Miss B. Szapira

Oct 21, 1945
New Hope, Pa
c/o Mrs J. P. Clark

Dear Miss

This is to tell you that how much nicer job you find me and I am so far a 100% satisfactory and I'm happy to tell you the truth. Mis Clark, at the time of interview, at your office, I thought she is a kind of very particular and crabby woman. But she is entirely opposite and she is a very fine lady to work with.

Ofcause she was excited very much the time to take ride for farm, because I could not make promise on time, as my things were increased more and more, since I came to Penna and I could not close my suit case right, took me more than a half of hour, even though I hired taxi and hurried to her. That is why she was complained for my tardy and she told me she phoned you. She was exceided very much while she parked the car on the wrong street in front of her apart, and she was nearly arrested by police. That was a kid but she sure was mad at me.

After I appologized her what was a trouble, then she was O.K. It only took us an hour ~~of~~ and half to ride and be here at one and fifteen P.M.

She gave me two nice quilts, pillow, two

sheets, bacon, a pound of butter, doz. of eggs
four jars of fruit and vegetable, meat loaf
qt. milk, fresh cream, bread and buy me
a box of cookies, she is really unexpected
capable lady to whom I must respect. So
I have nothing to say about her. Of cause
Mr. Clark is unquestionably a fine gentlman.

To day is Sunday I was loafing
around as I worked hard for a couple
days, there they came on about noon and
I was cleaning my house and must Eat
and I did not atten for almost half an
hour, yet they did not even call me, because
I have done what she wanted. She seems
very satisfactory and she ask me when would
you call your wife, about within ten day? She
asked me.

I told her that since my wife deserted
me, I would find a girl suitable one for
me, she laughed at me. Every things are OK.
for both side I suppose, only thing is I am
lonesome and I can not see pretty girl
around here, as I see in your office.

Best regards to you all, till I see
you again in the near future.
Thanking for your kindness I shall
remain.

Yours Respectfully

Ted Ito

Rm. 1103-4 Stephen Girard Building
21 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Penna.
PhiladelphiaDistrict Office

March 7, 1946

Mr. Charles T. Moon
Relocation Officer in Charge
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 25, California

Re: Mr. & Mrs. Nobuhichi Ichiba
Mr. Tadanori Ted Ito

Dear Mr. Moon:

Enclosed please find this office's records on Tadanori Ito. You informed ~~me~~ Jennett, when ~~I~~ she was recently in Washington, that he was now residing there and that you were having great difficulty solving some of his many problems. I think you will be able to get much information of benefit from our extensive case records.

Miss Walker informs me that Miss Michi Ichiba of Washington was recently interviewed in this office. Miss Ichiba was very anxious to relocate her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Nobuhichi Ichiba, to Seabrook Farms. She informed Miss Walker that her father was sixty-five. He would, therefore, be ineligible for employment at Seabrook Farms, but as her mother, age 52, is in good health and has done cannery work in the past, Seabrook Farms would probably be willing to accept the couple with Mrs. Ichiba as the worker in the family.

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel A. Snyder

Nathaniel A. Snyder
Relocation Officer in Charge

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Phone: KINgsley 3290

JEWISH WELFARE SOCIETY

1610 SPRUCE STREET

PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

December 4, 1945

BD

Mr. Nathaniel A. Snyder,
Relocation Officer in Charge
War Relocation Authority
Room 1103 - Stephen Girard Building
21 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, 7, Pa.

Re: Ito, Tadanori
3228 Chestnut Street
Phila., 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This is to inform you that Mr. Ito has been seen by us and that in the one interview which he had with us, on 11-19-45, he finally decided to seek employment in a grocery store in Philadelphia, preferably one of the large super markets. He seemed satisfied that this community could support a small store such as he had in mind, but he feels that he needs additional experience in this sort of business here, in order to secure more adequate preparation for entering his own business.

Our final arrangement is that he will come again for further help when he is ready to enter an actual business situation.

Very truly yours,

Maurice Bachrach

Maurice Bachrach
Secretary
Business Committee

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CROSS REFERENCE MR. N. WAKABAYASHI MINIDOKA

LETTER 9/6/45 excerpt

Mr. Tadanori Ito and Mr. N. Wakabayashi, two residents of this center and lifelong friends, plan to leave this center soon for Philadelphia. Some five or six families in Mr. Ito's block have expressed a desire to relocate with him as he has served them in a friendly manner as their Block Manager. Anything that you can do for these men will be appreciated by us here. They have every appearance of having been successful businessmen prior to evacuation and would have left this center long ere this, had not circumstances prevented their doing so. They are coming out on short-term leave, and I shall be glad to hear their report on their return.

WRA - Philadelphia District Office

Record Sheet (1)

NAME OF FAMILY HEAD(S): ITO, TADANORI Ted CENTER TULE LAKE

ADDRESS: 313 S. 41st St.

Date	
9/18/45	Interviewed Mr. Ito who is interested in farm offers in Philadelphia or vicinity. In the Center he has his wife and three children and, therefore, housing is of primary importance. We reviewed together the farm offers on file and called those Mr. Ito showed interest in. Several of them were cancelled and did not fit into Mr. Ito experience and interest. We called Mr. Joe Kaplan (see farm offer on file) and an appointment was made for Sunday, September 23rd, to discuss the details. BS:nn
9/19/45	Called Mr. Robert Anthony of Bedford Center, 619 Kater St., and referral was made for discussion of his offer. BS:nn
9/20	Referred to James P. Clark (see offer on file) & Tolz Morinchi (Haddonfield 2149-J)
later	Mr Morinchi called will meet Mr J in town
10/8/45	TT to center stating approval for extension of short-term leave granted to Mr. Ito because negotiations for job placement are being completed (see copy of TT on file). BS Mr. Ito returned from his trip to Washington, D. C. where he was referred for employment in Atlantic City with a Lawyer Mewdecker who is engaged in Real Estate business. He is being offered $250 a month plus an apartment for the entire family (no board) in exchange for janitorial services for a few houses. He feels this is the best offer so far because it gives an opportunity for his wife to care for her children, and it involves only his employment. We also discussed at some length his family's joining him. Mr. Ito is worried about his six-months old baby having to travel so far. We thought perhaps he could get pullman accommodations for his wife and young child, and the others could come by coach. Mr. Ito himself may go back to camp to bring his family. He will notify us, after the trip to Atlantic City on 10/9/45 regarding final agreement with the employer and the date he plans to return to the center. Referred him to a dentist and appointment made to complete his work started some time ago. BS:nn

WRA--Philadelphia District Office (2) Record Sheet

NAME OF FAMILY HEAD(S) Ito, Tadanori Ted CENTER Tule Lake

ADDRESS: Mr. J. P. Clark, New Hope, Pa.

Date	
10/15/45	TT to Tule Lake stating that Mr. Ito has accepted a job with Mr. J.P. Clark and has requested that his short-term leave be convereted to terminal. He will begin working at the Clark's home 10/18/45. BS:nn
10/24/45	Personal letter to worker received from Mr. Ito (see copy on file).
11/13/45	Mr. Ito in the office stating he has not yet rec'd check from center since filing WRA forms 303. Follow-up TT sent to Tule (see copy on file). BS:nn
11/14/45	Mr. Ito terminated his employment with James P. Clarks because, according to his statement, the employer did not live up the conditions of the job, which we discussed in this office. He is at present staying at the hostel and has stopped momentarily his family's joining him from Tule Lake. He is interested in opening his own grocery business and is able to invest a substantial amount of money in it. He would like some technical guidance in this matter.
Later	Called Mr. Bachrach. He will be out of town until 11/19/45 and we asked him to call us back re appointment for Mr. Ito.
11/15/45	Mr. Ito in the office. We notified him of above. He stated he would go to New York for a while and call us back on Monday.
11/16/45	Written referral sent to Mr. Bachrach, Jewish Welfare Society. BS:nn
11/20/45	Mr. Ito in the office following an interview with Mr. Bachrach of JWS. He seemed to agree with Mr. Bachrach that at first a great sum of money will be required for opening of his business and that actually he ought first learn something of the trade locally before entering such a risk. Although he agreed with Mr. Bachrach that he should first seek employment with one of the chain stores, he did so in order to express his appreciation to Mr. Bachrach, rather than agree with him fundamentally. This was assumed because he immediately told worker of another offer from the West Coast from a friend who has a 60-acre vineyard and who would like Mr. Ito to help her run it on a 50% share basis. Housing would also be available. This seemed very attractive to him and which he is quite familiar. He is planning to purchase a car in the East, drive it back and stop at Tule Lake before heading back to California. It seemed Mr. Ito decided to return to the West Coast prior to interview with JWS. He requested referral to an agent or some car concern where he would get a good deal buying a car. Called Mr. Willet of the Hostel Board and the International Institute believing that they would have to handle such requests in the future.
Later:	Miss Aberg of the International Institute called stating that we might contact the Philadelphia Auto Trade Ass'n.

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WRA--Philadelphia District Office (3) Record Sheet

NAME OF FAMILY HEAD(S) Ito, Tadanori Ted CENTER Tule Lake

ADDRESS: Hostel

Date	
11/28/45	Mr. Ito in the office. Called the Auto Trade Ass'n who gave names of several agents. Mr. Ito is planning to visit them and see what is available.
12/5/45	Report from JWS received re their interview with Mr. Ito (see copy on file). BS:nn

WRA 303 Rev.
(4-1-45)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

To: Nathaniel A Snyder (Project director)
(Relocation officer)
Philadelphia WRA (Relocation center)
(District office)

Date 10/19/45

Family number 6515

I, Tadanori Ito, hereby apply for relocation assistance for the listed members of my family.

NAMES OF PERSONS FOR WHOM ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED (Name of applicant, when included, on line 1) (Give point of departure if other than point at which application is made)	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	AGE	SEX	SEE CODE* EVACUEE STATUS	CHECK ONE: WILL ACCOMPANY	CHECK ONE: WILL LEAVE LATER	DESTINATION	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY LEAVE OFFICER OR RELOCATION OFFICER: TRANSPORTATION: COMMON CARRIER	TRANSPORTATION: AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE	SUBSISTENCE: MEALS EN ROUTE	SUBSISTENCE: RELOCATION SUBSISTENCE	TOTAL
1 Ito, Tadanori		45	M	C			Philadelphia, Pa	70.15	3.75	21	25	119.90
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

*CODE FOR EVACUEE STATUS:
C-Center Resident
R-Relocatee (Indefinite Leave)
V-Voluntary Evacuee
X-Excludee

Initial grant $

Later disbursement $

Total $

Approved by

Date

1. Total for form 1930 $ 70.15
2. Total for automobile travel $ 3.75
3. Total transportation grant $ 73.90
4. Total for meals en route $ 21
5. Total for relocation subsistence $ 25
6. Total subsistence grant (4 plus 5) $ 46
7. Total amount requested (3 plus 6) $ 119.90
8. Total cash grant (2 plus 6) $ 119.90

Transportation grant paid date

Voucher No. Travel request No.

Amount $

Subsistence grant paid date

Voucher No.

Amount $

(Over)

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IF APPLICATION IS MADE FOR SUBSISTENCE GRANT, APPLICANT WILL FILL IN THIS SECTION

My earnings plus those of the members of my family listed in this application during the past 6 months have been $ 114 ; our resources in cash available for use on this trip include (1) currency on hand $ none ; (2) funds in checking or savings accounts (*such as banks, savings and loan associations, and postal savings accounts*) $ none ; (3) income expected within next 30 days from property investments or other sources than WRA cash advances (*wage payments*) or grants $ 75 TOTAL RESOURCES IN CASH* $ none I certify that neither I nor any member of my family listed in this application has any other resources in cash not stated herein.

*"Resources in Cash" shall not be construed to include war bonds, securities, insurance policies, trust funds, nonrevenue-producing property, nor any type of property, personal or otherwise, not mentioned above as constituting "resources in cash."

I further certify that the following are the only PREVIOUS RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS received by me or listed members of my family. (*If no such grant has been received, check here:* ☑ *None.*)

PERSON RECEIVING GRANT	AMOUNT	WHERE MADE	DATE APPLIED FOR	DATE RECEIVED
~~Tadanori Ito~~				

IF TRAVEL IS BY PERSONALLY OWNED AUTOMOBILE

MILEAGE	NAMES OF RIDERS NOT LISTED ON PAGE 1	TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE		NUMBER OF DAYS SUBSISTENCE EN ROUTE
		At 5 Cents a Mile	Common Carrier Cost	

(Pre-evacuation address: Street, city, state)

c/o James P. Clark, Pineville Road, Brownsberg, Pa.

(Address to which subsistence and grant check should be mailed)

If applicant is not center resident, state center in which he resided Tule Lake

Date left center September 11, 1945

I AGREE to report any change in destination to the relocation officer for the district of actual destination and to surrender to him any unused portion of railroad tickets or travel grants and a proportionate amount of any subsistence grants made as a result of this application. If this application is for assistance to return to the evacuated area, I hereby certify that neither I nor any family member listed is excluded therefrom by military order.

I CERTIFY that all statements and information contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date Oct. 19, 1945 Signature

Present address c/o James P. Clark, Pineville Road, Brownsberg, Pa.

(TO BE FILLED IN BY WRA EMPLOYEE RECEIVING APPLICATION)

CHECK LIST

Destination ☐ Status ☐ Relocation plan approval ☒ Gasoline ration if by private car ☐ Property Form 156 ☐

I have interviewed the applicant, examined all documents in support of this application and find that the applicant is eligible for travel grant and/or subsistence grant.

Date Oct 19, 1945 Signature Tadanori Ito

Brunich supervisor

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

In reply, please refer to:

Mr. Herman L. Yager
Relocation Officer
War Relocation Authorities
902 Stephen Girard Building
21 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

SEP 10 1945

RE: ITO, Tadanori
FN 6515 1907-C

Dear Mr. Yager:

Mr. Tadanori Ito, 1907-C, age 45, who is the Block Manager plans to leave this center soon for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to discuss farm offers in that section with you. He has some five or six families in his block who are looking to him to help them out in satisfactory relocation plans.

Mr. N. Wakabayashi, 603-A, will accompany Mr. Ito. They are friends of many years' standing, and residents of this center have great respect for their judgment.

Any assistance and counselling that you may be able to give these men will be duly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Black

Harry L. Black
Acting Project Director

Balderston

August 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Project Directors
Attention: Relocation Program Officers

FROM: H. Leon Yager, Sr. Relocation Officer
Phila. District Office

SUBJ: More Public Housing In Philadelphia

We want to announce that many more public housing family units have been made available to Japanese-American families.

This is in addition to the announcement in our letter of June 22, 1945, that the Philadelphia Public Housing Authority ruled that Japanese-American families with one member a war worker are eligible to apply for public housing in the housing projects in Philadelphia where there were then some 150 family units vacant. Dependents of servicemen (whether the serviceman's parentel family or his wife and children) are eligible, also, for this housing.

We have recieved word that housing projects on the outskirts of Philadelphia are now, likewise, open to Japanese-American applicants, on the same basis, (providing a total of almost 600 family units vacant in Philadelphia and its suburbs). There are three suburban housing projects within a radius of twenty-five miles and within an hour's travel time from the center of Philadelphia.

TINICUM MANOR: One of these is Tinicum Manor, located at Essington, Pennsylvania, southest of Philadelphia. A recent picture of Hiroshi Uyehara and his sister was sent to each Center. The picture number is G-935. At Tinicum Manor, at present, there are the following vacancies:

Apts. Vacant	Size of Apartment	Rent a Month	
		Furnished	Unfurnished
21	One-bedroom apartment	$32.	$28.
27	Two-bedroom apartments	$37.	$31.
9	Three-bedroom apartments	----	$33.

At the present time there are earmarked at Tinicum Manor, 25 one-bedroom apartment, 22 two-bedroom apartments, and 6 three-bedroom apartments for Japanese-American families who will take up employment with the Lummus-Kellogg Co., 7½ miles away.

LACY PARK: The largest number of vacancies are at Lacy Park, one hour from the center of Philadelphia. The vacancies are in the one-bedroom aparmtnes, which rent for $34. a month, including water and electricity. There are 217 vacancies. There are 35 on the waiting list for two-bedrrom apartments and 30 on the waiting list for three-bedroom units. Rents for these quarters are $37. and $40. a month respectively. One-bedroom units are being converted, however, into four-bedroom units, renting for $43. a month (two coal furnaces must be fired in such quarters in the coldest weather).

The conversions are taking place at the rate of five every three weeks. There must be no less than six members in a family applying for four-bedroom units. It would be possible, of course, for families of Japanese descent to put their names on this waiting list on the same basis as other applicants. At the present time, electric refrigerators and stoves are being provided in all the apartments. When the number of families in Lacy Park reaches 935, there will be no more refrigerators. The expected date when this number will be reached is August 15. Families presently moving into Lacy Park who have electric refrigerators are expected to use them.

BRISTOL TERRACE: The third project is Bristol Terrace at Bristol, Pennsylvania, 25 miles northeast of Philadelphia, travel time is 45 minutes on the Pennsylvania Railroad. There are 150 vacancies for families; one hundred in two-bedroom apartments and fifty in three-bedroom units, renting at $29. and $33. respectively, including electricity and water. Fuel for heat and hot water is provided by the tenant. Bedroom and kitchen furniture can be provided by paying an additional $6, a month for a two-bedroom unit, making its total rent $35., and by an additional $8. a month rent for furniture for the three-bedroom unit, making a total of $41. a month.

The housing in all of the above projects is exactly like that at Seabrook Farms, except that in Lacy Park some of the housing is superior to Seabrook Farms housing. The pictures of interior and exterior views of which had been sent previously to the Centers. We have mentioned above that picture G-935 is an interior view at Tinicum Manor. If any of these pictures are not available at the Center, they can be requested at the War Relocation Authority Photo Laboratory at Denver. We believe it would be helpful if these pictures with an appropriate explanation could be thumb-tacked around the housing chart sent you on June 22, 1945. An idea of the housing may be gained from these pictures, and at many Centers there are people who have seen or heard about Seabrook Farms Housing.

We would like to call your attention, particularly, to the fact that servicemen's families as indicated above will be eligible to apply for quarters in the public housing projects in Philadelphia or its suburbs.

In the second paragraph above, we mentioned having sent on June 22, 1945, the announcement of the opening of public housing to Japanese-American families coming to Philadelphia. The announcement was made on a chart consisting of a map of Philadelphia, on which was attached the location of the housing projects, an indication of the travel time to the center of the city and the fare, some leaflets containing information about the housing projects with rentals and floor plans. Also attached was a description of the housing projects with a table listing the facts about each project. Inasmuch as scarcity of housing has been one of the major obstacles in the relocation program, we wonder if you could indicate to us whether Center residents have been interested in our housing chart and whether it has been useful in stimulating relocation. We are aware that you cannot engage in any research in the matter, but would appreciate your comments.

HLY:scs
cc: B.C. Area Ofc.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Room 1105 Stephen Girard Building
21 South 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

MEMORANDUM

May 22, 1945

TO: All Project Directors

SUBJECT: Situation at Seabrook Farms

We would like to give a summary of current information on the situation at Seabrook Farms. We have sent to the various centers communications from time to time but have had enough recent inquiries to justify a current description of the situation.

More than 1,000 people of Japanese ancestry are living at Seabrook Farms. Beginning employees start at 60¢ an hour for men and 55¢ an hour for women. Approximately the first of each year employees of Seabrook Farms are taken into the union at which time the men's rate is increased to 64¢ an hour and the women's rate to 57½¢ an hour. No promise can be made as to the placement of employees in highly specialized work at higher rates, although this is sometimes achieved. Almost people of Japanese descent are employed in the food processing plant consisting of packing, freezing of food, dehydration, and similar operations. The only employees working on the farms are a few in the nursery, the bulb gardens, and clerical workers in the Farm Department.

There is no further family housing at Seabrook Farms except that which has already been assigned to heads of families. (Family housing, for those who have it, costs nothing now, but in the future reasonable rates will be charged). The only housing available are dormitories each accommodating 68 unattached people, two single beds to a room. The charge for room and board, which is deducted from the employee's wages, is $8 a week per person regardless of age, including laundry of room linen. The board consists of two meals a day at the dormitory cafeteria. The third meal is provided free at the company cafeterias, or if they are not open, a meal ticket usable in the dormitory cafeteria is provided. Beds and bedding, chairs and bureaus are provided in the dormitory rooms. Occupants of dormitories eat in the nearby cafeteria. Two hundred to four hundred men or women willing to live in dormitories are wanted to work at Seabrook Farms. The absolute age limits are 18 to 60. If a family has children and the family is willing to live in a dormitory, it is all right for them to come to Seabrook Farms except that no child under 16 is permitted to live in the dormitories. All employees must stand a physical examination, and Seabrook Farms will take no responsibility for prospective employees who fail their physical examination. Under no circumstances will the Seabrook Farms doctor approve a cardiac or communicable respiratory disease.

In March, 1945, Mr. Herbert Letts of Seabrook Farms visited some of the relocation centers and made the arrangement that evacuees then coming to Seabrook Farms who would work there until November 30th or the end of the season, whichever is earlier, and who then wanted to terminate their employment at Seabrook Farms would receive train fare for such workers to any point within the continental limits of the United States where they might want to relocate. This arrangement is no longer in effect and was merely for the time when Mr. Letts was recruiting for early season workers.

The following miscellaneous information may be helpful. War Manpower Commission regulations are in effect at Seabrook Farms. The first paycheck is received two weeks after starting work. The address at Seabrook Farms is Seabrook Farms, Seabrook, New Jersey. Seabrook Farms is located in southern New Jersey, 40 miles south of Philadelphia--one hour and twenty minutes by bus. One-day round-trip fare is $1.44; one way, $1.04. Seabrook Farms processes the produce of some 70,000 acres If large groups consisting of ten or more persons come to Seabrook Farms, they will be picked up by the Seabrook Farms cars or bus at the Baltimore and Ohio Station in Philadelphia. (Seabrook Farms requires that arrivals should come into Philadelphia on the B & O Railroad, as baggage and other arrangements have been made by Seabrook Farms with this railroad). Groups arriving at Philadelphia later than the 4:06 p.m. train cannot be picked up till the next day, and trips must be scheduled accordingly.

Seabrook Farms wishes to be notified as follows in reference to people coming to Seabrook Farms: the name, age, and sex of each person arriving, the exact date and time of arrival. Each group should have a leader in charge of the group and its transportation and be responsible for notifying Seabrook Farms at the earliest moment of any changes in the schedule or arrangements of the trip. If this is not done and if Seabrook Farms is not notified in advance about the exact time of arrival, it will result in two or three hours of waiting at the Philadelphia B & O Station before Seabrook transportation (free) can pick them up. People coming to Seabrook Farms should be careful to have baggage checks for each piece of baggage. It would be advisable to have each person make a separate record of the information of each baggage check.

The Personnel Director at Seabrook Farms has agreed to do his best to notify us of any changes of policy, contracts, or any other arrangements in reference to recruitment at the same time such policies are being submitted to employees. We request that the relocation officers at the centers check the facts with this office concerning recruitment, housing, etc., at Seabrook Farms in order to avoid confusion and hardship.

H. Leon Yager
Relocation Officer in Charge
Philadelphia District Office