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Sat. Aug. 8

Dear Dr. Dorothy Thomas:

This will inform you that there will be new Visitation Regulations effective this coming week. Visiting hours are between 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and no perishables except fruit in food-stuffs can be brought in.

Has any contact with the S.F. W.C.C.A. office regarding permission to enter been made? Morton G. & you are on the list which requires special permission from Mr. Davis, Center Manager to enter and so cannot come in as ordinary visitor. Can you imagine that!

Charles had a long talk with Mr. Geo. Greene, but he ^{has} considered taking those bulletins (which Geo. confiscated already) same as stealing Army jeep — so, no chance of getting any of it back. He was told that we could not take any documents out without permission from W.C.C.A. Offices. Will be waiting for your advice

Sincerely, Fred H.

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Dr. Thomas:

The report and minutes of the Block Manager and House Captains meeting is hereby submitted so that you can get a picture of the type of activities and the immediate problems with which the first contingent ~~xxxx~~ who came as work corps were concerned and how they met their problems and situations.

The first ~~xxxx~~ two sheets are the summarized report of the minutes of the meetings which follows. .

This group was the only and first representative group which acted as liaison between administration and the residents. This group was soon dissolved as the second contingent came into the center for its purpose was no longer served since all the members of the first contingent dispersed to other blocks. The original house captains group were all representatives from just one block, Block No 3. which was the first block to be opened at Topaz.

There was great deal of harmony and cooperation among this first group. It was the people's informal government so to speak and the Administration became apprehensive for they wanted to separate the block managers group from the council which will be the community self governing body. The block manager 's job is appointive whereas the councilmen will be elected and it wouldn't do to have the arm of the administration be the self-governing body. It would mean that the administration can control the job and therefore control the members if the block managers are also policy forming group. This distinction was emphatically made from the very beginning and when the first group of house captains and block managers started to make policies, it was deemed wise to dissolve the group and start the machinery to get councilmen elected. This discussion will be taken up elsewhere under 'government'.

REPORT OF THE HOUSE CAPTAINS MEETING TO THE
RESIDENTS AT THE SECOND ASSEMBLY
Sept. 14, 1942 7:00 pm Dining Hall.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Administrative Staff:

I was asked to give a brief summary report of the house captains meetings. As the term 'house captains' denote, each building in this block, our block now changed to Block No. 3, chose one representative to attend the house captains meetings. These representatives are called house captains for want of better names, and they are serving you voluntarily as many of you are doing in other capacities. These men are: (get list from Rev. T. Goto.)

To date, the house managers have held four meetings. Rev. T. Goto, block manager is the chairman of the meeting, but the meetings are conducted in the most democratic manner and any of you are welcomed to attend any of the sessions. We have been here four days now, and we have had four meetings, which shows that our block leader is right on his toes, ready to meet any contingency or special needs.

It was suggested that you may be interested in knowing what kind of things we discuss at the house captains meetings. So, I have briefly ~~summarized~~ from the minutes of the meetings some of the business we discussed.

At the first meeting--

1. Discussion on sanitation of the camp
2. Desirability of Information Bureau
 - a. Result: Information desk at the Block Manager's Office
Mr. Ed Kitow and Fred Hoshiyama asked to set it up.
3. Suggestion that residents wanted to get permanent quarters assigned so they could fix it up for the rest of the family made
 - a. Committee formed to meet with Mr. Cornwall.
 - b. Tentative assignments will be made all day tomorrow in the Block Manager's office. See Mrs. Roy Takagi
4. Suggestion made to change the numbering of buildings from the present system to horsehoe formation. Taken up, but we were told that numbers were already made and can't be changed.
5. Map of this center--we like to call it our city for it'll be the fifth largest city in Utah when we're all here.--will try to be mimeographed and handed to new arrivals as they enter their new homegrounds. Mr. Ed Kitow volunteered to get this done, if possible.
6. Discussion on best way to house people was held. Special concern and considerations were given the couples and the bachelors. Recommendation was made that bachelors should not be segregated and should be dispersed within the community and that the couples should be given privacy.
7. Master directory of the residents was requested. This is now ready and information of addresses can be gotten at the Block Manager's office Z-A.

Second meeting: It was asked of the house captains to ask their residents to remain quietly after dark so that those who work in ~~xxxxx~~ dining halls and kitchens can get their rest and sleep.

2. Report of the House captains meetings
F. Hoshiyama

Third meeting:

Lumber

Many house captains expressed the anxiety of their residents regarding the lumber situation. Some were getting lots of it and some weren't getting any. What can we do and what should be done? Suggestion was made to distribute all available lumber equally among the residents so that everyone will have some to do their carpentry with.

Committee was ~~xxxxxxx~~ appointed to ~~xxxxx~~ contact the responsible administrative officer to find out what can be done about the lumber situation. Mr. Ed Kit~~ow~~ volunteered to do this.

He reported that there are approximately 450,000 board feet of lumber and that there would be enough for everyone at this center. Therefore, it was suggested to ask each house to send four volunteer helpers to get the lumber and have the house captains distribute the lumber to the residents equally. Action will ~~xxxx~~ be taken Tuesday. Those with more than their quota of lumber would be asked to share it with their neighbors.

Families will get theirs because there is plenty at the pile and more will accumulate as construction continues.

So, everyone do not worry about lumber...you will get yours. Residents are asked to volunteer their help to get it.

Welcome!

Special committee to get the entire residents hereto greet and welcome new arrivals, first of which will arrive on 17th to be appointed...Want everyone's help, ideas, and cooperation.

You heard our brass band and drum and bugle corp practicing today. We waste no time.

It was reported that some form of 'head count' would be necessary at our center--same for all the WRA centers as well as WCCA centers.

What would be the best plan so that it wouldn't be too formal or regimented? Plan was suggested to have it around 6:00 pm just once a day right after supper and it was to be done very informally but accurately. Block managers would be responsible for this information.

Special announcements were given:

1. Eating hours
2. Canteen in new location
3. Hospital location
4. Meeting announcements.

Thank you for your attention...
It was a long report--much too long but it covered our meetings....

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoshiyama

Sept. 14, 1942

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CAPTAINS MEETING

First meeting of the house captains met with Block Manager, Rev. T. Goto on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Recreation Hall. Purpose of the meeting was to formulate basic policies for the best interest of the residents and some form of organization was to be set up so that information and liaison can be maintained between the administration and residents. Each building residents were to choose a representative to attend the House Captains meetings and this was the first meeting.

Introduction and registration was conducted. Then discussion on Sanitation and Information took place.

Mr. Roy Takagi was mentioned as the person who was taking care of the sanitation arrangements. Ed Kitow and Fred Hoshiyama volunteered after being asked to handle the information office to disseminate the information and to keep office hours in the Block Manager's office.

Discussion on the assignment of permanent quarters was held with the decision to have the committee as a whole meet with Mr. Cornwall to discuss what can be done and what will be done regarding the question of permanent assignment of housing quarters.

It was suggested to have the numbering of the buildings changed from the present system to that of making the numbers consecutive along a horseshow shape system.

Suggestion was made to call the recreation hall as community hall and designate specific ones with the number which shall correspond with the number of the block. In other words, the recreation hall will be known in the future as the Community Hall #3 in which we are now meeting.

Question as to whether they will have enough end rooms for married couples was raised. Also, many hypothetical cases which may cause a problem in housing was brought up. Especially was the situation which involved bachelors or single men was presented. It was suggested not to segregate the single men or the single women. Other problem cases were couples, and family which will comprise of 7 and 8 members.

Suggestion that a map of the whole center with a sample description of a single block would be desirable to have on hand as the new residents arrive so that copies may be given to them for their information and edification. Mr. Kitow volunteered to make the map and get it printed if possible.

Master directory of the residents ~~XXXX~~ was suggested and it was understood to have the housing under the Block Manager to investigate the possibility of it.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am. Next meeting to be held at 2:00 pm in the Community Hall #3 Sat. Sept. 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoshiyama, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CAPTAINS MEETING

Sept. 13th, Sunday at 1:30 pm. at Community Hall #3.

Meeting called to order by Block Manager Rev. T. Goto at 1:30 pm in Comm. Hall #3.

First item of business was the lumber situation. Problem presented was that too many truck drivers were taking all the available scrap lumber by themselves and the other residents couldn't get any. Suggestion was brought up to make distribution of lumber equitable and available to all. Recommendation made: Ask Mr. Jennings to get crew of 5 permanently on the lumber distribution assignment and to requisition for two trucks. Ration the lumber so that each person would have one bench and one table for one room. In other words, 9 bd. ft. of lumber to a person. Truck drivers were asked to stop bringing in lumber.

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Discussion the best procedure to set up a 'head count' system was held. It was decided that if this procedure was an Army order, it would be best to have it done around 6:00 pm once a day and it would be done by volunteers. It was decided that the best procedure would be an informal system in which the house captains or some designated person would report to their respective block managers of their buildings residents and the block managers would report to Mr. Cornwall or to the designated person.

Discussion on the planned Mass meeting, the second Assembly which will be held at Topaz was held. Special committee to set up the program and plan for the forming of larger working committee which will include the different points of view, such as, issei, kibe, nisei, and others. Special committee includes, Vernon Ichisaka, Ed Kitow, Roy Matsushino, Rev. T. Goto and two others to be selected.

Problem regarding where to house the bachelors ~~again~~ was again brought up. There were an estimated 650 single ~~male persons~~ persons at Tanforan. What to do with them when most of them will come to Topaz at first week. How to disperse them throughout the community when the other areas aren't ready for occupation yet. It was definitely agreed that dispersment of the bachelors throughout the community would be the best social application, but how and what procedure to use in doing so was the question. What to do with families of 7 was discussed. It was decided to put them into 3 and 4 into two rooms.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoshiyama, Secretary.

Addition: I missed the meeting which was held Sat. pm. Nothing of special importance was discussed except that residents were asked to observe quietness during the late evening hours and that lumbars were not ~~to~~ to be taken any more.

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CAPTAINS MEETING~~s~~ Sept. 14th, 1942
~~11~~X 1:00 pm. at Community Center Hall #3.

Meeting called to order by Block Manager, Rev. T. Goto at 1:10 pm .
 Attendance: Henri Takahashi, Ed Ktow, Fred Hoshiyama, Hr, Henry Takahashi
 Vernon Ichisaka, Gary Sugawara, Min Tamaki, Ben Murota,
 Joe Inafuku, Rev. T. Goto, Mrs. Tomi Takagi, Yosh Hibino,
 Min Sano.

Telegram which was proposed to be sent to Tad Fujita, Tanforan, was read and discussed. It was decided to strike out the request for having the families notify us in advance if they wish to split up, but to send the telegram asking the bachelors to group themselves into natural affinity groupings of 5s.

Tomi Takagi submitted following figures of the contingent arriving on the 17th of Sept and those which came in the first contingent combined.

125 Bachelors	25	5 in family
17 Single Women	10	6 in family
31 Couples	7	7 in family
41 3 in family	5	8 in family
21 4 in family	2	9 in family
	1-10	in family
	1-12	in family

513 will come in the second contingent. 214 are already here at Topaz. There will be total of 727 after the 17th group arrives.

Question as to the best procedure of housing them and the need for some basic policy to be made was raised. It was decided to recommend the following assignments of housing quarters.

Families of 2 and 3	into	A	234	F	Apartments
" " 4 -----	"	C	"	D	"
" " 5 and 6	"	B	"	E	"
" " 7 to 10	"	C-D			"
" " 12 or more	"	A,B,C. or D,E,F.			
Bachelors in groups of five	"	B or E.			

Large sign explaining division of family groups and their assignments to housing ~~x, in Induction place~~ at Induction place voted down.

Suggestion made to make tentative assignments all day Tuesday, Sept. 15th, by residents here for permanent residence. These assignments will be at the approval of Mr. Cornwall.

Total of approximately 9100 residents at Topaz when relocation of this center is completed given. 7,800 residents at Tanforan and 660 will come from Santa Anita which originally went there from San Francisco.

Problem of how to best distribute mail was brought up. Recommend to Mr. Jennings to hire a regular mail delivery person to take one block was made. If this won't work, it was suggested to ask the Safety Council to handle distribution temporarily.

Question of the lumber distribution was ~~not~~ discussed at length. Mr. Ed Kitow made his report that there must be approximately 450,000 board feet of lumber at the lumber scrap pile which will eventually be released to the residents. It will give each individual 50 bd. ft for any carpentry work. Estimation provides enough lumber for the total center residents since more will be added to the scrap pile as new construction goes on.

Mr. Goto reported that Mr. Jennings told him that hiring of permanent crew for distribution of lumber will eventually be done, but for the present, to let the matter ride awhile. He was asked to calculate just for the present.

The following suggestion was agreed upon and will be carried out. Rev. Goto will see Mr. Baker and get the lumber for the ~~permanent~~ residents already here. He will try to secure a truck and if possible a driver. The house captains were to arrange for a volunteer crew of at least four for each building to supply the manpower to move the lumber. The house captains were to be given the authority to distribute the lumber equally among the residents in his house. It was emphatically requested of the truck ~~xxx~~ drivers not to bring any more lumber into this area without authorization. This request applies to every member of this center.

Discussion on induction was taken up next. It was suggested to work together with any group in charge of the induction and to help with the Welcoming of the new arrivals. It was decided that the best plan would be to divide the responsibilities into three sections, namely, Reception, Guides and Information and Baggage. Welcome signs, Band, Drums, Direction signs were suggested.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made that the second Mass Assembly meeting will be held at 7:00 pm tonight in the dining hall and that Mr. Chas. Ernst, Director, ~~xxx~~ will discuss self government for the community, and Mr. Walter Hondrichs, Chief of Enterprises, will discuss the cooperatives at this Center. A short business session will also take place at which time, Mr. Fred Hoshiyama, was asked to give the minutes of the meetings in brief so that the residents can know what the house managers meetings were like and to disseminate information. Half hour of entertainment will ~~xxx~~ also be included in the program.

Discussion on the buying of newspaper to keep contact with outside world was ~~xxxx~~ had. The house captains were to find out how many wanted daily newspapers so that the Canteen could order them. It would be regular buying of newspaper for 5¢ until further notice by the subscriber. Mr. Ed Kitew was to receive this information and convey it to the canteen manager.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoshiyama, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CAPTAINS

Tuesday--September 15, 1942 at Community Hall #3.

Chairman: Rev. T. Goto

Attendance: Bill Fujita, Roy Takagi, Fred Hoshiyama, Ed Kitow, Joe Inafuku, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Vernon Ichisaka, Henri Takahashi (Bob Iki) Ben Murota, Gary Sugawara, ~~XXXXXX~~

Mr. Jennings stayed for first part of the meeting.

Question of laundry came up and Mr. Jennings reassured us that the laundry facilities will be ready by the time the next contingent arrives.

It has been definitely announced by Mr. Jennings that Block 4 will be kept unoccupied and Blocks 5 and 6 will be filled by those already here and by those coming on 17th. Reason for keeping Bl. 4 open was to provide hospital facility while the real hospital is being built and while the schools are being built, to provide buildings for education system. Other administrative offices will be located in Block 4 such as canteen, Community Activity, Employment, etc. Regarding housing, Mrs. Roy Takagi announced that moving into the newly assigned quarters for permanent living quarters have been approved and moving can take place anytime. Mr. Jennings cited these figures--400 couples room will be short and 500 large B and E rooms too many.

Problem of complaints regarding gambling was brought up and the following suggestion was accepted. Each house captain was asked to ask the cooperation of their residents to abide by the rulings and for the good of the whole center--to prevent any form of gambling.

Lumber:

Lumber will be distributed by houses. Those desiring lumber must see their house captains and to line up at the coal bin by the lumber pile at 7:00 pm. Order of distribution by houses will be 1, 22, 2, 11, 3, 10, 4, 9, etc.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

1. Explanation of induction processes
2. Permanent location of Block Manager's Office--7-A of any block.
3. Location of Canteen--presently at Block 4, Barr. 12-E
4. Return address of local residents: Topaz, Utah
5. Procedure in getting baggage
6. Announcement of the availability of lumber--enough for everyone assured for 450,000 board feet of lumber at the scrap pile. Not necessary to hear or collect lumber in secret.
7. Request that permanent walls should not be built in the apartments for the inner walls must yet be constructed and also the ceilings.
8. Boundaries for our living quarters are to be respected and we are asked to stay within our boundaries at all time. Boundaries to date is the outside perimeter of Blocks 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Mr. Fred Hoshiyama was asked to write out the announcement and give to Mr. Shig Takahashi and to see Mr. Hull to give him any additional information about the center which can be incorporated in the bulletin which he is printing for the new arrivals.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hoshiyama, Secretary

This will be the last official meeting of this group since moving will effect the group.

September 15, 1942

Mr. Fred Hoshiyama
Barrack 4, Apt. 18
Tanforan Assembly Center
San Bruno, California

Dear Mr. Hoshiyama:

I have the honor to inform you that, under a grant from the Columbia Foundation, you have been awarded an honorarium to enable you to participate in the University of California Evacuation and Resettlement Study. Your activities in this connection should in no way interfere with your performance in the Work Corps of the War Relocation Project to which you have been assigned.

The honorarium has been awarded you, in the expectation that it will be used by you for the continuation of your research training at the graduate level after you are released from the Relocation Center. Funds will accumulate for your use for a period of 2 months, beginning October 1, 1942 at the rate of \$50.00 per month. This accumulation will cease upon your departure from the Relocation Center unless the senior staff decides that, because of your usefulness in preparing reports, the honorarium should continue. In this event, additional funds will be awarded to you. If you remain in the Relocation Center longer than 2 months, the honorarium is subject to renewal. During your residence in the Relocation Center, the senior staff may, at its discretion, release funds to you from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

September 17, 1942

Dear Fred,

I was indeed happy to get your letter of September 13. Utah certainly sounds like Utopia, and I hope your first impressions are justified by later events. Of-course, if history repeats itself, and I very much fear it will, the Army will move people in too fast and you will face all sorts of difficulties. But with a good administration, they can be cleared up. And the Administration certainly sounds good. Hold on to your Mr. Ernst: Eastbourne Smith has resigned from Gila and Roy Nash is leaving Manzanar, so WRA is in a real jam. Good administrators are not easy to find.

I spoke to Professor May about your city planning problem, and he promised to send me a list of books. I can have them sent to you on interlibrary loan(I have an arrangement with the Library about sending books to all of my "field workers") You will be responsible for renewing them promptly and returning them.

I am having the early Tanforan report copied, and will send it along soon. Then, when you get your notes assembled, we will try to get the larger report in order. Earle has sent for his notes and promises to finish up his report immediately. There is no secret about your working with me on this report. In fact, I think it would be a good thing for you to tell Mr. Ernst about it. You may say that I have been collecting records of the Tanforan group, and have asked you to help me prepare a report during the next two months in your spare time. In fact, when things calm down a bit, say around the middle of October, you might suggest to Mr. Ernst that you would like to have WI and me come to the Center for a few days(I have a travelling allowance, and WI finds trips of this sort worthwhile) Then, if we can get Mr. Ernst interested in a follow-up of the Tanforan group, it is just possible that WRA would authorize our activities. I am holding out some money in a "contingency fund" for such an eventuality, but don't count too much on it. At any rate, we will finish up the Tanforan report, and you should also keep a diary or journal or field notes(and encourage others to do the same) of what is going on around you in the early days at Topaz.

I am now having your autobiography typed up. It is a very good document indeed. I shall edit it, and ask you some more questions, and shall also ask Bob Spencer to look it over for possible questions. Morton has left for Washington, returning in about a month. Chernin has also gone to Washington(Board of Economic Warfare) for the duration.

Send us some more "bulletins" soon.

Sincerely yours,

War Relocation Authority Center
Topaz, Utah

September 21, 1942

Dear Dr. Dorothy Thomas:

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Your letters, of the 11th with the ~~deposit~~ book, of the 15th with announcement of the honorarium which I shall keep for my protection, and of the 17th. First two were forwarded from Tanforan and your air mail was received Saturday. Thank you for all of them.

You may, if you will, deposit the September 'honorarium' and any later ones directly. I'm sure the checking account will come in handy and I certainly appreciate the favor you did for me. You worded the letter regarding the 'honorarium' very smoothly and it sure sounds great. Thank you. Regarding the disposition of the 'honorarium' to other people whom I shall ask for help with the Tanforan report, the procedure you outlined shall be closely observed. I have already lined up some individuals who I might ask for help in the various phases of Tanforan life. One especially will be a young lady who headed the Adult Education and had lots to do with Americanization program.

Your suggestion about WI and yourself coming to Topaz will be heartily approved by this person and I shall certainly try to make the necessary arrangements. It may be that the Tanforan group will be little delayed in getting here since we're not ready to receive them yet. My first impressions must necessarily be modified with the events happening as they are. However, I know that after the place is settled the place has a chance to become a model center. We are all looking forward to such an end and everyone is working very diligently towards that goal. You are a prophet! The army is repeating history and the people are being moved too fast. Already, we have to eat in three shifts and the plumbing facilities are not ready. The administration is having its hands full and the people are complaining and grumbling. With each new contingent, Mr. Ernst and staff is meeting and greeting them at night at an assembly meeting in the dining hall and when the situation is explained, the residents seem to understand the handicap in which the administration is working and all is very well, at least on the surface.

I shall be waiting for the list of books and I can make a few choices or if they are not too many and I can borrow a few, it might expedite matters if you chose a few good material and have it sent. At the same time, there is another problem we face. There is a definite need for trained social workers and some good texts for in-service-training. Could something be done for welfare material? Too bad Chernin left for he would be valuable help in this problem. The Community Activities and The Community Welfare sections are fighting for me now. I came as Community Activities man and I suppose I have a responsibility to fulfill, but Community Welfare will be a vital need during this coming

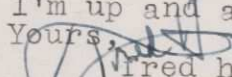
winter and it's more to my liking and training. I won't be much help in either, but since I had some training and experience in these fields, both groups want me to help out. Right now, I'm spreading myself very thinly in number of things including self-government, religious activities, recreation, education and welfare. In addition, I'm trying to help organize the coop study groups and trying to hurry matters so that consumer education can take place effectively and get the community enterprises started. My desire is to be placed in the social welfare work, but it'll all depend upon my boss Mr. Lorne Bell. He is the top man of the Community Service Division. I sure can use some material on case work and interview techniques.

All the books, folders and paper is still at Tanforan and I understand that it won't be coming in to me until after Oct. 4th. It's going to stymie my reports a lot. Could it be possible to send up a few large envelopes in which I can send in 8½ x 11 sized papers? I have stamps, but no folders or large manila envelopes. Later, we may be able to purchase these things, but it's too early in the game to get anything special like that.

I'm contacting different persons and have asked them to keep diary or notes for so-called posterity. In case the Tanforan study can be continued here with this group, I am making notes and writing up spot observations and getting informations, facts, minutes of various meetings for such an eventuality. It'll be good study at any event. The difference between the WCCA and the WRA can be noted and I'm sure evidences will bear out what all of us know already. I'm interested to know just what the effect will be on the residents, although the 4 mos. or so in WCCA is relatively a short time to use for any comparative basis.

You got most of the information which I'm enclosing, but it might add to the information you already received since it's the latest report letter that I've written. I made about 12 copies of it and sent them to various people on the outside as well as into Tanfo.

I met with Mr. Ernst today, but I didn't have a chance to talk to him of our study reports. He's a swell man and we all think he's grand. Tonight, I have been given the honor to chair the Fifth Assembly meeting--yesterday's and today's contingents will meet and Mr. Ernst and staff will greet them and talk to them. Visitors have already come in to visit and stay overnight. One person was allowed to return to San Jose to his dying wife. He is Hirotsuke Inouye.

Your further instructions will be awaited and in the meantime I shall use all my free time and organizing and writing up my notes so that I will have much of it ready for the total study when we start working on it. My experience at Tanforan has helped me a lot in getting into the proper sources for information and I'm amazed at the things I get. I've been practically in the middle of the life stream of Topaz to date. It's getting too huge for me to continue in such a ideal situation, but I'll keep my sharp eagle eye open. I still like this place very much and so far I'm well and happy. I fractured my ribs and got it taped up today, but I'm up and around. With best wishes to all of you, I am as ever, Yours,  Fred H. Thomas

PS I sent copy of letter to Bob S.

Encl: 9-20-42 Spot observation

September 21, 1942

Dear Fred,

I am enclosing two documents (1) the Shibutani-Najima-Shibutani preliminary report on Tanforan and (2) the Hoshiyama autobiography and life history.

The former will give us the framework in which to write up our larger report. I will start working on it now, and advise you to do the same.

The latter has not been edited. I pieced it together from several of your reports. I showed it to WI who agrees with me that it is a unique and important document. You will note points that need elaboration, as you read it over and I will raise other questions with you and will also ask Bob Spencer to raise some questions. One thing that needs further elucidation is the strong influence Christianity has had on you and apparently on all of your family. Religion obviously plays a much greater role in your life than it does in the life of the average young American (including Nisei). Were your parents converted to Christianity in Japan? I would like to have more on the religious background and religious motivation.

I would also like to have more of a write-up of your brothers' lives--even those who are not as well-known as Tom and yourself. You understand that everything is confidential, and, if you wish, we can change the names to pseudonyms. But the document is so well-done and so sincerely and charmingly written that you may well be proud of it.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon again.

Sincerely yours,

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Topaz, Utah
December 23, 1942

Dear Dorothy,

I just got a few more pages of material on the Tanforan study so I am forwarding them to you under separate cover. The document on Buddhist Associations and their background was not as comprehensive^{as} nor the type of material which I thought would be desirable. However, I am sending it to you and upon reading it you may wish to many specific questions regarding it. Will you please let me know what you have in mind then I will try to get them answered for you if you wish.

There are two persons who are very much interested in sociological studies and wanted me to let you know about them. They are man and wife. The husband was a sociology major, graduating from one of the southern colleges, Pomona, I believe, who is a son of a very well known minister who is now retired in Japan but is producing many books on Anthropology and Geography. He was on the first voluntary contingent to Topaz and has been working with Toshi Mori, a very promising Nisei writer, on historical documents and reports of Topaz for the WRA. He is, at present, writing up daily logs of Topaz activities and happenings, which is one of the historical project under the Public Relations and Reports Section. His wife claims to have met you in Tanforan. She is a UC graduate and was director of Adult Education in Tanforan. Presently, she is working on the "Topaz Times" covering Issei activities. She knows and associates with the Issei people and speaks the Japanese language fluently. She also speaks excellent English. I have told them that they would be welcome to write up notes on Topaz voluntarily, and I believe that they will be doing this. I have submitted, for their inspection, the outline which you sent me and will ask them to follow it in their writings. I mentioned to them that if the Topaz studies are approved we can get better organized and put our whole heart and soul into it. I believe that these two persons would be very excellent in covering Issei and Nisei relationships and outstanding activities of Topaz. In addition, there is Mr. Henry Tani, who wrote that treatise on Tanforan High School for us, and Miss Ayeko Sakai, whom I mentioned in my last letter to you.

11/23/42

I understand that Doris will be leaving for school and since I am also leaving, I thought that it would be good to be looking around for someone to continue your studies here.

I wrote to Morton about the honoraria for those documents I asked others to write and I am somewhat anxious to receive some action on it. I am having stenographic help, which makes it very convenient for me, but if you feel that I shouldn't have them any more, please let me know. I have contracted for their services at 30¢ an hour.

You mentioned sending me a revised copy of the outline for our studies, but I have not received them as yet. Until I hear from you again, I shall be continuing the study according to the outline that you sent me before.

Sunday, a group of Topazians went on an outing into the mountains. One young man, about my age, did not return and they have been searching for him day and night. About 2-300 strong are searching for him without any success. It seems that the motive of the man who was lost was suicide, since he was in poor health and seems to have had a disappointment in his love affair. Probably the coyotes have devoured him, but the whole incident seems to have put a damper on the holiday spirit and prevented further outings to be held. The whole camp is in an uproar and psychologically it may be a good thing as it has taken the edge off of things and the tension has been lowered. We did not have any serious strikes or riots such as we heard of in Poston and Manzanar but one was brewing--as yet, in the embryonic stage. Issei people have been urging the Nisei to show some action and the camp is getting very pro-Japanistic. Many people are advising the Nisei against leaving the Center because if they do, these people will not have any claim for suit after the war. The Issei are saying that after the war, Japan will make good all the losses and damages involved in Evacuation (assuming, of course, that Japan will win). You can't even talk intelligently with the Issei for they think that the Nisei are stupid for thinking that the Allies will come out ahead. I have had numerous heated discussions without any meeting of the mind,

and I feel that the war situation just can't be discussed with the Nisei.

Dorothy-2

12/23/46

we have no serious trouble ahead since every family has a stove, plenty of fuel, and the food is very good. Everyone who desires jobs can be employed, and ill-feeling caused by workers being employed by outside contractors at prevailing outside wages has diminished since much of the outside work is completed and no new contractors will come on the project. Fortunately, I have been on with the contractors since Oct. 18th continuously and I think I will be on until my departure. I had planned to devote full time to writing up Tanfo. reports when my work with the outside contractors ceased, but since I have been on right along, I only had evenings to work on my writings and many of my evenings were not free since church, community activities, and etc. took up many of them. Also, occasional socials or dances took up few of the nights. I am sorry that I have not produced as much as I know you expected, and that ~~my~~ the quality of the work already written up has much to be desired.

we are having extremely cold weather and even after getting used to it, it's still cold. It was never like this back home. I sure miss those balmy Bay Region winter weather.

How is the group at Gila and Tule making out? I understand that the Tule group is doing a marvelous piece of research work. Mr. Bob Spencer mentioned that Miss Tsuchiyama may be transferred to Topaz to organize the Topaz Study if approved. That will be grand if arrangeable.

Cordial regards to all--

Sincerely,

Fred Hoshiyama

PS The two persons I mentioned are Mr. and Mrs. Henri Takahashi and we shall be organizing follow up study of Topaz on our own and when we get something presentable written up, I shall arrange to send them to you.

12/24/46
HT
May I have few stamps for mailing the material? I ran out of those you sent to me at Tanforan.

Are you planning on visiting Topaz soon? If before the 10th, I will have the honor of showing you our new 'city'.

3-3-E
Topaz, Utah
September 25, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas:

The packet with two documents (1) The Shibutani-Najima-Shibutani preliminary report on Tanfo. and (2) the Hoshiyama autobiography and life history arrived today and it's safely in my hands.

Last night I talked with Mr. Charles F. Ernst, director, and I mentioned about my connection with you relative to the Evacuation and Resettlement Study. I told him that I was going to finish up the Tanforan report with notes which I and my colleagues took at Tanforan. He didn't question about whether it was right or wrong, but he told me that he would appreciate letting him know what it's about and to let him see what the material is so that he could be informed as to what goes out of here. There is no harm in his request and as I understand it, he is under orders to put his signature on anything which goes out if it's WRA official document, telegram, etc. we can't send telegram or anything on business without first having his initials. It's one of those red tape which the WRA regulations require. I told him that you and W1 would like to visit us sometimes soon and he said that he and the staff members would be more than delighted to have you visit us, but to tell you that it would be better to wait just a little while since we're so disorganized. He said that at no time would we ever be perfectly organized, but that it would be more pleasant for both yourselves and the residents to have you wait awhile. He didn't specify any time, but I did mention sometimes in Oct. or Nov. and he said wait a while so I really don't know when he really meant. Probably towards the end of Oct. we can arrange to do so. Visitors are allowed at any time as long as we request it so, you will come down as my guest. Perhaps Mr. Ernst felt that you were too distinguished a guest to come down when we still haven't constructions ready.

Last night I was also talking at some length with James Hughes assistant project director and he tells me that he can't get 2 x 4 lumber and the critical plumbing materials. He gave a blank check to his buyers to go all over the country picking up little here, little there and try to get enough supplies to get our living quarters finished. The engineers and contractors go to Delta every morning to see if the ~~xxx~~ car load of lumber and supplies has come in. That's how pressed they are. we have 4,200 residents in now and 16 blocks occupied. Only 14 is supposed to be occupied according to mathematical calculations of the Army engineers. But you just can't split up families and make them fit the plans like blocks of wood. So, they are planning to use rec halls for living quarters if need becomes too acute.

The administrative staff is planning to move into the block #3 on the map I sent you. They will be all by themselves with their families, living in the same type of place as we are and eating the same food. Their living quarters with two bedrooms and kitchen will not materialize since WFB will not approve the needed materials for some time yet. First family, Dr. Bane of Salt Lake, head of Adult Education will move in Sunday and others will follow. Some are already in the dormitories in the administrative area. I found that nearly everyone of the staff officers are church people, and Ernst, Bell, both Bells, Roscoe of Berkeley and Lorne of So. Calif. are church leaders and Dr. Bane has been superintendent of M.E. Sunday School for many years in Salt Lake City. Last night, Walter Ball, engineer, and Dr. Bane took a long walk after the Assembly meeting with myself and Rev. To Goto, one of our most active leader who speaks both Japanese and English fluently, was a ~~Kokarmmx~~ former Methodist minister in S.F.

Coops are getting organized with services like Barber shop shoe repair, stores, etc. Movies are going to be ordered since we are going to purchase 6 projectors and make movie project a community enterprise.

Before I forget, I was going to suggest that it might be a good move to have you write a statement to Mr. Charles F. Ernst (do not abbreviate Charles, /Chas. He told me that he was christened Charles by his parents and altho he writes Wm. for William and etc. he likes to have his name spelled out), stating your desire to visit and that you have asked me to write up the Tanforman notes for a report. Then it would make him feel that it will be more under control than to have a resident here write things he doesn't know anything about. He asked that the materials be shown to him first and I think we should decide if that will be all right which I believe is all right since we have nothing to hide. You won't find a more sympathetic and understanding person anywheres. He even ~~wannx~~ went as far as to get a place in Delta where a mother resident at Topaz could go and spend a few days with her son, an American soldier on furlough who can't come into the center because of regulations. Army won't permit any nisei soldiers to go into the war zones. So, Mr. Ernst got a little home set aside for these meetings. We were surprised. Since yesterday, the Army won't let Mr. Ernst or any one of us go on the trains to meet the arriving contingent like we were doing. They sure are getting strict and Mr. Ernst was terrible upset over the whole change in regulations. We are also going to have barbed wire fence around our living area. Well, these things are minor things when we know that we have such a swell staff to administrate to us.

I've been rambling on without any organization.....I better get back to work so I shall stop for this time and write again later.....I'll be working on the reports. Yours,

Fred H.
Fred H.

Oct. 5, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This afternoon when I returned from work an envelope was waiting for me from the Student Relocation Council and I have made a copy of it to send to you and my folks back at Tanforan. It's something which came up all of a sudden and I had no idea that such a fortune would drop into my lap. The Council wrote me just four days ago saying that if I had \$1,000 on hand or could guarantee that much for the coming year that I would have a good chance of getting permit to attend school. My application had been entered in July at Tanfo. and I didn't think anything would come of it. So, now I'm confronted with a serious problem which makes decision very hard for me. I committed myself to finishing the Tanfo. study for your research work and I feel that obligation influencing and weighing my thinking very much. I would like very much to attend Springfield for this coming year, but one can't just go off and forget his responsibility to you.

There is two alternative which aren't very good at its best. One is that I could write up all I can working day and night before my permit and the red tape is all cleared for actual leaving for school which may be one week and ~~then~~ ~~there~~ ~~things~~ ~~to~~ have one of the other associate who worked with us ~~it~~ ~~with~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~help~~ ~~I~~ ~~could~~ ~~give~~ ~~him~~ ~~or~~ ~~her~~ ~~before~~ leaving. The other is to hope for the request I put through to come back with the affirmative reply and the request is to have the offer extended until next semester since I'm already late and it may be too delayed before the permit actually arrives for me to make the most of this first fall semester. They may give the money to some body else if I don't take it now, but I asked both the Springfield college and the National Student Relocation if the offer would still hold next year.

In the meantime, will you please let me know just how you feel about it and perhaps what you have to say may help me in my decision.

The journal books for diaries and folders and large envelopes arrived last Saturday for which I extend deep appreciation.

Under separate cover I'm sending some materials, both on Tanforan and XTopaz. Many interesting information on Topaz is now available so I'm taking the Xliberty of sending them to you in case you might be able to use them for comparison purposes for the Tanforan study.

Have you heard from Mr. Ernst? I see him nearly daily, but he hasn't said anything yet. I got your communication about the letter you sent him. Until later---bye.

Sincerely,
Fred [Signature]

Encl:

Offer for scholarship and etc.
amounts to over \$1,000 which includes living expenses.

COPY LETTER

NATIONAL STUDENT RELOCATION COUNCIL
1830 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Oct. 1, 1942

Fred Hoshiyama
Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Fred:

We were all greatly pleased when we received this telegram--"Hoshiyama admissible to Springfield College as graduate student, college grants tuition scholarship, plus \$200 for employment. He also needs \$400 plus travel for the year. Classes begin October 5th. Dr. Hugo Thompson will be his advisor--signed Harold Seashore, Director of Admissions." What is more, Fred, Springfield College has been approved and we have a sponsor for you as you can see by the telegram. We have the original letter of acceptance.

There are just two things we now need and you can help us with one and we are working on the other. As you know, before we may apply for a student's permit, we must be able to present to the Government convincing evidence that the person in question has enough money to care for himself for a year. The college has granted you a tuition scholarship, plus \$200, and states you will need \$400 more, plus travel. We believe you will be very interested to hear this letter--"This letter is to certify that the Financial Aid Department of the National Student Relocation Council has allocated from the funds placed at its disposal by the World Student Service Fund, 8 West 40th Street, New York City, \$450. to be applied from this same fund during the academic year 1942-1942 to the expenses of Mr. Fred Y. Hoshiyama." It plans to revoke this allocation if and when it can be replaced by an assurance acceptable to the WCCA or the WRA of the same amount of support from other sources. So, you can send us this proof. You can show the cash or travelers checks you have on hand to the Project Director or a member of his staff and have him write us on his stationery that he has seen said amount.

The second requirement is a routine check by the FBI and Army Intelligence which is required of all students before travel permits are issued. We have submitted your name and as soon as the list returns on which your name was, we will be able to apply for the permit. We will then make arrangements to send you the money to cover your travel costs.

There are so many people here in the Bay Region Area who are pleased that you will be going to Springfield College this fall.

Cordially yours,
(signed) Joseph Conard
JOSEPH CONARD
Executive Secretary
West Coast Committee

TK:ew

By Trudy King (signed)
Trudy King
Permit Department

letter copied by F. Hoshiyama

Oct. 6, 1942

Dear Dr. Thomas:

For notes on Topaz...I am filing them in the following categories.

- ✓ 1. Topaz-Autobiography F. Hoshiyama
- ✓ 2. " -Block Managers
- ✓ 3. " -Coops (Community Enterprises
- ✓ 4. " -Council (Community Government)
- ✓ 5. " -Receptions (Informal & Formal)
- ✓ 6. " -Recreation (Group work, handicrafts,)
- ✓ 7. " -Religion (all religious activities)
8. " -Socials (dances, entertainments)
- ✓ 9. " -Social Organizations (cliques, social groupings, etc)
- ✓ 10. " -Social Disorganizations
11. " -Spot Observations (Miscellaneous)
12. " -Education
13. " -Publicity, Information
14. " -Safety Council (policing)
15. " -Agriculture projects
- ✓ 16. " -Administration
- ✓ 17. ~~Others~~ Others will be added, but these will be the type of things which

I shall be on the look out for and will have others help me gather notes. If you will file them under those heading, it will facilitate organization for I shall head the papers with those titles on the right hand corner as I did for Tanfo. reports/ notes and then number them consecutively with my initials after each page title. Then when you edit them and ask for further information or correction, I can title the page on same corner (right hadn ~~xxxx~~ upper corner) and use alphabet off the number of page, eg. Page 5 a, 5b, 5c, etc. 15

In other words, if I were making report on Administration I would title page ADMINISTRATION 1-fh, ADMINISTRATION 2-fh etc.

As for the Tanforan reports, just how do you want me to go about it? I am writing up my notes as reports on the same plan as above only I covered only fewer fields. Others ^(4 colleagues) covered the activities which I didn't for we assigned ourselves to respective activities. I covered the following* primarily. The following is only for Tanforan.

1. Recreation
2. Family Life
3. Personal Case History-Autobiography
4. Spot Observations
5. Christian Church groups (Doris was assigned to this)
6. Political Activities

Dr. Thomas: 2.

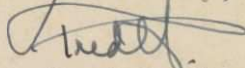
Charles covered or was supposed to cover the Publications, bulletins, Visitors, Politics, and progressive groups, as well as Buddhist groups. Earle was supposed to cover Administration, Employment, House Managers, and Ben was supposed to cover Mess Halls and cliques. Doris covered employment and placement, administration, and religious groups, primarily the Christian groups. Fred was supposed to cover Recreation, political activities in his district and some of Christian groups.

All of us were supposed to have covered own family units and keep daily diary if possible. I don't know what extent you have from the others but I do know what I sent in because I have ^{copies} ~~copy~~ of it with me. I have the Shibutani, -Najima, -Shibutani Preliminary Report on hand and the Hoshiyama Autobiography. I am working on them now and will submit what I have at an early date. Just how should I go about the larger report from what I have and what you have from others on the Tanforan study? Did Earle finish his reports? I don't think Charles made any organized report, but I understand that he wrote some excellent diary reports. Doris probably has a wonderful reports on her assignments. Could you give me more specific instructions so that I can progress in an organized and orderly fashion.

I am sending you some notes on Topaz and some stuff on Tanfo. If you will keep them separate, it will prevent confusion later I presume. Maybe you won't want the Topaz notes, but it may come in handy for comparison or follow through study later.

With every best wishes to you and the staff. Will be looking forward to your communication again.

Cordially,



Fred Hoshiyama

PS. Kindly hold up honorarium until I do more work. Thanx. FH.

October 10, 1942

Dear Fred,

I was away at Tule Lake when your letter ~~did~~ arrived and did not receive it until last night. That was the reason I wired you. We are all delighted at your good fortune, and can think of no one who could possibly deserve it more. We look forward to great things from you.

Naturally, you are released from any responsibility for the Tanforan study. There will, however, be many small jobs you can do for us in the way of follow-up on points that we want clarified, and these you can do by correspondence wherever you are. We will keep you informed. So, go ahead with what you can in your last days in Utah, and don't worry about the rest at present.

I have not heard from Mr. Ernst, but Morton saw Province in Washington, and that whole affair is being straightened out to my satisfaction. That is, the WRA is appointing a committee to consult with me, and waives all right to any of our raw material. Which was just what I wanted.

The Tule Lake crowd is putting on a wonderful performance, and I am certainly proud of them. We had a wonderful meeting this time. WI and Bob Spencer were with me, and we had two real seminar sessions, in addition to plenty of social life. The situation under WRA is certainly better suited to research than that under WCCA.

I know that I shall hear from you soon again. WI and Bob join me in congratulating you and wishing you success.

Sincerely yours,

3-3-E Topaz, Utah
October 17, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

Gee, but it was good to read your telegram and your letter. You can't know how much your encouraging words mean to me and your unselfish attitude and feeling about my going to school. By saying thanx and expressing my heartfelt appreciation is not adequate. I shall try to live up to the faith you place in my ability and in me and I only hope that I shall not disappoint you and others. I will try my best to make good in my new life.

Our post office system was slow in getting formally organized for although the mails were delivered promptly, the post office isn't set up so that it can take care of outgoing packages and etc. Now, they are getting better, but it takes some time for the outgoing parcels to get out. However, I did send one bunch of reports and I'm going to have another bunch mailed tomorrow. I have been getting some information about Topaz since I had much of it at my finger tips and I didn't want to lose them by letting too much time pass by. My books, my paper (I have been out of the yellow second sheets for they didn't arrive from Tanfo until the 15th so I have been using the union skin that I got from the office -WRA-) and notes finally arrived. So, I am mailing some reports on Topaz for the first month tomorrow. I'll work on Tanfo. reports as I find time from here on.

I have been working 10 hours daily and only time I have is in the evening, but with the apartments unfinished as they are, I find it hard to type too long without bothering my family members and my neighbors who are strangers. But, I shall work on them as long as I am here.

My permit hasn't arrived yet and I'm beginning to doubt whether the FBI is going to permit me to go out. All YMCA workers have caused FBI lots of trouble since war outbreak and I think they are checking pretty closely on me. I feel that I am innocent so I'm not unduly worried, but it's taking so long and three other persons have already left this city although they applied after I did. One girl got hers in two days. Well, since I'm late already as it is, the longer I can stay here, the more good I can do here and the more I can work on the reports for you.

Would you advise me as to what disposition I should make of the second sheets, carbon sheets, diary notebooks and my autobiography and Shibutani, Najima report? Also the mailing envelopes and the file folders.

I'll be here for another week sure and possibly two weeks. I should have lots of time, but I have been chairmanning all the reception meetings and helping get the cooperatives started and my church activities take much of my night time. Also, I have been and am keeping quite a bit of correspondence with friends outside and in other centers so I didn't produce as much work for the study as I feel I should. No matter where I am I shall be glad to do what I can for the study and I want you and others on the staff to keep that in mind. Well, it's 10:40 pm so I'll say good bye.

Yours, Fred M.

Hello to W.I. - Virginia - + Bob please will be waiting to hear from you

Should I send them in to you?
or should I hang on to them to send up study?
P.S. Will answer Bob soon, possibly tomorrow night.
Conf. deleted hands on Tanfo. Files. - get them from N. Davis with Davis - 4. Inform - Bullett.

October 17.

Dear Fred,

I had expected to hear from you again by this time re your plans. I suppose it takes time to get the permits in order, etc.

Thanks for sending the preliminary reports on Topaz. Enclosed a letter from Mr. Ernst, which confirms your impression of what a swell person he is. My headaches now are concerned with the WRA: it is not that they disapprove, but simply that they won't come across with any clearcut decision so that I know to what extent, if any, I am authorized to proceed. And I am really afraid to go too far without their approval, as too much is at stake. I became desperate today and telephoned Morton in Washington, asking him to try to get some clarification before he leaves there this evening.

Not knowing what your plans are, it is a little difficult for me to tell you how to proceed. Wherever you are, we will need some help from you and count on your continued cooperation.

I am enclosing the outline that is being used on the Tule Lake and Gila projects, and I shall try to throw the Tanforan materials into a similar form. I have circled the items that I consider we need additional reports or data on. Here are a few comments:

- IC Can we get data on growth of population, and its composition?
- III A Reconstruct the administrative set-up, note changes in personnel. Describe men and their background (Some of this is available in the Totalizer)
- IV B 2. We need much more than we have on economic organization. Who got the jobs? How was the canteen organized? Source of goods, beginnings of private enterprise, etc.
- B3 We have practically nothing on the Buddhists, but I think Bob Spencer should handle that, through interviews with some of the Buddhists (He can come to Utah later)
- B 4 We have some good family records from Kikuchi's and Hayashi's and Ben, also some of your data, something from Mimi Yusa, etc. But we probably need more generalized material. Any supplements to these points you can get would be desirable.
- B 5 On education, I have nothing but Ernie's rosy picture of the situation, plus what I can glean from Charlie's diary, etc. Could you get a few realistic accounts?
- B 6 and B 7, I can fix up pretty well from your and Charlie's reports, respectively. May have some questions which can be filled in.
- B8 is pretty well lacking. We have scattered notes on many of the C headings (Charlie, Ben, Doris) More is probably needed. The same holds for D. And for V and VI, but more detailed reports may be necessary. Politics is OK, from you, Charlie, and (maybe) Mich.

Earle is just beginning to come thorough with a write up of his notes. Charlie's and Doris' diaries are full of important material, and Ben's is useful too. And your reports are wonderfully good. So I think we can make out, with some additional help. Get people to prepare documents. Our procedure is to offer small honoraria(\$5 or \$10 to begin with) then see if we want the records supplemented. If you have made any larger commitments, OK. Just let me know what they are.

m As soon as I get sections organized, I will send them along with points to be filled in.

You have doubtless heard the sad story of Charlie's family: his father had a stroke on the train, and is hospitalized in San Luis Obispo. We are deeply concerned about the situation, and unfortunately do not seem to be able to get any direct news. It is terrible that such things should happen to such a swell family: they have had more than their share of trouble recently.

Send me a note soon.

Regards from all.

Yours,

October 21, 1942

Dear Fred,

I was certainly glad to get your letter of October 17. I was surprised to find you still in Topaz, but I am sure you will soon get your permit and be on your way east.

I am delighted that you are keeping notes on the beginnings of Topaz. I feel confident that we will be permitted to make some follow-up of the Tanforan group, and it is quite important to have the beginnings of community organization. I wish you would ask Doris to continue, in her diary, to keep detailed records of the political developments and of the religious groupings. She had excellent material on them in her Tanforan diary. Also, get all the people you know to keep their eyes and ears open for the development of any Issei-Nisei conflicts (Tule Lake is being split into two camps ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~, ie. the hostility is growing very rapidly). Turn any excess materials over to Doris. I wish she would keep her diary in those notebooks: I can send more if she wants them. Also, I wish you would keep a diary when you go east. After all, this is a "resettlement" as well as an "evacuation" study, and you will be able to pick up much of interest in re the attitudes of easterners. Your own adjustment and experiences will be interesting data.

Give me suggestions of people who might be able to do some work for us in Topaz. If we get "approval", we probably won't have a great deal of money to put into Topaz, for, even though we are now rather healthily financed, our commitments are very heavy. Still, I should be able to have a number of short-time jobs done and ought to follow the experiences of this group if I possibly can.

Yes, your first batch of material arrived, and I thank you. Your completion of the autobiography was just what I wanted, and Bob is looking forward to the answers to his questions.

I am up to my ears in work. I am at present analyzing Doris' diary, and when I really get going on Charlies (there are 600 odd pages on Tanforan alone!) I'll really be snowed under. Doris has some excellent material. It is a shame that the problems of administration (including the problems of bucking the WPA) took so much of my time in the beginning. But I think we will be able to pick up the loose ends. The records I obtained are certainly a unique sort of documentation. Nothing comparable has ever been done before.

In view of your imminent departure, the best plan seems to be for me to go just as far as I can with the documents at hand on

Tanforan, and then ask for help in completing points and sections when needed. Plus any additional material you were able to get in accordance with my last letter.

You might hold on to the Shibutani report. Any supplies you don't want to take, leave with Doris.

Re the Council material, that is really wonderful news. I think you had better send it along to me, registered mail. That was swell of your brother to get them for us.

Morton is not back yet, but an enormous suitcase full of material just arrived. He had insured it for \$4000, and believe me, I think it is worth it. That boy certainly knows how to get things and to work on people. Our political volume is going to be a whiz-bang(to use Mich's expression!)

A letter from Alice Kikuchi says her father will recover, the doctor informs her, but the process will be slow, and it may be a long time before he can be moved to Gila.

The Tule Lake crowd is really going to town on their records. I am having a terrible headache even keeping up with current material but that is the sort of headache I most enjoy. And Bob Spencer has been dictating steadily for days. Morton writes that he will keep a stenographer busy for at least three months after his return on Sunday. We just can't get all the help we need, for love or money. And of-course I worry about the draft status of the three Caucasian boys: Bob Spencer, fortunately is 4F, but Morton and Bob Billigmeier are both 3A, and I worry about the latter most because his wife works. He is now deferred until January, so we have to make hay while the sun shines.

Confidentially, Gary McWilliams was just in and promises to turn over all his files to me. He probably has a good deal on the radicals and progressives, in the way of letters and so forth. I hope you are saving your letters, too!

Regards from all,

Sincerely yours,

November 6, 1942

Dear Fred,

I heard from the Student Relocation Committee that your request to stay at Topaz had been granted, so I assume you are still there. That is really swell, for I shall need your help.

I have been going over your Topaz notes, and think you are making a very good beginning. I want you to continue with that, filling in as many of the Tanforan gaps noted in my letter of Oct. 17 as possible. But since you are so much in on the Topaz beginnings, I do not want to risk losing what you can contribute there. Also, I have good news. Mr. Fryer has become very friendly towards us (he was quite skeptical about the study in the beginning, as you may remember, and did not want me to extend my activities). I just talked to him on the phone and he said he saw no reason at all why I could not get some records at Topaz provided Mr. Ernst did not object. However, since the negotiations had started with the Washington office, he thought we ought to clear it, and has therefore wired Mr. Provinse. Meantime, it is quite all right to go ahead. I hope I can get a limited program set up, with Bob coming in occasionally to coordinate things. Will let you know just as soon as we get clearance. If I can count on you for the next few months, that will certainly be fine.

I am going to Tule Lake next week, and WI and I are going to Arizona the following week, so I won't be around the office a great deal. However, letters will reach me here safely until the 16th. Then, if anything comes up, you might communicate with me care of Bob at Gila. I will, however, write to you next week after I have seen Tom at Tule Lake, and I will at that time send you a revision I have prepared of their outline, after I have had a chance to talk it over with them and go over some of their material.

More later.

3-3-E TOPAZ, UTAH

Nov. 13, 1942

Dear Dorothy:

It's two weeks since I injured my hand... It hasn't healed enough yet to enable me to type. The swelling in the ~~pain~~ ^{bone} and the pain hasn't alleviated so I'm having difficulty writing or typing.

Would it be permissible for me to ask some stenographer to type some of the study material until my hand gets well enough for me to continue? Kindly let me know if it's all right or not and if approved the rate of pay?

I have assigned —

1. Rev. Kumata — Buddhist
 2. Henry Tani (Stanford grad) — ^{Principal Hi-School} Education
 3. Kay Uchida (Mills College grad) — ^{Pre-school nursing Principals} Education
 4. Dave Tatum (Cal grad) — ^{BASIC clothing} Economic Set-up
 5. Hi Korematsu (Cornell grad) — ^{Coop} Basic clothing
 6. Kiyoko Hoshiga (Mills College grad) — Library
- Others to be requested soon as I see them.

1. Council — Toby Ogawa
2. Legal Aid — Yoshio Katayama
3. Canteen —
4. Scraps —
5. ~~the~~ House Managers — Tad Fujita

I have not made any official commitments as to "Honorarium" but I did mention that you would examine the documents and make adjustments accordingly as a gesture of appreciation rather than compensation or fee.

I shall be filling in the gaps in the meantime as requested in your letter of Oct. 17th. My injury prevented any written progress except short notations and verbal contacts. So I haven't got Bob's requests answered yet either but will do so immediately. ~~Is there~~

Is there any chance of getting typewriter of any sort? ~~Remette~~ Remette or something like Doris's — Or could I borrow one? They are scarce as ~~happy~~ "needle in haystack".

Where & how can I contact Family Welfare Association, please? Thank muchly for info. re. social case work materials.

Regards to staff members
and people up at Tule
when you get there. Hope trip
will be profitable.

I asked publication "Topaz Times"
to put your staff on free mailing list —
Aikenst will receive the copies for
your study. If he doesn't let me know
and I shall push it again.

I am still working for
S.F. Contractors — Anderson, Dougherty
& Hargis. — Luckily I am or was
foreman & didn't have to do any
physical work... Now only few of us
left and so I'm having difficulty
but can manage. Perhaps my
hand is healing slowly due to working
with it before healing completely. I
got Doctor's OK so it must be
all right.

Topaz life continuing with
shortage of Coal & food ^{also} a real
problem. Splits becoming noticeable
bet issai and nisei, Guncit and
some administrative depts & personnel.

Will keep up Topaz 'NOTES' and
be working on Tonfo Report.

Living in one room without
partitions (6 of us) is a real
test of patience + tolerance.

Mother isn't too well so I can't
stay up too late. Thought it's
unusual since I'm still at it
at 12:45 AM.

How's Charles' dad? Sure
was a bad break. Heard brother
Jack went to New Jersey.

Did I tell you that I
shall be here at Topaz until
Dec. 18th or 20th?

Do you think a visit to Topaz
will be possible this year for you?

Hope you can before I leave.

How's Virginia + Morton? they must be
really busy especially Morton with
his Washington, D.C. ~~NOTES~~ reports.

Hope this reaches you
in time. Kindest personal wishes
to you and 'W.I' —

Cordially,

P.S. Doris is doing research work for
Community Services. I collaborate a lot with her lately.
She has access to H.H.C. letters, reports, etc.

November 16, 1942

Mr. Fred Hoshiyama
3-5-E, Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Fred:

I am enclosing two copies of the instructions for the Topaz people. Will you please let me have your reactions to them. It is certainly too bad about your hand and I hope it is healing properly by this time. Yes, of course, you can have a stenographer to type up the materials for you. As I understand it, if this done on a part time basis by somebody already employed by WRA, we can make our own private arrangements. At Tule Lake we are paying from 30 to 40¢ an hour, depending upon the skill, for work of this sort. This is a purely private arrangement and if you go through the WRA for a regular full time stenographer you will, of course, pay the prevailing wage. This gets pretty complicated and I hope you can continue on the part time basis with them. The assignments you have made for research reports sounds good to me and I approve of the way you have arranged to have me determine the honorarium.

Regarding a typewriter, I imagine we could buy one here for you, not a new one like Doris', for that was the only one left, but a second hand portable, for 20 or \$25. Let us know whether you want us to do this. You realize, of course, that you would be taking a chance on the ~~wort~~ of machine that would be available.

In order to contact the Family Welfare Association write to Dr. Harry Cassidy or the woman who wrote the memorandum to him, in care of the Social Welfare Department of the University. I would do this for you but I am leaving this afternoon for Arizona.

Please have the subscription for the Topaz Times changed from Aikin's name to mine since everything clears through this office. We will be glad to send them stamps for mailing, if they want them.

Charlie's father is coming along much better than expected at first and they hope to move him to the hospital in Arizona before long. I am delighted that you will be with us until the middle or end of December. I am afraid, however, that my trip to Topaz will not take place until about the first week in January so, unfortunately, I will miss you there.

Everybody here sends warm personal greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology.

DST/vp
Encl.

Points that need following up from Fred Hoshiyama's diary notes

1. Your early letters were enthusiastic about the Caucasian administrators(practically all of them) In your diary, there begin to appear doubts regarding many of them. I would like your frank appraisal of the Caucasians, now that you are about to leave the vent r. This appraisal should cover the specific incidents in which distrust grew up. you refer to "discrimination" and "Jim Crowism". You speak of the "discrepancy between WRA policy in theory and in practice". You speak of Ernst as a "man without scruples". What do you mean? You suggest great incompetence on the part of many, broken promises, suspected graft. What sorts of things actually happened?
2. You speak of mess hall difficulties and the firing of the chief cook. What was the nature of these difficulties. Can you give a chronological account of conflict situations? Strikes, etc.
3. I would like a more detailed account of your work experience with ADH. Who tipped you off about the job? Who competed for the jobs? Were there other private employers in the Center? Did a "clique" get these particular jobs? How did the community resistance manifest itself?
4. It is evidently quite easy to get permits to visit Delta. Under what conditions were these permits granted? Who got them? what were the relationships with the civilian population of Utah?
5. "Snacks" are evidently quite important in Topaz as a means of supplementing the food served in mess hall. How was the food(steaks, etc.) obtained?
6. In your autobiography, you mention a girl only once. Yet your diary indicates a very strong interest in girls. I don't want to embarrass you, but it seems to me your autobiography will not completely represent your interests and your life pattern unless you give us the low-down on this aspect of your life. You realize of-course, that this is all made anonymous when we copy the documents. As a sociologist, you realize the importance of the sex drive, and I believe you can write about this objectively.