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POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Department of Factory Planning
Recreational Hall Block 37
Poston, Arizona

June 24, 1942

TO: Mr. Wade Head

In the course of the past weeks, various information have come to our attention whereby certain parties having various technical background have been approached by other centers for transfer.

We would like to suggest that in keeping with the vast program that we are formulating here for the benefit of this community, some measure to assure the intactness of our people be formulated.

On the other hand, we would like to suggest that more adequate channels be made open to us, so that we can contact and arrange for transfer those people in assembly centers who we would like to have transferred to our community for the benefit of the people.

Very truly yours,

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

H. A. Mathiesen
By Harry M. Kumagai
H. A. Mathiesen
Factory Planning

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CC ✓ Mr. Evans
Mr. Crawford
Mr. Burge

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston Community Enterprises
Poston, Arizona
December 2, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Head, Project Director.

The suggestion has been discussed with you on one or two occasions of the possibility of employing from Project funds instructors in shoe repairing, and also the paying of apprentices while learning the trade.

The shoe repair shops of Units 1 and 2 have now been operating for some time. The shoe shop in Camp 3 has not been opened because of the lack of shoe repairmen in that Unit. However, one capable shoe repairman has been located in that Unit and about 12 applications have been made by young people who wish to learn the trade. In Unit 2, six apprentices have been obtaining first class instruction in shoe repairing for about 7 weeks. About the same number of apprentices are at work in Unit 1.

As a part of the education program, it would seem reasonable that two instructors in each Unit be paid from Project funds beginning October 1, and until further notice, and also that the apprentices be paid from Project funds for a period of three months at the end of which time they will be taken up on the Enterprises payroll. It is our opinion that the instructors should be classified at \$19 per month, and that the apprentices receive \$12 per month until such time as the instructors can certify them to a "semi-skilled" class at \$16 per month. Your approval of the employment from Project funds of two shoe repair instructors for each Unit and the apprentices for 3 months is respectfully requested. Time Sheets for the month of October for the instructors and apprentices of Units 1 and 2 are attached. These Time Sheets, upon your approval of employment, will be transmitted to the Time Keeping Department with a copy of this memorandum.

Arrangements will be made with Education for progress reports, etc., as may be desired.

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R. G. Fister,
Chief of Community Enterprises.

Recommended:

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H. A. Mathiesen, Chief
Agriculture and Industries.

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Dr. Miles E. Cary,
Director of Education.

Approved as to classification:

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V. R. Kennedy

Approved:

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W. Wade Head, Proj. Director.

CC Time Keeping Dept. with Time Sheets; Mr. Mathiesen; Dr. Cary

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

Poston, Arizona

December 28, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR Project Director, Mr. Wade Head

FROM Poston Cooperative Congress

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum presented to us from the Legal Department of Division I in reference to future operations of the community stores and to which we hereby make numerical suggestions or comments:

1. The Congress recommends the following persons be appointed by you in place of the present Board of Trustees;

UNIT I	Kuniji Inagaki	19-7-B	NCitizen
	Masatani Mitani	11-1-A	"
	Edward Ouchi	30-3-C	Citizen
	Leo Hamako	35-11-B	"
	Henry Odagawa	2-2-B	"
UNIT II	S. Shimotsuka	212	NCitizen
	H. Yoshida	221	Citizen
	T. Natsume	222	"
UNIT III	Sam Amano	323-5-D	"
	Y. Fukutome	308-4-C	NCitizen
	F. Shirasawa	336-14-B	"

2. Mr. R. G. Fister has advised us of purchase and exchange of the present cash registers in the stores for receipt-giving ones; they being due here sometime this week.

3. The Congress accepts these recommendations excepting "B", and in its place, the following sentence be placed:

That all evacuee residents and their children of Poston be considered as members of the Community Enterprises, giving anyone the right to voluntarily withdraw, if he or she desires.

We sincerely request your approval of the memorandum attached, as changed hereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Fukushima
FROM: Ida E. Morrison
DATE: February 8, 1943
SUBJECT: Teacher-Training Program for the Spring Semester

We have made plans to offer some basic courses to the teachers and a few people from other groups if they are interested. These courses will be offered for 15 weeks starting with the week of February 22, 1943. A course given for one hour per week will be comparable to a one unit course offered by an institution operating on a two-semester schedule. We hope it will be possible, at a later date, to make an arrangement with a California educational institution so that the students may receive credit for the work they have undertaken. We will try to meet California college standards.

Would it be possible for you to share in this program and head a course in General Elementary Science with two or three specialists to help you. The aim of this course would be to help teachers and pupils to know the plant and animal life of the desert to the extent of being able to present this material to their children and to also know some of the simpler scientific principles which relate to soil testing, soil erosion, purification of water, sanitation, etc. Only a very limited knowledge of these subjects would be necessary, but I would like the material teachers use with children to be accurate. Hence, such a course would be very valuable to them.

Will you please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you would be willing to take charge of such a course.

Ida E. Morrison

Ida E. Morrison
Supervisor of Elementary
Education

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Office of the Solicitor
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Thomas Masuda
Acting Project Attorney
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Masuda:

There is enclosed a draft of a Declaration of Trust to be executed by the trustees of the Poston Community Enterprises. In Mr. Haas's last weekly report he asked us to send him the draft and indicated that he thought that it would be executed by the trustees without any difficulty.

Mr. Featherston discussed with Mr. Fister the draft which he sent to this office with his letter dated March 4, 1943, and Mr. Fister indicated that the draft was administratively satisfactory. We have made some changes in Mr. Featherston's draft but I believe that they do not involve controversial points.

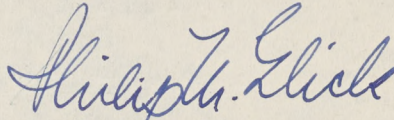
The attached draft is in the form of a Declaration of Trust to be executed by the present trustees. We understand that it is anticipated that a cooperative will be established within the near future and we assume that new trustees will not be selected as it was planned when Mr. Featherston's draft was prepared. A Declaration of Trust to be executed by the trustees would be appropriate.

Paragraphs 3 and 4 have been added to clarify the effect of the resignation or death of one of the trustees and to provide for the selection of new trustees in such event.

Mr. Fister suggested that it might be desirable to omit paragraph No. 5 authorizing the trustees to declare patronage refunds. He thought that such a provision might delay the establishment of a cooperative. We have included the paragraph in the attached draft because a cooperative may not be established before the end of the fiscal year but it may be deleted if you and Mr. Fister decide that this is desirable. The paragraph can be deleted without affecting the other provisions.

The Declaration of Trust should be executed as soon as possible to clarify the legal status of the Community Enterprises. While it is important that a cooperative be organized as soon as possible, the plans for the establishment of the cooperative should not delay the execution of this instrument. Please send us a copy of the executed instrument as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip M. Glick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "G".

Philip M. Glick
Solicitor

Enclosure

WASHINGTON D C
APRIL 12, 1943

INCOMING TELETYPE

THOMAS MASUDA WRA
COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
POSTON ARIZONA

THE DIRECTOR IS SENDING A TELETYPE TO MR W HEAD STATING WE ARE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW QUICKLY AND TO FILE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE POSTON COOPERATIVE, AND SUGGESTING THAT HE SEND THEM TO WASHINGTON IF HE APPROVES THEM. WITH OUR LETTER DATED APRIL 8 WE SENT YOU A NEW DECLARATION OF TRUST TO BE EXECUTED BY THE PRESENT TRUSTEES. WE HAVE CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED THE LEGAL VALIDITY OF THIS DECLARATION OF TRUST AND PARTICULARLY THE PROVISION THAT NAMES THE COOPERATIVE AS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST. THE REFERENDUM SUGGESTED IN YOUR LAST WEEKLY REPORT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR LEGAL THEORY AND THE REFERENDUM WOULD NOT IN FACT VALIDATE THE TRANSFER. THEREFORE, PLEASE RECOMMEND TO THE PROJECT DIRECTOR THAT NO REFERENDUM BE HELD ON THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS OF THE POSTON TRUST TO THE COOPERATIVE.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

June 31, 1943

Duplicate

MEMORANDUM TO: Board of Trustees
Poston Consumer Enterprises

Your attention is directed to the following excerpt taken from the letter dated June 11, 1943, from Mr. Philip M. Glick, Solicitor, to Tom Masuda, Acting Project Attorney:

"Your item on the Poston cooperative has been sent to Mr. Provinse. We have already wired you to the effect that it would be satisfactory for the trustees to declare the first patronage dividend, but that it should be done by formal resolution. We also pointed out, however, that the declaration of patronage dividends was subject to the provisions of Supplement 8 to Administrative Instruction No. 26 regarding cash position, and that before the patronage dividend was declared the amount necessary to reimburse the Government for rents and salaries advanced should be set aside. I should like you to send me a copy of the trustees' resolution.

"With your last report you sent in a copy of the membership subscription blank that was proposed for use in the membership drive by the cooperative. We have no comments to make about the form. Is it clear to the directors that subscribers also have the right to vote? Is it also clear to the officers of the cooperative that patronage dividends are not restricted to members but must be made to all patrons whether they are members, subscribers, or merely patrons? I mention these things because the membership subscription form sets forth what rights members have but says nothing about the rights of subscribers and patrons generally. I assume that the omission to mention the latter was due to the desire not to say anything that might lessen evacuee interest in joining the cooperative as members, rather than because of the lack of knowledge that subscribers and patrons had certain rights. But I thought that perhaps you should verify this."

LAW DEPARTMENT DIVISION I

Elmer S. Yamamoto
Attorney

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

June 21, 1943

Duplicate

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Poston Consumer Enterprises

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LAW DEPARTMENT DIVISION I

Elmer S. Yamamoto
Attorney

Duplicate

Colorado River War Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona
August 16, 1943

TO: Mr. Ted Haas
FROM: H. M. Knutsen
SUBJECT: Proposed Agreement Between Industries III And Consumer Enterprises In The Handling Of Industry Products

The following few items were brought out in our meeting with Mr. Head, and should be remembered in preparation of the proposed agreement.

1. Industries to carry on the same projects as in the past without curtailment in operations as result of this change.
2. Mohave Room to be used as sales and display room, exclusively for Industry products of Unit III, and not to be altered or changed without consent of both parties.
3. Accurate daily records to be kept on each job in the process of preparation, covering labor, material costs, and overhead expenses, so that W.R.A. will be fully reimbursed for the exact cost of each article when Consumer Enterprises pays for the article and places it on display for sale through the Mohave Room.
4. Consumer Enterprises to take care of all expenses in connection with the operation of the Mohave Room.
5. The sales clerk operating the Mohave Room to sort of act as a liason officer between W.R.A. and C.E., and qualified to keep an accurate accounting of all items produced by Industries, and sold by C.E., so that the necessary records of both W.R.A. and C.E. can be properly produced at all times, and the interests of both parties concerned will be fully protected.
6. The Mohave Room is not to be used for sale of other products, but can be used for display of Industry production, more or less on a consignment basis on items which C.E. do not feel advisable to purchase outright. Such items, however, should carry both retail and cost price, so that when there is a sale for the item, the price quoted will include the usual profit to C.E.; and will also cover the exact cost of the article, which must be simultaneously paid in to the W.R.A. and taken up in the regular way to the revolving fund.

7. On orders for Industry production, regardless of whether it is an item to be sold through C. E. or one which is being ordered by W.R.A. for the Project, it must be made through this sales clerk, and all deliveries must clear through this one person. This is important in order to keep an accurate accounting of all production and funds involved.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

Poston, Arizona

August 31, 1943

Memorandum to: MR. KNUTSON

From: Theodore H. Haas

Attached is a draft of an agreement between Poston Community Enterprises and the War Relocation Authority which was requested by you.

On August 28, Mr. Masuda met with the representatives of the Community Enterprises, Mr. Katow, General Manager of the Enterprises, and representatives of the Industry Department of Unit 3. Subsequently, Mr. Head, Mr. Masuda, you and I discussed the proposed agreements which were then embodied in the attached draft.

Administrative Instruction No. 44 (Revised) Paragraph IV, sets forth the procedure for establishing industrial enterprises. You will wish to make sure that this agreement is in conformity with the project's policies to be followed by the Industry Department and the Administrative Department and with the intent of Community Enterprises.

You will probably desire to have administrative clearance with the Community Management Division of the Washington office in order to insure compliance with administrative instructions No. 26 and 44 (Revised). I suggest that this be done by you as soon as possible since there has been a long delay in re-organizing the Industry Department.

As soon as you return the draft with the proper approval, I shall transmit it to the Solicitor.

Theodore H. Haas
Project Attorney

Att:
cc to: Mr. Beltt

THH/as

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POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES
Poston, Arizona
September 1, 1943

To the Residents of Poston

Check Cashing Charges

GOVERNMENT CHECKS FOR CASH ADVANCES AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCES
WILL BE CASHED WITHOUT CHARGES.

The Community Enterprises will reserve the right to demand
identification from persons who desires to have their checks cashed.

The following types of checks will be cashed. A minimum charge
will be made to cover expenses in the handling of these checks. The
charges are stipulated:

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| 1. Money Orders | 3. Cashier's Checks |
| 2. Traveler's Checks | 4. Certified Checks |
| 5. Regular checks or drafts of Montgomery Ward,
Sears, Roebuck or nationally known organizations
where the payee's name appear on the face of the
check. | |

RATES FOR CASHING ABOVE CHECKS

Up to	\$ 15.00	.05
\$ 15.01	30.00	.10
30.01	50.00	.15
50.01	100.00	.20
100.01	250.00	.25
250.01	500.00	.35
500.01	1,000.00	.55
Over \$1,000.00		.75 Minimum, additional .50 M

Effective September 1, 1943, the following types of checks will
not be cashed at the Community Enterprises Stores.

1. Personal checks of any denomination.
2. Refund coupons or drafts from Sears, Roebuck, or Montgomery
Ward or nationally known organizations where the payees
name does not appear on face of check.

This measure was necessitated due to the fact that many personal
checks have been returned unpaid to us. We ask your understanding
and cooperation in this matter.

POSTON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Colorado River War Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona
October 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director

FROM: John W. Powell, Acting Chief of Community Management

SUBJECT: Establishment of Production for Sale in Handicraft Fields

1. Numerous requests have come to me from women whose families are expecting to relocate, or whose children are already outside and who hope to follow them, regarding the possibility of opening up markets outside the relocation center for the handicraft production in which they are skilled. We have, for many months, maintained classes, under expert instructors, in embroidery, knitting, crocheting, the manufacture of artificial flowers, polishing of semi-precious stones, wood carving, and other salable handicrafts. We have, however, been stopped from offering these objects for sale in any way which would be profitable to the craftsman. Where the work has been done by employees of the Project, the money received from the sale of the products is, under Mr. Glick's interpretation of last June, assignable only to the United States Treasury under Miscellaneous Receipts. This has prevented us even from compensating the producers for the cost of materials which they purchased to use, or for machinery or tools which they bought to use in their work. At the same time, Administrative Instruction 27, 1-f, prevents a craftsman from being employed or employing himself or others in the private productions of objects for private sale. Except for sub rosa enterprises of a sort which continually crops up on all the Centers, therefore, the present regulations operate to prohibit the use of the fine art skills by craftsmen within the Centers.

2. Representatives of the women's clubs of Unit I, including professional producers of fine needlework who formerly earned their living through these arts, were called into a discussion on October 28 to consider ways and means whereby their skills could be turned into money so as to encourage them to leave the Center. Several suggestions were made at this meeting: (a) that work done in the Project might be sent out for exhibition in cities where WRA offices are maintained; (b) that orders might be taken either through the WRA, through interested church groups, or through Center residents already relocated in those areas; (c) that orders might be solicited from manufacturers and specialty shops for piece-work embroidery, knitting, etc., with samples of such jobs being sent to Poston to be used in encouraging and training needlecraft and art craft workers here. Contacts with cooperative buyers in New York and other cities were also suggested, as was the recent experience of the good-will industries in taking piece-work orders and assigning them as homework for families who are attempting to rehabilitate.

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3. The question which arose was how the workers in these crafts could be compensated for their work. An immediate phase of this problem is presented by the approaching Christmas season and the inevitable rush of orders which will be placed for all types of needle and handicraft work with people who are known to be skilled in these fields on the Project. I anticipate a considerable surge of privately paid private enterprise along these lines, which it will be impossible for the Project to control and unwise for it to discourage.

4. My suggestion for meeting these needs and difficulties is as follows:

(a) That a Crafts Exchange be organized under the auspices of the women's organizations. This would be similar, in some respects, to the women's exchange maintained by many women's clubs in American cities and would also partake of the nature of a producer's cooperative.

(b) Needlecraft, art, and handicraft productions by Project residents would be submitted to this Exchange. Some of the products would be sent to friends in Eastern cities for display with orders being taken and delivery promised within a certain time. Others of the products would be sold and displayed within the Project and orders taken.

(c) All money received would be deposited and controlled by the trustees of the Crafts Exchange. The individual producer would be reimbursed in the amount of the cost of the materials, the margin of profit would be held to his credit, subject to a deduction of 3% for operating overhead of the Exchange. Officers of the Exchange would be paid by the Project; although if this casts doubt on the legality of the financial transactions, a larger deduction could be made from the earnings and the officers paid thereby. Earnings credited to any individual producer could be withdrawn by him (or her) to aid in relocation; that is, they could be withdrawn at the time the individual or his family left the Project and could be withdrawn, under certain stipulations, for expenses involved in getting ready to leave the Project. The earnings credited to the individual could also be drawn against for the purchase of other commodities handled by the Exchange.

(d) Wherever contacts outside the Center were established for the sale of goods made here, or wherever contracts could be secured for piece work done to order by residents of the Project, these contracts would be made in the name of the individual doing the work so that the contract would continue in force after the relocation of such person.

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(e) The Exchange would be organized independently of Community Enterprises. This contention is made in the light of local conditions in Poston. The Community Enterprises have not shown themselves willing to undertake new ventures, have not been very successful with handling the products of local craftsmen and are not regarded favorably by the women whose organizations would sponsor and promote this plan. As the plan develops, it would grow beyond the confines of the women's organizations, since there are dozens of crafts of all kinds ready to be turned loose as soon as an outlet can be found for them. In the initial period, however, this is a women's venture and our first experiments would be made with needlecrafts. It seems to me wise not to confuse the issue at present with an attempt to bring it into the already confused sphere of Community Enterprise operations.

(f) In connection with the production activities of the Exchange, regular instruction would be given in the salable skills, and more and more people would be encouraged to produce for the markets established.

5. In the long run, whether the people go now or one or two years from now, I believe the time has come when we must face the need for letting them open up sources of cash income through skills which they have or can develop, and through channels primarily of their own organization, but with reference to relocation particularly. It seems to me vital that we give this additional financial inducement. We are doing as much as we can to prepare the younger people for vocational placement. The rural people are being given consideration in terms of family farm relocation, but we have a large number of urban families with only one or two wage earners out of a family of 5 to 8 persons; and we have other cases in which the old people are unwilling to join their children because they would only be a burden and could take no income with them. The number of these cases is sufficient, I believe, to justify our attempting a new method of encouragement: namely, by making it possible to re-establish markets for their artistic skills while they are still here, and to transfer their contacts with the market when they go.

May I ask your consideration of this proposal, and may I ask further whether you will write to Mr. Myer to invite his consideration of it? At the request of Mr. Harold James with whom I have already discussed the plan, I am letting him, Mr. Haas, and Mr. Barrows have copies of this preliminary memorandum.

John W. Powell
Acting Chief of Community Management

cc: Mr. Harold James
Mr. T. Haas
Mr. L. Barrows

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Colorado River War Relocation Project
Preston, Arizona

December 23, 1943

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Roy Tazawa
Executive Secretary
Preston Community Enterprises
Preston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Tazawa:

Your letter outlining your plan for a semi-monthly publication, came to my desk this morning, together with mimeographed paper carrying the date of December 23, and a brief translation of its contents.

I regret that this matter was not taken up with the reports office sooner, giving me the opportunity to follow the procedure, set up by Washington, which must be observed before a new publication is established on any project. Under the existing circumstances, time for this procedure is lacking, so I must ask that the Preston Co-op News not be circulated on the project until clearance has been received. This cannot possibly be done before the proposed publication date of December 25.

It will be necessary for the reports officer to have a letter from Mr. Belitt or Mr. Currie recommending the publication, as the first step in this procedure. Copies of this letter also should be sent to Mr. Head, Dr. Powell, and Ted Haas.

Arrangement also must be made so that the reports officer is furnished with a complete translation of the articles to be published, prior to publication. Translations of the articles in the mimeographed sheets sent me are not complete enough. For instance, in item 1, there is no translation of the article whatever only the head and subtitle being given, but nothing of the content of the story itself. Such is equally true of the other stories on the page No. 2, No. 5 and some others particularly.

While it is the desire of the reports officer to cooperate in every way possible with Community Enterprises in furthering our common purpose--the good of the people in our center--I am responsible to the project director and to Washington for the

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Dec. 23, 1943

publications in the center.

I am sure that you will agree with me, then, that the launching of a new publication of any kind must take more time than that remaining after the reports office was notified. Everything possible to expedite the matter will be done, but until the regulations concerning publications have been complied with, publication of the paper must not be permitted.

Thanking you for your cooperation, and with the promise of that of my office,

Sincerely yours,

Pauline Bates Brown
Reports Officer

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Approved:

Mr. Had
Mr. Gelvin
Mr. Belitt
Mr. Currier
Dr. Powell
Mr. Hauer
Mr. Baker

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Mr. Powell.

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April 29, 1944

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center
Preston, Arizona

Attention: Mr. John W. Powell

Dear Mr. Mills:

I have the letter of April 20 from Mr. Morris Burge to Mr. Province commenting on the memoranda on the projected formation of a Community Activities Trust at Colorado River.

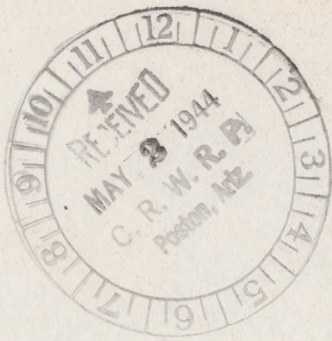
We are very much interested in this plan, and would like to ask if you would be willing to present it at the Denver Conference to the various Community Activities Supervisors inasmuch as I am sure it would be of interest to that group.

During the Denver meetings, several of the days will be devoted to discussion among the Community Activities Supervisors of problems in this area, and this should give us an opportunity to review, in detail, the Preston plan.

Yours very truly,

Marshall Stalley
Community Activities Adviser





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Peston, Arizona

June 12, 1944

MEMO TO: Soap Committee

SUBJECT: Soap Sales Report

300 cases	P and G Soap	100 bars	\$1205.00
		@ \$4.35	
Freight to Western Truck Line			252.70
Wire Expenses			.68
	Total		<u>\$1558.38</u>
State Sales Tax	2% of \$1557.76		\$31.15
	(Expenses) Grand Total		<u>\$1589.53</u>
300 cases	@ \$6.00		\$1800.00
Expenses			- 1589.53
	Balance		<u>\$ 210.45</u>

Refund to each case @.79

(Meeting 6/8/44 -- Hold balance money til tax money
is settled.)

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

July 13, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director

FROM: Scott Rowley

I want to register a criticism of the operation of the Community Enterprises, which relates to what seems to me like inefficiency in the granting of services. No private concern without an absolute monopoly could exist for any reasonable length of time if operated in the manner in which the Community Enterprises is operated.

As an example, I will cite a personal instance. Monday I decided to have a hair cut, as my hair needed a cutting or braiding, and I am not an expert in braiding, and my hair is not adapted thereto. Even though it necessitated a breaking of WRA rules, I went to the barber shop during working hours, it being open at no other period, and walking down there in the heat, I discovered that the barber shop does not keep open in the afternoon. I returned again this morning at 10:50 and was told that I was too late to have any service today. I suppose I might go to Parker at the risk of having my throat cut by the temperamental Anti-Japanese barber there, which I do not care to risk. Another difficulty is, that even if I should decide to take that risk, it would have to be on a Saturday evening when the shop is filled with others waiting for a cut, hair or throat. I now have made two trips from the office and, having some regard for WRA rules, I expect to make up this time outside of office hours, which of course, in its self, is an entirely irregular proceeding.

None of the stores are open for any kind of trade outside of working hours, which makes it necessary for any employee, evacuee or appointed personnel, to take time from working hours in order to do any trading whatsoever on the project. This undoubtedly costs the WRA many thousands of dollars in the various centers, if the actual time lost, is taken into consideration.

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The matter of laundry is also another serious proposition regardless of what has been done to remedy it. Again using a personal illustration, I have been taking my laundry to Parker and waiting two weeks to get it because of the fact that I do not feel justified in paying \$20 a month for half-time services for one person's personal laundry, and have not found any one who desires to make a combination.

I realize the difficulties confronting WR⁴ in these matters, but it does seem to me that in as much as Community Enterprises has a complete monopoly in selling goods and services in this center, it should be given the alternative of having the monopoly taken from it or of rendering some satisfactory and adequate services, both to the evacuees and to appointed personnel, who have either no other means or at least very inadequate means of obtaining such goods and services elsewhere. I do not know that there is anything that can be done about the matter, but I know that many of these difficulties exist in the case of every person in this relocation center, and I feel it my duty to at least call the matter to your attention.

This is no criticism of any one, but of a complicated system wherein it seems difficult to adjust matters in an effective manner.

Scott Rowley
Project Attorney

Sr/hk

FEDERATION OF CENTER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: Mr. Tokuyoshi Kawasaki, Executive Secretary

DATE: December 4, 1944

RE: The Third All Center Business Enterprises Conference

Gentlemen:

Following Delegates have registered representing their respective Cooperatives:

Mr. Lionel N. Perkins	Superintendent, Tule Lake Cooperative Newell, California
Mr. Otto Rossman	Senior Business Enterprises Advisor New York, New York
Mr. Neil MacNeil	Head, Business Enterprises Section Washington, D. C.
Mr. E. H. Runcorn	Field Supervisor Washington, D. C.
Mr. James L. Shelly	Acting Ass't Project Director Rivers, Arizona

AMACHE COOPERATIVE

	<u>Title</u>	
Mr. Tomozo Tomio	General Manager	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. Junichi Hikido	Treasurer	San Francisco, Calif.
Mr. Akira Inaba	Executive Secretary	Fresno, California

TOPAZ COOPERATIVE

Mr. Sasato Yamate	President	San Francisco, Calif.
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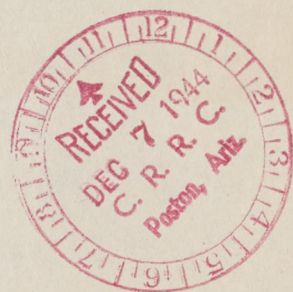
Mr. Suekichi Amano	Treasurer	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. Seiichi Honda	Chief Accountant	Corona Del Mar, Calif.
Mr. Paul C. Takeda	Executive Secretary	Los Angeles, Calif.
Mr. Toshiichi Nakagawa	Buyer	Freedom, California

MINIDOKA COOPERATIVE

Mr. Heitaro Hikida	President	Seattle, Washington
Mr. Rikimatsu Hatate	General Manager	Seattle, Washington
Mr. Yoshio Urakawa	Executive Secretary	Seattle, Washington
Mr. Yoshio Hara	Chief Accountant	Seattle, Washington

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	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
<u>MANZANAR COOPERATIVE</u>		
Mr. Koichi Ozone	Director	So. Pasadena, Calif.
Mr. Tom Fukushima	Director	Florin, California
<u>HEART MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE</u>		
Mr. Genichiro Iwasaki	Chairman	Hollywood, Calif.
Mr. Ted Okumoto	Chief Accountant	Hollywood, Calif.
Mr. Henry T. Horiuchi	General Manager	Culver City, Calif.
<u>NEW YORK, N. Y.</u>		
Mr. George Morey	Buyer	Los Angeles, Calif.
<u>GILA RIVER COOPERATIVE</u>		
Mr. Kinhachi Shibuya	President	
Mr. Teizo Yahanda	Vice-President	
Mr. Bunji Ikenoue	General Manager	
Mr. Jim Kai	Chief Accountant	



Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

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March 20, 1945

P. C. Takeda, Executive Secretary
Poston Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Takeda:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 19 inclosing your check in the amount of \$121.96 covering outstanding items of building rental in accordance with the agreement reached in a conference in Mr. Lipian's office Saturday morning, March 17.

To clarify one point we should like to call your attention again to the written agreement dated May 27, 1943 in memorandum form addressed to Mr. Ralph M. Gelvin, Acting Project Director signed by both Mr. Fister and Mr. Gelvin and concurred by H. A. Mathiesen, Miles C. Cary, and A. W. Empie. We are not quite sure whether it actually represents a legal and valid agreement; however, since it was presented to you and accepted by you in good faith we are temporarily accepting it in regard to the present bill. As indicated by Mr. Lipian in the above mentioned conference, if upon being examined by the General Accounting Office such agreement is determined to be improper, a subsequent claim may be entered against the Poston Cooperative Enterprise, Inc.

The above is being shown to clarify the understanding not specifically detailed in your memorandum of March 19, and that acceptance of this agreement is temporary, pending General Accounting Office examination.

In regard to the remaining unpaid items I am asking Mr. Lipian to arrange for another conference with you so that final settlement of our account through December 31, 1944 can be made.

Sincerely yours,

Duncan Mills
Project Director

RCG:fms

cc: Maurice Lipian
John Powell
John Connolly

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Memo: Mr. Gelvin
Associate Project Director

Mr. W. Wade Head
Project Director

From: E. J. Kurushima
Toy and Model Department

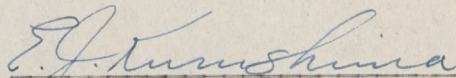
As spokesman and supervisor of Toy and Model Department, I would like to suggest following statements as to financial means of Toy and Model Department.

At present there are thirteen instructors and workers, besides several students and they are creating and producing wonderful products. Those who are responsible in producing these products brought their own tools, supplies, and materials. This can not be carried on indefinitely, no doubt eventually they will run out of tools, supplies, and materials. Then who are to replace them? I'm sure of what little these responsible persons get as cash advance from the government will not be able to meet the demand.

I have brought this problem up to various departments but the response was very discouraging and slow in action. Meanwhile, I have received complaints from instructors that they are running out on their tools and would like to have some means to replace them.

I came to the conclusion through the advice of Mr. Edward Ouchi, who has been giving us considerable aid directly and indirectly, that is to sell the toys and souvenirs to the people of Poston at cost of production. That is to keep the selling price and production cost at even level so there would not be an surplus and books of account will be open to the public. We wish to operate the Toy and Model Department as above until the day the responsible governmental department decides to take over the financial problem. If you consider this proposal is permissible in Poston, please write me a memorandum stating it is permissible.

Furthermore, I consider that toys are daily necessities for the children of Poston, thereby producing the toys is not of individual hobby but at the same time they will be of community service and educational service.


E. J. Kurushima

MEMO TO:

FROM : Poston Co-op Enterprises

SUBJECT: Cigarette & Tobacco Rationing

*Bill Mgr.
Supr.*

For period 9/16 to 9/22 inclusive, alphabet

B will be good for ONE KIND of the following merchandise:

4 pkgs. Cigarettes
5 pkgs. Pipe Tobacco
_____ & _____ for ONE pound Pipe Tobacco ONLY.

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Alphabet A will be VOID after 9/15.

POSTON CO-OP ENTERPRISES, INC.

By MASASHI HAYAKAWA
General Manager