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QUARTERLY REPORT OF PROJECT ATTORNEY

The office of the Project Attorney was opened on October 26, 1942. Prior to that time, two evacuee attorneys, with the assistance of two secretaries, had been conducting the Legal Aid Office at the Center. At the time the Project Attorney's office was opened, the staff consisted of the Project Attorney, two evacuee attorneys, and two secretaries. Later, one of the evacuee attorneys accepted a position to teach in the Naval School at ~~the~~ Colorado University and the vacancy in the legal staff was filled by another evacuee attorney. In December, an Insurance Counsellor was added to the legal staff. At the present time, the staff consists of the Project Attorney, two evacuee attorneys, an Insurance Counsellor, and three secretaries.

The work of the Project Attorney's office may be segregated roughly into four categories, to-wit: first, Personal Legal Problems of the Evacuees; second, Legal Services to Community Government; third, Community Enterprises; fourth, Legal Services to Project Staff.

Personal Legal Problems of the Evacuees

Evacuees are faced with many legal problems due to the fact that they did not have sufficient time to wind up their business affairs before evacuation.

The following types of cases have been handled by this office since October 26:

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Number</u>
Property	29
Insurance	65
Banking	15

<u>Type of Case</u>	<u>Number</u> (Continued)
Tax Returns	5
Wills	2
Deposition	1
Social Security (California Dept. of Employment)	15
Powers of Attorney	3
Immigration	10
Labor Claims	4
Miscellaneous	25

Arrangements were made for this office to supervise the absentee voting and a large number of evacuees voted in this manner around the first of November. This accounts to a considerable extent ^{for} the fact that 289 notarial acknowledgments were taken in this office. Although not necessarily a legal problem of the evacuee, but indirectly connected with it, is the work this office has done in connection with repatriation. There have been 86 cases involving repatriation considered by this office which involves numerous consultations. The Selective Service questionnaires were also checked by members of the legal staff. The alien nationals and blocked nationals are faced with numerous restrictions; proper licenses must be obtained and proper reports made. The majority of the banking problems above-mentioned were in reference to blocked accounts. Affidavits were required by a majority of the evacuees in connection with their personal business problems. Many legal questions have arisen as to whether evacuees were entitled to unemployment compensation from the California Department of Employment. In addition to the above, numerous legal situations have arisen which cannot be properly classified.

Legal Services to Community Government

Since the office of the Project Attorney was opened, the organization commission in the community government was created and the legal staff has assisted the organization commission in the preparation of the proposed form of government. Many legal questions were involved in attempting to establish a charter for local government in the Center, but a charter has now been submitted which is satisfactory with the War Relocation Authority. This proposed charter is now being published in the newspaper and will soon be submitted to the residents for their approval or rejection. If approved by the residents, then arrangements will be made shortly thereafter for the election of a new council.

Community Enterprises

Several questions have been submitted to this office by the managers and operators of the community stores. These questions involve problems of taxation, reports, tax returns, banking problems, insurance, public liability coverage, and wage and hour regulations.

Arrangements are being made to incorporate the community enterprises. Proposed drafts of Articles of Incorporation and By-laws are being and have been reviewed. It is contemplated that the community stores will be incorporated in the very near future.

Legal Services to Project Staff

From time to time this office is called upon to interpret and construe administrative instructions, and is presented with a variety of questions from practically all the Division Heads and other administrative

officers.

A great deal of advice is given to routine matters involving problems of safety, health, criminal offenses, as well as questions of administrative policy.

All in all, this office seems to have more than enough work to keep the members of the staff busy.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Office of
Project Attorney

March 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week Ending
Thursday, March 4, 1943.

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Adequate for the present.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- During the past week, the Project Attorney spent Friday, Saturday, and part of Sunday in Salt Lake City in a conference with the Project Attorney from Minidoka going over in a general fashion the work of the Project Attorney at the relocation centers in relationship of his office and that of the branches of the center administration as well as the particular problems arising from the work of the resident division of the office.

The most striking thing about this latter phase of the conference was the fact that so many problems in one office seemed to be peculiar to that center and had not arisen in other centers.

- The Project Attorney's secretary, Sumi Miho, terminated her connection with the office on March 2 and has now left for Rohwer to be repatriated.

- A conference was held in Salt Lake City with a member of the staff of the Unemployment Insurance Commission concerning liability of the local Cooperative to contribute to the Unemployment Compensation Fund of Utah. The outcome is still undecided.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK: (cont'd)

- Another problem under study is presented by Mr. Roscoe Bell concerning closing of certain roads running into the project area.

- One of the evacuees' problems was presented during the past week--one divorce case of long standing, property matters of some of the residents who were leaving for the staging center for repatriation, as well as the usual addition of property, insurance, income tax and other problems.

- One phone call was made to San Francisco to attempt to get a permit for two residents to return to their former ranches for implements needed to do beet farming in Idaho. The request was refused.

Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

March 12, 1943

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week ending
Thursday, March 11, 1943

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Additional stenographer needed in
Administration Office of the Project
Attorney

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Consumer Enterprises Cooperative has now been registered with the State of Utah as a foreign corporation entitled to do business in the state, and proper filing of the Articles and Power of Incorporation have been taken care of in the county clerk's office of Fillmore.

Administrative instructions concerning rental payments by Consumer Enterprises to the W.R.A. have not been received, and this is delaying the execution of the rental agreement between W.R.A. and Consumer Enterprises. The operating agreement between W.R.A. and Consumer Enterprises is in the process of completion and the Project Attorney has suggested to Mr. Honderich that this matter be taken care of in the near future. The liability of Consumer Enterprises for State Unemployment Compensation contributions and State Workmen's Compensation Insurance is under study.

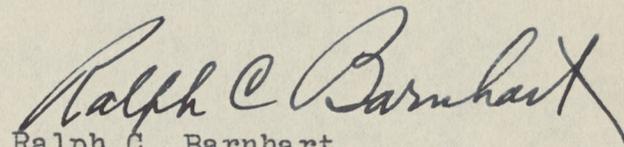
- The Project Attorney met during the week with a committee from the Community Council concerning ordinances, arbitration procedure, and procedure and work of the Judicial Commission. The Project Attorney is urging the Community Council to enact ordinances as soon as possible.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK: (cont'd)

- A long-distance call was made to Public Utilities Commission of the State of Utah concerning franchise held by coal haulers in order to determine the possibility of the Procurement Division obtaining coal for less money.

- The Project Attorney's office is meeting the usual rush of last-minute income tax inquiries. An item was placed in the project paper notifying residents that the State of California has ruled that the residents of California living within the project is subject to California State Income Tax on income, regardless of its source. Blanks have been obtained for California residents to file with the State of California.

- Property inquiries are still numerous and constitute a considerable portion of the work of the office. A memorandum was prepared authorizing the shipment by the San Francisco office of 3 carloads of residents' properties to the project.


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Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Office of
Project Attorney

March 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week Ending
Thursday, March 18, 1943.

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Additional stenographer needed in
Administration Office of the Project
Attorney

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Two lengthy conferences were held with the Judicial Commission--one on Friday, concerned with the general question of the powers and procedures of the Commission, and one on Saturday presenting to the Commission the matter of the assault in Block 13 by one Tsuchida upon Murata.

- The Project Attorney, during the week, made a trip to Nephi, Utah, where he consulted with Judge Will L. Hoyt of the District Court, and the County Attorney, Mr. Milton Melville. Included in the discussion were commitments of insane persons to the State Hospital, closing of roads into the project and the project area for Mr. Roscoe Bell, county gravel allegedly taken by the W.R.A., and the handling of criminal matters by the state authorities including deputization of heads of the Internal Security.

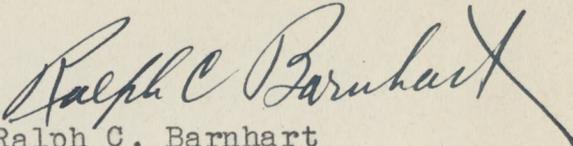
- The Project Attorney this week moved his office to the space formerly occupied by the Pass Division of the Internal Security.

- The Project Attorney also sat in on a conference with representatives from the Community Services, including Welfare and Education, at which the matter of Juvenile Court on the project was discussed.

- The work of the resident office of the Project Attorney's office calls for no special comment. Their work is

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK: (cont'd)

moderately heavy and keeps the staff fully occupied. Particularly heavy this week was work involving the filing of income taxes.


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Topaz, Utah

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March 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week Ending
Thursday, March 25, 1943.

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Adequate for the present.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

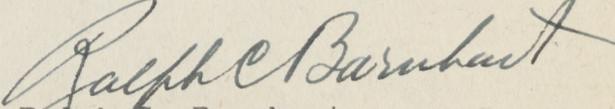
- Some attention has been given this week to matters of appliances with state tax and other laws affecting the Topaz Consumer Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

- Conferences have been held with members of the Administrative Division relative to the work pertaining to evacuee property handled by Warehouse and the Project Attorney's office.

- During the week the Sheriff and the County Attorney were at the project on the matter of closing roads leading into the project, and the deputizing of heads of Internal Security was discussed.

- The preparation of an overall manual covering government(Community) and its various divisions, in its relations to administrative functions and the divisions among each other is now under study.

- The work of the resident office continues to concern itself chiefly with property matters and insurance, etc., with one or two domestic relation cases.


Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

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Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

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April 2, 1943

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Ralph C. Barnhart, Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week Ending
Thursday, April 1, 1943.

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Additional secretarial help needed.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Matters dealing with enactment of ordinances by the Community Government and criminal matters arising on the project have occupied more of the attention of the Project Attorney's office than has previously been the case.

- Question of policies relating to Internal Security have also been under consideration, and the Project Attorney has assisted the Internal Security Chief in conducting two interviews with persons relative to their clearances, on request from Washington. Others have been prepared to the County Attorney relative to deputization and roads, and one long-distance call was made to the County Attorney to use the Fillmore jail.

- Assistance to persons going out on leave, particularly to agricultural jobs, in the way of reviewing contracts, assisting in obtaining of property, etc. is also increasing in the office.

- Preparation of the projected administrative manual and working with the Community Council on ordinances constitute the most pressing work at the present time.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

Office of
Project Attorney

April 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Ralph C. Barnhart, Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the Week Ending
April 8, 1943.

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

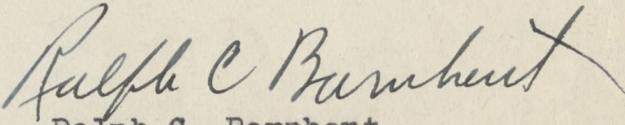
- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Additional secretarial help needed.

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- A considerable portion of the time of the Project Attorney during the past week has been occupied with Community Government matters. Regulations doing with traffic and Juvenile Board have been discussed with members of the respective committees and with members of the appointive staff concerned; in each case, with satisfactory understanding with the committees involved, looking toward an acceptable set of regulations.

- The first criminal hearing of Topaz before the Project Director took place on Friday, April 2. Three young men plead guilty before the Project Director for violating Administrative Instruction No. 85 with reference to unlawful use of property, in this case a W.R.A. car, and was placed on probation for three months, and their overtime and pass privileges taken from them, subject to review at the end of thirty days.

- The work of the resident division is concerned principally with insurance and property matters and requires no special comment.


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Project Attorney

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
Topaz, Utah

April 18, 1943

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Office of Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report of
week ending April 15, 1943

Personnel: Same as in previous report.
Adequate at present.

Progress of Current Work:

Mr. Ferguson was here from Washington and spent some time with the Project Attorney.

Most of the attention of the Project Attorney during the week was occupied with matters surrounding the Wakasa affair.

The head of the Property Division is now on the Project and will take over much of the work which was formerly performed by the Project Attorney's office.

Work of the resident division in the Project Attorney's office requires no particular comment.

Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney



CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

May 7, 1943

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Office of Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the week
ending May 6, 1943

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 6
- (d) Adequacy - Sufficient

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Conferences were held during the past week with the Public Works Division and with Mr. Backman, who is completing the purchase of shares of stocks acquired by the War Relocation Authority in three irrigation companies in furnishing water to the project area.

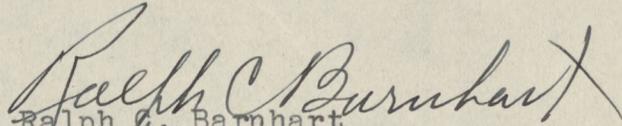
- A member of the Fish and Game Commission visited the project and discussed the problem of fishing by residents in waters outside the project. Letters, also, have been received on this subject, and replies are being prepared in collaboration with this office.

- The Project Attorney has attended the meeting with Mr. Hughes, Mr. Potter, Mr. Nichols, and members of the State Public Service Commission, discussing coal-hauling contracts.

- Mr. James Nishimura, a member of the staff of the office, left during the week on indefinite leave for employment outside.

- Two of the boys who pled guilty to illegal use of a project automobile were placed on probation for a period of three months subject to re-examination on May 1 have been relieved from their sentence on the basis of their good work record. The third boy's case is pending for further investigation.

- The resident division of the resident office has been occupied with the usual type of resident matters and has been working in close conjunction with the Evacuee Property Office.


Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

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May 14, 1943

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Office of Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the week
ending May 13, 1943

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 6
- (d) Adequacy - Sufficient

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Irrigation Matters have occupied the attention of the Office of the Project Attorney to a great extent during the past week. Mr. Milton Backman, Attorney for the Army Engineers who is completing the purchase of irrigation stocks for the project called upon the Project Attorney to assist him in closing purchases of irrigation stock on Saturday. A conference with Mr. Dudley Crafts, Attorney in Delta, was held concerning some of the problems of the project. Conferences have also been held with Mr. Henry Watson and Mr. Hutchinson of Public Works. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Delta Canal Company is contemplated in the near future.

- The traffic regulation is now being drafted into final form. Meetings have also been held during the past week with committees of the Community Council working on the Juvenile Court regulations and health regulations of the Council.

- The resident office has been concerned principally with insurance matters, transmission of withdrawals from bank accounts to residents within the center, inquiries concerning actions instituted by the Alien Property Custodian involving center residents, inquiries by men contemplating military service, and treasury licenses for aliens.

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Project Attorney

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

May 21, 1943

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM Office of Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the week
ending May 20, 1943

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 6
- (d) Adequacy - Sufficient

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Considerable part of the work of the Project Attorney during the past week was concerned with irrigation matters. The Project Attorney in company with Mr. Milton Backman, Attorney for the War Department, Mr. Roscoe Bell, and Mr. Mulford Hutchinson attended a meeting of the Delta Canal Company directors on the project. Our conference with the directors resulted in a suggestion that we resell to the Delta Canal Company our shares of stock in that company and, in turn, take over that part of the Delta Canal system lying within the project which we could use for distribution of Abraham and Deseret water. We are submitting this offer to Washington with the recommendation that it be accepted.

- Another important occurrence of the week was the visit of Dr. Solon Kimball with whom the Project Attorney held several conferences concerning problems of Community Government.


Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

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April 23, 1943

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Office of
Project Attorney

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Office of Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Weekly Narrative Report for the week
ending April 22, 1943

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

- (a) Permanent - 1
- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 7
- (d) Adequacy - Sufficient

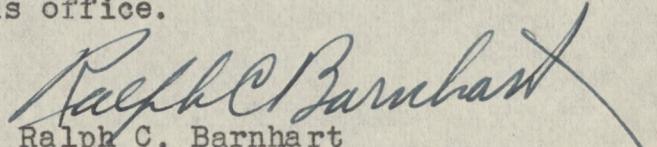
2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- During the past week the Office of the Project Attorney has spent considerable time in assisting the newly arrived Property Officer in working out the lines of division between the two offices and assisting Mr. Price of the Board of Economic Warfare in acquainting himself with the Project preliminary to undertaking the main purposes of his visit here and with matters arising out of the Wakasa incident.

- The draft of the proposed Juvenile Court regulation of the Community Government has been reviewed by this office and its provisions were gone over with a representative of the Council. The Project Attorney met with the staff of the Welfare Department and discussed in some length the functions of the Project Attorney's Office, particularly in regard to matters of interest to the Welfare Department.

- The District Attorney, Mr. Pickett, County Attorney, Mr. Melville, and the County Sheriff, Mr. Roberson called at the Project during the week for discussion of the Wakasa case with the Project Attorney.

- The Resident Division of the Project Attorney's Office has been working with the Property Officer in assisting in the preliminary work of his office.


Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney



CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

July 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Office of Project Attorney

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report

I. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AND RELOCATION PROGRESS:

a. Permanent	1
B. Temporary	none
c. Residents	6
d. Indefinite leaves for this period	1
e. Adequacy of present personnel	adequate

II. CURRENT WORK:

1. Community Government
 - a. Traffic code enacted.
 - b. Amendments to the constitution drafted to permit, in accordance with changed policy, the holding of office by issei and to permit block representation.
 - c. Considerable work has been done on juvenile court regulations and health regulations and regulations relating to licensing of Community Enterprises.
2. Community Enterprises
 - a. Assisted in the preparation of membership certificates and loan certificates.
 - b. A ruling obtained from the State that the membership and loan certificates need not be registered under the State Blue Sky Law.
 - c. The Consumer Enterprises advised relative to liability for workmen's compensation, unemployment compensation, and State taxes.
3. Internal Security
 - a. Criminal hearings before the Project Director on April 2 of three young men charged with unlawful use of W.R.A. car.
 - b. Two residents engaged in a fight taken to Fillmore and given jail sentences by District Court following a plea of guilty.

- c. Twelve residents removed to Leupp Center.
 - d. Dockets prepared for Director in Washington.
 - e. James H. Wakasa shot by military sentry on April 11.
 - f. Project Attorney attended military board of inquiry and went to Salt Lake to testify at general court-martial.
4. Other services to project staff: Irrigation
- a. Attended a conference in Salt Lake City relative to dispute over irrigation water.
 - b. Drew up offer of resale of irrigation stock to Delta Canal Company following negotiations with officials of the Delta Canal Company.
 - c. Assisted the attorney for the Army Engineers in closing one deal on Deseret stock.
5. One major activity at the present time is conducting hearings under Administrative Instruction No. 22, Supplement 12.

VI. PROJECTED ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Completion of ordinances proposed by the Community Council.
- 2. Organization of Topaz Credit Union.
- 3. Negotiations of operating agreement and rental agreement between Consumer Enterprises and War Relocation Authority.
- 4. Draft of operating manual for project.

Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

August 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: Office of Project Attorney
SUBJECT: Monthly Narrative Report

1. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED:

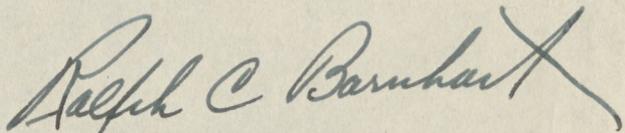
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- (b) Temporary - None
- (c) Residents - 6
- (d) Adequacy - Sufficient

2. PROGRESS OF CURRENT WORK:

- Much of the Project Attorney's time during the past month was concerned with leave hearings under Supplement 12, Administrative Instruction 22.

- Twelve men were transferred to Leupp Center and dockets prepared and sent to Washington.

- Irrigation, internal security, and community government problems were also important in the work of the office during the past month.



Ralph C. Barnhart
Project Attorney