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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Unit Relocation Offices

DATE: December 13, 1943

SUBJECT: Weekly Staff Meeting

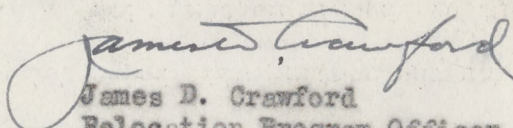
The third weekly unit relocation staff meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, in the Camp 3 Relocation office, which will have charge of the meeting. Transportation will be provided from the Project office for Block 27 and Project office personnel and from Camp 2 Relocation Office.

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- I. Report on Phoenix meeting with E. G. Arnold, Chief, Relocation Division, Washington, by: J. D. Crawford, G. L. Zimmerman, and Edward Nossuff. Progress of cooperation with Poston community groups, councils, etc., will be reviewed by Mr. Crawford and Mr. Zimmerman at this time.
- II. Report on visit to Gila Relocation Office by Crawford and Zimmerman.
- III. Demonstration of typical relocation interviews, staged by Joe Owashi & Co.
- IV. Discussion of forms used in Relocation Counseling as submitted by Charles Olds and John G. Hunter.

It is realized that the agenda listed is very heavy and it may be necessary to discuss some of the subjects at subsequent meetings.

The following meeting of the unit Relocation staffs will be held in the Camp 2 office with Mr. Olds and his staff in charge.


James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

November 26, 1943

MEMO TO:	Giles L. Zimmerman	Yon Hamai	Ken Sato
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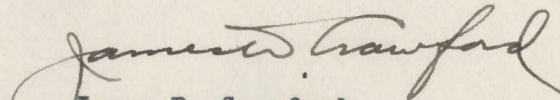
SUBJECT: Relocation Division Staff Meetings

A meeting for the relocation staffs of the three unit offices will be held in the Camp 2 Relocation Office at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 30. Each of the units should arrange to send its relocation adviser and three evacuee staff members to the session which will be in charge of Mr. Charles B. Olds and his staff. Members of the Project Relocation Office specified in this memorandum are also invited to attend the meeting.

The meeting will cover relocation counseling techniques and other matters pertaining to outside employment. Mr. Ralph Smeltzer of the Brethern Hostel in Chicago is scheduled to attend the meeting and outline recent developments in hostels throughout the country.

At 1:30 Tuesday afternoon the station wagon will pick up project and Block 27 relocation staffs from the project office. At the same time another vehicle will pick up the Camp 3 people to bring them to Camp 2 by 2 p.m.

This is the first in the series of weekly unit relocation staff meetings which will be held on a round-robin basis. The next meeting on Tuesday, December 6, is scheduled at the Block 27 office with Mr. John G. Hunter and his staff in charge.


James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Preston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Unit Relocation Offices

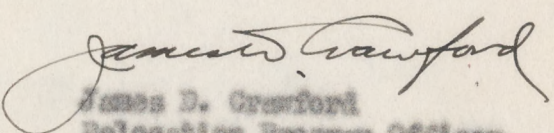
DATE: 12-20-43

SUBJECT: Weekly Staff Meetings

The weekly unit relocation staff meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, in the Camp 2 Relocation Office which will have charge of the meeting. Transportation will be provided from the project office for Block 27 and project office personnel, and from Camp 3 Relocation Office.

AGENDA

- I. Announcements
- II. "The Advantages of Relocating in Small Towns in the Midwest" -- by the Unit 2 Relocation staff.
- III. Discussion of the job offer bulletin.
- IV. Use of forms.


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Mr. Rosett
File Reloc. Div. organization
MEMO TO: Project Relocation Office

DATE: December 22, 1943

SUBJECT: Report of the Relocation Staff Meeting held 12/21/43

PLACE: Unit II Relocation Office

The first part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of publicity. Mrs. Brown of the Reports Division made a statement regarding the assistance her division can give to the relocation program, including the use of the Chronicle for articles and news items on relocation. After some discussion of this, the job offer bulletin was discussed and the following recommendations were made:

1. The job offer bulletin should continue to be printed and distributed in the same manner as at present. Henceforth those job offers which are substandard should not be included. Where there are insufficient job offers to fill up a page, special feature items should be included, such as articles about hostels, specific areas for relocation, etc. Especially good offers should be published more often than once so as to give special emphasis to them. They might be worded differently each time they are repeated.

2. Mrs. Brown agreed to have especially good job offers printed in the Chronicle whenever the Relocation Division submits them, and she would like to have several job offers regularly once a week for Thursday's paper.

Another feature which the Chronicle will include is the printing of excerpts from letters from persons who have relocated. The relocation staff will keep on the lookout for such letters received by members of the staff or other persons in the Project. Such letters will be channeled through Ichiro Nakejima who will be responsible for seeing that the Chronicle secures them.

One additional feature that the Chronicle wishes to have is a regular article once a week on some aspect of relocation, and an attempt will be made to have these translated in Japanese for the Japanese edition. Occasionally, a special article written by an Issei person in Japanese directed especially to the Isseis will be included if this article can be secured. The relocation staff should attempt to secure such articles. The Chronicle will also print regular statistics on departures and also on leave hearings.

The second point on the agenda was a report by Mr. Olds on the advantages of relocating in small towns. At the conclusion of this report, there was some discussion of the need for W.R.A. to change its policy with respect to leaves. There has been considerable feeling on the part of the evacuees that either short term leaves ought to be extended to six or ten months and that a person could work while on short term, or else an additional leave category be set up to make it possible for a person to go out and work for at least six months before changing to indefinite leave. It was pointed out that many people feel

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that they do not want to go out on indefinite leave because they are afraid of not being able to return to the Project in good standing. A suggestion was made that a recommendation be submitted to Washington that some provision be made so that a person could go out for a period of at least six months as a trial period and then convert to indefinite leave.

After a brief discussion of the weekly report form prepared for discussion at a previous meeting, it was decided that each unit will start using this form and submit the report to the Project Office not later than the Monday following the close of the week.

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Unit Relocation Offices DATE: 12-28-43
SUBJECT: Weekly Staff Meetings

The weekly unit relocation staff meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, in the Camp I Relocation Office which will have charge of the meeting. Transportation will be provided from Camp II and III Relocation Offices.

AGENDA

- I. Seasonal Leave
- II. Introductory Letters
- III. Cuneo Press
- IV. Report Plan

James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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	Ichiro Nakajima	
	Charles Hirata	cc: Reports Office

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Nosoff
MEMO TO: Project Relocation Office

DATE: January 3, 1944

SUBJECT: Report of the Relocation Staff Meeting held 12/28/43

PLACE: Unit I Relocation Office

The meeting was opened by announcement and discussion on the part of Mr. Nosoff regarding civil service applicants.

1. In transmitting application of a person having civil service rating to a relocation officer, the actual rating received should be shown and such applications should be transmitted through Mr. Nosoff, a member of the Civil Service Board.
2. In the transmission of application for federal employment, Form 57, a statement separate from the application with respect to clearance should be made, and this statement should bear the project seal. In order that the local Civil Service Board be fully informed in all matters having to do with Civil Service appointments, These letters, too, should be transmitted through the office of Mr. Nosoff.

There was some further discussion, beyond that of the meeting of the previous week, regarding the weekly report form to be used by Unit Offices in recording types and numbers of interviews. A form submitted by Mr. Olds, Relocation Adviser at Camp 2, was approved for use at each of the unit offices.

The matter of cooperating with the various local organizations, namely; church, boy scouts, Y.M.C.A., etc., by furnishing information to such organizations on the departure of evacuees so as to enable the local agency to write letters in behalf of the evacuee to corresponding organizations at destination, was discussed by Mr. Crawford and others. It was agreed that records of departure would be made available for use to the local representatives of the various organizations if desired. On the other hand, it was not the part of the relocation program to become at all involved or to assume any particular responsibility in the matters.

Mr. Cushman discussed departures in respect to January 4th when the special coach leaves. He stated that in order to present to railroad officials the size of car required, it was necessary that entirely definite notice as to the number leaving on the particular date should be given four days in advance of the leaving date.

It was brought out that considerable difficulty is experienced by those leaving the project in not being able to procure luggage containers. In order to improve this situation, it was suggested that Community Enterprise might become interested in stocking whatever was possible in the way of luggage carriers.

Routing of mail, letters and telegrams, from the Project Office to the Unit Offices was discussed. Delays involving two or more days in transmission of such mail was brought out. Difficulty seems to have been caused by the Routing Clerk not having sufficient information that would enable her to determine definitely and quickly the office of origin or business pertaining to the subject matter. A study of this condition is to be made so that appropriate

procedure may be determined to make necessary correction. It was also desired that the various notices sent to people of Camp I and relating to matters originating in the Unit Office would be routed through the Unit Office for delivery rather than being sent from the Project Office.

An extended discussion took place with reference to seasonal leave in which most everyone present took part. The following points were discussed.

1. Should seasonal leave, as now known, be retained or should it be extended so as to allow greater opportunity for relocation.
2. The establishment of another type of leave which would include not only seasonal but short term as well as deliberated upon.

Mr. Nossoff presented the following as a definite plan of determination in the matters discussed.

"I recommend that seasonal leave as it is on the books today be abolished and that in its place the following types of leave be utilized:

- I Indefinite leave be retained on the same basis that it is today.
- II A new type of leave called Interim leave be established which would combine the features of short-term and seasonal leave as follows:
 - a. Evacuees be allowed to leave the center on this type of leave on their own expense to investigate employment opportunities; to work at jobs wherever they may find them; and that the leave be issued for a period not to exceed six months, after which period it must be converted to indefinite leave or the holder of the leave return to the center of origin.
 - b. The resident using this type of Interim leave must have the approval of the relocation officer at the initial destination.
 - c. This type of leave would be issued not more than twice to any one individual. Thereafter he would be eligible only for short-term leave to enable transaction of emergency business, and for indefinite leave.
 - d. The individual would be responsible for notifying the relocation officer of his change of address while on interim leave and that relocation officer would be responsible for notifying the project."

Much difference of opinion was brought out concerning the plan as presented by Mr. Nossoff, although important features of it received general approval. In view of the lack of unanimity, it was decided to give the matter further consideration before setting forth definite recommendations.

The employment arrangement at Cuneo Press, Chicago was discussed by Mr. Hidemi Ogawa and others. From information at hand, the type of employment at that place is an unwholesome one and should receive no favor from this center or other centers of evacuee population.

The next meeting of Relocation Staff was set to be Wednesday, January 5th, at 2 o'clock. This meeting will be conducted at Camp III.

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Hunter
Relocation Adviser

cc: J. D. Crawford
Edward Nossoff
W. Allen Cushman
Hidemi Ogawa
Fred Okamoto
Ichiro Nakajima
Charles Hirata

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Colorado River War Relocation Project

December 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Relocation Staff

SUBJECT: Staff Meeting

The next meeting of the Relocation Division staff will be held at 2 p.m. sharp, January 5, 1944, in the Unit III Relocation Reading Room. Please note that the meeting day has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday, because of the heavy flow work on the January 4 departure. Transportation will be provided from the Project and Camp II offices. Block 27 staff delegates should be at the project office no later than 1:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Evacuee Property in Relation to Relocation
 - a. Talk by R. W. Schmitt or T. Momita of the Evacuee Property Office.
 - b. Please prepare questions in advance and submit to Edward Nossoff no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 3rd.
- II. Seasonal Leave
 - a. Continuation of discussion started at previous Meetings.
 - b. Each Unit Office is requested to bring a resolution to the meeting on its determination of the types of leave needed to further the progress of relocation, especially on new types of leave.
- III. Relocation Team Proposal
 - a. Discussion of usefulness of team and methods to be employed.
 - b. Report on community response to plan.
- IV. Surprise
 - a. Each person will participate
 - b. Concretization of previous discussion.
- V. Announcements and Other Business

Please arrange to be ready for transportation promptly so the meeting may be held on time.

cc: Edward Nossoff
John G. Hunter & Staff
Charles B. Olds & Staff
Dorothy Stevick

/s/ James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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W. Balderston & J. Powell
Evacuee Property Office
W. Allen Cushman
Hidemi Ogawa
Reports Office
Fred Okamoto

Ichiro Nakajima
Harry Hayashi
Roy Yoshida
Chronicle
Charles Hirata
Joe Owasbi & Henry Nakaji
Toshio Kawanami
Yutaka Shimahara
Legal Division

Report of the Relocation Staff Meeting Held, January 5, 1944

Place: Unit III Relocation Library

The meeting was opened with the introduction of Mr. R. W. Schmitt, Project Evacuee Property ~~Officer~~, by Mr. Nossoff. Mr. Schmitt presented problems of the evacuees, arising from their property ~~in California~~, such as those concerning land, leases, rents, saleable buildings, tenant problems, etc. Mr. Schmitt stated that although some amount of difficulties have been encountered, due to the lack of details through papers lost, etc., his department has gone a long, long way in ironing out a lot of problems for the evacuees. In some cases, through the services of the department, the evacuees were able to obtain better deals than they had anticipated. Actual examples of such cases were cited. Most of the problems to date have been those arising from farm families. Mr. Schmitt expressed a desire that the evacuees be encouraged to utilize the services of his office, which are entirely free of charge, to a greater degree. Whether through ignorance of the existing facilities open to the evacuees, or mistrust created in part by the confusion and unpleasant experiences of evacuation, people still fail ~~to~~ or are hesitant in making use of the department. The nature of all business conducted through the Property ~~Officer's~~ office are kept secret. Mr. Schmitt maintained that, ~~in his opinion~~, one of the principal reasons for the lack of response and the reluctance on the part of evacuees towards relocation may be attributed to the fact that they have something in California that have yet to be taken care of--whether they be in the form of real ~~property~~ or personal property stored in government warehouses. Mr. Schmitt concluded his talk with the following statement:

"I believe that it would be more profitable and much more satisfactory for the evacuee to dispose of his property and automobile in California, than to attempt to take the automobile to the relocated area, with the rare exception of those who are going into work where an automobile would be an absolute necessity--farming and war work where the use of an automobile would be approved of. This is in reference to farm property, business property--everything except personal property in California. We do not know how near we are to the end of the war. We all have hopes, but unless a really satisfactory deal now exists for the rental of, or the management of that property, I would not consider it wise for these people to continue to hang on to their property. Values of the property on the Pacific Coast will probably be higher now than for years to come--bringing higher prices than at any future time. When these people can go back to the Coast and operate their property is a very uncertain factor. I am just thinking out loud; this is not a recommendation. We will do everything we can to dispose of the property for the evacuees so that they can start in anew. We hope that your relocation offers prove to be satisfactory enough in one to five years from now, when the evacuees will not care to return to California."

A general discussion on transportation of evacuee property in the event of relocation, government allocations, etc., followed. The following are some of the questions asked:

- Q: Is there a limit to the tonnage of personal property that may be taken from the Relocation Center to the point of relocation without cost?
- A: At the present time, an evacuee can move out of the project, free of charge, any amount up to 500 lbs. of personal property, provided he and his family

have utilized all the baggage facilities they are allowed on their tickets. That is exclusive of the lot brought in from California that might have weighed 500 lbs. The exception to this is where an evacuee has caused the government no expense in bringing in his property to the project. He, then by applying to the Property Officer and making out an affidavit, can have the 500 lbs. limit and, in addition, an unlimited amount of baggage can be shipped from the Relocation Center to the point of destination.

Q: Does that mean, in addition to the 500 lbs. allowed here at the Relocation Center?

A: Yes, if evidence of a freight bill attached to an affidavit is produced, that they paid for the freight.

Q: What is personal property and what commercial?

A: Personal property is the household stuff and farm equipment would be commercial.

Q: Will the government act as an agent? Can one sell through the government?

A: No, we have no authority to act as agent. We appoint an agent for the evacuee who acts, with or without commission; banks, in many cases act as the agent.

Q: Are there any circumstances where the government will pay transportation for commercial property?

A: Not for the evacuee. The amount of estimate for the shipment is forwarded to the evacuee and if the actual amount is less, then the balance is refunded to the evacuee.

Q: What of the case in which an evacuee was forced to rent his machinery and when he relocates and wishes to use them on his new farm?

A: He will have to live up to the lease he made.

Q: Approximately how much time is required to move personal household stuff back home to the point of destination after the application is made--for instance, from Central California to Chicago?

A: Since this is war time, all freight transportation is slow. What ordinarily takes 7 or 10 days, now takes anywhere from two to three weeks. We try our best; we give preference to people who are relocating. If the stuff is stored in a government warehouse, it is faster. It will probably take about 60 days, depending upon the manpower available.

Mr. Schmitt advised:

"All transportation arrangements should be made before the relocation takes place. Copies of freight bills should be preserved. It is unprofitable to have things brought from California into the Center. The warehouses here are unsatisfactory. Evacuees should not bring in things except those that are absolutely necessary.

If you have families that have family problems, instead of interesting them in relocation, get them to take care of their property problems. Generally, they take a lot longer than you guess. Then you will have them ready for relocation. We have tried every possible way to let them know of our services,

but many people do not know yet. Find out what is tying them up in California. You will get every cooperation from our office. People are afraid of the uncertainties ahead, and it is backed up by property interests. We would like to straighten it up for them."

The question as to what constitutes a "family" was raised. There are many families that consist of fifteen to twenty members who pooled together to preserve family ties. Instructions state that the 500 lbs. government allocation on transportation applies to the head of one family only. Questions resulted as to the many new families that have been created since entrance into the project. As allocations are executed according to Family Numbers and no new family numbers may now be assigned, unfairness results. According to instructions, only one shipment of unlimited amount is allowed to one family number, and the rest of the family are on their own. The body agreed on the necessity of obtaining a clearer, more definite explanation on "family".

^{of December 18}
The Emergency Instruction contained in the letter dated December 10, 1943, addressed to John J. McCloy from Director Myer was reviewed. The last paragraph of the aforementioned letter: "We shall not, however, release to the Eastern Defense Command or the Coastal Area of the Southern Defense Command, evacuees who have been processed by the Joint Board and turned down for Eastern Defense Command clearance, even though some of those individuals under our regulations may be eligible for leave to other area." was the subject of much discussion. As to what person or persons would come under this category, remained in question.

^{Murray} Mr. Stebbins ^{of the Division} was introduced to the group, as ^{Relocation office} having assumed responsibilities as ^{Respectfully submitted} ~~relocation~~ ^{Chapman} adviser in the ^{Relocation office} camp office.

Discussion of Seasonal leave was postponed until the next meeting at Camp II, because of the urgency of the instruction on Eastern Defense Clearance.

A report was made on response of community leaders to the proposed visit of a relocation team from relocation offices; the letter to Mr. Myer was read and ~~comments were~~ discussion ensued with the following recommendations made: 1. The team should hold its first meeting with community (over)

representatives

2. The Team should spend more time at Boston because of the size of the project.
3. A modest start with small meetings would be most useful and would obviate some fears of "high pressure."

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

15/ Atsuko Aoki
Camp II Relocation Office

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Relocation Staff

DATE: January 8, 1944

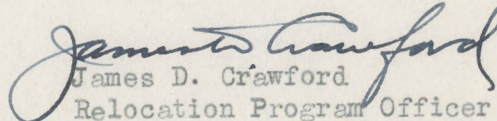
SUBJECT: Staff meeting

The next meeting of the Relocation Division Staff will be held at 2 p.m. sharp, January 11, in the Unit II Relocation Reading Room. Transportation will be provided from the Project and Camp III offices. Block 27 staff delegates should be at the Project Office no later than 1:30 p.m. January 11.

AGENDA

- I. Montana's Relocation Possibilities
 - a. Talk by Murray Stebbins
 - b. Talk by staff members.
- II. Seasonal Leave
 - a. Continuation of discussion started at previous meeting.
 - b. Each Unit Office is requested to bring a resolution to the meeting on its determination of the types of leave needed to further the progress of relocation, especially on new types of leave.
- III. Relocation Library Material
 - a. Discussion by Ichiro Nakajima
 - b. Discussion by staff members.
- IV. Announcements and Other Business
- V. Discussion of Trip East
 - a. Yoshiya Tsujimoto
 - b. Staff discussion

Please arrange to be ready for transportation promptly so the meeting may be held on time.


James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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Mr. Nossoff

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Relocation Staff

DATE: January 8, 1944

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Relocation Staff Meeting

The weekly meeting of the Relocation Division staff was held in Unit II on January 8. The following matters were discussed:

1. Mr. Murray Stebbins described job offers in Montana, principally on railroads and share cropping. The railroad job offers are of two kinds: first, for section hands where housing is furnished and pay is 52¢ per hour, the other type of work is more for single person, gang work where the men board and have their bunks on bunk cars. The rate of pay for this work is 50¢ an hour. The board costs about 50¢ a day and bunk \$1.45 a month. Farm work is mainly beets, potatoes and onions on share crop basis. During the discussion it was pointed out that many persons feel that the share crop opportunities are not very favorable since it is difficult to manage on a 50 - 50 basis. If a 60 - 40 proposition were available, more people might accept.
2. There was considerable discussion about the new type of leave, or extension of the provisions of seasonal leave, so that a person could go out to look for job offers and work without taking indefinite leave. It was decided that Mr. Nossoff will write up a specific proposal to be submitted to Washington and this would be sent out to each unit office for changes or additions. It was thought that some action should be taken immediately rather than spend a great deal of time taking this matter up with the various councils and others before submitting the idea to Washington.
3. Because of insufficient time, the discussion on the library was postponed to the next meeting.
4. Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto described his trip to the East Coast which he had made on short term leave. He gave some very inspiring descriptions of opportunities for relocation and told how his family has settled on a farm in New York. He stated that he had come back not because he couldn't find work but because he felt he could influence others to go out for relocation opportunities. The staff felt that he will be a great help in promoting relocation and will call upon him from time to time.

The next meeting was scheduled for Unit I on Tuesday, January 15.

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Charles B. Olds
Relocation Advisor, Unit II

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Relocation Staff

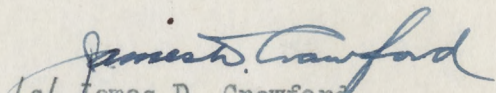
DATE: January 17, 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Staff Meeting

The next meeting of the Relocation Division staff will be held at 2 p.m. sharp, Wednesday, January 19. Please note that the meeting day has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday because of the heavy flow of work on the January 18 departure. Transportation will be provided from the Camp II and III relocation offices.

A G E N D A

- I. Pre-Departure Counseling
(Transportation information, hotel accommodations, personal habits, etc.)
 - a. Outline by W. Allen Cushman
 - b. Discussion by staff.
- II. Function of Relocation Libraries
 - a. Description by Ichiro Nakajima.
 - b. Discussion by staff.
- III. Value, Utilization and Technique of staff meetings.
 - a. Outline by Mr. Crawford & Mr. Nossoff.
 - b. Discussion by staff.
- IV. Finis on Leave Proposals
 - a. Report by Mr. Nossoff
 - b. Discussion by staff.
- V. Announcements and Other Business.


/s/ James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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RELOCATION STAFF MEETING - January 19, 1944

I PRE-DEPARTURE COUNSELING

CUSHMAN: For the last six months I've been trying to get suggestions on the following questions of behaviour: What to do on a train, at a station, in restaurants, etc.

This started with some of my Japanese friends. I would say that 90% of the evacuees have not traveled; they do not know how to take care of baggage, or their papers. The evacuees I've traveled with have been conspicuous. Good Japanese manners are not good American manners.

We are going to try to set up a program, perhaps in the schools. I have offered to give 2 evenings a week to give any help I can. There has been no ^{attention} on this. I want to ask: Should this be compulsory, or voluntary? I'd like suggestions.

OLDS: Do you have a specific program?

CUSHMAN: I'd like to start with the departure station and tell them about tickets, dining cars, traveler's aid, arrival after office hours, employment, etc.

HUNTER: I think it should be voluntary. Mr. Crawford, Mr. Nossoff, etc., and I could get together on this.

NOSSOFF: I agree that it should be voluntary. I think Yoshiya Tsujimoto can help.

HUNTER: Frank is an experienced traveler, too.

CRAWFORD: Perhaps it could be formal for each traveler and informal for each office.

HUNTER: I don't think we should give too much instruction; these people want advice instead. We might hurt people's feelings.

TSUJIMOTO:I did have trouble, when I traveled; I was just a country boy. I tried to arrive during office hours. I found out that the WRA in each city could give me help. I kept a notebook on people to visit. Rev. Morikawa gave me names of people to see. Information is needed. The problem is to make people wish they had it before they start.

FRANK: I usually got information before I started. I tried to dress as well as possible while traveling and to stop at a hotel and clean up before going to an office.

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OLDS: How much is the leaflet put out by the Brethren Hostels used?

CUSHMAN: I don't know. What bothers people most is table manners. They want to know how to act in restaurants.

FRENCH: I happen to know that the Women's Club here is working on such a program.

HUNTER: Let's have a final word from Mr. Crawford.

CRAWFORD: Meetings have been compulsory at Gila and Topaz (?) and have been most useful.

BALDERSTON: I wrote up some material on these subjects that used to be available. I think written material and meetings should be combined.

CUSHMAN: I'm disappointed that we have heard from so few Japanese today.

HENRY _____ (evacuee): I think there should be a detailed handbook.....

NOSSOFF: Perhaps Cushman could work out a program and give it a trial....

HUNTER: I think we should rest the subject with Mr. Cushman and Mr. Crawford. Now let's hear from Mr. Ichiro Nakajima on the relocation library.

II FUNCTION OF RELOCATION LIBRARIES

NAKAJIMA: About a year ago Dr. Powell was thinking about a program like that we've just discussed. You might talk to him about it.

Mr. Nossuff made the suggestion to start a library. I contacted a number of government bureaus and received publications. Mr. Dugan and Mrs. Fishburn worked to get this reading room open. Dr. Carey helped us get the American Guide series. The relocation office in Washington has been sending us materials....(mentioned other sources) 22-23 newspapers come in weekly. A scrap book is made of clippings from old papers. The school library has been helpful. During the summer we tried to carry on a survey of what the people who have relocated are thinking; Tom Sakai worked with me. We received about 200 replies, but they haven't been studied. Marshall Nakaji worked with me on expenses outside of Poston. I asked other centers what they have

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been doing. Jerome and Manzanar sent material; Granada promised some. I've tried to make a bibliography of materials to help counselors.

I've wanted to make up a folder on each city; perhaps they could be mimeographed and given to each one relocating. Also they should be given maps. For cities on which we have no information I have considered asking the relocation officers in these cities...

OLDS: Let's check with the Washington Reports Office before writing for material ourselves.

HUNTER: What does the library need?

MIOKA _____: People ask for maps, mostly. Also housing information.

(LIBRARIAN UNIT II): People want maps to keep.

TSUJIMOTO: A diagram showing how to get from the station to the WRA office would be enough.....

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OLDS: Perhaps it would be possible to compile case histories of individuals with pictures....How about student relocation?

BALDERSTON:Counselling in respect to choice of schools is left to the education department. The mechanics is the relocation office's responsibility.

(Evacuee): There is a special problem in regard to relocation on farms, which we haven't discussed today.

HUNTER: That's right.....

OLDS: We should try to get descriptions written by farmers who have relocated telling exactly what's happened to them. Or, relocation officers like Mr. Stebbins could gather it from them.

TSUJIMOTO:One difficulty in regard to farmer relocation is that their children have already gone to the cities and want to stay there. The Isseis have never lived in cities and don't want to go there.

IV FINIS ON LEAVE PROPOSALS (agenda changed)

NOESOFF: We have decided that a new type of leave called

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interim leave should be worked out. A person could stay out for 6 months and then either come back, or change over to indefinite leave. All the financial aid provided in indefinite leave would be provided, with the exception of the fact that such grants will be available only once. Other types of leave will remain unchanged. Washington approval will be needed on this.....

(more discussion)

III VALUE, UTILIZATION AND TECHNIQUE OF STAFF MEETINGS

(After discussion, it was decided the meetings would be bi-weekly on ~~Wednesdays~~. The next will be in two weeks.)

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

January 25, 1944

MEMO. TO: Project Relocation Office

SUBJECT: Report of the Relocation Staff Meeting held 1/19/44

PLACE: Unit I Relocation Office, Block 27

1. The meeting opened with discussion by Mr. Cushman on the subject of pre-departure counselling. He presented the need of those leaving the project being counselled and advised with respect to manners and behavior in public. It was his thought that this character of counselling would tend to relieve the individual of much probable embarrassment. This is something that was based by him on his actual experiences in serving as escort. Mr. Cushman expressed his willingness to conduct classes respecting etiquette two evenings per week if definite and practical arrangement of class attendance could be arranged. He interposed the question as to whether such counselling should be on a voluntary or compulsory basis. After further discussion on the part of Messrs. Olds, Hunter, Nossyoff, Tsujimoto, Takenaga, Nakaji, Balderston, French, and Crawford it was decided that the plan was worthwhile and should be carried out. The detail of such plan would be left with Mr. Cushman with advice and final approval from Mr. Crawford.

2. Mr. Ichiro Nakajima described the present set up of the Relocation Reading room as provided in each of the three camps. He told how information and materials were obtained for the Reading Rooms and suggested the desirability of preparing a folder respecting each of the principal cities where relocation was favored. This folder should show the map of the city and the location thereon of places such as the War Relocation Office, depot, etc., in which the traveler would be most interested.

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The Librarian at Camp I and also the one from Camp II stated that people were most interested in obtaining information on living and housing costs and were usually anxious to obtain maps relating to their place of intended destination.

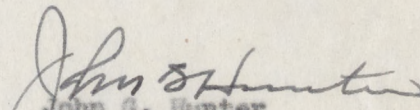
Mr. Harry Hayashi expressed the desirability of making available much more detailed information on farming opportunities in the various sections of the country with the view of affording real and greatly needed help to farming groups with particular consideration for the Issei people. Mr. Crawford stated that such information was now being compiled and also that much help and information was expected to be given in such regard by the counselling teams who are to visit the project in the near future. Mr. Hayashi suggested a special and trained farm adviser as a member of the Relocation Staff would be helpful. General discussion was also given to the desirability of pictures as a stimulant to relocation. Mr. Olds stated the advantages to be obtained in getting farmers who have already relocated to write details of their experiences and problems. He also suggested that case histories accompanied by pictures be compiled and supplied the reading rooms.

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Mr. Nossoff presented the final determination respecting types of leave recommended for the project. This, in effect, was as follows: Short term, seasonal and indefinite leave were to be retained as they now are. An additional leave known as interim leave was proposed. This type of leave would allow a person to stay out for six months, thus, affording ample opportunity for necessary exploration of relocation possibilities. He would be required to return to the project at the expiration of that period or convert the interim leave to indefinite. Financial aid now allowed for indefinite leave would be equally applicable to interim leave. However, such grant would only be available one time. In other words, the subject would need make a choice as to whether he desired a grant in going on interim or on indefinite leave. Washington approval of this new type of leave would, of course, be necessary.

The suggestion was presented by Mr. Joe Owashi that time would be saved and achievement more definitely attained if matters discussed were carried to completion rather than just carried to the next meeting for further discussion. Furthermore when such subject matter require action or approval from Washington that it be transmitted without undue delay. It was the consensus of opinion that Mr. Owashi's suggestions were constructive and that action concerning business of our meetings should conform thereto.

There was a general discussion as to whether the weekly meeting should continue or whether it would be more desirable for the meetings to take place every two weeks. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be held every other Tuesday. This motion was carried. The meeting was then adjourned.


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Relocation Adviser

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

DATE: January 28, 1944

MEMO TO: Relocation Staff

SUBJECT: Staff Meeting

The regular meeting of the relocation staff will be held at the Camp III relocation office at 2 P.M. Tuesday, February 1 with the Unit III Staff in charge.

THE AGENDA

I. Agricultural Relocation

- A. Opportunities will be discussed by evacuees, (H. Ogawa, Tsujimoto, Takenaga) who have made recent trips
- B. Summary and needs by Harry Hayashi
- C. Discussion

II. Opportunities for Issei Bachelors

- A. Murray Stebbins
- B. Discussion

III. Other Business

/s/ James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

February 5, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Project Relocation Office

SUBJECT: Report of the Relocation Staff Meeting Held 2/1/44

PLACE: Unit III Relocation Library

The regular meeting of the Relocation Division Staff was held in Unit III, February 1, 1944. The following matters were discussed:

1. Mr. Hidemi Ogawa presented interesting facts in connection with his trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico and return; the travel by way of Wickenburg. The soil in the Albuquerque area was found to be in various sized tracts of 4, 10, 20, and 40 acres units. The land in these units were all irrigable and very productive. Taking into consideration the heavy production of these units, the water and tax charge was considered to be reasonable. The residents of New Mexico and the Spanish people were found to be real friendly to evacuees. The highlights of Mr. Ogawa's trip was the friendly sentiment of all people that he contacted. This was a surprise to Mr. Ogawa, as, he stated, he left the project with the feeling that public sentiment was just the reverse. Mr. Ogawa stated that agricultural possibilities in New Mexico are favorable.

2. Frank Mizusawa of Chicago is visiting friends on the project, and gave a brief summary of his agricultural observations:

Nebraska. In his opinion, the Tri-County Project in Nebraska has favorable opportunities if worked on a two to three years' basis. Marketing facilities are favorable and will be further developed there over a period of years and this project should prove to be successful.

Iowa. This state has many favorable opportunities for evacuees, and it is recommended that anyone interested in agriculture should not pass up checking opportunities in this state.

Illinois. In this area most all kinds of vegetables and truck crops can be profitably produced. There are many good markets, and the soil is fertile, and the growing season is favorable for the production of a variety of truck crops. Mr. Mizusawa stated that Mr. Curtis of Springfield employed thirty Japanese on his farm and that the sentiment in the Springfield area was very favorable.

Michigan. Truck and garden crops do well in the southern part of Michigan and there are many opportunities in southern Michigan where evacuees who are interested in truck gardening and poultry raising. There are many places in Michigan where the soil is good and favorably located to large markets. Mr. Mizusawa personally is going to give the Tri-County Nebraska Project another careful checking, and he will either definitely settle in that area or close to Chicago, where he will engage in the production of vegetable and truck crops.

3. Mr. Hugh Doi reported on sharecropping of sugar beets and stated that, in general, sharecrop contracts were written on a fifty-fifty basis. He proved that this was unfair to the laborer, and that sharecrop contracts

should be on the basis of 60% of the gross earnings to the laborer and 40% to the landowner. If the soil is not first-class, and well-cultivated, the percentage should be 65 for the laborer and 35 for the landowner. Mr. Doi further stated that if the evacuee with a family is to relocate and permanently establish himself, it is very desirable that some form of government financing should be provided.

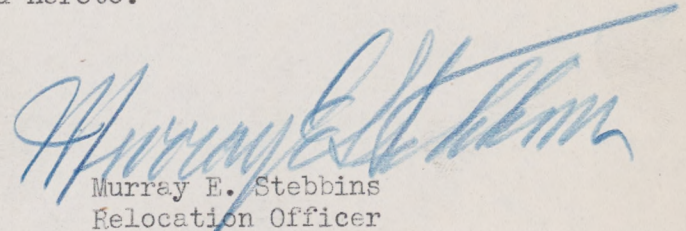
4. Mr. Crawford, following Mr. Doi's remarks, stated that, in his opinion, Mr. Doi had touched upon a very important phase of the relocation program and expressed a desire that each camp select an agricultural committee to meet with Director Mills and formulate a definite agricultural relocation program to be presented to the Washington office. Mr. Crawford stated further that he believed that it would be desirable for the agricultural committee to meet with Director Mills at an early date, and have the agricultural relocation program quite definitely outlined before the Washington relocation team visits the project.

5. Mr. Frank Takenaga reported on his travel through Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa and return to Poston. Much to Mr. Takenaga's surprise, he found the general sentiment in the various areas very favorable to evacuees. He stated that he left the project with an impression that he would contact places that would be antagonistic to evacuee settlement. The speaker was surprised to find so many favorable opportunities for resettlement of evacuees in the different areas that he visited. He suggested that men with families should check into school sentiment before settling in any certain area.

6. A summary of the bachelor program that has been carried on in Camp III was given by Murray Stebbins. The results showed that eleven different meetings had been held with the total attendance of 146, out of which 45 bachelors definitely stated that they would go out on seasonal work, and about 20 or 25 others said that they thought that they would be interested after thinking it over for a short time. The result of this program was so encouraging that it was suggested that the other camps consider a similar program.

7. Mr. Harry Hayashi's report is attached hereto.

Meeting adjourned.


Murray E. Stebbins
Relocation Officer

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

DATE: January 29, 1944

PLACE: Block 27 Employment Building

SUBJECT: Relocation of Farmers

The meeting started at 2 p.m. with Yoshiya Tsujimoto as temporary chairman to discuss the problems confronting relocation to the farms and suggestions were made as to how the WRA could materially assist the evacuees in overcoming this difficulty. Interested parties present were: Ken Sato, H. S. Dohi, John Hayashi, George Yamauchi and J. Fukihara from Unit II; Joe Owashi from Unit III and Frank Abe, Hidemi Ogawa, Yoshiya Tsujimoto and Harry Hayashi from Unit I.

From the opinions expressed by those present at the meeting, most of the farmers in the center are reluctant to go back to their former occupation unless some practical means is established whereby they can be reasonably assured of a chance to run a farm again instead of going out to work with a hit and miss chance of finding a suitable place to farm. Farming is an expensive investment and requires land, equipment, capital, shipping and transportation facilities, market facilities, etc. As much as they would like to start farming again, the majority of the farmers are in no position to start without a backing of some kind since they took such a financial beating in the evacuation. The isseis are too old to build up a productive farm on the long process of starting up from scratch again as a laborer along with the additional burden of supporting minor children at the same time. He must have a reliable plan in getting started. With the proper setup as a starter, most of them would undoubtedly be able to succeed since he has the skill developed from nearly a life time of experience.

Farm offers that come in from time to time often gives the impression of appearing very lucrative in paper, but the actual setup after arriving at the destination is often very disappointing. Land must actually be seen by an experienced eye to estimate its probable worth and the back log of its history must be investigated to get any idea of its possible yield and adaptability of certain crops. The climatic conditions, availability of water, local marketability, length of growing season, availability of packing sheds, transportation, equipment and hosts of other pertinent points must be made known before any seasoned farmers will go. The farmers themselves are only too well aware of these problems, but perhaps the WRA isn't. Though all these things are matters of personal concern to the evacuees, it may not be so to those setting up the WRA policy since to them it is a matter of policy of just getting the people out of the center as rapidly as possible.

The following are some of the suggestions brought up by those present:

1. The W.R.A. should sponsor exploratory trips to look over land available to evacuees.
2. Farming and farm labor contracts coming into the centers should be thoroughly investigated by competent men to verify all statements and see that the deal is up to par.
3. Government should set up credit organizations on farm deals on individual and collective basis.
4. If it is impossible to get farming equipment in the area where the evacuee has a chance to farm, the government should furnish transportation in bringing the evacuee's equipment to the farm, if he still owns any.
5. Sections of land should be made available with all necessary equipment for about 30 family units near a packing house and transportation facilities. It could be paid back on a long term loan basis.

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MEMO TO: Relocation Staff

DATE: February 9, 1944

SUBJECT: Staff Meeting

The regular meeting of the relocation division staff will be held at the Camp II Relocation Office at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 1944. Will you arrange to attend?

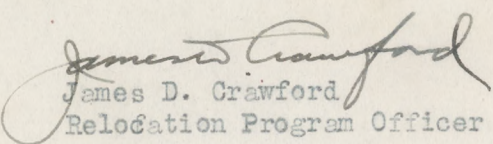
T H E A G E N D A

I. Plans for Relocation Team

A. Advance men

1. Oscar Butte~~ah~~hl
Washington Reports Division
2. Leo T. Simmons
St. Louis Reports Officer

B. Staff Discussion


James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

cc: ~~J.D. Crawford~~
~~Edward Nossoff~~ ✓
~~John G. Hunter~~
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~~Reports Office~~
~~Legal Office~~

Mr. Edward Nesso

February 23, 1944

MEMO TO: Project Relocation Office

SUBJECT: Minute of the Relocation Staff Meeting

DATE: February 18, 1944

A special staff meeting was called on February 18 for the purpose of planning with the advance group of the relocation team the program for the relocation team which will come to Poston on February 28. The members of the advance group are the following:

Mr. Simmons of the St. Louis W.R.A. Office
Mr. Buttedahl of the Washington Reports Office

In addition to the members of the advanced group, Mr. Robert Cronin of Baltimore, Maryland was present, having come to Poston as an agricultural specialist to talk to groups and individuals about farming possibilities. Mr. Cronin will be in Poston through February 26.

After the introduction was made, Mr. Buttedahl outlined the plan of the relocation team as follows:

The team is going to be here in Poston on February 28, and will stay here five or six days or longer as deemed necessary, but they are contemplating a six-day program. The relocation team consists of Mr. Harold S. Fistere of the Cleveland area, Mr. Robert Cullum of the New York area, and Mr. Fischler of the Washington Reports Office. As no member of the team can speak Japanese, the project is asked to furnish the translator. The team is planning to hold community-wide evening meetings in auditorium or mess halls each evening. Mr. Fistere and Mr. Cullum will give talks on the conditions outside. They have had great deal of experience and will be very helpful in discussing the advantages and disadvantages of relocation. The team will have moving pictures of evacuees who have relocated from the time of their departure from the relocation center and their life outside. Mr. Fischler will have photographic displays, maps, charts, and still pictures taken of relocated residents of the centers. Also, the team will meet with different groups, such as block managers, community council, teachers, any occupational groups, school, P.T.A., etc. This is usually held during the day. They are planning to have either the morning hours or the afternoon hours open for interviewing center residents, individuals or family groups.

Mr. Simmons explained that there seems to be an antagonistic feeling among the residents that they are being pushed out, but that is not the policy of the W.R.A. There will be no pushing out, relocation will all be on voluntary basis, but the W.R.A. feels there should be a certain amount of stimulation

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to get the residents thinking about their future. It is the hope of the relocation team to get some idea of what type of jobs the center residents desire so that they will have something definite to work on. He stated that they were anxious to see the counselling program of the Welfare Division get started. They made it clear that the purpose of the relocation team was not for recruiting, but education; and that the team was coming to give information and also to secure information.

Mr. Simmons, using Minidoka Center at Hunt, Idaho, as a typical center, outlined the program they used there as follows:

General meeting each evening from 7:30 to 10:00

Monday:

Morning:	Meeting with Block Manager
Afternoon:	Meeting with Relocation Planning Commission

Tuesday:

Morning:	Meeting with hospital employees
Afternoon:	Individual family discussion Meeting with P.T.A.

Wednesday:

Morning:	Meeting with high school
Afternoon:	Individual discussion with center residents

Thursday:

Morning:	Meeting with another half of the student body
Afternoon:	Individual family discussion Meeting with staff of P.T.A.

When asked whether appointments were made in the other centers, Mr. Buttedahl stated that in most cases, they simply asked any one interested to come in to talk with them; but in Topaz, appointments were made. It was difficult to determine which would work out better, because if people just came in, naturally they would have to be kept waiting, and it was also difficult to determine the length of time needed for each individual.

In most cases, the program of the relocation team was carried on both by the community and the Relocation Division. Mr. Buttedahl stated that in two of the centers, the evacuees, or community, themselves carried on.

Harry Hayashi was asked whether the agricultural group that he and Yoshiya Tsujimoto organized would like to meet with the team. Mr. Hayashi stated that Mr. Tsujimoto might be greatly interested, and also the Agriculture Department.

Discussion as to who should be contacted first was held. It was stated that this meeting was to determine where we could start, who to contact first. After much discussion, it was decided that since the advance group will meet with the Council tomorrow morning, the program will be made out according to the wish of the council.

Mr. Cronin from Baltimore, Maryland was the next speaker. He is a former Farm Security and Farm Credit Administration man. His specialty is agricultural relocation. Mr. Nosssoff announced his tentative schedule as follows:

Saturday morning and all day Monday	-- Unit I, Block 27 Office
Wednesday, all day	-- Unit II Office
Thursday, all day	-- Unit III Office

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday will be available for Mr. Cronin to come back to the office where he may not have finished all the interviews.

Mr. Cronin stated that he was asked to go around and look into several projects throughout the East which had been discussed for the evacuees. He stated that there is a drastic difference in the method of farming compared to the West. The method of preparing the soil and planting the seed may be the same, but there is no irrigation carried on in the East. He suggested that any person wanting to go to that area to farm should, at least for one year, plan to work for someone else or farm on a share crop basis for the purpose of gaining knowledge and learning the weather conditions there, before investing in anything. He stated that there was no irrigation because of the climatical condition and not because of the lack of water. He stated that if irrigated, the top soil of six to seven inches will run out and under that would be clay. The growing season is about 150 to 180 days. He said he also visited farms outside of Chicago. The growing season there is about five months and the production seems to be very good.

Mr. Simmons stated that the relocation team will appreciate having any questions in advance from any residents of the center.

Discussion on cash grant and change of address was also held.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Charles B. Olds
Relocation Adviser, Unit II

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MEMO. TO: Project Relocation Office

April 5, 1944

SUBJECT: Minute of the Relocation Staff Meeting

DATE: March 24, 1944

The meeting was conducted at Unit I, Block 27 Relocation Office with Mr. Hunter, Relocation Adviser, as chairman. Representatives were present from each of the three Unit Offices and from the Project Relocation Office. The outside guest and special speaker was Dr. K. French. The subjects discussed were in accordance with the following agenda:

1. Teletype messages
2. Lewes, Delaware report.
3. Community Analysis and its work in relation to Relocation.
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Technique
 - c. Results desired by Relocation Division.
4. Other business

A brief resume of the discussions is as follows:

I. Teletype messages:

Tentative plans on routing teletype messages were presented by Mr. Nossoff. In the main, such plans provided that final, as well as the initial preparation, would be made at the offices of origin rather than to have final draft prepared at the project office. Miss Stevieck stated that a sort of secretary's handbook had just been received from Washington which gave information and guidance respecting ways, form, etc., of typing of messages, and that such handbook would soon be ready for distribution to the various offices. It was expressed and agreed that messages could generally be placed in classifications in accordance with more or less standardized forms.

Mr. Crawford stated the desirability of clearing all applications for Hostel invitation, either by letter or wire, through the office or desk of the Hostel representative, Miss Edith Takahashi. Such procedure would enable Miss Takahashi to keep a more correct and proper record relating thereto. Mr. Nossoff presented a memorandum, copy of which was given to each one present on the subject of teletype messages.

II. Lewes Delaware report:

This report related to the incident or incidents respecting the endeavor of Mr. Tom Matsubara and Mr. Bill Honda to relocate at Lewes, Delaware. Copies of detailed statement covering interview with Mr. Matsubara and Mr. Honda as conducted by Messrs Crawford, Nossoff and Cushman were distributed to each one present and Mr. Nossoff stated that copies had also been sent to the Director's office in Washington, the Reports Office here and at Washington and to the Relocation Supervisor in New York and to Mr. Cronin, Relocation Officer.

In the ensuing discussion it was pointed out that the young men, after the Delaware experience, were invited to Philadelphia as well as Cleveland with the offer of particular endeavor in getting them properly relocated. However, their special reason, as stated by them, in not taking advantage of these invitations

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

Poston, Arizona

March 6, 1944

MEMO TO: Edward Nossoff ✓
W. Allen Gushman ✓
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Dorothy Stevick ✓
Charles Olds ✓
~~Murray Stebbins~~ ✓
Camp III ✓

Ichiro Nakajima ✓
Fred Okamoto ✓
Charles Hirata ✓
Roy Yoshida ✓
Reports Office ✓
Walter Balderston ✓

The regular meeting of the relocation staff will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Camp III Relocation Library. The main topic of the meeting will be a talk by Mr. William Kir-Stimon, Relocation Officer of the Grand Rapids area, on relocation opportunities in the state of Michigan.

James D. Crawford
James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

was that they each had just enough money to get back to Poston and they felt that such circumstance made it advisable for them to return. Mr. Nossoff expressed the belief that even with limited funds at hand, it would have been much better for them to have made the endeavor to find suitable employment in Philadelphia or Cleveland in accordance with the advice of the Relocation Officers. Mr. Olds verified the thought expressed that community sentiment against the people of Japanese ancestry as well as against others entering Atlantic coast area, particularly around Delaware, was likely to be rather unfavorable unless one would establish claim of ancestors dating back several generations. Mr. Crawford told the boys that under the circumstances respecting their reception at Delaware, which was beyond their control, they would, by request, be readmitted to the center and be afforded further opportunity to become suitably relocated.

III Community Analysis:

Dr. K. French, Community Analyst, gave an extended talk respecting the purpose, general procedures, etc., pertaining to his division of work with its particular relation to the program of relocation. He stated that his division makes scientific study of this situation and that and keeps records and submits recommendations pertaining thereto; that his division was specially obligated to be helpful to three groups, namely:

1. Washington Community Analysis Division.
2. Project analysis as a whole, including matters relating to public opinion and, as a specific instance, the way in which the recent relocation team was received at Poston.
3. Evacuees as a whole with respect to the many and varied problems with which they are confronted.

Mr. Nossoff suggested that an official analysis respecting reaction of evacuees to the questionnaire prepared and circulated by Community Counsel be made. Mr. Crawford brought out the point that in the leave clearance hearings almost 90% of those called for such hearings stated that they planned to relocate if they receive their clearance. He suggested to Dr. French that statistics in this matter would be interesting and helpful to relocation. It was the general opinion that in accord with Dr. French's field of work, as discussed by him, real assistance in matters of relocation might be gained as a result of the studies and compilation of statistics being made.

IV Other business:

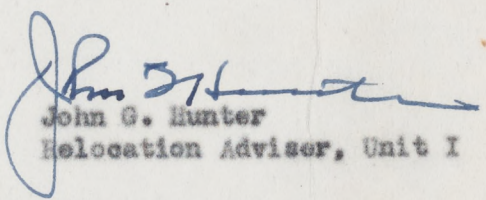
Mr. Crawford discussed the meeting of relocation officers and other W.R.A. officials that is scheduled to take place in Chicago beginning April 18th. He requested that each unit submit problems, attitudes etc., together with citation of specific cases which he might present to the meeting with the view of helping toward the success of the relocation program. He stated that he expected to leave for Chicago by April 15th. Mr. Nossoff suggested that each section and unit have material prepared by the next meeting date which was set at 3:00 P.M., April 5th in Camp 3, at which time general discussion of problems pertaining to relocation would take place.

Mr. Crawford suggested that everyone of the relocation personnel familiarize themselves with Administrative Notice #20 and be in position to discuss it authoritatively as the need may arise.

Miss Stevick stated that new instruction pertaining to various types of leave would likely be received by the Unit Relocation Offices in the very near future.

Mr. Cushman told of the plans made by the Women's Club and himself respecting the Weekly Dinner Program which is held each Sunday at Mess Hall 32 for all people departing on indefinite leave during the ensuing week. He stated that in addition to the dinner, time will be devoted to relocation travel, what to take, etiquette, etc. Special guests from the various divisions of the project will be invited each week to talk to those in attendance on matters of special interest.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.


John G. Hunter
Relocation Adviser, Unit I

cc: James D. Crawford
Edward Mossoff ✓
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Mr. Roscoff

COLORADO RIVER WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Poston, Arizona

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April 13, 1944

MEMO TO: Project Relocation Office
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Relocation Staff Meeting
DATE: April 5, 1944
PLACE: Unit III Relocation Library

The regular meeting of the Relocation Division Staff composing of representatives from each of the three unit offices and from the Project Relocation Office was held in Unit III, April 5, 1944. Also Mr. Thomas Masuda and Mr. George Nishida were present. The subjects discussed were (1) Relocation trip of Thomas Masuda and George Nishida; (2) Relocation supervisors' and Relocation Program Officers' meeting in Chicago from April 18th to April 22nd.

1. Mr. Crawford outlined the trip of Mr. Thomas Masuda, Assistant Project Attorney and Vice Chairman of the Community Council, and Mr. George Nishida, a farmer, who are planning to leave on or about April 15 on a private car for a tour of relocation areas to check opportunities and advise the relocation officers of the local sentiment, and to help evacuees in their relocation plans. They expect to travel through Salt Lake City, Utah; Twin Falls, Idaho; Havre, Montana; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan; Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio; Buffalo, New York; Boston, Massachusetts; New York City, New York; and return via Philadelphia; Washington D. C.; Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; and Denver, Colorado, and to contact the relocation officers of each of these cities

Although the entire expenses are met by the itinerants, their 60 day trip is backed by the Project which is giving them the fullest cooperation and consideration. Mr. Crawford states that on completion of the trip, Mr. Masuda will submit a report of his tour giving informations on outside sentiments and relocation opportunities.

Mr. Masuda has been scheduled in each of the unit offices to counsel with residents regarding their possible relocation plans in the areas he covers to obtain the requested informations and opportunities.

Mr. Masuda states that he desired interviews with as many persons as possible, individually, that have specific relocation problems in definite areas, so that he may attempt to solve their difficulties with the respective relocation officer. Some of the information he will endeavor to bring back to the staff will be; types of farming in various area as compared to California type of farming, conditions of those who have relocated on farms, how and where the families now relocated secure loans, whether other families are able to relocate on farms near the already farming families so that people

leaving will not be too lonesome, opportunities for foster homes for boys of parents who are repatriating, comparison of opportunities for family in city and farming district, family relocation opportunities in great area of land in Montana around the Yellow Stone region, reports from relocatees whether they feel advisable to call out remainder members of families residing in the center.

2. Mr. Nossoff read the attached letter that contains the subject materials for the Relocation Program Officers' and Relocation Supervisors' meeting in Chicago.

Other subjects that were suggested for Mr. Crawford to present in Chicago meeting were: (a) the unfairness of Soldiers in uniform to pay for room and board, while those on reserves after passing pre-induction physical examination may visit or come into Center to await for induction without charge; (b) the elimination of the meal charges for the first two weeks for the visitors; (c) the more easement of reinstatement into the Center after once going out on indefinite leave will have tendency to aid relocation. The majority of the staff members felt that by having the "gate" that would swing both ways, it will be a better means of helping relocation.

Joe Owashi
Assistant Relocation Officer

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W. Allen Cushman
Fred Okamoto
Ichiro Nakajima
Roy Yoshida

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Dorothy Stevick
J. G. Hunter -- Camp 1 office
C. B. Olds -- Camp 2 office
Joe Owashi -- Camp 3 office
Miss Grube -- Family Welfare III
Tom Masuda
George Nishida

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Preston, Arizona

April 5, 1944

Air Mail

D. S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
910 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Edwin G. Arnold
Chief, Relocation Division

Dear Mr. Myer:

The announcement of a conference of relocation supervisors and relocation program officers in Chicago beginning April 18 has engendered considerable interest on the part of the Relocation Division staff, both appointed and evacuees. As a result of discussion, suggestions for the agenda are being submitted to you for consideration.

We have divided the recommendations according to the plan of the conference specifying our points, first according to the joint meeting and then for the session for program officers only. We are recommending that the over-all subject of the conference be entitled "Estimation of Acceptance to the Relocation Program". The suggestions are:

Joint Meeting - April 18 and 19

1. The functions of the Washington office.
 - A. Transmittal of information to the centers, stating the policies of W.R.A., specifically in regard to selective service and its effect on relocation; clothing allowances, employment quotas and welfare administration.
 - B. Maintenance of a close check of community sentiment and acceptance of relocated residents, including a counter-campaign to offset the groups working against the W.R.A. program.
 - C. Announcement by W.R.A. with the best information obtainable of the prospects of resettlement now and after the war and outlining prospects for group agricultural farming by directing and coordinating the program from Washington.
 - D. Establishment of closer direction of the relocation program by setting up tentative quotas of number of individuals to be resettled by the relocation divisions at the centers and in the relocation districts.

- E. Stimulating closer coordination between the field and center relocation offices.
- F. Multiplicity of investigations by various agencies on the same individuals have deterred others and if some method were worked out to coordinate and limit the investigation, additional residents would resettle.

II. Functions of the field offices.

- A. Relocation Supervisors - On occasion community sentiment has not been checked as thoroughly as later developments have proven necessary; consequently, a more careful check in communities of questionable areas should be made. An example of incomplete investigation was at Lewes, Delaware.
- B. Maintenance of frequent personal contact with each of the centers, participating in abbreviated forms of relocation teams.
- C. Continuance of supervisors' efforts in maintaining a constant flow of general locality information to the centers, both from their own offices and the offices they supervise.
- D. Relocation Officers - Under the direction of the supervisors, check community sentiment, especially in new areas.
- E. Provide prompt response to requests for specific opportunities; especially for families and people with agricultural backgrounds.
- F. The flow of employment and housing opportunities in the digest, with more farming information. (Farm relocation cannot be stressed too much especially for centers with as large an agricultural population as Poston.)
- G. Periodical personal contact with centers will help the program and an exchange of Relocation Division personnel between centers and district offices.
- H. Integration of evacuees in relocated communities, especially in relation to educational institutions on which more information is required, shopping centers, social activities, participation in organized labor activities and opportunities for Issei to secure Americanization opportunities.

Relocation Program Officers - April 20 to 22

III. Functions at the center.

- A. The relationship of the participation of the Project Director to the success of the relocation program, such as, statements from him to the community and his role as chairman of the Relocation Executive Board.

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- B. The Relocation Program Officer in relation to working with evacuee leaders in planning the relocation program.
- C. Working with and keeping other divisions and sections informed of the relocation program, including the importance of sympathetic and understanding attitudes of appointed personnel of all sections toward evacuees at the centers to build their confidence in planning to meet people on the outside after they resettle.
- D. Extent of coordination activities of Relocation Division with evacuee leaders and other divisions.
- E. The Assistant Relocation Program Officer's responsibilities in following up work of relocation advisers in handling individual cases; receiving and distributing job offers and locality information for Relocation Division use and for community at large, cooperating with the Reports Officer; maintaining an effective evacuee staff.
- F. Relocation Adviser's importance with individual cases; and working, with the community under supervision of Relocation Program Officer; cooperating with welfare and cross-referral of individuals and families.
- G. Leave Officer's functions in cooperating with relocation officers on the status of relocated evacuees concerning reinduction; application for financial assistance; and change of leave status. The functions of the positions of Relocation Interviewer as related to the present relocation staff and welfare section.

In general, we believe that the Relocation Division is the responsible office for carrying out the program and that it requires the complete cooperation and support of the other elements of center operation, including as much "Americanization" work as possible, both for Nisei and Issei. This, we believe, will assist in the acceptance of the relocation program and in the consequent intergration of the resettlers to normal life.

Sincerely yours,

Duncan Mills
Project Director

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Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

May 1, 1944

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MEMO TO: Project Relocation Office

SUBJECT: Minutes of Relocation Division Staff Meeting

DATE: April 18, 1944

The meeting of members of the Relocation staffs of Camp I, II, and III, together with a number of representatives from Community Management, Welfare Division, was conducted at Block 27, Unit I, on date of April 18, 1944.

Mr. Frank Takenaga acted as chairman and discussions were in accord with the following agenda:

- I. Current Relocation Division Business
- II. Special Counseling Program
 - a. Talk by John G. Hunter, Relocation Adviser
 - b. Discussion

I. Mr. Cushman stressed various matters relating to leave procedures with special attention to the dinner planned by the Women's Club and others for those who are leaving the project within the ensuing week. These dinners are to be given on Saturday noon instead of Sunday as had previously been done. He also made an announcement respecting Selective Service which was in effect that all matters relating to Selective Service had been transferred from Mr. Crawford's Office to his Section and would be under his personal supervision. He further stated that registration for Selective Service, those reaching the age of 18, should be referred to Block Manager's Supervisor where such registration would take place.

Handbook containing all instruction and information relating to special counseling program, as prepared in the office of the Relocation Program Officer, was distributed to those in attendance.

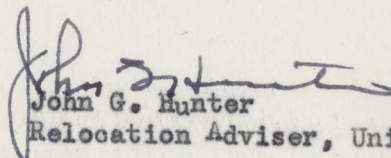
II. Mr. Hunter gave a talk on the general theme of relocation with emphasis on its basic meaning, procedures to be followed, objectives to be attained, etc.

There was a general discussion pertaining to the varied problems relating to counseling with particular attention to the special fields

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of work of the Welfare Division, the Relocation Division, and the relation between the two, together with the coordination which should be evidenced at all times.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.


John G. Hunter
Relocation Adviser, Unit I

cc: Edward Nossoff	Miss Lou E. Butler
W. Allen Cushman	Miss Alice Cheney
Dorothy Stevick	Miss Alice Grube
Charles Olds	Mrs. John Powell
Ichiro Nakajima	Mrs. Charles Olds
Joe Owashi	Duncan Mills
Marjorie Collins	Mr. Carter
Dr. Balderston	
Mr. Adler	

Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona
October 4, 1944

MEMO TO: C. R. Carter ✓
Robert C. Wells
Dorothy Steyick
Herbert W. Carter
John G. Hunter
Harriet Powell

Lawrena Isaksen
Howard Hollenbeck
Bertha Starkey
Agnes Corrigan

SUBJECT: Relocation Division Staff Meeting

There will be a meeting of the appointed personnel of the Relocation Division on Saturday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. in my office. Please arrange to attend.

James D. Crawford
Relocation Program Officer

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RELOCATION STAFF MEETING

Relocation Office
June 22, 1945
Friday, 4:00 P. M.

PRESENT: Mr. Pratt, Assistant Relocation Program Officer; Mr. Sekerek, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Dingley, Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Mack, Mr. Earle, Area Supervisors; Miss McNees, Mrs. H. Dingley, Miss Atkinson, Miss Seymour Mr. Enlow, Mr. Williams, Mr. Miho, Miss McCluskey, Miss Castor, Mrs. Garrison, Mr. Yoshida, Miss Light, Miss Long, Mrs. Yoshida, district workers; Mr. McConnell Acting Evacuee Property Officer; Mr. Hoffman, Project Director; Miss Dickinson, Relocation Program Officer; Mr. Young, Center Liaison Section, Washington, D. C.

Mr. George Young of the Washington WRA office, who has been at Topaz for several days described the work he is doing. He is interviewing residents who were previously in domestic service on Bay Area. (1) To find out if they have been in contact with their former employers and with what result. (2) If they desire to take up their former employment again. Following this survey at the center Mr. Young will go into the Bay Area and interview these former employers to ascertain their attitude concerning the re-employment for these residents.

Mr. Young has interviewed already around 50 persons in the center with good response. He has explained this project to the block managers and to the Community Council. He expects to finish up this end of the work by Saturday, June 23.

Miss Dickinson outlined the contents of Director Myer's teletype on center closure. It was agreed in this group that the relocation job could be finished as well by December 1, as by December 31. However, it was pointed out by Mr. McConnell, transportation may be even tighter in July and August than now and that housing in the San Francisco Bay Area is our major problem. Many residents are ready to go, but are waiting for their leases to expire. Mr. McConnell and Mrs. Hunter also pointed out that there is not enough publicity about the June 28 special car. Mr. Sekerek will follow up on this.

There was^a discussion concerning the possible curtailment of Short-term-leave because of the transportation difficulty. It was agreed that Short-term-leave applications to local areas such as Utah, Idaho and Nevada should be referred back to district workers. Mr. Sekerek will prepare letters to the Community Council and to the Block Managers on this. Mrs. Hunter will see that each area supervisor receives a daily list of departure application so that they may be aware of persons going out on Short-

term-leave from their district.

Mr. Pratt spoke on the necessity of completing Dependency Summaries. He called attention to the changes in Administrative Notice number 263 as outlined in recent letter from Mrs. Lane. He urged that district workers complete their Dependency Summaries as soon as possible. Many of these summaries are nearly complete. Even if the family is uncertain as to their plan, we should complete the verification of residence, references, etc. Many applications for public assistance could be completed as family summaries with a little added effort. District workers were urged to use a part of their office hour itme to do home visiting on Dependency rather than wait at the office for office interviews.

In answer to a question, Mr. Pratt stated that in cases of those persons on Dependency list who wish to resettle in other than the state of their residence, we should send summaries to that locality and await results. However, the reference and legal residence verification for the pre-evacuation addresses should be obtained anyway. If there is still a question or a rejection in these cases from the state of application this summary should be sent in to Washington.

Since we do not seem to have much information on state residence requirements, it was agreed Mr. Pratt would begin to build a file on each state for the use of area supervisors. We will ask each area supervisor to get information for us concerning the state residence laws as they apply to catagorical relief.

Mr. Pratt also explained resettlement assistance as it pertains to dependency cases. We should assume that welfare agencies in any locality may make use of resettlement funds to assist in resettling families inlocalities other than their state of residence where that is justification or in case where the pre-evacuation residents can be proved.
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In cases where persons refuse to sign the form 76A, workers are advised to complete working up a case and send the summary through anyway.

Miss Dickinson explained that we have two definite priorities in the next few month if we are to meet out deadline. During July and August, distridt workers should concentrate on the problems of families with school children to see that these families relocate in time for the opening of school terms in outside communities. At the same time it is necessary that we complete as many as possible of the Dependency Summaries.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MINUTES OF RELOCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

July 5, 1945

Present: Mr. Carter
Miss Stevick
Miss Butler
Mr. Seitz (Washington)
Mr. Sumida
Mr. Iseda
Mr. Horibe
Mr. Wada
Mr. Hunter
Mr. Wells

Miss Stevick reported on the progress of relocation in Unit I during the month of June, stating that the resettlement assistance grants were helping with the relocation of families but still on a comparatively small basis. There are still a number of requests for assistance where families are not eligible, either because of the amount of money in their possession or the size of the family. She stated that there are many requests for couples and single people and that one request which was thought justified, since there was a job and housing but no furniture, had been sent to Washington requesting exception to the ruling, but a reply wire has been received to the effect that no exception could be made. Miss Stevick said that Mr. Sumida had also reported a number of couples had come to him with the same problems.

Miss Stevick also reported that appointments for interviews in Camp I had almost doubled over the month of May. She stated, however, that there is some difficulty in sending summaries to the field; replies have been received to the effect that plans will be made after people come out, but people feel they can't go out until they have more assurance than that.

Mr. Sumida suggested that steps be taken to arrange for door-to-door transportation of property, since people living in rural areas are handicapped in that there is no provision for the transportation of their furniture to their homes. He asked if some arrangements could not be made for the provision of \$25 as the maximum amount to cover the transportation of property from the depot to the residence of the family relocation. Mr. Carter stated he would contact Washington on that point.

Mr. Sumida also brought up the problem of housing. He reported that many people who have relocated are still at Evergreen Hostel in Los Angeles, saying that people who would ordinarily leave are still at hostels due to the inability to obtain housing and that dissatisfaction among many people has been reported because of lack of help in obtaining housing.

Miss Butler reported that in Units II and III there has been considerable correspondence with District Offices this month regarding members of families who relocated previously. She stated that District Offices have been very cooperative in giving information in regard to the individual on the outside as it concerns the making of family plans for relocation in the center. Miss Butler also mentioned the need for hostels, stating that reservations would help relocation in Camp III for people desiring to go to Visalia and Dinuba. Mr. Carter commented that an attempt is being made to open hostels in both Dinuba and Visalia, and that he will emphasize to Mr. Fisher the necessity for hostels in Visalia. He said that so far there is nothing concrete in regard to hostel development. Miss Butler also reported that a group of people, formerly residents of San Luis Obispo, are anxious to go back. She hopes to have a reply soon to a wire sent in that regard, and it was suggested that if no reply is received a phone call be placed.

Mr. John Hunter, Evacuee Property Officer, reported on the functions of the Evacuee Property Section. He reported that since the establishment of shipping and receiving stations in each of the three camps, the Evacuee Property Section is able to move property within just a few hours, whereas previously it took from 48 to 72 hours from the time the boxes were received into the warehouse until actual movement out of the Center took place.

The question was brought up regarding notices of eviction to be given to present occupants of homes owned by evacuees. Mr. Carter stated that Mr. Robertson, in a phone call, had informed him that word had just been received from Washington to the effect that all evacuees are classified as evictees, so that they can get priority on housing.

Mr. Seitz, of the Washington Office, brought up the question of people who are unable to return to their property because of certain types of leases, particularly where a lease has expired or a month-to-month lease. He posed the question: What is going to happen in the case of a person or family having property in the name of a son or daughter who is not returning with the family; what would OPA or the courts do about property owned by the family but in the name of a member of the family who is absent? Another question was the one of the lease with the "duration" clause. Mr. Seitz suggested that several good cases be taken to court as test cases to establish

precedence. He said he would like to know the number of people who would be involved and whether it would be necessary for WRA to do anything in Washington with OPA to clarify the meaning of owners or property where the owner, the individual person in whose name the property is listed, is not actually going back to the property but may be going either to the Army or elsewhere. Mr. Carter suggested the possibility of having a survey made by block managers to get the volume of problems as well as getting individual cases from Advisers so that Mr. Seitz can use them as test cases to take back to Washington.

Mr. Wada of Camp II mentioned the problem a farmer who had returned to Watsonville and had trouble disposing of his harvest. Mr. Carter explained that in crops such as lettuce nothing can be done to force the marketing, since they are considered "luxury" crops, but that with spinach, chard, etc., which are considered essential crops, WRA can force the marketing of that type of production; also large van companies are in operation now which were not in operation prior to the war.

Mr. Wada also stated that the CIO workers refuse to harvest the crops in that area, to which Mr. Carter replied that he was under the impression that the CIO has gone on record as working with the Japanese people now, and that he was going to call Mr. Lewis in Watsonville regarding the CIO in Watsonville. He was also going to send a wire to Mr. Cozzens regarding van service for the marketing of crops.

Mr. Wada also mentioned the possibility of having WRA pay the expense of one or two people, representing about a half dozen families, to go to California for the purpose of investigating housing, etc. It was explained, however, that Washington's reply to that has been in the negative; that WRA would pay expenses for investigatory trips anywhere except to California.

In connection with Mr. Wada's suggestion that permission be given to people to work on short term leave for a period of two or three months, it was explained that the problem has been presented to Washington and to date a negative response has been received. It was also suggested that it would be of considerable help for WRA to work in conjunction with WFA in certain area, and it was explained that WFA is now limited to the importation of Mexican nationals into the country and has nothing to do with domestic labor. Mr. Wells stated that the Mexican nationals program will continue to exist for the remainder of the calendar year.

Mr. Wada mentioned the fact that his office in Camp II is inconveniently located at the present time, since it is entirely

separated from the Relocation Office, where it is necessary for him to spend quite a bit of time. He and Miss Butler were advised to contact Mr. Uyeno, Unit II Administrator, in regard to space for the Unit II Relocation Advisory Board. The necessity for increasing the express office in Unit II by four members to handle outgoing express was also mentioned.

Mr. Wells reported that in regard to the Wilson Plantation offer, Mr. Ragon of the Little Rock, Arkansas Office, is getting out a pamphlet with the agreement, signed by Mr. Crain of the Wilson plantation, on the reverse side. The pamphlet requires Washington approval before it can be given to the Project, but advance copies are being sent to us.

Mr. Wells also reported that the Santa Fe Railroad can provide for West-bound coaches to accommodate about thirty people on Wednesday nights, and suggested that people traveling west be advised to leave Wednesday night. That depends on whether or not there will be enough people scheduled to leave for one particular city or vicinity.

Mr. Carter suggested that Relocation Advisory Board member keep a tally of the number of interviews held over a period of a week regarding relocation problems. He also stressed the importance of obtaining reports from people who return from short term trips as to the advantage and disadvantages of the areas visited.