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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
McGehee, Arkansas

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

MEMORANDUM

February 12, 1945

TO: Staff

FROM: Welfare Counselor

RE: Application of Form 184

In the following I am attempting to apply the principles of "184" to a specific case, chiefly to try myself as well as "184". The case illustrates variability in case situations to an extreme, in that one member of the resettling family is going out immediately and there is a hospital patient to be placed in an eastern state institution. Those of you who are interested in doing so might want to read it, make your own notes on a separate paper and indicate the points at which you disagree with the application of "184" in the steps taken in outlining the method and content of presentation to the outside offices.

I have tried to keep three objectives in mind in preparing this:

1. The need to follow "184" as closely as humanly possible because it is the guide to hundreds of people doing the same job we are at different levels, and if we veer too far from the guide we run the danger of throwing everyone else off who has to carry responsibility on the case.

2. The need of the WRA workers on the outside for documents essential to establishing responsibility in conference with agency officials.

3. The need of the evacuee to participate in every step of the plan as far as possible.

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The Tanaka case is used illustratively and tentatively,---because the actual details may be changed if Mr. Tanaka comes in soon to state that the Hondas have after all decided to go to California.

First. Send the following direct to the Detroit office thru the Relocation Division in Center.

Letter---should go special delivery under the circumstances.

"Mr. Tanaka leaves Rohwer Center for Detroit February 15th. Please refer to the letter of January 31, 1945 in which we advised you that he was coming in advance of the other members of the family group to find employment as a mechanic's helper.

Attached is a memorandum prepared by the Welfare Section which presents Mr. Tanaka's immediate needs for help as he arrives, and indicates need for advance planning for care for his wife and assistance for his wife's parents.

Sincerely yours,

Corine Key, Acting Relocation Advisor."

Call direct message to outside W.R.A. offices as sent by our Reloc. Div. We prepare memos - to keep our identity with material prepared.

The following is suggested as the memo to be attached to the above letter.

Memorandum

"TO: Relocation Division.

FROM: Community Welfare Section.

RE: Tanaka, George. (address in Rohwer)

Because Mr. Tanaka has no reserve funds and anticipates a period of at least a couple of weeks before receiving a pay check, a cash public assistance grant is being made to Mr. Tanaka before he leaves the Center, to enable him to leave his wife with necessary funds and to

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help him meet his expenses for at least two weeks after he arrives in Detroit. He will receive his Resettlement Grant in addition sent by check, in care of the Detroit WRA Office.

It was not possible to advance to Mr. Tanaka the amount of public assistance he estimated as necessary for meeting his expenses in Detroit. He estimated a need for at least four dollars per diem for board and room for two weeks and from seven to ten dollars for transporting his baggage from the depot to his place of residence. He is being granted only twenty-five dollars ($25.00), public assistance, but he is being assured of help from the Detroit Office in finding respectable, but much less expensive living quarter, and guidance to places at which he can obtain meals for less than $2.50 a day. It was our suggestion that he consult with the WRA Office before removing his baggage from the depot, in order to obtain either the guidance of the WRA Office about rates for draying service, or to obtain referral to the local Department of Public Welfare for financial assistance with the bill, if his funds will not permit him to meet the bill.

Mr. Tanaka's situation presents need for negotiation with the local agency administering public assistance for care for his wife and his wife's relatives. We are preparing the necessary correspondence and documents which will be submitted to the Area Office, to the attention of the Relocation Adjustment Advisor, according to instructions in Handbook Release #184 as soon as the necessary documents can be assembled.

In the meantime, we are encouraging him to carry out his plans to go on to Detroit as he has planned, and to use the resources of the Detroit office in obtaining necessary assistance in meeting his needs until he obtains work, temporary living quarters and receiving his first pay check.

End of Memo

Mr. Tanaka has been assured he may have a copy of this above communication (both letter and memo) in order that he may feel the security of participating in the planning, and carry responsibility for gearing in with the plans himself.

Second

We will proceed with the preparation of the correspondence and documents to be sent to the Cleveland office as follows:

Memorandum

"TO: Wayne County Department of Public Welfare

PREPARED BY: Rohwer Center Community Welfare Section

RE: Resettlement Plans for George Tanaka's wife and family. Mr. Tanaka left Rohwer Center for Detroit February 15, in order to find work and to prepare for the arrival of his wife's parents.

Mrs. Tanaka, a tuberculus bed patient wishes to be near her husband who has chosen to resettle in Detroit, Michigan. Her parents who present no health problem, but who do present at least temporary need for public assistance wish to join their son-in-law in his plans to resettle in Detroit. Another daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. John Koyama are already resettled there and their address is 309 W. Buena Vista Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan.

Attached are three copies of WRA Form #390 and one copy of WRA Form 76a as documents presented for review in association with the application for hospital care for Mrs. Tanaka in the event it is necessary to pay for the cost of her hospitalization since she is not a resident of the State of Michigan. Attached also are three copies of WRA Form #390 and one copy of WRA Form 76a, to be reviewed in association with the application for public assistance by Mrs. Tanaka's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Yukichi Honda who are in need of financial assistance in purchasing necessary furniture upon arrival in Detroit, and at least temporary help in meeting their needs of living until their son (offer here name and present address of son) may be established so that he can help them financially.

Because of our uncertainty as to whether or not the Department of Public Welfare, or the Relocation Adjustment Advisor, would negotiate with appropriate Health Authorities to obtain available hospitalization for Mrs. Tanaka, the Health Reports prepared by the Center Chief Medical Officer are enclosed with the materials sent to the Relocation Adjustment Advisor who will negotiate with you about the financial arrangements that must be made in the event free hospitalization is not available, because Mrs. Tanaka is a non-resident in Michigan.

(memo continued)

The following history material is presented supplementary to the formal documents as data which is considered of value to you as you review the eligibility of Mrs. Tanaka and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Honda, for public assistance made available for resettlement of Japanese Americans.

The members of this family group already resettled in Detroit are:

(give names and addresses of daughter-----

(name and address of son------

(Mr. Tanaka, whose address in Detroit will not be known probably, at the time this memo is prepared, but can be obtained through the WRA Office

The members of the family group planning to come are:

(Mrs. Tanaka-----age, and fact she is a bed patient-----

(Mr. and Mrs. Honda, ages, ---parents of Mrs. Tanaka---

Since Mrs. Tanaka's needs will be met by hospitalization, no social history is offered herein. Mr. and Mrs. Honda are bringing the following household goods with them: (list such items, if any that they plan to have for housekeeping). They will have need for: (list items such as for example, a double bed, a chest of drawers, ? chairs, etc.) They will receive a fifty dollar Resettlement grant sent by check to the WRA office which will assist them in meeting part of their needs for living for the first month. They anticipate needing-----(if any additional need is anticipated).

Kenji ? Honda, the single son listed above, has a 4F classification for Selective Service. He is going to work as a and (plans to live with the family or separately?) Because the income of this son will be unknown for it is anticipated that the Honda's will need help with their living expenses for the (first three---four---months) after which time they may or may not need assistance in meeting their needs of living.

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Mr. and Mrs. Honda plan to come to Detroit at the same time their daughter can be admitted to a hospital (or may be before or after, as circumstances develop) and it is (anticipated that they will occupy quarters obtained for them by Mr. Tanaka with the help of the WRA authorities in Detroit)."

End of Memo.

Then, the Health Report would be added in triplicate, with 3 copies of 390 attached.

The memo to the Public Welfare Department forms as indicated, Health Report and forms, would be sent to the Area Office with the following memo:

Memorandum

"TO: The Area Relocation Supervisor, Cleveland.

To the Attention of the Relocation Adjustment Advisor

FROM: The Rohwer Center Community Welfare Section

RE: Resettlement Plans for Mr. and Mrs. George Tanaka and Mr. and Mrs. Honda. Mr. Tanaka left Rohwer Center for Detroit on February 15, 1945. Mrs. Tanaka and Mr. and Mrs. Honda will follow when approved plans for their care have been approved.

Attached herewith are:

1. A memorandum addressed to the Public Welfare Department with three copies of WRA Forms 390 and one copy of WRA Form #76a for Mr. and Mrs. Honda's application for public assistance.

2. Three copies of the Center Medical Officer's Health Report for Mrs. Tanaka whose resettlement is possible only after completed plans for her reception by a Michigan hospital for Tuberculus patients have been made, and three copies of WRA Form #390 to be used in routing the report to

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proper authorities, and one copy of WRA Form 76a to be used in the event free hospitalization is not available to her as a non-resident.

According to procedure described on the back of the sample WRA Form 390 included in the Handbook Release #184, we submit these memoranda and documents for negotiation with the appropriate agencies in behalf of Mrs. Tanaka and Mr. and Mrs. Honda.

If in the course of your negotiations you have need for additional materials, we will be glad to furnish additional information. We ask that all communications with regard to this application submitted for review and approval be addressed to the Project Director, to the attention of the Welfare Section.

Upon receiving from your office, a copy of the Forms 390 for Mrs. Tanaka and Mr. and Mrs. Honda's applications, indicating approval and acceptance of responsibility for plans and action, we will proceed with further consultation with the Hospital authorities, Mrs. Tanaka, and Mr. and Mrs. Honda, to plan for their departure. You will receive definite information about the time of their arrival and a full social history from the Rohwer Center Relocation Division, when definite plans for their departure are developed."

End of memo.

Upon receiving the approvals on Forms 390, we will confer as necessary with the Hospital authorities, and members of the family with regard to final plans for departure, and referral to the Relocation Division for final steps in affecting steps for obtaining grants and making plans for departure.

The actual processing will be the responsibility of the Relocation Division. We will prepare the transmittal letter over the signature of the Acting Supervising Relocation Advisor, and send it with a copy of the full Resettlement Study and WRA Forms 329 and 340 to the Relocation Division for mailing to the Relocation Officer in Detroit. The transmittal letter should contain definite information about time of departure and arrival, and any data about housing that

is at that time deemed necessary. It is assumed in this instance that Mr. Tanaka will be preparing for the arrival of the Honda's housing,---but that may not be sound--- depending upon information we have at the time.

On this case, all we send for advance review is the data which helps the agency to make a decision about their ability to consider the family eligible to financial aid. The actual Study, giving social history will still arrive in Detroit ahead of the family, and will be in the hands of the agency before the family arrives, if the above steps are followed.

There will be exceptions to the general application of the instruction #184 that we send in the first correspondence the data which helps the agency or agencies to determine whether or not the established responsibilities of their respective agencies permits them to accept responsibility for service or service and relief to a particular family. As far as we can limit the first correspondence to data which assists the agency to say, "Yes, we can take this", or "no we cannot take this", we reduce our volume of labor in the end as I see it. If only financial assistance is called for, ---all the agency needs to know is "What are the financial resources of this person, or these persons?" and "What do they ask for, specifically?" They are not going to be able to determine "the amount" until they see the family. They cannot determine through correspondence whether or not the family is to get $32.50 or $18.34. They can state that they can or cannot take the case. On the other hand, if service is asked for we have to give enough data to help the WRA official, and the agencies consulted to know whether the case falls within their realm,---as an "unmarried mother case", an "orphaned child", or a wife of a serviceman who needs guidance to housing only, for which we would look to the Red Cross if the need were at all complicated.

Then-----when we have established acceptance of the case,---- we send THE WHOLE HISTORY-----and usually, unless there

are very exceptional time elements, the whole history will get there in advance of the family, and will be shared as appropriate. A copy should be enclosed for each cooperating agency.

Another point illustrated but not stressed above is that our request is for "items" of need. The acceptance will be on the same basis. The money values will be determined only in conference with the family after the family gets to the destination.

ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 1945

TO: Forms Clearance Officer

FROM: Community Welfare Section

RE: Withheld approval on forms listed and discribed below.

1. 501. This form is used for the maintenance of a "Joint Clearance" file which was set up jointly by Welfare and Relocation Offices, to avoid duplication of service between the two offices. It was established sometime last fall and is still in use and we would be greatly inconvenienced without it. We feel it is imperative to have this file. It is established and has been operating for months in lieu of any similar service set up by the Washington Office at the time the need was recognized. We ask it be approved. We may not need additional copies but it would mean we would have to "type" the copies we did need if the mimeographing of them is disapproved. We believe everyone concerned would agree that would be a waste of time.

2. 502. This form has been in use in our Office since about July 1943 when we established a centralized reception service for the Welfare Office. If the arrival of substitute or similar forms from Washington is as rapid, as for instance the arrival of WRA Form 370 for which we have been waiting two months, it would mean we would have to type copies for general use, when our present none too liberal supply ran out. We are asking approval of this form unless the form Washington propose is in the mail.

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3. 503. Family Face Sheet

We have used 329 only as a Relocation Form. It would not serve as satisfactorily as a family case record face sheet at all, for a variety of reasons, but it is likely our present supply of Form 503 will meet our needs.

4. 505. This Form has been in use since April 1943, and expedites cash payments and we would like to be able to continue to use it or one which is so constructed as to serve the identical purpose of guiding the Fiscal Section and the recipient as well as offer a record of the transaction.

5. 508. We have eliminated the use of this--practically disadvantaged without it, in facilitating preparations for making Clothing grant payments. Short of writing an essay on the subject, I will repeat what was offered before.

> "This form is used as a attachment to the Basic Family Card as a work sheet supplementary to the data offered on the Basic Family Card, for more complete information about irregular situation particularly where more than one member of the family works".

We ask it be approved for reproduction if necessary.

7. 510. This form was developed for the case history record of public assistance payments made. The Welfare Section can assure whoever is making a review of forms that any acceptable social agency has provision for a financial record of assistance given <u>in the case history</u>. It is for that purpose it is used. Form 95 cannot possibly serve such a purpose. We ask approval of this form.

8. 511 and 512. I'd like to advise the reviewer that we find this of infinite value as a work sheet. It is simple and usable by the Evacuee Housing Committee members who help us. We keep card files of course. We ask permission to continue to use this as a work sheet. The only difference is size. The Office uses 512 and the Block

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Managers send in their reports on 511, because it is smaller.

9. 513. This form has been in use as a basis for reporting original statistics to the Statistic Section since the origin of this Center I am told. We use it constantly "to distribute to the Statistic Section and other offices asking for direct reports on information about changes in family status resulting from divorce and marriage". It not so complicated but what it could be typed when used. We issue it at least in quintuplicate, and I hope we have a supply large enough to serve us, but we would like not to be handicapped by not having it when needed.

I am sending a copy of your memo of February 23, 1945 and a copy of this reply to the Welfare Section in Washington, for their information.

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 2, 1945

TO: Paul G. Robertson
Relocation Area Supervisor
1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

ATTENTION: Relocation Adjustment Advisor

PREPARED BY: Rohwer Center Welfare Section

RE: Fujiwara, Sotaro and family
Family # 2348
Rohwer Center, 1-1-C,D

We are enclosing the original and three copies of our summary presenting the requests of Mr. Fujiwara in assisting him to work out farm employment and housing through Mr. Hienie Nielson and Mr. William (Bill) Martin, Rt. 1 Box 148, Gardena, California, and to obtain temporary financial assistance under the Resettlement Assistance Program of the Department of Public Welfare to cover the needs as reviewed. You will find additional copies for use by the appropriate cooperating agencies in the immediate area. The facts necessary for the review by the Welfare Agency in determining eligibility are set forth in the summary, the one completed attached copy of WRA-Form 76A, and in the completed copy of WRA-Form 390, of which there are three copies to accompany each of the summary copies.

This family will be entitled to receive their transportation and a leave assistance grant of $25.00 each, which will be mailed to them through the WRA office, making a total of $175.00 that they would like to keep in reserve for emergencies.

We shall appreciate your directing your reply to our Project director, attention Welfare Section, according to a change in paragraph 3.4.63, Instruction #184.

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Counselor

Attachments--4

Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

MEMORANDUM

March 2, 1945

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY

PREPARED BY: Rohwer Center Welfare Section

RE: FUJIWARA, Sotaro and Family
Family #2348
Rohwer Center, 1-1-C & D

FOR: Submittal by Relocation Adjustment Advisor for review and appraisal.

This family is requesting our assistance in working out employment and housing arrangements near Gardena, California, and in presenting their needs for temporary financial assistance, under the provisions of the Resettlement Assistance Program, to the Public Welfare agency.

Mr. Fujiwara wants to return to his pre-evacuation community, between Gardena and Torrance, as soon as possible, after the Center schools close May 26. Although he has recently had a letter from Mr. Hienie Nielsen, Rt. 1 Box 148, Gardena (two miles west of Gardena on the Boulevard, across the highway and south of the William (Bill) Martin farm and store) who offered to help Mr. Fujiwara any way he could in re-establishing his family, but doubted the advisability of his returning until sentiment improved, Mr. Fujiwara requests that through official channels we discuss possible plans for him with Mr. Nielsen. He spoke of his high esteem for Mr. Nielsen and expressed his appreciation of his attitude and assistance at the time of the evacuation. This friendship grew during the years that Mr. Fujiwara lived and worked on the William (Bill) Martin vegetable truck farm across the highway. Mr. Fujiwara believes he can obtain work with Mr. Nielsen who has or knows of a small house on or near his place.

For ten years (1932-1942) prior to the evacuation Mr. Fujiwara rented five acres of land on the Wm. (Bill) Martin

truck (vegetable) farm. He had his own farming tools and equipment, a truck, horse, Ford passenger car which were all sold when he had to leave. He had also built a four room house on the "Bill" Martin place but "just left it" with some odds and ends of furniture and other household furnishings. He would like to know on what terms he could return to the farms of either Mr. Nielsen on Mr. Martin, preferably the former. He believes it wise to begin on a wage basis with the owner furnishing all tools and equipment because he does not feel he can go into debt the first year. If he rents a small acreage what would the terms be--if he works by the day, week, or month what amount would be paid him and is a house available? If so, would he pay rent or would it be deducted from his wage? If neither of these men can offer this family employment, they can probably give suggestions as to prospective employers in their community, and recommend him. If an offer should be made in an unfamiliar community, Mr. Fujiwara would want to know how accessible the schools would be and about the means of transportation.

This family consists of the parents, ages 43 and 38, and five children all of whom will be in school next year. The three oldest children are boys ages 11, 13, and 16 years--the two youngest, girls, who will be 6 and 9 years old by early summer. All members of family are in good health. Although Mrs. Fujiwara has had two operations since evacuation, she has had a normal recovery.

Regardless of the employment plan accepted Mr. Fujiwara will need financial assistance for the first, and possibly second, month in meeting living expenses and incidentals, and will need furniture and other household supplies for about a four room house. The house that he believes might be available for him on the farm of Mr. Nielsen has three or four rooms. This family has two comforts, three blankets and few odds and ends of kitchen utensils. The things not left in their house at evacuation time were sold, therefore the family has nothing. Their estimate of things needed are: 1 comfort and 2 blankets for each bed; 3 double beds, plus sufficient covers for one half bed, cot, or day bed; supply of sheets; cooking and heating stoves (gas); chairs; kitchen, dining and living room tables of some type; dishes and kitchen utensils; and possibly window shades and 1 linoleum floor covering.

In addition to assistance sufficient to cover the first month or so, living expenses, initial housekeeping supplies and furniture, Mr. Fujiwara points out that the children's

supply of clothing is very inadequate for starting to school next fall and he doubts that he could buy the things needed by August, only two months possibly, after his return. He believes they have been able to "get by" on less in the Center school than they could in a school where the pupils come from greatly varying home conditions. His wife is not prepared to do sewing for all the children, as many Japanese mothers might be. The possibility of her doing any of it would, of course, depend on her having use of a machine.

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Counselor, Welfare Section

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Center Rohwer

Date 3/2/45

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REFERRAL OF EVACUEE(S)

for

RESETTLEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

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Destination:

State California

County Los Angeles

City or Town Near Gardena or Torrance

Family Name Fujiwara, Sotaro

Family Number 2348

Name Variations None

Number Adults 1 Female 1

Number Children 3 2

Previous Addresses in State
(List in chronological order (reverse)

Street or Route number	City or Town	county	Dates From	Dates To
~~(Mailing address: Rt. 1 box 255A, Gardena, California)~~				
4310 Redondo Beach	Gardena	Los Angeles	1932	1942
West Third Street	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	1928	1932

ROUTING Agency and name and title of official receiving	DISPOSITION Brief statement of referral or conditions of acceptance of plan	DATE
Relocation Area Officer-WRA ~~Attn: Adjustment Advisor~~ covering Gardena and Torrance vicinities		

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STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES
(For use in Referrals for Public Assistance)

The following list must be filed in by the responsible head of each family unit (family unit as defined in Administrative Manual 30.4.53) and it must amount for the resources of every member of the family unit.

The best method of determining the value of any unit of property is to decide the price which would be asked for it if it were to be put up for sale. However, all available indexes should be applied to each and every unit, including such as date and price of purchase, dates and amounts of assessments and taxes, appraisals, costs, ages, and conditions of improvements, availability and feasibility for utilization, etc.

Additional paper may be attached for describing such conditions and unusual property circumstances or holdings.

An entry must be made for each of the 10 classes of property. If no property of a class is owned, the entry should be "none".

Type Number	Property type*	Value in Dollars
Class 1:	BULLION, CURRENCY, AND DEPOSITS	$ none
Class 2:	FINANCIAL SECURITIES	$ none
Class 3:	NOTES AND DRAFTS; DEBTS TO AND CLAIMS BY EACH member	$ none
Class 4:	MISCELLANEOUS PERSONAL PROPERTY; PERSONAL PROPERTY LIENS	$ none
Class 5:	REAL PROPERTY; MORTGAGES; OTHER RIGHTS TO LAND	$ none
Class 6:	PATENTS, TRADE-MARKS, COPYRIGHTS; FRANCHISES	$ none
Class 7:	ESTATES AND TRUSTS	$ none
Class 8:	PARTNERSHIP AND PROFIT-SHARING AGREEMENTS	$ none
Class 9:	INSURANCE POLICIES; ANNUITIES	$ none
Class 10:	OTHER PROPERTY	$ none
	Indebtedness type	
Class 11:	ALL INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY PROPERTY IN THE U.S.	$ none
Class 12:	ALL INDEBTEDNESS NOT SECURED BY PROPERTY IN THE U.S.	$ none

Statement to be signed:--

I have shown by the above may best estimate of the value of all the securities, property and liabilities owned or obligated by my family and me. I understand that the value and use of these holdings may be considered in determing the eligibility of my famly and me for public assistance.

Signed Sotaro Fujiwara

Lou Alice Stearns
(Worker) 2/27/45

Enclosures -3

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

1031 South Broadway
Los Angeles 15, California

March 22, 1945

Mr. Ray D. Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Welfare Section

Dear Mr. Johnston: Re: Fujiwara, Sotaro and Family - 2348

We are returning the enclosed summary for further information. It is our opinion that the questions raised in the summary regarding employment and housing are relocation problems which should be worked out with the Relocation Section before the summary is submitted.

When the questions in regard to employment and housing are settled, we shall be glad to forward referral to the State Department of Social Welfare in order that plans to meet the family's financial needs may be worked out.

Yours very truly,

PAUL G. ROBERTSON
Area Supervisor

ESTHER M. WOOD
Relocation Adjustment Adviser

Enclosure

Mrs. Lane

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
McGehee, Arkansas

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

March 6, 1945

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director, WRA
Department of the Interior
Barr Building
910-17th St.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Monthly Report

Attention: Mrs. Marie Lane

Dear Mr. Myer:

Attached are two copies each of the following materials:

1. The Narrative Monthly Report
2. The Statistical Report
3. The Project Attorney's statement about guardianship
4. A memo from the Form Clearance Office and our reply.

We will be grateful for such assistance and criticism as you can give us on the question and comments offered in the materials.

Sincerely yours,

Wilma van Dusseldorp

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Counselor, Welfare Section

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 29, 1945

TO: Wilma van Dusseldorp

FROM: Lou A. Stearns

RE: Fujiwara, Monnosuke and wife, Tsuru
Family Number: 2401
Center Address: 1-1-B

In talking with Mr. Fujiwara after his summary which we forwarded to the Los Angeles Area Office was returned to us for additional information regarding residence and references we found him quite discouraged and stated that he has decided that he will attempt to make no plans for the future at this time; he repeatedly stated that he will not attempt to find appropriate employment but will depend completely upon "the government" to make arrangements and provide for him financially when he leaves the Center. He does not believe that sentiment is such in the Los Angeles Area at this time that it is advisable for him to return.

With extreme difficulty, Mr. Fujiwara gave us a few references which consisted entirely of his Japanese friends with the exception of the former employer of his son between Gardena and Torrance, California.

UNITED STATES
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Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

June 13, 1945

RE: Evacuated Families who wish to return to Hawaii

(1) AGENO, Kwansaburo, wife and six children
Family Number: H-133
Center Address: 25-6-A,B
Pre-evacuation address: Kaumalo, Molokai
Maui County, T.H.

All members of this family are on the "all clear" list with the exception of Mr. Ageno who has of 2/10/45 received notice from Western Defense Command that he is excluded from the West Coast, Eastern, and Southern Defense zones. He had a hearing before the army team in the Center during May, 1945, but as yet has had no further notification as to his status. The only other member of this family who has had any status other than "all clear" is the 20 year old son, Junichiro who as yet has not received official notification of his "all clear" status; however, the Relocation Division has advised us that he will receive this in a matter of a few days.

Mr. Ageno and family are especially anxious to return to Hawaii because of the four school aged children, and if he must make plans to leave the Center in order for them to enter school in September, it will be expensive and difficult in other ways for the family to then make the move when they are able to go to Hawaii. If this family could return to Hawaii, they would have temporary housing with either Mr. Ageno's brother, Yonetaro, or Mrs. Ageno's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minokichi Tajiri, both of whom live in Maui County, T. H. Mr. Ageno and Junichiro state that they feel assured of obtaining employment sufficient to support the family immediately upon their return. In fact Mr. Ageno and his brother were business partners prior to the family's evacuation. They were in the fishing business and together owned land and a business building in the city of Wailuku, Maui County as well as other property. Mr. Ageno's finances have been handled by his brother in the name of the latter immediately prior to the since evacuation since the brother is a citizen and Mr. Ageno is not. Application for return filed 8/1944 not heard from. Is following up.

(2) NAKANISHI, Kakichi, Wife and six children
Family Number: H-96
Center Address: 8-6-C,D,E,
Pre-evacuation Address: 834 Pohukaina Street
Honolulu, T.H.

In addition to this family group, there are two daughters, one single and one married. They have been members of this family group until 6/11/45. They do not plan to return to Hawaii with the family group.

This entire family group including the two daughters who are not in the Center now were evacuated from Hawaii and they have received notification dated 5/8/45 from Internal Security, Ialama Palace Grounds, Honolulu, T.H. advising that their application of 4/17/45 has been given favorable consideration and as soon as transportation is available, they will be permitted to return to Hawaii. All members of this family have received their "all clear" notification with the exception of Mr. Nakanishi and two sons, Sakateru, age 23, and Ikutaro, age 20, They were unable to find their official notices that they are excluded from the Western Coast area, but the Relocation Division advising us that there has been no change in their leave status (excluded from West Coast).

This family are especially anxious to obtain transportation to Hawaii as soon as possible in order that the three school aged children can enter school in September. They plan to remain in the Center if possible until they can return to Hawaii in order that only one move will need to be made.

(3) MIYASAKI, Hiseki
Mineo
Family Number: H-169
Center Address: 11-3-B

Hiseki, head born 2/14/69, Japan, Alien Registration Number: 5050544

Mineo, Wife, born 2/5/80, Japan, Alien Registration Number: 5319439

Evacuated from Hawaiian Islands. Requesting permission to return. Former occupation - minister and private tutor in Buddhist school -- wife assisted. Six children, two of whom are on the mainland:--Masao, age 45, married,

three children, engineer, Baltimore, Maryland; graduate of University of Wisconsin; Koshi, age 31, graduate of University of Pennsylvania, insurance salesman-Philadelphia, Pa. Four children in Hawaii:-Tomi, age 38, Honolulu, piano teacher; Osako, age 41, graduate of University of Pennsylvania, teacher; Yuzo, age 35, teacher; Tayeko, age 32, student at University of Hawaii, former high school teacher.

Mr. Miyasaki released from Internment Camp, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March, 1944: joined wife in Jerome, June, 1944 transferred Rohwer. Both granted permission to resettle in the Mainland. Applied for discharge from parole 1/10/45.

(4) IWASAKI, Charles
Family Number: H-110
Center Address: 12-8-C

Charles Iwasaki, Head, born 1/1/05 Honolulu, now employed Chicago.

Hatsuko, wife, born 6/28/10, Hakalu, resident in the Center. Three children age, 5, 9, and 10. Husband and wife voluntarily left Hawaii to accompany his parents to evacuate to the mainland because he was a fisherman. She is requesting permission to return to Hawaii with her three children. Her parents at Hakalu, Hawaii own 40 acre sugar plantation and a large home and need her assistance in the maintenance in this plantation. They are able and willing to provide for her and the three children until such time as her husband feels free to join her. Mr. Iwasaki's father and mother are on the Army Excludee List. The mother is crippled and the father is handicapped linguistically. Mrs. Iwasaki made a request May 9 to the Office of Provost Marshal General requesting permission to return, basing her request on the welfare and education of her three children. Number 8 on list.

(4) IWASAKI, Jisaku
Tsuru
Family Number: H-110
Center Address: 12-8-B

JIsaku Iwasaki, born 9/12/74, Japan, alien Registration 5496104

Tsuru Iwasaki, wife, born 6/28/75, Japan, Alien Registration 5745103.

Mr. Iwasaki is on the Army Excludee List and his wife is crippled. Evacuated to United States because he was a fisherman. From 1910 to 1941, deep sea cooperative fisherman, Honolulu. Owns own home and financially able to meet needs for himself and his wife upon their return. Number 4 on list.

(6) FUJII, Taroku
Family Number: 31517
Center Address: 2-5-B

Mr. and Mrs. Fujii came from Japan to Hawaii where they lived for ten years prior to their arrival in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Fujii have five children.

Oscar is married and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Tadashi is married and is established in business in Hawaii. He lives at 428 Ohe Lane, Honolulu, Hawaii. Tadashi expects to be called for military service some time soon. He has written his father requesting that he return to Hawaii to take charge of the restaurant. If Tadashi's father cannot return to Hawaii, the restaurant will have to be discontinued as Mrs. Fujii is expecting a child soon. It will be impossible for her to look after the restaurant and take care of her child.

Mr. Fujii has no source of income and if he remains in the United States he and his wife will have to ask for publciaassistance on a continuing basis as their only source of income since they are too old to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fujii have two married daughters. One Mrs. Ayako Tsubota in Tule Lake, California. And the other Mrs. Frank Shiba, 1567 Dexter Place, Cleveland, Ohio.

Ben, has been inducted into the Army and has requested a dependency benefit for his parents. They will be unable to maintain themselves on the allowance since they have no relatives who can assist them at this time. Before Ben was inducted into the service, he came in and discussed his parents returning to Hawaii with us. At that time he made formal applications to the Western Defense Command for his parents who wish to return to Hawaii with the purpose of taking charge of their sons business. To date, Mr. and Mrs. Fujii have not heard from their application. Ben also notified his brother Tadashi in Hawaii to request the return of his parents to Hawaii with the understanding that he would be willing to provide for them financially if they could have transportation provided to Hawaii.

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July 5, 1945

AIR MAIL

Dillon S. Myer
Director, WRA
Barr Building
910 - 17th St. N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Monthly Report

Attention: Mrs. Marie D. Lane

Dear Mr. Myer:

Attached are two copies each of the monthly Narrative report and statistical report with attachments. Copies of these documents will probably reach you through the usual channels, but we were anxious for as prompt a reception of these materials as possible. We were late in getting the report prepared.

We are particularly in need of guidance on provision for door to door delivery on freight and hope that we may soon have guidance on this service.

Sincerely yours,

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Counselor, Welfare Section

Enclosure - 2

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Narrative Monthly Report for June, 1945.

1. Staff.

a. Appointed.

One Junior Counselor left June 26 and a Counseling Aide was added June 23.

There are two vacancies: one for a Junior Counselor and one for a Counseling Aide, the substitution of two Counseling Aide positions having been made in exchange for the Assistant Counselor position. One Junior Counseling position is filled by a half time worker.

In response to a request from the Project Director for an analysis of the job load, asked by Mr. Myer, an analysis of the job load was developed. The present staff would be full time employed between now and December 31st, without consideration for vacation time, and without allowing for increased case load. This proved to be an under estimate for another reason, due to the oversight of time factors for "supplementary" interviewing. Supplementary interviewing is a service given at the request of the Relocation Division on cases for which that Division carries responsibility for resettlement services, but in behalf of which Welfare Counselors give interviewing service on unusual problems incident to preparation for resettlement. The need for such service is likely to increase. It should be pointed out that since such cases are not considered "active" in the Welfare Section, that service is not counted in the monthly statistical report.

For these reasons, it seems strongly desirable to fill the vacancies now existing on the staff, if that becomes possible.

Through a resident of the Center, we have learned about a social worker of Japanese ancestry who has had considerable experience, and who is getting her graduate degree from the New York School of Social Work this season, and who has never been a resident of a Relocation Center. Her name is Mrs. Martha Tachino, at 111 East 26th Street, Apt. B6, New York 10, N.Y. Her husband is in the Armed Forces. She has worked with a member of our Counseling staff and is highly recommended as a competent person. We wondered about the possibility of her appointment as a Counselor. She has considerable experience obtained before she finished her graduate work, and would undoubtedly qualify.

2. Door to door delivery for freight.

A memorandum was addressed to the Project Director on 7-3-45 to review the need for reconsideration of the provisions made to date for door to door service on the delivery of freight.

Considerating the provision of the Relocation Memorandum #93, issued as of 6-2-45, we made the following comments:

(1) Van service implies that delivery service will be provided when a van is filled, and there is no assurance of getting service to rural addresses or small isolated communities.

(2) There is no way of giving assurance to residents about the time of delivery even in instances when the quantity of freight for one or more families going to the same community given van service, which the resident can depend upon with any degree of certainity. Rail freight is more dependable.

The letter of June 23rd, signed by Mr. Utz, indicates that $10,000.00 is being deducted from the Resettlement Assistance funds assigned to Rohwer Center, in lieu of the provision for the van service. This concerns us a great deal, but since we do not know all of the facts to be considered, we are not in position to comment helpfully about this. We can indicate that from our point of view, we would much prefer having the $10,000.00 and be in position to continue the practice we had resorted to from June first to the arrival of Memorandum #93, which made provision for case by case review and a making of a grant to persons found in need offunds with which to pay for the delivery of goods from depot to door, when the amount of freight could be weighted at the Center, or the weight obtained by communicating with the California source of information about poundage coming from a point in California. The grants were few and small.

3. Meeting the August 10, 1945 dead line in sending all documents to the WRA offices nearest point of destination, for residents not yet making definite plans for departure.

We have been in continuous review of our caseloads to identify people who have made decision about their destination, giving particular attention to those people presenting problems calling for the services of public social and health agencies, in order to have all such documents sent by August 10th. The

difficulties encountered are: the small number of people who have made definite decision; the problems involved in sending documents to California, if the families concerned will later go to another place; and the unwillingness of many people either to sign the 76a or give consent to have their documents forwarded if completed, until they make their decision. Increasingly, too, more people seem willing to take responsibility for making their own application at the with Form #390. The staff, at this point feels that the majority of documents for people willing to ask for the transmittal of their materials, complete for advance approval have been sent. The question becomes, should all documents be sent, regardless of family attitude, and with the probability that many documents will have to be sent at a later time to a second place, because the family may choose not to return to California?

4. Attached are some case summaries on families who want very much to return to Hawaii. They have submitted their applications for permits and for transportation, but to date have received no replies to their applications. They do not wish to relocate on the mainland, and having children, wish to be in Hawaii by the time school opens. We have noted the recent change in instruction with regard to the submittal of application for return to Hawaii and Alaska, which might affect these people, in that, it might be considered necessary for them to reapply. Would you be able to indicate whether or not they should re-submit their applications according to the new instruction. They are cleared, for most part, except for transportation from the mainland.

5. Attached is final report offered by the Community Council Resettlement Planning Commission on their survey of families on two subjects: (1) eligibility to resettlement assistance according to the provisions of Administrative Notice 263, and (2) point of destination upon resettlement. It will be noted that there are some 400 or more families that did not indicate a point of destination at all, but those reporting offer some indication of the trends.

In general, there is every indication of cooperation on the part of the resident's Resettlement Planning Commission,

but we have a growing awareness of the fact that a large number of residents do not plan to take steps to plan resettlement until more liberal provisions are made to help them become re-established outside the Center. They make no threatening statements, but simply state that they are not going to California unless assurred housing and a "good attitude" in California, and they are wholly unresponsive to suggestions about opportunities in other parts of the Country.

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Mrs. Lane — One copy detached by library for document file. EH

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director, War Relocation Authority
Department of the Interior
Barr Building
910 17th Street
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mrs. Marie D. Lane

Re: Supplement to monthly report material for March 1945.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Section E of the statistical report, form WRA 243 revised, submitted for March, was not complete. We attach two copies of the data called for in Section E which was available only as the data from the census taken March 31 which was available to us. This accounts for the delay.

Sincerely yours,

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Counselor

Attach. 1

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(Continuation of WRA-243 Revised)

E. Size of Basic Family Units of Residents	No. Families	No. Persons
Total	2215	6356
1 Person (Male)	550	550
1 " (Female)	65	65
2 Persons	512	1024
3 "	398	1194
4 "	294	1176
5 "	209	1045
6 "	91	546
7 "	54	378
8 "	18	144
9 "	15	135
10 "	4	40
11 "	3	33
12 "	1	12
13 "	00	0
14 "	1	14

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July 14, 1945

Mr. Ray D. Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Miss van Dusseldorp

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Reference is made to your Welfare narrative report for June in which you raise several questions.

With regard to door-to-door delivery of freight, it is not clear whether your comments on Relocation Memorandum No. 93 are based on actual experience with van service or simply upon statements made in the memorandum. We are attempting to develop a procedure which will provide for situations in which van service is not adequate. The difficulty is that we have not yet discovered any basis upon which a schedule of grants can be developed. We note your statement that between June 1 and the arrival of Relocation Division Memorandum No. 93 you did make grants for this purpose. We would be interested in knowing the basis upon which you calculated the amount of the grant.

The deduction of $10,000 from the relocation assistance fund was not based alone upon the provision for van service. In fact, the major proportion of deduction was due to a change in policy regarding including a supplementary food grant.

With regard to meeting the August 10 deadline in sending summaries to Area Adjustment Advisors your attention is called to Mrs. Lane's memorandum of May 21 in which she said that summaries are to be forwarded whether or not the family has made a decision as to the time of leaving or the choice of place of residence. Even though we wish to give as much freedom of choice as possible to the family, I am sure you will agree that it is unrealistic not to plan for those needing continuing assistance to return to their place of pre-evacuation residence. Accordingly, even though the families have not made a decision, summaries can be sent to their legal residence, since there is very little possibility that the family could in their own interest be resettled in some other community except in situations where they may have close relatives already relocated in the second community.

With regard to the families who wish to return to Hawaii, we will inquire into this matter and advise you further. However, I note that in many of these cases a member of the family is excluded from certain portions of the United States. If that is true, it is extremely doubtful whether the Army would approve their return to Hawaii, which is even closer to combat areas than the West Coast.

Sincerely,

Vera H. McCord
Acting Head, Welfare Section

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

To: Vera McCord, Welfare

From: M. Miller, Statistician

Thanks for use
of Welfare Monthly Reports.
They are returned herewith.
Called Library
for missing reports
& they don't have them
either!

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7/16/45

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April - May - Je folder

TO Margie Miller 7/8/11/45

FROM: Vera McCord

The 243's-Revised for Tule for April and May seem to be missing - evidently someone has them on their field trip. The Colorado River report for May is also missing. All the reports for March are attached. We have only one June report - Rohwer's.

Please return these reports to us as soon as possible because the Consultants will probably want to see them when they return in the near future.

You can probably get copies of the missing reports from the Library.

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Attachments - 243 for each center for March
243 for " " except Tule and Colorado River for April
243 for each center except Tule Lake for May
243 for Rohwer for June -

ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
McGehee, Arkansas

September 7, 1943

Miss Lucy Brown,
Associate Consultant on Public Welfare
War Relocation Authority
Room 511 Barr Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Brown,

We want to thank you for your letter of August 17 calling our attention to the discrepancies found in the July monthly report.

It has been possible to carefully review the corrections made during August in the case count for July and we submit a revised copy of those parts of the report which present an analysis of cases.

Sincerely yours

WvD/yk

Wilma van Dusseldorp
Head Counselor
Community Welfare Service

Rohwer

Attn. Miss Van Dusseldorp

We have your report for the month of February and wish to make the following comments.

We regret that you did not receive current releases on Leave Assistance. Upon checking the information in your report with our copy of the leave handbook, we find that we do not have this material either. We are requesting that these be mailed to you at once.

A supply of Form 370 was sent on February 23 but we have requested Procurement to send a second supply since you have not received them. We are also checking on the distribution of Form 244 Revised. This was revised by the Reports Division and the information is used by the Statistics Section so we had assumed that one of those units had seen that supplies were sent to the centers.

With regard to item 4, while the Welfare Resources series is designed primarily for the center Welfare staffs, it is also to be used by the center and field Relocation staff, as well as for the general information of other WRA staff concerned about the resettlement of dependent persons. It was not considered advisable to include a digest of each state's settlement laws for the following reasons. As you know, a state or community makes its decision as to eligibility for assistance on an individual basis. We are assuming that where an evacuee family wishes to resettle in a state where they do not have residence and the plan is socially desirable, the state agency will accept the family and provide assistance from the Resettlement Assistance program. It is impossible at this time to make any prediction about the future responsibility of the Federal government for persons who have not established residence in a given state. In many cases the need for assistance will cease before the Resettlement Assistance Program terminates. In other cases, the family may be joining another member who has lived in the community long enough to be considered a resident and who can meet some of the family's needs.

The proposal contained in paragraph 8 coincides with the recommendation made in my letter of February 9 to Mr. Johnston, attention the Welfare Section.

In regard to paragraph 9, while we did contemplate developing a reception service form but have decided that it is not advisable at this stage of the program. We are asking the Procedures Section to so advise the Form Clearance Officer at Rohwer so the qualification on your use of this form may be removed.