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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

May 9, 1945

TO: All-Center Community Council  
FROM: Topaz Community Council  
SUBJECT: Expenses of All-Center Conference and  
Headquarters

Conference at Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 16 to 24, 1945

Paper and Supplies	\$11.67
YWCA Rent	10.00
Telegrams	10.64
Japanese Church	10.00
Stamps	1.10
Total	\$43.41

Headquarters

Stamps and Postage	\$6.61
Telegrams	.75
Total	\$ 7.36
Grand Total	\$50.77

*M. Narahara*  
Masaru Narahara, Chairman  
Topaz Community Council *M.R.*



# American Friends Service Committee

Philadelphia



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May 18, 1945

Masaru Narahara  
Topaz Community Council  
All Center Headquarter  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara,

Thank you for the copy of the information received from Mr. Myer. I am glad that some modifications of the original plans of W.R.A. seem to have been arrived at although much remains to be desired.

I might say from observation that certain phases of relocation are proceeding rather well. In most cases United States Employment Service has been very cooperative and has given excellent help to returnees. The San Francisco W.R.A. office has made fine contacts with Labor unions with the result that the cleaning business is again open to Japanese and the warehousing union will admit them. Cannery unions are not closed and there is a growing understanding by all unions of the issues involved in not admitting Japanese.

The W.R.A. is also encouraging the opening of hostels by contributing equipment to be used by church groups and other organizations in the establishment of such centers.

Although the cases of vandalism are deplorable it must be remembered that these episodes get into the papers, whereas the many who settle in quietly and happily are not good "copy". I know personally of about a hundred persons who have been accepted by the community and who are getting along famously. The returned students especially are experiencing pleasant reactions.

In my opinion the weakest point in W.R.A.'s program is the lack of planning for the older Issei who will not move from camp till the last moment. There will have to be provision for them sooner or later.

Sincerely yours,

*Josephine W. Duveneck*

Josephine W. Duveneck, Associate Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Ben Fukuzawa, Chairman  
Canal Community Council  
Gila Rivers Project  
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Fukuzawa:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.  
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Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

Enclosure



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Harry Nishimura, Chairman  
Butte Community Council  
69-6  
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Mr. Nishimura:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Itaru Kubota, Chairman  
Poston Community Council  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Kubota:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Very truly yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Minejiro Hayashida, Chairman  
Heart Mountain Community Council  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Hayashida:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Very truly yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't

May 28, 1945

Mr. Genji Mihara, Chairman  
Minidoka Community Council  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Mr. Mihara:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Chester C. Fujino, Chairman  
Rohwer Community Council  
Rohwer, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Fujino:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

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To all Centers

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

May 28, 1945

Mr. Sakae Kawashiri  
10E - 3A  
Amache, Colorado

Dear Mr. Kawashiri:

We are herewith enclosing a letter  
to Mr. Myer for your approval.

English translation will follow  
soon.

We would appreciate an immediate  
answer, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

TOPAZ COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15.  
Ichiji Sugiyama  
Acting Chairman  
Community Council

Enclosure

PS.  
Kawashiri-san, the letter is enclosed, please  
reply soon.  
H.S.



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May 29, 1945.

Mr. Masaru Narahara,  
All Center Headquarters,  
Central Utah Project,  
Topaz, Utah.

Dear Mr. Narahara:

This is a belated acknowledgment of your letter of  
April 28th.

I wish to assure you that we are doing our utmost in  
meeting the needs of our Japanese American evacuee friends.

We are now conducting six area conferences in order to  
consider the best solution to problems such as you mention.  
When the reports are in we expect to call a national conference.  
So you may rest assured that we are endeavoring to protect and  
promote the best interests of the people of Japanese ancestry  
as an integral part of our country.

You will hear from us again.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark A. Dawber*  
Mark A. Dawber  
Executive Secretary



Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

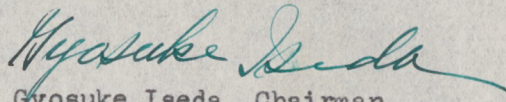
May 30, 1945

Mr. Masaru Narahara  
Chairman  
Topaz Community Council  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

Enclosed herewith you will find a check for  
\$7.26 to defray expenses of the All-Center Conference  
and Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gyosuke Iseda, Chairman  
Poston Community Council

Enclosure



COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
Minidoka Project  
Hunt, Idaho

May 31, 1945

Mr. Ichiji Sugiyama  
Topaz Community Council  
Topaz, Utah

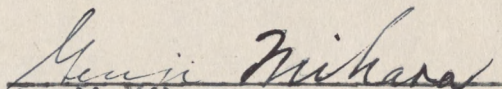
Dear Mr. Sugiyama:

We have received a copy of your letter to  
Mr. Myer on May 31, 1945.

We have herewith approved the letter and  
thank you for the action you have taken.

Respectfully yours,

MINIDOKA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

  
Genji Mihara  
Vice-Chairman  
Community Council



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謹啓

全セントル代表者會ラ去ル五五年二月十八日より廿四日迄ノートレーキ市ニ於テ開催シ、重要問題ノ協議ヲ遂タリ而シテ右決議内容ハ全文貴官宛ニ送付セリ然ルニ四月十八日接受セシ貴官ノコメントハ我等ノ事實報告ト其声明ニ對シ全文ニ亘リ未ダ回答ヲ受理セズ單ニ再駐在方法ニ就キ御意見ヲ承ワリニ過ギズ

合衆國政府ハ軍部ノ強制撤退令ヲ採用シ一九四二年所民ハ忠實ニ命令ヲ遵守シ是ガ爲數十年來建設ノ基礎ハ根底ヨリ覆ヘサレタリ所民ハ戦時中ノ理由ヲ以テ陰忍自重シテ現在ニ至レリ。今回軍部ノ西部沿岸防衛區域除外令撤退ト時ヲ同ニシテ全セントルノ閉鎖ヲ一九四六年一月二日限ニ實施ストノ命令トナレリ。

合衆國政府及ビ駐在局ハ有ラユ工作ヲ以テ西部沿岸撤退地ニ区域ノ住民或ハ市町村ニ呼ビカケ善意ヲ示解テ求ムベク努力サレワアルニ関ラズ事實ハ日米人ノ故ヲ以テ其所過ヲ帰還者ニ試ミ排斥運動ハ終熄サレサル現状ニアリ又駐在局地方又部ハ約束ノ如キ援助ハ實施行サレ又安易例カ多數デアル

全セントル住民ハ合衆國政府ノ命令ハ勿論法律ニ從順ナラント雖モ政府及ビ駐在局ハ有史以來稀有ナル事件タル總撤退ト云フ重要問題ヲ解決スル目的トシテ極メテ簡單ナル方法ヲ用ヒ處理サレトスル處ニ無理解ノ点アリト主張スルモ知アル



セタ住民ノ中ニ軍人ノ家族及ビ歿死者ノ

遺族、老人、年少者、又ハ再転住者ノ家族及ビ  
病弱者ノ多数ヲ有シ、二世青年ノ健康ナルモノ  
概ス兵役ニ服務シ近ク應召ヲ受ケトシテアリ。  
斯ク如キ現状ニ際シ住宅難ハ到底一朝一夕ニ解  
決シ能ハサル地方ニ向ヒ安心シテ再転住不能ナリト主  
張スル所民ハ相当多数ニ上ルモノト仰テ解テタシ  
再転住ニ関スル政令ヲ批判スルニ非ヤレドモ現下  
社會的情勢、住宅難、経済力ヲ持タサルモノ、復  
興計畫ナルモノカ早ニ問題テナク現實問題ヲ  
ルコトヲ仰テ解、上転住局ガ一體ノ政策ヲ用  
ヒラル、傾向殊ニ顯著ナルモノアリト信ズ  
如上ノ申請ヲラスト共ニ全セター代表者カ提示  
セシ全文ニ細心ノ注意ヲ拂ヒ仰テ検討相成度  
筆テ傳致スル貴官、仰意見ヲ求ルヲ光栄ト  
ナスモノナリ。

第一案ニ対スル仰意見ヲ拜讀シテたノ如ク再要  
諸ス

金融機関ハ地方事務局ヲ介シ既設國內財團  
ト連絡ニ融通ノ方法アリト仰意見ナルガ  
撤退者ハ根本的ニ財産ヲ失フテ居ル關係上抵当物  
ヲ担保トセズテ借款成立ノ望ミニ乏ク問題ハ實際  
的ニ運用ノ是非ガ議論ノ焦点デス 故ニ政府ハ議會  
ノ協賛ヲ経タル特種金融機関ノ設置ヲ希望スル  
次第デヤル

補助金ノ問題ハ各地ニ於テ社會局ニ依リ適者  
ニ取扱ハレトスルモ転住局ト社會局トノ關係ガ尤モ



理想的ニ密接ナル關係アリト雖モ一般所民ハ

甚ラス不安ヲ感シマヤリ、其理由ハ約束ノ通り実行セザル實例多クアルニ鑑ミ各地セクターニ右社會局ノ出張所ヲ設ケ具體的ノ協定ガセターヲ行テ取行ハルベキヲ理想的テアルト信ズ。

第一方案ニ對スル 住民ノ意嚮、

西部沿岸へ歸還再転住目的、爲ノ實地調査ニ要スル旅費ハ地方的ニ周知ノ事毎員ナリト指摘シ其必要ナラバ旅費自辦セヨトノ御意見ナルガ故、戦前ト現在トハ經濟及ビ環境ニ著シキ相違カアル、故ニ再転住實行方法トシテ旅費ヲ支給サルハコトハ當然ナル援助ナリト信シテ再考ヲ促スモノデアル。

第二方案ニ對スル 住民ノ意嚮、

搬遷人ノ財産管理事務局ハ一九四六年四月百限リ停止スベシトノ御意見ナルガ

故極メテ不便利ナル規則デアル、何故ナラバセクター住民が果シテセクター閉鎖期日迄ニ全部帰還、再転住ヲナスニ疑問アリ、尚更ニ各州ニ散在スル再転住セシ人々が各自現在携ハル職業設備住宅等ノ關係カラ停止期目前ニ當該私有財産ヲ引取り能ハルモノリ右理由ニ基キ戦時中存続アリタキコト。

第三方案ニ對スル 住民ノ意嚮

ホスアル 新設ト其幹旋ハ結構デアルガ、左ノ軍ニ保留ナキ普通労働者が便利ノ爲ニ應急的ナリ、



機構に過ぐず、老人、婦女子、子供多数を含む  
家族が事業復興の目的として帰還再転住す  
るに完全なるモテアル、貴官、コニテ、其他、  
方法ニ就テ研究中トアルが、住宅問題、解決  
ナリテ撤退者ノ帰歸困難ナルヲ諒トシ、更ニ具  
體案ヲ明示アリタシ。

第十八条 對する所民ノ高擧

帰還再転住者ノ生命財産ノ保護ハ合衆國司  
法省トシテハ、地方官高擧ニ對シテ不事件發生以前  
ニ如何ニ保証ヲモテハ、御意見ナリが、例ヲ如  
州、ワサ郡上等裁判所別疎ノ塔夫土井事件ニ  
引用シ、當該事件ハ明カニ米國憲法及ビデモ  
精神ニ背馳シ人権の憎惡感ノ發露トシテ所民  
ノ憂慮スル所ナル、本件ノ發生ハ今後類似事件  
ヲ誘發スル危險アリト觀ズ貴官ノ忌憚ナキ御意  
見ヲ要請ス。

全セントラ 學校問題ニ關スル所民ノ高擧

一九四五年五月廿日限リセントラ内學校閉鎖ノ命  
令ナルガセントラ閉鎖以前ニ此ノ法令ハ合理的ニ非  
スト思惟ス全セントラニ殘留スル多數ノ子弟ニ  
對スル教育ハ公立學校ヲセントラ存續中依然トシ  
テ繼續シ義務教育ニ遺憾ナキヲ期シ度ヲ最善  
ノ御考慮ヲ促ス所以ナリ。

訂正ノ必要アリマセン



# 日系學生獎學基金設定に関する請願

去る二月塩湖市に於て開催せられたる全転住所代表者会にて設置せられたる聯絡機關を通じて日系學生獎學基金設定の件を建議す。依而之小を全センターに移牒し賛否を求められん事を請願す。

千九百四十五年 月

比良転住所参事員會

全センター聯絡機關 御中

## 趣意書

千九百四十二年三月二日西部沿岸防衛地域立退令が發布せられたる以来吾々日系人は過去半世紀に亘つて築上げたる總ての地盤を破壊せられ米國政府の指定せる場所に強制立退を命ぜられたり。其後三年以上隱忍自重して今日に到りたるに俄然転住所閉鎖令に直面して近き将来に同胞は再び離散の運命を辿らんとしつゝある現状なり。其の間所有の財産は悉皆喪失し果てたれども幸に吾等が子女の健在するあり以て後継者と金主に優る至寶たりとむるに足る。吾人は日本民族の先駆者として渡米し攻めとして其の使命遂行に努力したるも戦争勃発と共に可憐中道にして覆没し終り止むなく再び出奔臭に立歸りて更生せざるべからざるに至り。翻つて考ふるに一世は既に親類に達し復興事業の大成は第二世の奮起に俟たざるべからず。故に二世の教育問題こそ急務に附し難き重要事なり。之が奨励機關の設置は一世が二世の前途を祝福する贈物であり且つは子孫に傳ふべき遺産なりと思惟す。

今やセンター閉鎖を前にして所内各団体の剰余金の寄附を仰げば基金蓄積は易々たるものにして最初にして最後なる絶好の機會なり。該基金は適當なる場所に結集保管して學資に充てむ優秀學生に貸與して一人にても多くの駿足を社会に送出し民族の地位を高め日系人の発展に貢献せしめんとするものにして最も緊要にして有效なる投資なり。

## 備考

寄附を仰ぐ主なる団体(剰余金)の所内獎學基金の各教会の赤十字の親師協會の企業組合のコミュニティー基金の其の他の団体  
○外部の教会・団体及び篤志家の寄附

資金は適當なる機關を設けて保管し、學校の推薦する優良學生につき更に詮考して學資を無利息無抵当にて貸與し卒業後就職と共に月賦償還するものとす。  
尚細則は各センターより委員を上げて熟議決定の事。



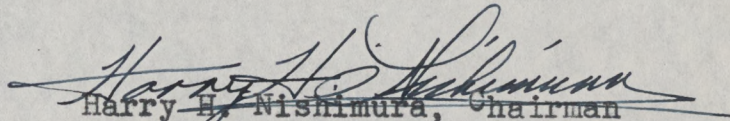
June 2, 1945

Mr. M. Narahara, Chairman  
All-Center Conference  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

Enclosed you will find seven dollars in Postal  
Note which will cover the Gila River Community's  
share of the Conference expenses.

Sincerely,

  
Harry H. Nishimura, Chairman  
Rivers Community Council

秋山殿

来、四月(月曜日)に

討議致し御返事

申上ります

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*add,*

June 5, 1945

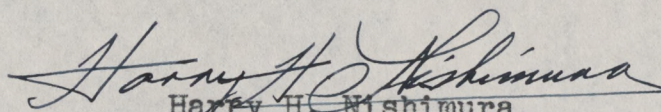
Mr. M. Narahara, Chairman  
All Center Conference  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

Attached you will find copies both in English and Japanese the proposed plan for establishing of the Japanese-American Student's Scholarship Fund. I believe it is self explanatory but if there is any questions please do not hesitate to write.

We have sent similar copies to other centers and replies will be sent to your office. Will you please inform us of their outcome.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harry H. Nishimura,  
Chairman  
Butte Community Council

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June 5, 1945

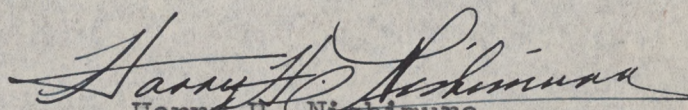
MEMORANDUM TO: The All-Center Conference

FROM: The Community Council of the Gila River Relocation Center

SUBJECT: Proposal in regards to the formation of the Japanese American Student's Scholarship Fund.

The Community Council of the Gila River Relocation Center hereby requests the newly created All-Center Conference to propose to the Community Councils of the respective relocation center to act on the following proposal in regards to the creating of the Japanese-American Student's Scholarship Fund.

This matter was unanimously approved by the Gila River Community Council on June 4th, 1945 at its regular meeting.

  
Harry H. Nishimura,  
Chairman  
Butte Community Council

cc: Topaz  
Minidoka  
Poston  
Granada

Rohwer  
Manzanar  
Heart Mountain

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Proposal in regards to the formation of the  
Japanese-American Student's Scholarship Fund.

Prospectus

Since the announcement of the Western Defense Area Military Exclusion Order of March 2, 1942, we, the people of Japanese ancestry have suffered an almost total loss for the labors of the past fifty years. The people went to the relocation centers as the government directed, and now after three years of center life the WRA has issued a statement that the centers will soon close. Throughout all this period the majority have suffered much of material loss, but in the growing younger generation the people have a glorious posterity that surpasses material possessions.

The people came to America as pioneers, and in the course of laying an economic foundation the outbreak of the war caused an upset in the developments. The consequent reversals have necessitated for the majority of the people a complete re-beginning in the pioneering spirit of former years. It is the thinking of the majority that the work of rehabilitation and reconstruction lies not with the older Issei generation, but with the growing Nisei generation. Therefore, the problem of education for the Nisei looms large as a crucial issue. To form a student scholarship fund at this time would be the most effective form of support the Issei can make toward the developing Nisei. The fund would remain to assist worthy Nisei students for generations to come.

With the closing of the relocation centers, a challenging opportunity presents itself. In meeting the need of the Nisei student, we hereby recommend the creating of a scholarship fund. The remaining monies in the treasuries of the various organizations could be put into a common fund. The creation of such scholarship fund is deemed a wise means of disposing the monies of the treasuries of the various center organization, especially in the interest of the cultural contributions to be made by peoples of Japanese ancestry.

Remarks

Following are some suggestions in the creating of the fund. Grants to the fund may be made by the following organization:

1. Present existent scholarship funds in the respective centers.
2. Churches
3. Red Cross
4. PTA Associations
5. Community Enterprise
6. Other organizations in the centers
7. Outside church groups

The fund is to be administered by an office set up for the purpose. Loans to be granted to worthy and needy Nisei students on the recommendation from his respective college or university. The loan is to be made without interest within the school years, and to be repaid to the fund after his graduation. The details in the administration of the fund to be decided upon by a committee of representatives from the various centers.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Conference  
Headquarter  
June 18, 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
910 17th Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

The All Center Conference was held in Salt Lake City from February 18th to the 24th and our several recommendations were agreed upon and submitted to your office.

On April 18th, we received your comments to our various recommendations and see little or no change as compared to the original plans of the W.R.A. relocation program. We see no improvements or acquiescence to any of our recommendations.

The U.S. Government ordered this mass evacuation on the year of 1942 considering it a military necessity. No separate consideration was given to Japanese Nationals or the Niseis, citizens of the United States of America at this time. Realizing that military necessity came first--all Japanese (including the citizen niseis) complied to this overall order and lost almost everything which they possessed and worked for over the past half a century. Now for three years, we have been passing our time within military enclosures thinking that decent justice would be granted us.

An announcement was then made by the W.R.A. that all centers would be closed not later than January 2nd, 1946. The U.S. Government and W.R.A. have been making efforts to prepare the Pacific coast states for the return of the Japanese. Despite all their preparation for safe-guarding our return, numerous incidents have been occurring quite regularly to those who have already returned. The results of the local courts reveal that these terrorists, few that were apprehended, have been given little or no punishment for their gun play, premeditated arson, attempted dynamiting, etc.

Now that relocation is definitely nearing its end and approaching the last months before the centers are to be officially closed, the paramount issues on hand are the problems of finance and housing. Those now remaining in these centers are the very young; big families with little or no income; the sick; the individuals on the stop and restricted



lists; and the aged and the infirmed. Many families have the able-bodied youths serving the armed forces of this country and in no position to help with relocation of their family members. Reports from those already on the coast are chiefly concerned with the very acute shortage of housing and the poor inadequate assistance of WRA and its associated agencies.

With no criticism to the present WRA plans which were drawn up merely at the desk, the re-establishment of these people back to normalcy is something not readily understood by these so-called "desk planners". The attitude of the neighbors and workers; the acute shortage of housing; and inadequate financial aid, are poor assurances to those in the centers for their voluntary relocation. Because of the hurried plans for mass evacuation, almost all of the people lost most of their belongings; sold out to others at impossibly cheap rates; and were uprooted from the country where they had spent most of their lives.

The following are few points of discussion we would like to have you review:

COMMENT #1, in regards to financial loans to the evacuees, comment has been made that various loan agencies, public and private, are available to furnish help for relocating evacuees. Most agencies stipulate that one must be a resident of that locality or demand some sort of security for their loan advancements. Those who know will realize that the evacuees have little or no property and securities to meet the various conditions required by these agencies. Before the more gullible evacuees take WRA policies at face value and relocate, the better move is to have definite plans made prior to their leaving camp. After relocating, many problems and restrictions will arise and the money that they may have had will soon be depleted to mere nothing. Those with large families will be in dire straits too long before the WRA and other government machinery with all their respective red tape could be managed and financial aid secured.

The \$25.00 relocation is just a mere teaser in these times. Those who do not understand the plight of the majority of evacuees think that all we need is travel expense back to the coast or elsewhere and that we had just been away over the week-end. Three years of incarceration in these centers where the "top wages" is \$19.00 a month plus \$3.75 monthly clothing allowance is something akin to that of a high school boy's allowance. All businesses or trades for private profit were prohibited by the WRA since the beginning of these centers and violations were punishable. You must understand that these people here had whatever resources gradually drained, and not of their own accord but by necessity.



COMMENT #6, speaking of WRA defraying the expenses of investigating specific relocation probabilities, comments have been made that those going back to the coast need no aid and that they should make these trips at their own expense. Comments have also been made that the various representatives from certain sections of the country would help.

Any one with common sense and understanding will readily know that pre-war and present conditions are entirely different. Cost of living and eating has been tripled and quadrupled and yet evacuees with little or no resources have been firmly advised to relocate before camps close. Instead of making things a little pleasant with needed aid, the trend in these relocations offices is to almost force relocation. The evacuees have felt unpleasantness with army force evacuation and now, instead of sympathetic and deserved help from the WRA, the people are experiencing just routine policies of relocation.

COMMENT #8, is that the Evacuee Property Control Office will close not later than April 2nd, 1946. If all the people have homes to return to, or are able to rent any houses, this policy can fit in. However, WRA agencies as well as anyone who had been outside know that housing is very acute. Many have not been able to find places for months and months. With prejudice still wild and rampant, the evacuees have a greater difficulty to obtain permanent addresses than fellow caucasians. Most of the people relocating to the Mid-West and East have temporary quarters and paying high rents. Their apartments are small and only temporary. These people will not be able to accommodate the furniture and other household articles which they had used in larger houses and apartments of pre-war days. We would recommend that the Property Control Offices be kept open until such times that we can all be able to accommodate the stored articles or at least until the war is ended.

COMMENT #10, the problem of hostels and housing have been approached by WRA with numerous attempts to provide for the relocatee. Granted that hostels are very temporary means to aid the relocatees, but the families with large number of children and the aged do not fit into the picture. To encourage a more rapid relocation program for the evacuees, we suggest that WRA and the U.S. government make definite plans to establish apartment houses and building at low rates to those relocating. Small apartments such as those built for shipyard workers will even do rather than buildings near-condemned in the slums.

COMMENT #11, your comment states that delivery expense should be paid by evacuees from station head to the door, in cases where an evacuee needs money to pay for the trucking service, application should be made to the appropriate welfare agency for a special grant to cover this item. Delivery expense for personal belongings of evacuees who are returning to the West Coast or elsewhere, should be paid by WRA, whether they have money or not.



COMMENT #18, deals with the assurances given by the WRA that law enforcement agencies as well as the U.S. Department of Justice would give every possible protection for the returned evacuees. To date numerous incidences have occurred involving premeditated vandalism, arson, gun play, attempted dynamiting, and boycotting of fruit and truck garden products produced by Japanese-American citizens. The few culprits who have been caught with evidence have been taken to the court and then released as if they were mischievous, boyish pranksters. Many of the members of the judicial courts have been known to be influenced by the rabble-rousing friends and community citizens which have made these judges interpret the law of the land somewhat carelessly, and provide penalty depending upon their heat of the moment.

Several incidents have occurred in Placer County in which fruits produced by citizens of Japanese ancestry have been refused in the Fruit Produce Companies because of pressure from the neighbors and their own workers. These citizen-niseis have brothers serving the armed forces overseas, or released by the army command so their loyalty is without question. However, all this have been totally ignored by these so-called democratic Americans in that particular locale and in other areas. Specific names for the above are as follows: Sumio Doi of Auburn; Sanji Sugazawa and David Takagishi of Loomis.

Hirabaras, father and son, relocated to Salinas from the Rohwer Center and raised 100 acres of good lettuce. A buyer contracted the entire crop for \$200. an acre. For some unfortunate reason, arrangements did not include the cutting of lettuce or its hauling, and the Hirabaras were not able to obtain the workers or the cooperation of the buyers. This buyer advised the Hirabaras to stay in some San Jose hotel until he could make negotiations with a group of laborers to do the cutting and hauling of their lettuce. This is another episode which is difficult for center evacuees to hear and bear. The WRA answer to this bitter pill would be that such minor occurrences are beyond their control especially due to the prejudices and rank discriminations of the local people.

We are assuming that relocation is forced upon those with children still in the primary and secondary school ages. The edict has been made that there will be no schooling from now on. WRA then intends to force these families to go out in desperation so that their children may continue the school work. This seems like an underhanded method employed to oust people from their respective centers. If such methods are to



be tolerated, we can then expect to have WRA appropriations cut further to decrease even our "daily bread" as has happened in the Prisoners of War camps.

According to history the people that migrated to this United States of America, came here to flee from prejudice, class distinction, religious persecutions, suppressions, etc. They came dreaming of freedoms which has now been printed in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States of America. These great articles have been the bulwark of this democracy for the past two and a half centuries or more, and for which we are now relentlessly waging this bitter war to end any anti-democratic ideals of other warring nations.

For the first time in our history of this glorious country, an occasion had arisen to force mass evacuation of a certain group of people including the nationals as well as the citizens from a particular part of the country. We, of Japanese ancestry complied with the best of our means and cooperation. We are now at the beginning of dissemination and re-distribution. As we stated before, we need better understanding and cooperation from the WRA and the U.S. Government in order to go back to normal livelihood. Thus far, we see no special attempt made to make things easier for those relocated. Numbers of incidences have been occurring in which relocation has been discouraged even by the use of gun play and fire. No special policies or provisions have been advocated to right the wrong committed three years ago. To those of us still in these centers, such incidences and poor legal justice meted out do not enhance in any way our attempts to relocate.

We submit herewith this plea asking for fair play, better cooperation, and financial aid in sufficient amount to overcome those barriers which we can see so plainly today.

In conclusion the above mentioned recommendation and suggestions are actual condition and sincere feeling of all center residents.

We, therefore, would like to call your attention to study our first document, statement of fact and recommendation now in Your hands, which was resolved at the All Center Conference. Will you please review this together with the first document.



Please remember, we are your cooperative organization  
always acting in good understanding and mutual friendship.

Respectively submitted,

ALL CENTER CONFERENCE HEADQUARTER

S. Hideshima  
S. Hideshima, Acting Chairman

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June 29, 1945

Masaru Narahara, Chairman,  
All Center Headquarters,  
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Topaz, Utah.

Dear Mr. Narahara:

Thank you very much for the copy of the  
letter which you sent Mr. Myer.

I have read all the information which you  
have sent me and find it very interesting. I hope that Mr.  
Myer will study your comments further and be able to bring  
about more practical and concrete assistance to relocatees.

With best wishes and kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Hugh Lavery*  
Hugh Lavery



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-  
quarter  
July 12, 1945

Honorable Alben W. Barkley  
Majority Leader of the Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Barkley:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of W.R.A., as a follow up and for further consideration to our original petition of February 25th, 1945.

We received his comments to our petition on April 19th, 1945. After considerable study, all centers felt it was necessary that definite action be taken by the W.R.A. to render more practical and concrete assistance to the resident if the present policy of W.R.A. is to be successful.

We hope that this information may be of further interest to you. Any reply or comments on this letter from you will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ALL CENTER HEADQUARTER

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

Enclosure: Copy of Mr. Myer's comments



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Central Utah Project  
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Honorable Tom C. Clark  
The Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Clark:

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

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Honorable James F. Byrnes  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

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Honorable Harold L. Ickes  
The Secretary of Interior  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ickes:

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Honorable Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Stimson:

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Honorable John W. McCormick  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCormick:

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

JUL 14 1945

Mr. S. Hideshima  
Acting Chairman  
All Center Conference  
Central Utah Relocation Center  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Hideshima:

I am sorry to see, from your letter of June 18, that you believe that WRA is not giving the evacuee resettlers as much help as it could.

It is my belief, on the contrary, that we are doing everything we possibly can to help the evacuees get back to a normal, self-sustaining and independent status. Moreover, considerable progress has already been made toward this goal. About 48,000 evacuees have already left the centers to resettle in normal communities. During the four months since the Salt Lake City Conference, well over 7,000 persons resettled from the centers.

It is true, of course, that there are still many problems which have to be met by each relocating family and individual. Unfortunately, there is no way in which this agency or any other can simply wipe out the results of the evacuation as though it had never taken place. All we can do is to help the evacuees in bridging the gap between life in the relocation centers and normal life in outside communities. And there are definite limitations, because of our limited personnel and limited funds, on the amount of assistance we can make available. However, we have so far found a solution for every family relocation problem that has arisen, and we do not believe that any of these problems are unsolvable.

We are carrying on a planned program of resettlement which takes into consideration the many problems facing each evacuee resettler. Where the original evacuation took place suddenly, on a mass basis, without time or opportunity for individual preparation or individual choice, the present program of resettlement is one of individual readjustment on the basis of individual choice. The evacuees have been free to decide when to leave, where to resettle, and how to travel. We do not direct the evacuee's choice of occupation. We merely try to give the resettler every assistance within our power to enable him to make an intelligent choice on the basis of adequate knowledge and to carry out the plan of resettlement he has chosen.

The financial help available to evacuee resettlers is one example of this kind of assistance. It is not an indemnification for losses suffered during the evacuation; the whole question of indemnities is an entirely separate one which will have to be decided ultimately by the Congress. The relocation grants are not meant to offer long-term support, and even if the grants were doubled, many of the evacuees would still have to regain their pre-war status the slow way, by getting out of the center and getting to work at a paying job. Especially now when jobs are so plentiful, I am convinced that the assistance which is now available is sufficient to help the evacuees in doing just that.

Similarly, a great deal of progress has been made in solving the problem of finding housing. We are arranging for a WRA staff member in each large District Office to devote full time to working with local housing agencies, exploring sources of additional housing, and advising local cooperating committees as to the help which they can provide. Hostels have been established in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Sacramento, San Jose, Oakland, Fresno, San Francisco, and San Mateo, and in thirteen cities in the East and Midwest. In Portland as in Philadelphia, Cleveland



and several other cities, arrangements have been made to open public housing projects to evacuees. A recent amendment to the Lanham Act making families of servicemen eligible for public housing in FPMA projects (except those limited to workers in specific industries) will make many evacuee families eligible for public housing. There is a very rapid turn-over in housing in most cities, and I am confident that with the many procedures which we have developed for finding housing, any evacuee family which can find a temporary place to stay -- in a hostel or elsewhere -- and will devote time to looking, can find a permanent place in course of time.

I am distinctly surprised and disappointed in the statement in your letter that the closing of the schools in the relocation centers "seems like an underhanded method employed to oust people from their respective centers." I can place no other construction upon this statement than that it is a charge of bad faith on the part of WRA. If this is true, I am convinced that the great majority of center residents do not share this view. Regardless of individual differences of opinion which many center residents may have with WRA, I feel sure that nearly all of them have always given us credit for being straightforward and for making an honest effort to help them in the solution of their problems. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time that a charge of bad faith has been made against us by center residents. I earnestly hope that it will be the last.

Actually, there is no hidden or mysterious motive at all behind the closing of center schools. It is, on the contrary, a natural and inevitable result of the program of center liquidation. Since all the centers will be closed by December, it would be obviously impossible for WRA or anyone else to provide an adequate educational program for the few children still remaining in relocation centers next fall. Consequently, it must be made clear that there will be no schools. The sooner families can get their children out of the centers where they have already spent too many of their formative years, and into normal schools and communities where they can grow up like other Americans, the better it will be both for them and for the evacuee group as a whole.

I think it is worthy of notice that in the two months since Secretary Ickes' press statement condemning incidents of terrorism against evacuees on the West Coast, there has been only one "incident" against a returning evacuee. There has at this writing been none of any importance since May 24th. I consider this evidence of the fact that the race-baiters and terrorists are actually only a small minority of the people on the West Coast, who, as a result of the publicity given to their actions, and the resulting protests against this type of activity from newspapers and individuals all over the country, combined with the actions of police authorities, are coming to realize that their fight to scare the evacuees away from their West Coast homes is both a losing and an unpopular one.

Thousands of evacuees have returned, and there have been some thirty "incidents." They have been played up in the papers because they were dramatic. We have helped to publicize them because we believe that that is one of the best ways of preventing further incidents. I am entirely convinced that as the evacuees come back and settle down, and it becomes more and more evident that the small exclusionist groups have not succeeded in their campaigns to keep the Japanese Americans permanently evacuated, the agitation and terrorism which is now distinctly on the wane will cease entirely.

I want to repeat that the people of Japanese ancestry have more active friends than they ever had before. Americans all over the United States are aware of the outstanding achievements of American soldiers of Japanese descent in Europe and in the Pacific. Groups and individuals all over the country are doing what they can to help the evacuees find homes and jobs. I sincerely hope that the people still in centers will do nothing to turn these friends away.



However, evacuee resettlers will still find that there is prejudice on the part of some people, a minority of Americans, against people of Japanese descent. This is not new. There was prejudice before the evacuation. And before the evacuation, the Japanese Americans seemed to have learned pretty well to take occasional prejudice in their stride. They will certainly never get rid of prejudice now by sitting in the centers and asking the government to support them indefinitely. Such a move would only intensify prejudice.

There can be no change in policy regarding center closing. They will be closed in accordance with plans announced more than six months ago. Anyone among the evacuee leaders who tries to convince center residents to the contrary is doing a distinct disservice to the residents.

We are doing and will continue to do everything we can to help the evacuees move forward to a future where they can be independent and respected. I believe that we have already made substantial progress toward that goal and that as more evacuees come forward for relocation assistance, they will find that their individual problems can and will be solved.

Since I note that your letter to me has been mimeographed for distribution, I am also having mimeographed copies made of this letter for distribution at relocation centers.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. S. Myer

Director



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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JUL 17 1945

Mr. Masaru Narahara  
Chairman, All Center Conference  
Central Utah Relocation Center  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

Your letter of April 11 has just now reached me. I am sorry that it was so long delayed, and that we did not have your suggestions earlier. We are always very glad to have this kind of constructive advice from evacuees as to the best ways of solving their problems of resettlement.

However, since your letter was written, I think that a good deal if not most of what you suggest has been accomplished. It did take some time for us to get our West Coast organization geared up to do an adequate job of assisting returning evacuees. Some changes were made in our West Coast organization very shortly after the time your letter was written. We now have, as you know, field offices in fourteen cities in California and four in the Pacific Northwest. Now that the WRA staff members in these offices have had time to "get their bearings," get their organization functioning smoothly, and made contacts in the community, these offices are in a position to offer a wide variety of services to evacuee resettlers and to take "vigorous and active leadership in preparing the way for acceptance of returning evacuees."

We are arranging to have a staff member in each of the larger field offices -- on the West Coast as elsewhere -- devote full time to the problem of finding housing. I am enclosing a memorandum which outlines some of the methods which are being used or can be used to find additional housing for evacuees. In Portland, as in a number of cities in the East and Midwest, public housing projects have been opened to evacuees. We are working in cooperation with the National Housing Agency and with the Real Estate Division of the U. S. Army Engineers Corps -- which has from time to time surplus housing of which to dispose -- to locate additional sources of housing for evacuees. Hostels have been opened in eight cities in California, as well as in thirteen in the East and Midwest; in a number of cases, these are furnished with WRA surplus equipment.

In addition, the West Coast field offices are able to help evacuees make employment contacts, to offer legal advice, and to give a great many other types of assistance. We are helping evacuees in repossession of their property, and will arrange to serve eviction notices for evacuees. Our



San Francisco office is now drawing up a document, in cooperation with the OPA, on the procedures to be followed in serving eviction notices. In each of the three area offices -- San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle -- we have an Issei staff member to act as a special advisor to Issei resettlers.

We have not made special arrangements for returning evacuees to meet with community officials and civic leaders unless we have been asked to do so, because in the majority of cases we have felt such meetings to be unnecessary. However, where an evacuee feels that this kind of contact would be helpful, our staff members will be glad to arrange such a meeting and to accompany the evacuee if he wishes. This was done, for example, in Stockton, where the relocation officer arranged for a group of returning evacuees to talk their problems over with a representative of the Stockton Filipinos. Perhaps even more can be done in this field.

Just recently I returned from a trip to the West Coast. I was very encouraged by the situation which I found there. I am now quite convinced that the pattern of terrorism against returning evacuees about which we were once concerned has been brought under control. There has been no incident of violence against a returning evacuee since May 24. This is no doubt due in part to Secretary Ickes' statement of May 14 condemning such incidents which received wide publicity in newspapers all over the country. It is also due, I believe, to the protests against terrorism which have been made by newspaper editors, radio commentators, organized groups, and private individuals all over the United States, including the West Coast, as well as to the actions of local law enforcement officials. As a result of all these activities, it appears that the minority of terrorists have come to realize that they have lost their fight to keep the evacuees from returning.

In general, I believe that the Japanese Americans are in a better position on the Coast now than they were before evacuation, because now, for the first time, they have organized groups and individuals actively supporting their rights and assisting in their readjustment. This is a very fortunate thing for the evacuees. The active friendship and help of church and civic groups and local leaders will be, in the long run, far more helpful to the evacuees than anything WRA can do, for it is with these groups and individuals that the evacuees will live.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. S. Myer

Director

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All Center Head-  
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July 23, 1945

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director  
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Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

W.R.A. by announcing the definite closing dates for all centers prior to Jan. 2, 1946 has thereby told us we have now entered the final phase of our existence in these centers.

A little over three years ago, we were required to leave our homes, businesses and farms on the West Coast, on the grounds of military necessity. We then became as Secretary Ickes has said "victims of the hazards of war." We cooperated with the government although our hearts protested the evacuation because we could not understand the necessity for it.

Even though our existence in these centers during the past three years has been a sub-normal one, we have appreciated up to now the security for ourselves and our children, which the W.R.A. had repeatedly promised us, for the duration of the war.

You may recall the following excerpts. The War Relocation Work Corp pamphlet issued by the W.R.A. in 1942 states:

"Relocation Center - a pioneer community with basic housing and protective services provided by the federal government, for occupancy by evacuees for the duration of the war".

A little folder entitled "Questions and Answers for Evacuees", widely distributed to evacuees at the time evacuation was taking place, states:

"-----nursery schools, elementary schools, and high schools will be maintained".

Later, the W.R.A. Manual and Handbook gave us further assurance as to the educational standards which were to be maintained for our children.

These promises and assurances previously made by the W.R.A. have been passed along to the residents in good faith by those who have endeavored to give constructive leadership. But now we find that these promises and assurances are broken by the forced closing of the centers.

We cannot see how it is reasonable to expect to relocate as many residents in a little over four months as have relocated in a little over three years. We feel this especially because we realize that for the most part, those who are new in the centers have far greater relocation obstacles than those who have left.

For those families with children of school age, who have not been able to relocate by the closing dates, we need proper education facilities, without them the sacrifice our children will have to make to the W.R.A. relocation program is too great.

We need this education service to insure unbroken studies for our students in order that they may be on equal footing with other American children when they do relocate. In due time, residents may forgive and forget the hardship caused by necessity, but how can they be expected to either forget or forgive a planned denial of basic educational rights once so definitely promised.

We would like to agree with you that "closing of schools is a natural and inevitable result of the program of center liquidation", but we cannot. It is avoidable and need not now be. To us, who have always taken a great pride in the achievement of our children, the continuance of education up to the hour of our departure is just as im-



portant as roofs over our heads, shirts on our backs, or the bread on the tables.

Although W.R.A. has announced the closing dates of these centers, staggered from October 1st to December 15th, no information has been released on the plan of action or the assistance for the future security of those who will not be able to relocate by the closing dates.

You stated in your letter of July 14th that "actually, there is no hidden or mysterious motive at all behind closing of center schools". If there is nothing for W.R.A. to hide from the residents about schools, which is very important, we cannot see why W.R.A. should be so mysterious about the plan for future action. The W.R.A. surely must have a plan!

It is obvious that many thousands will be left in the centers at the end of the closing dates because of obstacles to relocate, or the failure of the W.R.A. to complete their relocation plans. Lack of this information has left many residents, who most need assurance and moral uplift, in a quandary and in complete darkness and has added fears for their future security.

Many will continue to leave these centers under protest and sacrifice, face certain undue hardship because of pressure from their children.

Most residents now remaining in the centers desire to relocate and would have relocated if they had been given adequate federal assistance, assurance of freedom from fear and want; to live once again in the normal stream of American life. We fail to see the justice in the W.R.A. center closing policy without a more definite plan for future security for those incapable of relocating, especially as this applies to a group of people who at time of evacuation were 70% American citizens and their loyal alien parents.

Thousands of these citizens are now serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and have fought and died for the principles for which this democratic country stands - for the Four Freedoms.

A sense of injustice has caused the Council of all centers to pass the following resolution:

Resolved that,

1. We respect the present relocation program of the W.R.A. in relocating our residents, therefore, will continue to give every possible assistance to those capable of relocating.
2. The order of the W.R.A. to close these centers is contrary to previous statements issued by the W.R.A.. Moreover, in view of the present condition of the center residents, the order cannot be reasonably accepted. Therefore we request the rescinding of this order.

We recommend that:

1. W.R.A. announce immediately, the plans and instructions which will apply to those remaining in the centers at time of center closing.
2. The schools should be maintained for any remaining children. (So that when the school bells ring once again this fall all over the country, it will not ring in vain for our children.)
3. Every existing necessary services to provide adequately to the needs of residents be maintained until the closing date.
4. The W.R.A. field offices give practical assistance in housing and employment problems.
5. Federal assistance and assurance for evacuees' security within and without the center be given until such time they are able to re-establish themselves.
6. Federal Resettlement Aid Program of the Social Security Board give more aid to every qualifying relocatee instead of to only 10% of the non-dependent cases as designated by the W.R.A. instructions.
7. The basis amount of this aid, presently issued in the center,



is set according to the number of persons in the family. From this, considerable deductions are made, some of which we feel are unfair, so that the actual amount of this necessary aid given is so small that it can hardly be called an assistance.

The accomplishment and the practical application of these recommendations not only will hasten to write the finale to the W.R.A. relocation program, but the residents will also continue to look upon the W.R.A. as its' friend and benefactor, which is important for best civic relationships.

We have tried to respect and cooperated with the government and the W.R.A. for the past three years and over and will continue to do so.

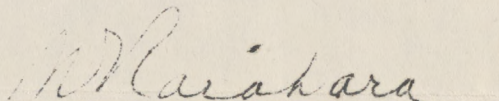
The residents of these centers appreciate all the fine work that has been done, and the consideration you and the W.R.A. have given despite many trials and tribulations.

We believe W.R.A. does not want to lose the present faith of the American public nor of the residents of these W.R.A. centers in the final phase of its' program.

Only by complete understanding and cooperation between the W.R.A. and the residents of these centers for the program that is nearing its' end, which is of mutual interest to both, will we be able to write a finale as a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,

ALL CENTER HEADQUARTER

  
Masaru Norehara, Chairman




WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

July 26, 1945

TO: All Center Community Council  
FROM: Topaz Community Council  
SUBJECT: Information from Poston

Attached is further information  
received on center closing from Poston.

  
Masaru Harabara  
Chairman  
Topaz Community Council



Colorado River Relocation Center  
Poston, Arizona

July 13, 1945

MEMO TO: Duncan Mills  
Project Director

SUBJECT: Camp closure

On July 3, 1945, you gave a message to the residents of Camp II and III regarding closing of the units 2 and 3 at Poston. The Councilmen are questioned by the residents as to the meaning and definition of "special case." Please define the word "special case" and also give us an example.

Another question we are asking you as to what would be done to the persons who are classified as "special cases?" Please forward us the answers to the above questions.

/s/ Gyoosuke Iseda, Chairman  
Poston Community Council



COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
Poston, Arizona

July 17, 1945

MEMO TO: Mr. Gyosuke Iseda, Chairman  
Poston Community Council

SUBJECT: Closing of Units II and III

I have your memorandum of July 13, asking for a definition of the ter, "special cases" used in my message to the residents of Units II and III regarding the closing of those units on October first.

Our instructions from Washington recognize that there may be a very few cases in the two units in which families will require continuing public assistance after relocation, or where a family member may require institutional care, in which we may not have been able to complete all arrangements by the closing date. It should be remembered that the determination regarding such cases will be made by the Center administration and that any transfers which may be the Center administration and that any transfers which may be permitted will be only for such time as is necessary to complete the family plan.

Let me emphasize what I have said previously, that applications for transfer of any resident of these two units will not be considered unless the residents have taken their problems to their relocation advisers and have cooperated in every reasonable way to secure the satisfactory completion of their plans before the closing date. Persons who neglect or refuse to discuss their problems with their relocation advisers cannot expect their applications for transfer to receive any consideration whatsoever.

/s/ Duncan Mills  
Project Director

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cc:C.R. Carter  
Relocation Advisory Board  
Chronicle



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Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

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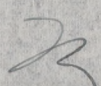
Judge James Wolfe  
Utah State Supreme Court  
State Capitol Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah

Dear Judge Wolfe:

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Very truly yours,

  
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Masaru Marahara, Chairman  
All Center Conference

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Mr. Saburo Kido  
J A C L  
413-15 Beason Building  
25 East Second South Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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Mr. Arthur Gaeth  
Citizens Committee for  
Constitutional Rights  
1877 Harvard Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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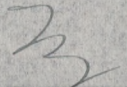
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Executive Secretary  
Home Missions Council of North  
America  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

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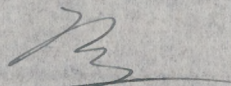
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Fair Play Committee  
535 St. Louis Road  
Berkeley, California

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Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer  
Fair Play Committee  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

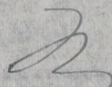
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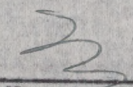
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General Manager  
American Red Cross  
San Francisco, California

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Rev. Hugh Laverly  
Mary Knoll Mission  
426 South Boyle Avenue  
Los Angeles 33, California

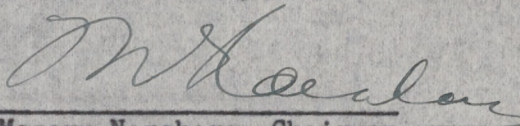
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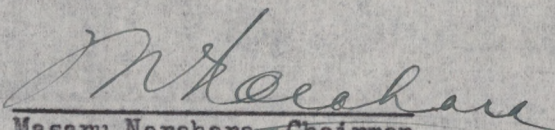
Mrs. Joseph Duveneck  
American Friends Service Comm.  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

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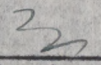
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Friends of American Way  
1360 West Colorado  
Pasadena, California

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Mr. A. L. Wirin  
American Civil Liberties Union  
505 Douglas Building  
Los Angeles, California

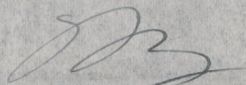
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Dr. Gordon K. Chapman  
Executive Secretary  
Room 207  
Board of National Mission  
228 McAllister Street  
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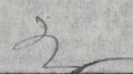
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Miss Pierce  
YWCA  
306 East Third South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

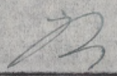
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Dr. Clarence Gillette  
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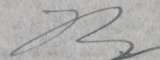
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Mr. Roger Baldwin  
American Civil Liberties Union  
170 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 10, New York

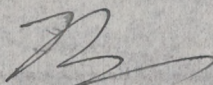
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

AUG 13 1945

Mr. Masaru Narahara  
Chairman  
All Center Headquarter  
Central Utah Relocation Center  
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Narahara:

I am glad to have your letter of July 23 and to learn that the all-center conferees will continue cooperating in the relocation program. I cannot, however, concur in your major recommendation that the centers be maintained beyond the present closing dates.

Your letter, of course, is based on the premise that there are a number of people in centers who are "incapable of relocating." This is a premise with which I most strongly disagree. Over the past nine months we have steadily improved the types of services and assistance which our field offices are equipped to render for relocating families and individuals. We have already helped people with almost every conceivable type of problem in making a successful adjustment back to private life. I have no doubt whatever that we can continue doing this for everyone remaining in the centers.

I have said it before, but I want to repeat that the problems of relocation cannot be met by remaining in the centers, living over past grievances, and conjuring up reasons why relocation is "impossible." These problems can only be met by going out, facing them, and working with the WRA field offices toward a feasible solution. None of the evacuees enjoyed absolute security before evacuation, and we are not of course in position to guarantee absolute security for everyone leaving the centers now; very few people in this country or anywhere else are fortunate enough to have such a guarantee. But we can and will help people through the admittedly difficult transition period between the time when they leave the centers and the time when they resume life in normal communities once again.

By the time you receive this, the WRA plan for scheduling relocation on a quota basis during the last several weeks before each center's closing will doubtless have been announced. Under this plan there will of course be no "residue" at any center on the closing date. All center residents will have left by that time.





I want to emphasize that this plan was adopted only after long and, I think, extremely patient efforts by WRA to keep the relocation program on an entirely voluntary basis. We have given center residents ample warning that the centers were going to close before the end of the year. We have allowed many months in which to make relocation plans and complete necessary arrangements. Yet many of the residents -- because of bad advice, wishful thinking, or both -- have persisted in holding back and refusing to take advantage of our facilities and services. The quota plan was adopted not in any sense as a punishment for such people but as a practical device for achieving a comparatively even flow of movement during the weeks that remain before the final closing of all centers. Under the plan residents will of course be given the greatest possible freedom of choice in the selection both of relocation destinations and of departure dates.

I fully agree that there must be mutual understanding and cooperation between the center residents and WRA, and want to assure you that we shall continue our operations in that spirit until the last resident is relocated.

Sincerely,

*D. S. Myers*  
Director



AIR MAIL LETTERS SENT TO:

Honorable Harry S. Truman  
Vice-President and Speaker of the Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Francis Biddle  
The Attorney General  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Harold L. Ickes  
The Secretary of Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Henry L. Stimson  
Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable John W. McCormick  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.



Similar letters were sent to the following:

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Fair Play Committee  
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Berkeley, California

Mr. T. Russ  
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American Red Cross  
San Francisco, California

Rev. Hugh Laverly  
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ALL CENTER CONFERENCE  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

February 18, 1945

Rev. Tosuke Ota  
247 West First South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Rev. Ota:

On behalf of the All Center Conference now in session (February 16 to 22 inclusive), I have been delegated the honor of inviting you to attend our Open Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 21, 1945, from 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Y.W.C.A., 306 East Third South, Salt Lake City, Utah. A number of the outstanding friends of Japanese and Japanese American residents of this country are being asked to participate in the informal discussions at this meeting, which will be attended by Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director of the War Relocation Authority.

We are thirty delegates representing the residents of seven W.R.A. Relocation Centers, gathered to discuss the manifold problems of center residents, in connection both with relocation and the announced closing of the centers by January 2, 1946.

We will appreciate your every effort to accept this invitation, as we sincerely feel that your presence will contribute substantially to the success of our conference.

Yours very sincerely,



Masaru Narahara, Chairman  
All Center Conference



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

Community Gov't.

March 2, 1945

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Fair Play Committee  
11 El Sueno 2  
Orinda, California

Dear Mr. Fisher:

An All Center Conference was held from February 16th to 24th inclusive in Salt Lake City. At the conference were three to five delegates from each of seven of the relocation centers: Gila, Arizona; Granada, Colorado; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; Minidoka, Idaho; Poston, Arizona; Rohwer, Arkansas; and Topaz, Utah.

After serious deliberation by the twenty-nine delegates, the attached petition together with pertinent facts and recommendations were sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director of W.R.A.

These three documents are being presented to you not only for your interest and information, but also for your consideration. We trust that they may aid you in your desire to have the fullest measure of social understanding of the conditions and resident point of view in the War Relocation Centers today.

Whatever reply and response you may make to this letter and the enclosures will, I assure you, be appreciated and studied by the residents.

Very truly yours,

/s/  
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Masaru Narahara, Chairman  
ALL CENTER CONFERENCE

Enclosures



Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-  
quarter  
Topaz, Utah  
April 28, 1945

Mr. Saburo Kido  
Japanese American Citizens  
League  
413-15 Beason Building  
25 East Second South Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah

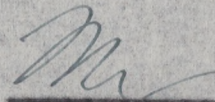
Dear Mr. Kido:

We are attaching herewith, the reply  
from Mr. Myer to our petition of Feb. 25,  
1945 which we received on April 19, 1945.

We believe this information may be  
of interest to you.

Your comments to the reply will be  
greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
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Masaru Narahara  
Chairman  
Topaz Community Council

Attachment



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-  
quarter  
June 26, 1945

Mr. Arthur Gaeth  
Citizens Committee for  
Constitutional Rights  
1877 Harvard Avenue  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Gaeth:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of W.R.A., as a follow up and for further consideration to our original petition of February 25th, 1945.

We received his comments to our petition on April 19th, 1945. After considerable study, all centers felt it was necessary that definite action be taken by the W.R.A. to render more practical and concrete assistance to the resident if the present policy of W.R.A. is to be successful.

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

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Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

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July 12, 1945

Honorable Harry S. Truman  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Truman:

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

Enclosure: Copy of Mr. Myer's comments



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Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-  
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August 14, 1945

Dr. Samuel M. Cavert  
General Secretary  
Federal Council of the Churches  
of Christ in America  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

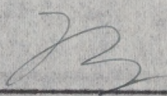
Dear Dr. Cavert:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of our third communication to Mr. Myer, National Director of WRA, from all relocation centers, for your interest and consideration.

Whatever reply and response you may make to this letter and the enclosure will, I assure you, be appreciated and studied by the residents.

Very truly yours,

ALL CENTER HEADQUARTER

  
Masaru Narahara, Chairman  
All Center Conference

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Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

All Center Head-  
quarter  
Sept. 25, 1945

Mr. Toru Matsumoto  
Director for resettlement  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of the fourth petition sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of WRA., for further consideration to our previous petitions.

We hope that this information may be of further interest to you.

Any reply or comments on this letter from you will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ALL CENTER HEADQUARTER

Kiichi Nodohara, Chairman

Enclosure: Copy of letter



*Same copies also sent to the following:*

LETTERS SENT TO:

Mr. Galen M. Fisher  
Fair Play Committee  
11 El Sueno 2  
Orinda, California

✓ Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer  
Fair Play Committee  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Fair Play Committee  
535 St. Louis Road  
Berkeley, California

Mr. T. Russ  
General Manager  
American Red Cross  
San Francisco, California

✓ Rev. Hugh Laverly  
Mary Knoll Mission  
426 South Boyle Avenue  
Los Angeles, 33, California

✓ Consul General F. De Amat  
58 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Mrs. Joseph Duveneck  
American Friends Service Committee  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

Mr. William C. Carr  
Friends of American Way  
1360 West Colorado  
Pasadena, California

Dr. Clarence Gillette  
Church Resettlement Group  
521 East Cook  
Santa Maria, California

✓ Mr. A. L. Wirin  
American Civil Liberties Union  
505 Douglas Building  
Los Angeles, California

Dr. Gordon K. Chapman  
Executive Secretary  
Room 207  
Board of National Mission  
228 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California

Judge James Wolfe  
Utah State Supreme Court  
State Capitol Building  
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah

Rev. Tosuke Ota  
247 West First South  
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June 26, 1945

Dr. Samuel H. Gavert  
General Secretary  
Federal Council of the Churches  
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297 Fourth Avenue  
New York City 10, New York

Dear Dr. Gavert:

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Masaru Narahara, Chairman

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Central Utah Project  
Topaz, Utah

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June 26, 1945

Mrs. Maynard F. Thayer  
Fair Play Committee  
466 East California Street  
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Thayer:

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June 26, 1945

The Colorado Times  
P. O. Box 296  
Denver 1, Colorado

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The Utah Nippo Corp.  
161 W. South Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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June 26, 1945

The Rocky Shimpō  
The Japanese Publishing Co., Inc.  
P. O. Box 720  
Denver 1, Colorado

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Dr. Mark A. Dawber  
Executive Secretary  
Home Missions Council of North America  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York City 10, New York

Dear Dr. Dawber:

We are herewith enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director of W.R.A., as a follow up and for further consideration to our original petition of February 25th, 1945.

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Judge James Wolfe  
Utah State Supreme Court  
State Capitol Building  
Salt Lake City 1, Utah

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Mr. A. L. Wirin  
American Civil Liberties Union  
505 Douglas Building  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Wirin:

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Dr. Gordon K. Chapman  
Executive Secretary  
Board of National Mission  
228 McAllister Street  
Room 207  
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Chapman:

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Dr. Clarence Gillette  
Church Resettlement Group  
521 East Cook  
Santa Maria, California

Dear Dr. Gillette:

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Mrs. Joseph Duveneck  
American Friends Service Comm.  
1830 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California

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Rev. Hugh Laverly  
Maryknoll Mission  
426 South Boyle Avenue  
Los Angeles 33, California

Dear Rev. Laverly:

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Mr. T. Russ  
General Manager  
American Red Cross  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Russ:

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Mrs. Ruth Kingman  
Fair Play Committee  
2287 Telegraph Avenue  
Room 215  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Kingman:

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