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UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Commerce
September 17, 1942

The Honorable Philip M. Glick
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Glick:

I have been advised that Mr. Robert A. Leflar has been appointed Attorney for the Japanese Relocation Projects in Arkansas.

I would appreciate ^{it} if you would advise me upon whose recommendation Mr. Leflar was appointed and how this selection was made. I do not recall endorsing him for the place.

Please do not take this letter as an objection to Mr. Leflar. I would like to know the situation regarding his selection.

Kindly mark your reply "Personal."

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hattie W. Caraway

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~~March 5, 1943~~
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Mr. Thomas R. Phelan

Oregon State Senate

Portland

from Monroe Sweetland -

It is . . . American proposals such as this
deportation scheme costs America prestige
& ultimately the lives of American boys in our
Eastern war. Every straw that the Japanese
can pick up is used as anti-American
propaganda with their own people &
particularly with the people of occupied China,
the Philippines, the East Indies, & even India.
They use it systematically . . . to show
the people of the Eastern nations that they
can never hope for respect or decent
treatment from America. ~~Not only~~

Not only that, but this deportation proposal
is particularly devastating to the hard-earned gains
which the government has made in inspiring & fortifying
the loyalty of our Japanese-Americans. . . .

Super. Mr. Phelan in Hawaii

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
821 Pyramid Bldg.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Carper

January 15, 1943

Honorable John L. McClellan
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McClellan:

I appreciate your letter of January 11 in regard to the article which appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal under date of January 3. I am attaching a statement which was given to the press which, in my opinion, is as accurate as could be secured.

In addition to this information, I would like to tell you confidentially that the extreme shortage of labor, such as carpenters and plumbers, has slowed down the finishing of this Center by the War Department (United States District Engineers) to where it has taken twice as long to finish it as originally planned. They should have been out of the project on November 1. This is January 15 and the project is still not finished. No one is to blame for this. The War Department on the Pacific Coast insisted on moving these evacuees into the Center before it was completed. With the Japanese living in the center and hundreds of the contractor's workers working in there, they are constantly getting in one another's way.

The handling of this project is a difficult assignment. In my opinion, the personnel is patriotic, competent, and working awfully hard. As soon as the Center is finished, I believe the criticism will die down. Frankly, I think the people there have been so busy trying to get the Center completed that they have neglected to keep the people on the outside informed as to their problems, what the War Relocation Authority program is, and who the evacuees are.

I have known Eugene Rutland for a long time and he is a nice young fellow. The only way he could get anything in the

paper, however, was to write a sensational story. He is the only person who has ever been into the Center to investigate and did not come out feeling the job was being well done.

If there is any specific information you would like to have, this office is anxious for you to have it.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely

E. B. Whitaker
Field Assistant Director

Attachment