project Dir. and/or Bennett. Whoever it is, I'd be willing to bet that it is another one of these amateur detectives that WRA is so chock full of - remember Korn? - with some deductions and theories of their own. If they're so goddam full of facts why in hell don't they arrest him for sedition. These Junior G-Men get my goat.

Ige - one of our Jerome boys - his case history is enclosed. Wish I could get a copy of the docket in this and other cases but haven't the time to copy them. The dockets show that Rev. Kai, Rev. Tsuha, George Kuratomi, and Ige were real leaders at Jerome and he was allegedly the enforcer of threats of this outfit-Ige, that is.

Hope you can find time to discuss the Tule Incident in your next letter.

We had to teletype the names of all our residents to Cozzens at Tule tonite so it appears that they are preparing to receive them. No news as to whether the bad boys will be sent here. FST

P.S. Picked up another interesting angle today that might appeal to you. Perhaps you have thought of it already but I'll jot it down anyhow.

It has to do with perhaps one of the strongest motivating forces behind the present rebellion and its effect, will be felt in future dealings and actions. Tule Lake Japs are there becuz they are pro-Japanese, but that does not mean that they will settle down resignedly and meekly and patiently wait for a boat to take them to Japan. The present exchange rate of about 1500 per year means that some of them will have to wait for a hell of a long time before their turn comes. The various internment camps are included in this 1500. So they rebel. The prospects of living in Tule for the next 2,5,10, or 20 years does not appeal to them and they intend to do something about it. Anything to hasten their return to Japan and get out of the center mode of living. They want out and they want it now. Can't say as I blame them.

No need for me to dwell on this becuz I know you get the drift. But this motivating force together with others such as being fed up with WRA, old grievances, desire to do something to elevate themselves in the eyes of Hirohito, etc.,etc., -- all these forces produce (to me) only one resultant: Trouble, present and future.

If someone were to assure them that real steps were to be taken to expedite their return to the old country - someone they would believe and trust - he would be off on the right foot to straighten up this mess at Tule. The ray of hope is better than all the bayonets,etc. Perhaps this is the key to the situation there. But keep this to yourself, please, becuz I am sick and tired of WRA brass hats cashing in on my ideas.

Please inform me if any of my stuff gets back to WRA. Any chance of leaks in your outfit?

Nov. 29, 1943

Dear Bob:

Got some news and some more observations also a copy of my notes that are incomplete that may interest you re the Tule Lake business.

First of all, we are going to **break** camp at Leupp and move bag and baggage to Tule. All the little Japs and most of the staff are being transferred there.

Before I get into it -- THIS IS ALL CONFIDENTIAL

Just what my position there will be is purely speculative but it smacks strongly of having something to do with the Stockade wherein the bad boys are corraled (sp.) --supposed to be a secret or something but there are about 3000 of them.

Best is supposed to have some evidence there that the whole plot originated here at Leupp. Will our faces be red if this is true! I don't think it is, in spite of whatever evidence he may have but will be better qualified to express an opinion when and if I ever see his evidence and know the source. There is an interesting angle that should be considered here. As you know, Best was former P.D. at Moab and Leupp and, according to some newspaper releases, because he did such a fine job at both Moab and Leupp he was promoted to head the Tule Lake Center. The thing that no one seems to know is that he was hardly ever present at either of the Isolation Centers, being away most of the time. The office procedure, fiscal matters, etc. was put into operation by a Marlow Glenn on detail from Minidoka. Rules and regulations, disciplinary problems, care and feeding, etc., etc., were done by yours truly. I was at Moab, for example, from Feb. 18 to Apr. 27, 1943 and was Acting Project Director for two months during that period --which might explain what I said about his being away most of the time.

He went to Tule firmly believing what Myers had said that Tule would be the most peaceful of all camps. I didn't agree and told him, in the way of advice, to get himself the strongest and most efficient Internal Security Div. that he could possibly procure. He agreed to this and Schmidt, National Chief who was visiting Leupp at the time of Best's departure, went with him to Tule. I am sure, knowing Best, that he was confident that he had the best set-up re Internal Security since Schmidt stayed with him at Tule and organized the dept. For your info, they were all set to get rid of Jacoby before they left here. The strange part of it is, I don't think Schmidt is much different from Jacoby because he, himself, is a college prof who, like Williamson, can wax eloquent about police matters but there is some question in my mind re his experience to complement the theory. He condoned the practice of using the Peace Committee at Manzanar - some 100 Judo boys - to keep the peace in that center. This is contrary to normal police procedure in that it sanctions and condones mob rule--vigilante tactics, K.K.K., etc. Maybe I have him all wrong but my eyebrows lift re his ability to do real police work. As I have stated before, any damn fool can be chief of police until something happens. The real test comes in when it does happen. Better yet, since the number one function of modern police science is to keep it from happening, the ~~###~~ fewer things that happen the more efficient the police dept. but it is very difficult to measure. In any event, considering prevention and intelligent handling of a situation when it does happen,

I offer you Tule Lake. Of course, I wasn't there but I will be willing to bet that most of the police work was done in the office -- you know, eloquent discussions about women, religion, politics, hunting, etc.-- instead of among the people that they are supposed to be handling. ### There is also the possibility that some member of the Int. Sec. force knew what should be done but was shouted down by the project director, his assistants, Washington, etc. -- all expert policemen of the type that read detective stories and know all the answers, like Korn-remember? To get back on the beam, Tule Lake Incident is evidence that something was radically wrong with the police set-up as well as other divisions.

Robertson is a Jap lover by his own admission and I do not say this in any disparaging sense. He is highly thought of by the Japs here and they have entertained notions about circulating a petition when they arrived at Tule to have Robertson replace Best. Incidentally, they hate Best and call him a bull-shiter, meaning that he will promise you anything and never deliver the goods. There is a very strong possibility that Best may have learned of this and it remains to be seen what his reactions will be. Robertson and Best are distinctly different types, and it will be very interesting to watch them when they are confronted with each other at Tule. I imagine, because of his recent bitter experiences at Tule, Best now dislikes strongly the Japs and the other guy is the other extreme who feels that he can walk out among thousands of belligerent, angry Japs and alone and unarmed can placate them. Hmmm.

Me, I am one of those guys that likes to be fully armed with overwhelming power that is very well known by the enemy and then be a nice guy. In other words, I like to get along with people too but I adhere to the policy of having some nice big muscles to show and the ability to use same when necessary and then be kindly and understanding, etc. I am not an isolationist who does not like to fortify Guam, Wake Island, etc. in fear of injuring the feelings of the Japanese Empire and then get caught with my pants down. But neither do I feel that brutality should be resorted to. The middle road for me, and gettin there fustest with the mostest.

A teletype message from Myer arrived this A.M. telling Robertson what a fine job he had done at Leupp, that he will probably be sent on detail to Tule temporarily, and that they will place him somewhere later and where would he like to go, etc. Smells fishy to me but he is such a trusting soul that he will probably feel that a favor is being done him. I interpret it as being a message informing him where he stands so that he will not be entertaining any notions of ambitions for Tule Lake and the wording was such that he should gather that Best is the boss there and that is was the latter that will request his being sent on detail to Tule, etc. Politics? Who said anything about that?

I know nothing as to my standing or position when I arrive at Tule but I may not stay long. It will have to be done on my terms this time. The Stockade would interest me considerably were I to be in a position of authority - a challenge and unusual experience which should prove to be of much value to me later if I were successful but it would also cause me considerable damage if I were unsuccessful. Confident that I can do it if allowed to run it my way but they will probably dictate how it should be done and none of them know how to do it. But I must wait and see how it turns out. What do you want to know????

Send mail to Jane at Box 538, Superior until I have a new address altho mail will be forwarded from here. Call for now F3F

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More:

It appears that most or a great many of the staff at Tule have quit-hence the dire need for our staff. There are too many to bring here - Japs, I mean. Understand that the number coralled in the stockade at Tule is in the thousands. Since the facilities such as water, sewage, etc. are there it was decided to keep the bad boys at Tule.

The plan is to run it like an Internment Camp - WRA version - The japs will just eat and sleep - no work. All administration and functions will be operated by Caucasian workers which means much recruiting for new employees. Problems such as housing for this increased influx of whites, education for their children, etc. will pop up. They# are to have 100 white policemen. Where in hell do they think they are going to get them? That is, real policemen or any reasonable facsimile. Don't know what my function there is to be. Said I would go when they asked me but told them frankly that my idea was to look the situation over and decide after I got there.

Sounds interesting and exciting and informative. Looks like a vacation with pay to me. Someone else will have to do the thinking and I expect to derive much pleasure in observing the so-called "brains" at work under duress.

It has finally dawned on this thick skull why they don't have more efficient police depts. in WRA. They don't want them. A real policeman gets to know too much and that ain't good. So let's have a few boys with strong backs and weak minds or vica versa -- anyone who will not be dangerous to the administration and can put on a good act in case any prying eyes such as Dies Committee, etc. wish to examine the police organizations in the centers. As proof of this fact observe the position of Internal Security on the organizational plan and also compare the pay of the head of the police to other heads. Any damn fool can be chief of police so long as there is no trouble. I can read a few books on hydraulics, etc., and be fire chief and be successful at it until there is a big fire. In the case of the police chief, in case anything does pop up the project director, his assistants, CAS, and the project attorney will tell him how to handle it anyhow. Just give me time and these things will finally seep# through the rock that is commonly referred to as my head.

Fredericks to Spencer
11/26/43

Super Confidential

December 2, 1943

Dear F.S.F.:

I am very sorry not to have answered your many letters sooner, and as they pile up on me I feel more and more guilty. For the past week I have been indulging in the luxury of having 'flu and being in bed, but I seem to be recovered now and shall dash off this line to you in the hope that it will reach you soon.

First of all, I want to say thanks again for the cases on Leupp. The last bit of information that I received from you relative to your new status has, as far as I am concerned, raised several new doubts. Naturally, I want to return your papers as soon as possible, and I am a bit dubious as to where to send them. Thanks to you, however, we have succeeded in building up an analysis of the Isolation Center which would otherwise have been impossible. The information obtained has thus been invaluable, but now that there is some question as to your whereabouts, I should like instructions as to what to do with the material at hand. Your comments and ideas have been so valuable to us, especially since I have been away from the scene of things and have been able only to take a passing interest now that the Army keeps me busy with my full-time teaching job. It appears that, to speak selfishly, so far as this study is concerned, you are in a super-excellent position to keep us informed, and we certainly would appreciate hearing your views on things that happen.

The second point I want to mention is this: I received in the mail today a composition which comes veiled with great secrecy from one whom I consider to be a friend of yours and who apparently wrote to me at your suggestion. He, in his letter, says that if I do not want his statement I should return it to him. This document was considered so important that a special meeting of the minds was devoted to its contents, and it has come to be regarded as something of extreme value, ~~and~~ an overt statement made by one of those individuals to whom evacuation has meant the frustration of every hope. I hope you know what I'm talking about. Naturally, we'd like to contact this individual but there is a suggestion of inspection of mail. Will you advise me as to what steps we may take to write any charges of yours. Or would you advise entirely against this?

And so I come to you with these two problems. How may I contact you fully, and how may I write any of your associates? The point is that I am hardly any longer in a position to discuss at any length the more sensational side of the recent events. The other centers have seemingly bogged down, and beyond the rather abortive attempt at good fellowship which has taken place at Gila, there is little of note. From the social standpoint, the Tule Lake situation bore out the more correctly preconceived notions of how such a situation might give rise to trouble all around. You have made some extremely astute comments with which the boss and I are entirely in agreement, particularly that of the last letter in which you say imply that the WRA is after all a political tool, and does not aim primarily at efficiency.

As you travel in California now, won't there be some way by which you could come to Berkeley? I'd ~~simply like~~ certainly like to see you, and to compare some of these things more satisfactorily in conversation. Frankly, for your own sake, I'm scared to write you. What about your draft status now?

I'll admit this hasn't been much of a letter, but I do so want to hear from you and to know just what your present situation is. I'll look forward to that soon.

Yours,

P.S. Sometime ago in one of your letters you asked me if there were the possibility of any of our analyses being subject to any kind of scrutiny: the answer is definitely "no." We are doing a social study which in actual fact transcends political issues, and we have promised, in order to carry on our work, that not one word of our findings or our potential results should reach publication or be disseminated in any way. I have assured you of that before and say so again. So far as this outfit is concerned, we are a closed shop. Furthermore, enticing as the prospect might be, don't you go off and spill things to the Dies Committee, whose aim, anti-WRA though it might be, is seemingly more anti-Japanese American. I don't think you'd help yourself in the future if you did affiliate yourself with the Dies Committee. Frankly, however, when you mentioned that idea of yours some weeks ago, I didn't pay much attention to it, figuring that you really wouldn't do that seriously. Dr. Thomas, when I read your letter to her, however, became rather alarmed. Although she has never written you, and left me to be more or less the intermediary (we did go around steady, remember?) she considers you to be one of the fair-haired boys.

Dec. 7, 1943

Dear Bob:

Just a note to let you know that at the last minute I received notice to appear for induction at Salt Lake on the early A.M. of Dec. 3rd -- received the notice on the eve of the 1st, so you can see I had to make a flying trip. As you may recall, I was to have gone to Tule Lake on the 2nd.

I am strongly suspicious that this was arranged by WRA but am not sure as yet.

If the army ever takes over these centers I may find myself back in the Jap problem but one never knows. I am at Jane's home in Superior on furlough and will be here until Xmas. Return the last stuff to BOX 538, SUPERIOR, ARIZONA and if you feel in the mood to write--send it here, I'll get it.

There is some possibility that I may find myself working under Army Internal Security - possibly under Col. Meek who is in charge of the Jap part. If I get the opportunity, I may be able to convince him that he needs someone like me to be an investigator to keep track of the trends in the centers - much like the Naval Intelligence operates. It would be to his advantage if circumstances change so that army does take over. This possibility suggests itself to me mainly because of the fact that the Japs have learned to hate Best at Tule and the present plans call for him to resume his position as Project Director at Tule when the WRA takes over again. He has lost his most potent weapon of control over the Japs: respect. Without this no one can hope to administer successfully any institution like Tule Lake. This may lead to more rebellion which, in turn, may cinch the well-organized movement advocating army control over the centers. You may not agree with this, but I have learned that the majority of the Japs prefer army control which fact may hasten the transition. The main idea about army control from the Jap point of view is that fairer treatment, less discrimination, knowledge of where they stand, no pets or favorites, same treatment for all, more efficiency, etc., will be theirs under army supervision.

There is also a very likely possibility that I may find myself concerned over the care of feeding of the army mule instead of being assigned to anything along my own line. I noticed that my preliminary classification re occupation was checked as semi-skilled. One might wonder what they use for a yard stick - I have been making about \$4000 per annum with a civil service classification of CAF-9 which, I don't believe, is given to semi-skilled occupations. But then, I know a fellow who is a psychologist and former dean of boys in some school in the west coast area and he has finally reached the grade of private first class. So all I can do is wait and see.

Let's hear from you so I'll know whether you ^{are} dead or alive, not that I give a damn but I might want to send the widow some message of congratulations or something.

FSF
Incidentally, I am scheduled to become a proud pappy on or about the 19th of this month, and by the looks of things i.e., Janis putting up such a good front, it may happen any minute

Please return or have a copy made
from page 3 to finish.

Dec. 8 9, 1943

Dear Bob:

— Bob Spencer ??

Rec'd your letter addressed to me at ~~Leupp~~ at #1 Roble Court, San Anselmo, Cal., relayed to Winslow and finally to Box 538, Superior, Ariz. --my present address and where Jane will be probably for the duration.

As stated in my last letter, I am definitely in the army and am on furlough until the 27th of Dec. which means that I will have to leave here on or before Xmas. Any mail sent here will be forwarded to me promptly.

best

I am racking my alleged brain for some way to still remain in contact with the Japanese situation tho in the army. I am going to try to prevail upon Col. Meek, Internal Security Div., Ninth Service Command at Ft. Douglas in Salt Lake City that he needs me in his work. He is in charge of the Japanese problem as far as the army is concerned. I have met and talked with him and, as he suggested in an earlier interview, tried to contact him while I was in Salt Lake being induced or seduced, depending upon your point of view, only to learn that he was at Tule Lake. I did have some favorable telephone conversations with a Col. Hanover who is also in the Internal Security Div. I would like to convince them that they need an investigator like the Naval Intelligence system especially in view of present trends to have the army take over. It should be to their advantage to keep abreast of developments in the various camps in the event that the organized pressure plus public opinion forces the army control of these camps. This way they wouldn't be going into the situation "cold" and advance knowledge should expedite the army administration of the centers. I know enough about the army to know that if I can exert enough pressure through influential groups or individuals plus some logical explanation, that I could be so assigned. It occurred to me that such a move would be favorable to your study were I able to swing it. Is there anyone in your organization who even knows anyone of consequence connected with the Ninth Service Command who could suggest that I be so assigned? This would be accomplished before I am classified which will be done when I return from furlough. I have earned myself a good reputation with the Internal Security Division already, mostly because of the reports of the commanding officers at both Moab and Leupp commending me and my control and supervision over the bad boys. I have a letter from Capt. Beck, C.O. at Leupp, recommending that I be commissioned as an officer in the Military Police. To be brief, I am doing everything I can to get myself affiliated with the Japanese section of the Internal Security Div. and any help from your outfit would be appreciated and should be of mutual benefit to both. However, don't feel that I will think you or your organization have let me down if you are unable to assist. It just occurred to me that you might know someone or be able to write a letter to someone calling to their attention my alleged abilities, knowledge, and understanding of the Oriental psychology, investigational aptitude, etc., etc., that came to your attention while pursuing your study of the evacuation; that such abilities were not commonly known and that, motivated by patriotic impulses, you felt that these facts should be brought to the attention of the military in the furtherance of the war effort and so on. It has been my observation that big shots are only too happy to gain the good will of such an organization as yours and that a letter or other recommendation gives them some justification for so assigning a person, etc. A letter to Lt. Col. Frank E. Meek, Internal Security Div., Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah or to Lt. Col. H.T. (think these are the initials) Hanover same address as Meek's. There is also a Col. Walsh, head of classification of inductees at Fort Douglas. All these thoughts are being jotted down at this time in order to give you all information that I have in the event that you can figure out an angle. Human nature being what it is, Meek would exert more effort if he felt that someone else shared his opinions. Clear as mud?

In an interview I had with Meek some two or three months ago he told me that when I was inducted to arrange to be inducted in Salt Lake, which I did, and to let him know when I was to be inducted and that he would contact a personal friend of his-whom I believe to be Col. Walsh- who was the head of the classification section and help me out. I believe that the idea was to assist me for officer training but my conversation with Col. Hanover the other day would indicate that he (Meek) may have been contemplating using me in his work. Hanover also stated that there was a position known as Sergeant Investigator that I might be able to secure. This is the extent of my knowledge re myself and the army. Any assistance that you can give without endangering your study would be most helpful but if it is not possible just say, "Sorry, no can do" and I will understand. I mean that, and it will not be necessary for you to give me any lengthy explanations. I know that if it is possible that you will do it and that if impossible you may feel that I am entitled to explanations. A "No" answer will not effect our cordial relations in any way.

Regarding point number 2 in your letter, I believe you have reference to Joe Kurihara. I did give him your name, and a brief explanation of the aims and purposes of the study, and suggested that he send his writings and thoughts to you. He recently sent a composition to the Saturday Evening Post for publication but I believe that they would have to return it because he told them that it could not be changed in any way except corrections in grammar, etc., and he blasted Gen. DeWitt in this article. This latter fact suggested to me that they would not be allowed to publish it by the OWI even if they so desired. Perhaps this is the one that he sent you. He is also given to let off steam by writing and this fact suggested to me that he give it to your ears, hence the suggestion that he contact you. He is a very unusual person as a study of his case history will reveal. He is a strong character, fundamentally honest, plenty of guts, and highly respected for these reasons as well as his intelligence and education. Incidentally, about two weeks ago he received a letter from some friend in Manzanar relating that some Japs were assigned to repair a leaky roof at Manzanar and playfully or otherwise painted a Jap flag on the roof. Many days elapsed before the administration found out about it and then it came to their attention in the form of a photograph taken from an army plane flying over the center. This fact would suggest that it must have been rather a large flag to attract the attention of the flyers which, in turn, suggests that it must have been painted on a large building--perhaps the administration building-- with a flat roof or so high that it went unnoticed. The barracks all have slanting roofs visible from the ground. Some red faces at Manzanar, I expect.

If the composition he sent you was from Leupp, I doubt very much if it was censored. At least, the WRA didn't and I don't believe the FBI or ONI have been although one never knows. They are censoring mail at Tule. There was much consternation at Leupp when we learned that plans were made to place our guests into the Stockade immediately upon arrival at Tule. Robertson opposed it strongly and intended to continue his fight after he arrived with them at Tule. Best was supposed to be in possession of written evidence that some of our boys were involved in the rebellion at Tule but would not discuss it over the phone. Robertson stated that he would let me know all about it. The Japs are very fond of Robertson and he is a very fine man. Leupp Japs planned to cause the circulation of a petition in his behalf at Tule requesting his appointment as Project Director. I am certain that this fact came to the attention of Best and I view recent developments re Robertson as being an effort to remove any possibility of his ascension to the position as head of Tule Lake. I know Best and his methods and am certain that he would cause Robertson to be placed in a position that would not jeopardize his (Best's) standing or position.

I hardly know what to advise you regarding any immediate contact with

any of Leupp's former residents. I am sure that their mail will be carefully censored and their activities closely watched. To illustrate, one of the boys that we were able to secure a release for was sent to Minidoka two or three months ago. He immediately relocated to Boise, Idaho and I just received a letter from him saying that he had been called back to Minidoka because of the Tule Lake trouble. He was or is Kay Matsu-moto from Gila--camp 1-- signed yes to the so-called loyalty questions.

You might write him^{Kurihara} a letter thanking him for his contribution and interest in your study, that your work makes a business of collecting and/or recording different points of view in your search for truth which is prerequisite to any scientific analysis of value, that such opinions reflect evidence of causes and effects, and so on. What I have in mind is that somehow you should let him know that you have received his stuff, that you desire more and a brief explanation that your study is non-political and purely scientific and other points explaining your aims and purposes. I would emphasize the scientific point. I have already told him that you are good friends and sympathetic to the Japanese people. A little discreet flattery would be applicable here. I am off on my rambling again. What I am trying to say is that I feel you should acknowledge receipt of his stuff by some veiled expression such as thanking him for his interest in the study without specific reference to the fact that he sent you anything in the way of material. Some way in which he will know what you mean but a censor would be at a loss as to just what he did. The only thing is that if he is asked what he sent you he will probably tell them. My thoughts were, regarding an explanation of your study, ~~####~~ to convince the censor that you are some of those out-of-this-world specie of butterfly chasers who are harmless and at the same time notifying him that you are not stool-pigeons or political in purpose.

It is a real problem and I hardly know what to tell you. Later I may be able to do it for you but at present I don't know what the score is myself. As soon as I hear from Robertson I will ask him about censoring and where they are - whether in the Stockade or not -- and maybe I can get in contact with these monkeys without censor.

You mentioned that you were afraid to write to me for my own sake and I assume that you meant while I was employed by the WRA. In any event, you can feel free to write anything you wish now since I am no longer with WRA. I, too, would like to spend some time in conversation with you but since Jane is about to have a calf I postponed my intended visit to San Francisco and vicinity.

I might suggest that if there are any special questions re Tule Lake that you are anxious to learn that you itemize them and I will try to ascertain the answers for you. Still think that if I can get stationed in or around one of these centers that I can help the old cause much. If could only be assigned as sort of a roving center going from center to center - some sentence, huh? - I could accumulate much data. I have many good contacts already including ONI and FBI.

[In one of my recent letters I mentioned about the Poston plans for a second Imperial Valley. It appears that this was the plan in more than one place including Gila and Tule Lake. The plan may not be identical but will bear a marked similarity. It seems that the WRA pays rent to the Indian Service for the use of the land for the centers and it is part of the contract to subjugate so much land. Indian Service plays a more important role in this business than I ever imagined at first. What a bunch of racketeers! I believe their plans include the possibility of taking over the Japanese problem in the post war era -- you know, reservations for the Japanese comparable to the Indians. There are many signs pointing this way - a possible solution of what to do with the Japs after

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the war keeping in mind the several factors including the antipathy of any state taking them in and the attitude in California prohibiting their return, and making them government charges to checkmate any legal actions for damages, etc., against this government after the war for damages invoked because of the evacuation. Best has expressed the opinion that the Japs will be placed on reservations after the war and Robertson had expressed his desire to get into Indian Service. The potent influence of the Indian Service within WRA and other factors give rise to my speculation that such a possibility ~~###~~ of Jap reservations may become a reality.

I know Best and Robertson very well and, especially in the case of the former, they did not gaze into any crystal ball and decide that Jap reservations were the answer to the post-war Jap problem. Somebody told them and that somebody was undoubtedly Dillon Myer whom they both worship. Personally I think he is one of the smoothest, suavest racketeers I have ever run across, and I know quite a few personally, and was probably selected because of his ~~##~~ disarming speech and manners. He is fundamentally a politician which, in his case, makes him a racketeer for my money in his exploitation of this minority group for his own benefit and the benefit of others of his ilk such as Bennett, Cozzens, Best, etc.

Being a non-paid worker in your outfit, I am endowed with certain privileges and take advantage of same by suggesting that some time be spent on the study of the Indian Service within WRA. Glancing at the organizational set-ups one sees Indian Service scattered here and there throughout the entire scheme of things-haphazardly at first glance but closer scrutiny reveals them in many key positions. It appears obvious to me that they have carefully attempted to conceal their presence. Why? Because someone might become interested and initiate some investigation and spoil their little plot.

The more I think about this business the more intriguing it becomes. Someday a clear picture may infiltrate thru this thick skull of mine and I will probably lose interest. I regret that I wasn't in Calif. when the war broke out and also that I cannot be in at the final act. It appears to me that the evacuation was, at least from the legal standpoint, a voluntary movement. I am told that they could have left the restricted area before evacuation and that the move into the assembly centers was a voluntary one resulting from a play on their emotions i.e., patriotism. If this is true it appears that some smart guy with legal knowledge and training, caused this approach to be used so that ~~they could~~ this voluntary move would weaken considerably any legal action that might ensue as the result of the evacuation. However, many of them do have legally sound reasons for suit against the government and that is a problem not to be sneezed at. One might say what good will it do them but brother it becomes in reality a test of our constitution - an acid test. Coming back to the Jap reservation again, making them wards of the gov't. might save our faces legally since the court could hold that they had no case since the gov't. has recognized its responsibility and is taking care of those who were injured because of the evacuation by setting up reservations for their care and feeding, etc. Maybe I am day dreaming and am suffering from hallucinations, illusions, allusions, delusions, etc. but this possibility of Jap reservations from the legal aspect suggests itself strongly to my impressionable mind.

The west coast and other states' attitudes add materially to this possibility. The midwest and eastern states are not likely to extend invitations to the entire 127,000 Japs. The concerted efforts of well organized groups to prohibit their return to Calif., Oregon, Washington, Arizona, etc. smack strongly of clever maneuverings on the part of some hidden force. Could it be Indian Service and its politicians? Why not? Who would

most benefit by Jap reservations and who would be the logical agency to handle this situation? Why, Indian Service, of course. The possibilities emanating from such a productive people as the Japanese has not escaped the attention of the more visionary minds of the Indian Service.

Soil Conservation should perhaps be considered ~~##~~ -also in this scheme and the possibilities of Soil Conservation and Indian Service merging or acting separately suggests itself.

Maybe I have been reading too many detective stories or my experiences have made me cynical and overly-suspicious, but my nose is sensitive to odors and WRA stinks. I think that it is one of the most cleverly executed political maneuvers of all time. This, my boy, is big-time, ~~#####~~ major league racketeering and politics and you and I have had ~~####~~ press box seats.

I hope no one ever asks me what I'm fighting for when I am in the army. I may be shot for my answer.

Have you ever noticed that practically no effort has ever been made by the WRA to educate the mass regarding the true picture of the Japanese minority? The few and feeble press releases did practically nothing to dispell the grossly exaggerated accusations made against the Japanese. This passive attitude on the part of WRA could be deliberate in their desires to play an important role in the post-war handling of the Japanese problem. Perhaps they do not figure that it will be that long. Perhaps they figure that WRA will be abolished and Indian Service will take over before the war ends. None of the mistakes and blunders of the WRA will be laid at the feet of Indian Service altho the latter makes up a good portion of the former. Why can't they cause propaganda to be circulated pointing out the logic of Indian Service control? Here is an agency experienced in the handling of large numbers of Indians. Is it not logical that such experience should qualify them for handling this Japanese headache? Propaganda!

I see long-range planning of astute politicians shrewdly employing every means and device of furthering their own selfish ambitions at the expense of the minority group and, not that it matters, the government and its tax-paying citizens. The removal of this productive group from normal society and institutionalizing them at great economic and social cost does not seem to be concerning many people in this country.

The timing of this scheme is perfect. Prohibition in the last war was accomplished by clever timing. Now is the time to pull such a maneuver. Most people are busily engaged^w fighting a war and haven't the time to pay any attention to such maneuvering. In addition, propaganda - a most potent tool- takes care of those who might ordinarily be concerned. At times like these when emotions are at a high pitch propaganda is most effective especially to those many persons whose relatives and friends are in the armed services. Remove those goddam Japs from society! Put them on an island by themselves! Would a discreet suggestion that they be placed on reservations under the supervision of an agency well seasoned in coping with minority racial groups be in order at this time? Yes! Take the administration away from that bungling WRA and place it in the capable hands of the Indian Service! Put them on reservations like the Indians! That's the answer to this Jap problem!

I am beginning to suspect, as I did in Korn's case, that this bungling was deliberate - a part of the whole elaborate scheme to formulate or mold public opinion in preparation for the idea of Jap reservations under Indian Service.

This is all speculation on my part and naturally subject to error but there is something behind all of this and the foregoing speculations are my present beliefs.

Just heard on the radio that Attorney General Biddle stated before some investigating committee in Calif at L.A. that legislation could be passed disenfranchising the avowedly disloyal Japs and that such legislation would be constitutional. I have been waiting for this move for some time - ever since the registration when I advised my Jap friends not to sign in the negative thereby supplying their enemies with documentary proof in their own handwriting that could be used to deport them and lose their citizenship. When they told me it couldn't be done under existing legislation, I asked them what made them think that new legislation could not be made to evict them from this country. This is the first sign of any attempt to enact such legislation and it is bound to come. It is my sincere belief that WRA had just this in mind when they drafted the so-called loyalty questions. Politics? Influence of Calif. pressure groups? Certainly you don't believe WRA would take part in any political movement. The efforts of WRA to make it appear that the registration was an army order WHICH IT NEVER WAS shows WRA in its true light - playing the role of benefactor and attempting to hide behind the skirts of ARMY ORDER.

There are very marked signs that Myer may be on his way out and possibly this might be the beginning of the end of WRA. What next? The army has indicated that it doesn't want it; the FBI has definitely stated that it will have nothing to do with it mostly because of the citizen angle.

After a year and about 3 months with WRA, I have nothing but contempt for it which has undoubtedly been most obvious to you. I have been fortunate or unfortunate in having been in a position to get an insight into its methods. For example, the army was told that Moab and Leupp was definitely a penal colony and would be so operated. When I attempted to ascertain whether I should make a regular count of the inmates and other routine steps taken in a penal institution I was given to understand in no uncertain terms that we were absolutely not running a penal colony. When I had the interview with Col. Meek in Salt Lake he wanted to know how many we had at Leupp and I told him that I was not certain but that there were about 60 or 65. I could see that he wondered what kind of a place it was and what kind of a jailer I was if I didn't know exactly how many there were. I could see what he had in mind and I told him that the count was being handled by the fiscal dept. and that since it was not my responsibility why should I concern myself with it. ## I also told him that I had been informed that Leupp was not a penal colony, etc., whereupon he blew his top. He quoted a letter to him from Dillon Myer stating in most definite terminology that Leupp was indeed a penal institution. The moral to this story is that they are a damn two-faced hypocritical outfit who lie glibly whenever it suits their purpose. They profess whole-hearted cooperation with the FBI and ONI and then do everything to hinder their finding out anything. I believe that your study has experienced some of this double-dealing. For example, telling people that you were connected with ONI or FBI or that anything you wrote up that the WRA got a copy of, that that was the agreement between WRA and you and hence that's why you were given permission to carry on your study in the centers, and other rumors that didn't help you any in gaining the confidence of the population or members of the staff. But I would be willing to bet a ten spot that any dealings Dr. Thomas or other representatives of your study had with WRA officials such as Myers, Cozzens, etc., were most cordial and apparently cooperative. I recall the time you tried to ply your abilities in Sumo and the resulting consequences. Much ado was made about your participating in Sumo and it went the rounds. We heard about it at Leupp and you were supposed to have been recalled to San Fran. for such conduct in such bad taste, etc. Personally I couldn't see what difference it made to them, after all it was your

ribs (or whatever it was) that got smashed and not theirs. I have never read that it was illegal to enter the Sumo pit nor don't recall any discourse of Emily Post re the social standing of Sumo participants. Poor Spencer! They won't even let him have a pit to hiss in!

Well, I have about run out of venom so until I recharge my batteries again, I believe I will have to sign off.

Let me know if you have any ideas or angles re my being assigned to the Japanese Section of the Internal Security Division of the Ninth Service Command.

FSF

✓ Frank Fredericks accuses Myer of the WRA and those of the Indian Service as racketeers promoting their selfish interests at the expense of the Japanese minority. The writer suspects that the Indian Service is contemplating to keep the Japanese in the reservations after the war.

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The Writer claims that the WRA presented Leupp and Moab as a penal colony in its report to the Army, while within itself the WRA refused to treat these centers as a penal colony. The writer's conversation with Col. Meek is reported on page 6. The writer describes the WRA as "a damn two-faced hypocritical outfit who lie glibly whenever it suits their purpose."

November 13, 1944

Mrs. F.S. Frederick
Box 538
Superior, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Frederick:

I am returning the enclosure to your letter
of October 25 to Bob Spencer, as you requested.
Thanks so much for your cooperation, it is very
much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure

Box 538

Superior, Ariz.
Dec. 4, 1944

Dear Spence,

Unless you have already heard from him Frederick is in Hawaii, on the Island of Oahu and has a new A.P.O. #957. He thinks it is pretty permanent as they moved into barracks on Thanksgiving, set up their offices, dark rooms, etc. He is not too pleased with things, the usual beef of new policy, organization or anything else. He just won't be a good Army man.

Says that letters are just spot censored -- the ones to him, so you probably wouldn't be running too much of a change in case you wanted to write something important.

The letter I am enclosing is one Robertson wrote after he had taken the last of the Leupp boys to Tule. Frederick suggested I send it to you for what it is worth. It gives a pretty fair account of the situation during the trouble at Tule a year ago.

Frederick said something about it establishing the fact that he was drafted for the convenience of W.R.A., and that that angle might be interesting to the study. Robertson told him he felt it was the case quite awhile before.

We don't hear from any of the fellos at Tule and I am sorry too, as I'd like to keep up on what is going on. Do you, by any chance, have the address of the Joe Kurihara who sent you the material right after he went to Tule? He has some relatives in Hawaii and I tho't Frederick might like to get in touch with them. The more contacts he makes the more fun he will have, and it might help him in his work.

I suppose you know Graves left Gila by request. Was supposed to have been collecting bribes from gamblers. Harper was a big flop in Poston. Had no control over the people and most of the Internal Security force quit while he was there, so he resigned.

I am contemplating going back to Gila next year to teach -- if the camp is still there, and if Bennett would have a Frederick on the project. When Frederick and I were down the last time most of the personnel tho't it would all fold up by next fall.

Oh yes, there seems to be quite a juvenile problem down there. Gangs, or a gang, of boys -- high school age just running wild. No particulars as I just gathered that from snatches of conversation.

Not a scratch from Ben. Can't understand it. Hope to hear soon.

This is all.

As ever,

J. Frederick

Superior, Ariz.
Jan. 9, 1945

Dear Spence,

And a Happy New Year to you too!!!!

Your card received this A.M. at a most opportune time as I have been planning to write in a day or so. Here is the info. you requested:

S/Sgt. Francis S. Frederick, #39923816
37th MPCII Section
A.P.O. 957 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

The latest re the Japanese is most interesting -- lifting the Military restriction, etc., and the seemingly reluctance of the Japs to return to the Coast. Read some article which said only 9 from Poston wanted to go back. Could be W.R.A. propaganda tho'.

Just a few days after election, and around the time the President made the statement that there was doubt re the legality of holding the Japs in camps, Frederick got a letter from Meyer stating that Ickes had asked him to contact all W.R.A. personnel on military leave to give the latest re W.R.A.

F. believes that if this business ever comes to a head (legally) he will be called in as a witness, and he was wondering if the letter was a way of finding out where he was. It had been sent to San Anselmo with a Please Forward on it. Tho't you might have some ideas along these lines.

He feels Ben may know whether he'll be used as a witness, tho' neither of us have heard a scratch from him since F. was home.

"The best test cases would naturally emanate from Leupp and Moab and there is a possibility that Robertson and Best notified the brass hats that I could probably be an important witness. Robertson was the one who really appreciated the position I was in and the possibilities the information I had could do for either side of the litigation. They little suspected or realized that Leupp was, in reality, the hub or the exchange for the whole intricate network of the entire system. I believe that they now have come to realize it. Discuss this with Spence and get his ideas."

You can tell him what you think when you write.

A letter from the boy in Cleveland with his views on the return of Japanese to the West Coast. He says so few have homes to return to,

and they are afraid to go back. They have lost the desire to live on the "outside", and feel the Government owes them a living so they are going to sit tight. They have lost all their initiative and ambition.

He also said the Western Defense Command has a blacklist and he is afraid he is on it because of his stay in Leupp. He is also still 4C.

Remember the Frank Fukuchi who was picked up at Leupp by the Dept. of Justice for making some lead dies of a quarter? Am sure F. wrote you the details. Anyway, he was released and after the release he went to Denver, picked up a 19 yr. old Cherokee Indian girl whose husband is in the So. Pacific, took her to Chicago where he was arrested for violation of the Federal Mann Act. Is being held in Chicago for \$5,000 bond.

This is all the information I have. Hope you find time to write to F. Believe I told you that your letters to him would not be censored.

As ever,

J. Frederick