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September 1, 1942

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Mr. George L. Townsend  
Chief Community Service

Dear Mr. Townsend :

As I said last time, I was living in a dormitory for three days. But after that, I moved again to one of my friend's home. It is very inconvenient to live with un-Christian family, for a pastoral work, as you know. For when I have many visitors, who bring me their personal affairs, which are very confidential, for example, divorce cases, family troubles, and so on. On such cases, the visitors hesitate to speak of their matters frankly, and the family, too, hesitate to stay in a room. In such a condition, I cannot continue my pastoral work. Besides that, as a preacher, who must preach every Sunday, and have prayer meetings, and Bible class for younger generation, and for the older, I need a quiet hour for study, and for meditation. Certainly, in such a situation - living with un-Christian family, it is very hard to have a thinking hour.

When I was in Seattle, I was a chairman of Japanese Church Federation, so I must have many business and responsibility, and contact with outside of the camp, for example, Church Federation of Seattle, Western Area Protestant Church Commission For Wartime Japanese Service, and Spanish consulate in San Francisco about exchange of Japanese Bibles and hymns, photographically, which I urged to print, and so on. For these business, truly I need my office. Perhaps, the end of this month, Dr. Gordon K. Chapman, who is a secretary and treasurer of western area Protestant church commission, will come here. He went to New York for church work, in returning to San Francisco, where the main office is, he will visit us. Moreover, when the evacuation will be completed in some future, I must construct a whole church system in this camp. It is not a easy task. Though Protestant group seems like just one harmonized cooperation, it has many troubles inside. At Puyallup camp, our Protestant group could not have a good results, as before we had expected in Seattle. So in this camp I do not want to repeat the same fault any more. It is very easy to say cooperation, but in reality it is very hard to organize one strong interdenominational church. By my five years experience, you could trust Mr. Terazawa in every respect. So if you have something trouble about church, please consult him, who knows many famous Christians among Americans.



Before the evacuation started in Seattle, I collected about 2,000 Japanese books for the first generations, who cannot understand and read English at all, because, if the war continue many years, necessarily, they need something of amusement for their lonesome lives. For that purpose, I decided to collect the books. I would like to establish a small library with these books for many persons, who want to read, and have not any amusement in this camp. In my understanding, this kind of amusement is the most constructive thing, which they need, and rejoice.

It is because, since about just three or four months after the evacuation, the morale of Japanese was entirely changed. Many people are getting tough and rough. Hinges of buildings were stolen away. Toilet and laundry are uncleaned. Last day I went to a laundry room, one gentleman came and he began to wash his feet in that tub, despite of many girls around there. Imagine the style washing the feet in the tub. Yesterday, I saw many orange peels in a basin, when I went to wash my face..... I experience many such disgraceful things almost everyday. Of course, a war is awful, but, I think, the degradation of morale as a whole is the worse. In such a condition they need a religious comfort and some kind of constructive amusement, not like gambles, which now they are enjoying. It is true, really. So if you understand their situation, and my desire, give me a small room for library, which will be opened for many persons. Moreover, if you give me a permit for library, and a room, I would like to be sent the books, which are now reserved in a basement of Trinity Church, where Rev. Baily is a pastor, in Seattle. Those books are not absolutely dangerous, because Dr. Warren, who can speak Japanese very fluently, discriminated the books, which are good for reading in the camp, and the books, which are not fit for the camp life. If you could not give me the permit openly, at that time may I begin to lend the books personally? It means not as a public library, but as my own personaly library. How do you think of it? Certainly, as you know, this is one of the most important and sound amusement.

For those three purposes, I need three rooms, for myself, for my pastoral work, and for the library, though it is ideal. But I know the housing difficult in this camp, therefore, if you could, temporarily I wish to have two rooms for these works.



Concerning Bachelors' dormitory, from my experience, it is really awful. Even one family, there are many quarrels, sometime. Therefore when there are over 25 persons in the same and narrow room, it is natural, there are many troubles, which are the worst kinds. If the war continue two or three months, they must be patient and all right for them. But, now, we do not know the length of the duration, therefore, to put many people in a small room, is one of the most abominable phenomena.

I know one old man, who became insane. He is mentally out of order, out of common sense. The existence of one such a person threatens all people, because they think the cause of the disease is due to incomplete housing. I know one more case. Just three or four months, I experience two such miserable persons. Of course, it is due to many reasons, but one of the reasons is, I think, housing condition. For in a dormitory, a condition is quite different from a family living in a one room. Some persons come back lately at night, and talk loudly, and the rest of them cannot sleep at all throughout the night until they stop the noise. And then in the morning the other group get up early, and make the more noise. In such a condition, how do they rest? I think, if the war continue two or three years, all the bachelors become insane, and the dormitory will be changed for insane asylum. Therefore, I hope your good understanding, and your good arrangement for them. As we do not like to live under confusion, so they do not like the same thing, and they want to rest, too. I understand now you cannot give a room for each person. But could you give them partitions for each bed? They will satisfy if they can get even small partitions for themselves. The partitions are necessary for robbery, too. The simple partitions of my plan are these:

Mr. Townsend, please my rough expression, and my English made in Japan. But these above desires are not from egoistic point of view, but for the better camp life.

I cannot speak English fluently, so I write this letter in stead of visiting your office.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira  
Pastor of Presbyterian Church  
Chairman of Japanese Church  
Federation in Seattle



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

September 21, 1942

To: Rev. Kodaira

We have been informed from the Regional Office that your books may be sent in here any time. However, all these books must be passed through a Censorship Board which will be created by our department shortly. You must pay all freight and shipping cost for these books if they are for your personal use, however, if you desire to turn them over to our department, we will stand the charges. Can you give us the approximate number of crates and their respective weights as soon as possible? Also, we would like to obtain the name and address of the shipper and any other details that will be needed in the transferring of these books.

GEORGE L. TOWNSEND  
Chief, Community Services

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Oct. 5, 1942  
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Mr. George Townsend  
Chief, Community Services

Dear Mr. Townsend:

i) Library books

The books are now in the basement of  
Trinity Church of Seattle. The  
address is:

Reverend Lewis J. Bailey  
615 8th Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

From now on, if you have something to ask  
of Japanese Library, would you kindly ask  
to Mr. Y. Fujimoto, 28-2-A.

ii) Protestant Church Council

About a week ago, the council was held,  
and I was elected as a chairman. So  
from now on, if you have a certain thing  
to ask to the churches, I am very glad to  
cooperate with you. Until today, there are  
many problems, but hereafter, I hope, the  
troubles will decrease.

ii) Piano Problems

Churches brought here about four of five  
pianos to this camp. But these pianos  
are used for musical amusement chiefly.  
The people move the pianos for music gather-  
ings but not for the church services.  
Moreover, there are no persons, who take  
care of the pianos, so the instruments are  
put sand and dusts.  
So first, I would like to clear your opinions  
about the post of the pianos, whether they  
belong to the music department, first, or  
the church services.

If the attitude become clear, I would like  
to have more pianos from Seattle or Church  
Council in Idaho.



iv) Chairs

I would like to gather many folding chairs from Idaho Church Council. How do you think of it?

v) Church Office

This morning I got a notice for moving to 23-5-C, while I visited one of my church members. It was too sudden to move. When I came back to home, I have just thirty minutes for the fixed hour for moving. So I went to Housing Reassignment Office to postpone for the time being.

The reason, why I did not move at once, is this; during the next one or two months, I would like to marry.

After I got married, if the place is used for us, in private, I wished to move at once. But I pondered over the housing condition in this camp, and I thought it is impossible to have such a big room for us. Therefore, when I get married, I must move again to some small room. It is necessary. That is to say, during two months, I must move twice; first, from here to Block 23, and second, from 23 to somewhere. To avoid to move twice, I did not move this morning.

But if you have a trouble for my sake, of course, I will move at once.

Please do not misunderstand my situation, I just wanted by privacy for my living, and wished to avoid moving twice. I did not reject my moving, but postpone it. Everything happened so sudden, so please excuse my confusion.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



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Oct. 15, 1942  
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Dear Mr. Townsend:

Yesterday afternoon, Miss Sachiko Ochi went to your office, and talked with you about the piano problem. I wished to introduce her to you, who is my fiance, but I did not time to do so.

After coming back, she told that now the transportation system is not sufficient, and all trucks are used for the coal-transportation, so it is very hard to get truck for a piano. I know the situation very well.

It seems to be very selfish to get a piano only for her. But so far as the piano is concerned, I would like to consider again her situation, too. She was a concert-pianist, and played piano three times with accompaniment of Seattle Symphonic, and several times went to California for her concerts. If she want a piano just for her pleasure, or for her hobby, it must be luxurious to bring a piano to this desert, and it must be called a selfish idea. In my understanding, a piano for pleasure, and a piano for profession are entirely different matters. It is not luxurious to play piano for a pianist, but is life.....the life she devoted all energy, all time, everything she have had. So I believe you can understand how she wants to get a piano.

After this evacuation, spent already half a year with no piano. Last week, she went to a messhall to play piano, but, as you know pianos are not so good, she could not play satisfactorily. In such a situation, she is afraid of losing her technique. If she continues this situation for months, I think, she cannot play piano at stage any more. It is not a money-problem. It is one of the very important things. Of course, if the truck situation will continue one or two months, she could wait it. But if she must wait until next spring, I think, she must think the best way for her piano.

I have pondered over the following solutions. So if you could arrange a certain way for her, could you find out which the best way is?

- i) If the truck situation is hard, when a train will arrive at Twin Falls, can she find out a truck at Twin Falls for transportation of her piano? Of course, she pays all the expense from Seattle to this camp.
- ii) If the first consideration is not fit for our circumstance, how do you think to buy a piano from Twin Falls? At that time could you give her to go out Twin Falls for buying a piano?



- iii) If you do not give the above permit, how do you think to get a piano from Sears Roebuck?
- iv) If all the above plans are not used in this camp, how do you think of the following idea. When you go to Seattle, and to Presbyterian Church, could you bring my piano, "Kimball" for her?

At any rate, she wants to get a piano. So if she could not do that, after marriage, we would like to go out of this camp just for playing piano. But I think this is the last thing. I do not want to take this final solution, because she has her mother, brother, and sister here.

I hope, you have the better solutions than those of mine. I would like to be given your advice for this problem.

#### Japanese Library

I am afraid that I trouble you too much about many many matters. But before going to Seattle, I must describe my intention about the library.

When I came back from your office, yesterday afternoon, I saw the news, "Irrigator", and read the article about the Japanese Library..... the news is published on Oct 14, Page 3. Truly, I was surprised. Mr. Hiroshi Nagai in charge of the library. I do not know anything about that, and about Mr. Nagai.

Frankly speaking, I have spent about over 300 dollars for the books, and still I have some debt, about 100 dollars, which I am paying. Therefore, thought it seems very selfish, I do not want to give all the books to the person, whom I do not know anything. Of course, I would like to provide the books for public, but at that time, I want the books to be managed by the persons, whom I know or I can trust. As a matter of fact, for the library, I did my great sacrifice. So I would like to establish a good one. Could you give me a relationship of the Japanese Library sponsored by Mr. Nagai, and of mine?

I am very sorry, I disturb your important hours for my letters everytime. I do not know any other person beside you, so I must tell you everything everytime. Please excuse my rough expressions.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Minidoka Project  
Hunt, Idaho

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(See copy)

October 16, 1942

Rev. N. Kodaira  
Block 2-2-E  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Rev. Kodaira:

Your suggestion that Miss Ochi might purchase a piano in Twin Falls is the best solution. It will be much cheaper that way. I think I can arrange for a pass for her to go into Twin Falls and made such apurchase or through the Community Enterprises it might be possible to arrange for them to insert an ad in the Twin Falls paper. Your ad could be inserted in the Want Ad column and replies could come to a box at the Twin Falls Times Office without Miss Ochi's name being used. From these replies, she can then ascertain which ones she might wish to follow up. I would be very happy to discuss this thing with her in detail if you will have her come in.

As to the books, the Japanese language library will be a section of the library operated under the Education Department. Mr. Nagai would be working under the librarian and books would be available for all residents according to the rules of the library. I should be glad to discuss this with you if you will come to this office.

Sincerely,

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services

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2-2-E  
Nov. 9, 1942

Dear Mr. Townsend:

Thank you very much your cordial co-operation at the open house.

I would like to ask you some questions:

(i) the Japanese Library

As I mentioned before, the books which you brought from Seattle, I would like to use at the church office, and to open for public. It is because, as I told you, I owe to about 120 dollars for these books. And I have wanted to pay all the money, but after the evacuation I have not any amount of salary from the church and denomination, so I cannot pay the debt. But in my understanding, the church federation will pay it, if I ask to them. At that time, of course, the books are used for public, but they want to arrange the library at the church office, and make shelves too, with their expence.

(ii) Clothe

Financially, my situation is like the above condition. Though I do not know exactly, I wish to get 19 dollars from the next year, and I wrote a letter to San Francisco about that problem. And if you understand my condition, and give the clothe, I would like to have some. I think, some pastors want, too.

(iii) Permit for going out

I would like to have my wedding on Nov. 26. For that purpose, though I wish to go out for shopping with Miss Sachiko Ochi on Nov. 18, could you give me the permit?

(iv) Room

After the marriage, I desire to have a room. I found out the room, 2-6-A, which is very near to my relative's place, 2-2-E, and which I want very much, though some windows are broken. Which is the better to ask to the block manager or to you about the housing?

Yesterday, Sunday, I got a cold and still I am in bed. So tomorrow morning, though I would like to attend the regular meeting at your office, I am afraid of my absence. I am very much anxious of my physical condition after coming here.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Nao Kodaira



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

November 11, 1942

Rev. Nao Kodaira  
Block 2-2-E  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Rev. Kodaira:

This is in reply to your memorandum of November 9. I do not know just what books to which you refer which I brought from Seattle. There were some books brought from one of the churches but I do not know whether it is these or the books which Rev. Bayley had. I am not quite clear at this point what we ever did about the books which you wanted secured. If these have not arrived, I wish you would advise me and I will start again to secure them. Would appreciate your coming in to discuss this point with me.

Regarding the matter of clothes, I suggest that you discuss this matter directly with Mr. Sandoz or with Rev. Thompson and he will discuss it with Mr. Sandoz. We will see that you get proper clothing at once. If you would prefer to see me about it, I will be glad to find out what you wish and take you down to Mr. Sandoz.

I am requesting a pass and transportation for you to go shopping into Twin Falls on November 15. I am asking for transportation from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please see me about this. Call at the office of Mr. Schafer for the pass. Ray Yamamoto is in that office and has charge of preparing the passes and I am sure he will be glad to help you out if you will see him in Mr. Schafer's office.

I am referring your request for an apartment to the Housing Department. Mr. Ingham is the new Housing Superintendent. His office is located in 23-10-C & D. I would suggest that you go see them about the apartment in Block 2 early next and refer my memorandum to them.

It is with deep regret that I learn that you were ill. I trust that you will use the hospital to the



Rev. N. Kodaira

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November 11, 1942

fullest extent in your illnesses as they have excellent facilities there; so whenever you get a cold I hope you will go to the hospital for the proper treatment.

Sincerely yours,

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services



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2-2-E  
Nov. 13, 1942

Dear Mr. Townsend:

Thank you very very much for everything you did for me, to-day, except your advice of going to hospital. I would like to go hospital, but now I am very busy, so I am waiting for the day.

I got the clothe from Mr. Sandoz. And I went to Mr. Ingram's office. Mr. Ingram advised me to see Mr. Hibiya, and I went to Mr. Hibiya. But Mr. Hibiya said he has a board-meeting for the decision of the apartment. And then I had waited half a hour, and some members of board meeting...Mr. Fujii and Mr. Ozawa came and told me no exception for getting an apartment, so it is very hard to get A room for two persons. Though they maintained it is very hard to get the room, they did not reject my proposal. They beseeched me to wait for two or three das. Probably, I hope, I could get the apartment, but I am not sure. I understand the situation very well in detail. So I do not insist anything.

After the wedding on Nov. 26, Thanksgiving day, I would like to go out for a trip for four or five days. Is it possible to go out? If it is possible, I desire to visit Salt Lake city, or Yellow Stone Park. Of course, I do not expect too much about the possibility of the trip, but i just want to know.

I am very sorry, everytime, I distrub your precious time and trouble you too much. Thank you will very much again for your kind arrangement. I hope next time I will see you in a certain room of the hospital.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



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Rev. N. Kodaira

Block 2-2-E

George L. Townsend

Community Services

Kindly take up with Mr. Sandoz the request for four or five days' leave which you mentioned you would like to have at the time of your marriage, November 26. Mr. Sandoz is in charge of this type of leave request.

I want you to feel free to come in to see me at any time for my time belongs to the residents of the project.

cc/Mr. C. Sandoz



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Nov. 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Townsend

Miss Jeurgenson came to-night and was worried about the pass.

I think you heard everything in detail from here. The main point is this:

She was chosen as a worker for Issei ladies circle, by the issei Church Council. So would you kindly give her temporary pass? Her work for Issei ladies is of importance, ethically and religiously speaking. I am very much satisfied, if you give her a temporary pass as you did before.

Next week, sometime, I would like to write you in detail my idea on the religious policy of WRA and the situation of the Church Councils. I know an unsufficient condition of a religious work, from the bottom of the my heart, I am afraid of the misunderstanding between WRA and Church Federations. So I'll write my opinion in detail next week after my concentrating my thought.

I hope tomorrow morning Mr. Terazawa and Rev. Nakajo will visit you. Though I would like to do so, but I feel tired today, so I can't. I hope sincerely your good understanding about Miss Jeurgenson's pass.

Please, excuse my awful handwriting and English.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



2-2-E  
Jan. 4, 1943

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Relocation

Mr. George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Service

Dear Mr. Townsend:

I thought I better to visit Placement Office, about my problem. But Mr. James already moved, and I do not know his successor. Besides, the problem is very confidential, so I do not want to visit the office and to reveal my idea to Japanese employees working at the office. Finally, I decided to consult my matter with you.

For a long time, I have pondered over whether it is good or not, to go out of this camp, from various sources, - study, life, a future life in this camp and after the war, economical conditions, church works, family matters, and so on. And at last, I came to the conclusion, which I should get out of this camp, if I can get a proper work.

For my understanding, I would like to take a position as a professor of Japanese language. Secondly, I wish to apply a work using the language and the culture.

- 1) Therefore, I wrote a letter to Dr. Reishhauer, whose son is the professor of the Japanese language at University of Columbia, if my memory is correct, to ask something good for me.
- 2) Then, I wrote a letter to University of Colorado, where the three Japanese, whom I know very well, instruct the language.

From both sides, I do not get the answer yet.

- 3) Besides the above, there are, sometime, some kinds of work using the Japanese at the Placement office, I heard. So I wished to try to write this letter. If you could find out the sort of work, would you kindly let me know in detail?

Mr. personal career is:

Born

<u>Place</u>	-	Oakland, California
<u>Time</u>	*	Dec. 11, 1942

<u>Age</u>	-	30
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<u>Citizenship</u>	-	U.S.A. only
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1937, I cancelled my citizenship in Japan, after coming to America.

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where  
N.H. is  
shown as  
chairman of our Exec. Council (!)



Educational Career

B.A.	★	1934 in Japan
B.D.	-	1937 in Japan
MA.	★	1940 in U.S.A.

Pastoral career

Ordained, 1937, Oakland California

Appointed 1937, Oakland Congrega-  
tional Church

Resigned 1941

Appointed 1941, Seattle Presbyterian  
Church

1942, Chairman of Church  
Council

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



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2-2-E  
W RA Project  
Hunt, Idaho  
Feb. 16, 1943

Mr. George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Service

Dear. Mr. Townsend:

Mr. Townsend, to-day, I went to Recreation Hall, 28, for a regular pastors' meeting. At that place, I saw a piano. Though I do not know whether the piano comes from, it seems like the piano from Presbyterian Church in Seattle. If it is the piano, it is my personal one. The church has already brought one, when we were in Puyallup, and, in my understanding, the church has two more pianos. But the piano, if it comes from the church, is my own personal one.

I am very anxious about whether it is mine or not. If it is mine, may I use it at my place/

Would you kindly tell me whether it comes from Seattle or not?

Please excuse my rough expression and insufficient English.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira

P.S. Dr. Gordon K. Chapman, who came here about four months ago, and who is an executive secretary of Protestant Church Commission for the Japanese work, will be here, on Feb. 28, and I think, he will stay here for several days, and discuss about several matters. Of course, he will visit your office, but when is the best time to see you. I am making a programme, so would you kindly tell me the date and the time.

The programme already discussed is like this

Fev. 28	10:00 a.m.	A morning service for Niseis
	2:00 p.m.	A service for Isseis & perhaps a forum
	7:00 p.m.	A vesper service for Niseis
March 1	7:00 p.m.	A meeting for Niseis
	3:00 p.m.	A meeting for Presbyterian Church
March 2	9:00 a.m.	A meeting for pastors
March 3	7:00 p.m.	A meeting for Niseis
	7:00 p.m.	A meeting for Isseis

Of course, this schedule is easily changed at any time. This is just a temporal plan.



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2-2-E, WRA Project  
Hunt, Idaho  
Jan. 19, 1943.

Mr. George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Service  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Mr. Townsend:

I enclosed the names of Caucasian religious workers in this camp. With this list, I hope, we can have a quiet time, for the time being. I entirely get tired about too many things about church business. I certainly need a rest, I think.

Therefore, the last Tuesday morning, you mentioned to make a committee for the religious education problem, but I cannot join. I better resign from all activities, and take a rest for a while. From the beginning of the evacuation, I have done nothing for a important church work, and I did not contribute anything good. Therefore, concerning the church-activity, I would like to resign from the next month.

And I would like to study quietly, and I must think of my past and my future life.

I thank for your good understanding and co-operation for the church work and especially for me. I believe, without your cordial help, I could not do anything, and the church-activity might be miserable.

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Nao Kodaira  
Chairman of Protestant  
Church Council

P.S.

Though I would like to go to a music-concernt, which will be held at Jerome, May I have a chance to go at?



The list we determined to welcome Caucasian workers:

Rev. E. W. Thompson (Seattle, Methodist)  
Rev. E. A. Andrews (Seattle, Baptist)  
Miss Esther McCullough (Seattle, Baptist)  
Mrs. Margaret Peppers (Seattle, Episcopal)  
Miss M. Jeurgenson (Federated Church)  
Miss Nora F. J. Bowman (Samner Community Church)  
Miss Ethel Hempstead (Samner Community Church)  
Miss G. Kaiser (Seattle, Presbyterian)

P.S.

The last name, Miss Kaiser, was also approved by the first generation council, so I think, next, the second generation council, which will be held during the next week, will decide her coming. Of course, there is no Presbyterian religious worker in this camp, urgently, we need her. I think someday during the next week, you will have the Nisei decision.

P.S.

Perhaps, we mentioned too many workers, but, as you know many Nisei leaders will go out for work and to get a job. So, instead of them, we need many Caucasian workers more than before we thought.



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WRA Project  
Hunt, Idaho  
Feb. 25, 1943

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Mr. George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Mr. Townsend:

I visited twice to your office, but always you are busy, and I am afraid I disturb your precious time. So I decided to write this letter.

I am very sorry, I questioned about my misjudging of the piano. As a matter of fact, I could not realize whether pianos came from Presbyterian Church, for we, the members of Presbyterian church, have a very hard discussion with the First Presbyterian Church. As you said, or knew, Dr. Paul McConkey and the Presbyteries do not understand our situations. At any rate, please excuse my troublesome request, and I thank you for the answer.

This morning, I got a telegram from Dr. G. K. Chapman. It reports, he has to stay for a longer time than he expected at Tule Lake, so he postponed the date. So, as you mentioned, after he will arrive at here, we better make an appointment, again.

Mrs. Rabble, a public librarian, gave me a letter about the Japanese books. But, now, before I inspect the books, I cannot say anything, and decide anything. Of course, I would like use the books for public, and I am thinking of the method. Beside the books at the basement of Trinity Church in Seattle, I have the other books, which were sent to Puayllup at the beginning of the evacuation with army trucks, from Seattle. But, as you know, the books were all confiscated by WCCA. Some one says the books are now kept at Lion Storage. But I do not know anything about it. Though I want these books, too, can I have a chance to get them? I believe, with the books at Trinity and with those kept by WCCA, we can make a very good library and contribute for public.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Nao Kodaira



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

February 25, 1943

TO:

Rev. N. Kodaira:

In reply to your letter of February 16, I wish to advise that the piano in Recreation Hall 28 belongs to the Nichiren Buddhist Church of Seattle. At your first opportunity, if you will drop in at the office I would like to discuss the matter of the piano to you and advise you of the source of all the pianos on the project. It might be possible that the piano to which you refer might have been moved here from Seattle and if so I will assist you in locating it.

I believe it would be unwise to set any specific time to see Dr. Chapman but rather would try to work it in at any time which would be satisfactory to him and to me. This could be arranged after he arrives. Monday, March 1st, I believe would be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services