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FIELD SERVICE  
COLORADO RIVER WAR  
RELOCATION PROJECT

Poston, Arizona  
July 26, 1942

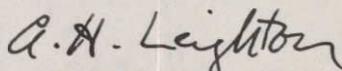
Dr. Dorothy Thomas  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I have heard from several sources that you are carrying on some research work in various relocation centers. This is very interesting to me because I am in the process of organizing a research project here at Poston to record the significant items in the development of this community. I hope to have several qualified social scientists here and in addition, to bring together a corp of student field workers who are living in this community.

I hope that before long, I shall be able to come to San Francisco and talk over with you our respective work and that we will be able to share our experiences to mutual advantage. In the meantime, I would appreciate a note from you giving me some idea of what you are doing.

Sincerely yours,



A. H. LEIGHTON, M. D.  
Lt. (M.C.) U. S. N. R.

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July 31, 1942

Dr. A. H. Leighton  
Lt. (M.C.) U. S. N. R.  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Leighton:

Thank you for your letter of July 26. I look forward to meeting you and discussing our respective projects when you come to San Francisco.

The background and purpose of our project are described in very general terms in the enclosed. As you will see, the sociological part of the study is being carried on in one or more relocation centers. Our field workers were selected from among former students, including four Nisei who were, at my request, sent to Tule Lake. These students have been taking continuous records from the moment of evacuation, and have covered experiences in the several assembly centers to which they were sent as well as the situation in the relocation center. They have kept detailed diaries of their own experiences and collected other diaries and life histories. They have recorded the development of spontaneous and organized groups, the development of cliques and of factions. They have approached also such problems as accommodation to the Caucasians, Issei-Nisei relationships, conflicts between parents and children, sex difficulties, delinquency, and personality maladjustments. Observations by our Nisei workers are being supplemented and checked, in many respects, by several Caucasian collaborators and field workers.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy S. Thomas

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Enc.

August 3, 1942

Dr. A. H. Leighton  
Lt. (M. C.) U.S.N.R.  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Leighton:-

Since I wrote you last week, a situation has arisen which might well prove embarrassing to all of us unless it is cleared up as soon as possible. A letter just arrived from Miss Tamie Tsuchiyama, telling us that she had been appointed as director of the newly created anthropological section of the Bureau of Sociological Research on your project. She also said, to quote, that "Dr. Leighton, the coordinator of the project, assures me that I may do my research on their time since in all probability it will closely parallel the one they have in mind for me." The possibility of embarrassment arises from the nature of Miss Tsuchiyama's connection with our project, and I shall try to give you a clear idea of just what this connection has been.

Our study began, on a limited scale, before our students were evacuated. I selected one of my students, Shibutani who went to Tanforan, as my assistant at that time, while Professor Lowie selected Miss Tsuchiyama, who went to Santa Anita. Both of these were appointed as "technical assistants" by the University of California. As our project developed, we decided to make Tule Lake the center for our observations, and the Western Defense Command agreed to move our assistants to Tule Lake (such movement being approved, of course, by the War Relocation Authority). Shibutani and three others, with whom I had made later agreements, went in to Tule Lake but Miss Tsuchiyama asked that she be permitted to go along with the Los Angeles crowd, since her contacts were already well established with this group. We agreed that she could carry on research for us wherever she was sent, provided, of course, that this arrangement met with the approval of the project director.

In view of the fact that you are carrying on a study that will undoubtedly parallel ours in so many respects, I should like to offer to release Miss

Tsuchiyaama completely from all obligations to us. It is my firm opinion that it would be impractical for her to do work for both of us. We would inevitably run into difficulties not only in the direction of her work but also in the control of the eventual publication of her data. The situation is further complicated by the fact that she is being paid by the University for her work and that this, it was understood, would be on a half-time basis.

I hope that our respective projects will supplement each other in many respects and that we will maintain close and cordial relations throughout their progress. In order to avoid needless duplications of effort, I think it necessary that Miss Tsuchiyama work either for you or for us. I should appreciate hearing your opinions in regard to this matter. Incidentally, since the question has just come up, I have never asked and therefore never received permission from Mr. Coverley of the War Relocation Authority or from any of the other authorities concerned for Miss Tsuchiyama or anyone else to work on our project at Poston.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology

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August 7, 1942

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Our first contact with Miss Tsuchiyama was a letter which she wrote to Miss Findley of the Community Services requesting an opportunity to work in Poston. This was early in June. Miss Findley replied that she was unable to arrange for the transfer. Shortly after this, I came to Poston and set up the research work and learned something of Miss Tsuchiyama's researches in the Pacific. I naturally desired to have her on our staff and have, since then, been trying to make the arrangements. However, I had no idea that she was going to work for you or I would have gotten in touch with you right away on the matter. We are able to offer her full time work here and very much appreciate your offer to release Miss Tsuchiyama.

I hope that it will be possible for us to reciprocate and I want to assure you that we are desirous of mutually sharing the work that we are doing.

With very many thanks,

Yours very sincerely,

*A. H. Leighton*

A. H. LEIGHTON, Coordinator  
Bureau of Sociological Research

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*P.S. I very much appreciate your first letter also, giving us a picture of what you are doing*  
*ATL*

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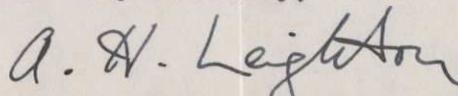
Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

When Miss Tsuchiyama arrived at Poston, I learned something of which I had been ignorant when I last wrote you; namely, that she was receiving a salary from the University of California for the part-time research that she was doing. Our set-up at Poston is such that we cannot pay any of the evacuees more than the maximum cash advance allowed to professionals which is \$19.00 a month. I naturally assumed that the situation was the same at Santa Anita. On learning the true nature of the facts, I realized what it was you meant when you offered to release Miss Tsuchiyama.

I have no objection whatever to Miss Tsuchiyama continuing to work on a part-time basis for you. We have talked the matter over and it seems clear that her field work will be almost the same for both of us and that working for you will actually amount chiefly to turning in reports. I welcome the opportunity to have closer contact with the work that your institution is doing and my only request is that she place in our files a carbon copy of the reports which she sends to you. I have no proprietary feelings in regard to the data. I feel quite sure that matters of credit, if publication is accomplished at some distant future date, can be amicably arranged. I am interested in our tying our work in as closely as possible with all the other work that is being done in relocation centers.

Yours very sincerely,



Lt. A.H. LEIGHTON, (M.C.) USNR  
Coordinator, Bureau of Sociological Research

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Dr. A. H. Leighton  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston Arizona

Appreciate your generous response. Would welcome cooperation. Subject to ~~the conditions first clearance through Provinsie second approval of Lowie~~  
Will you please discuss matter fully with Provinsie. *who knows nothing*

*about station*

Dorothy Thomas

P.T.

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*Phoned  
9/29/42*

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Poston, Arizona  
September 1, 1942

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

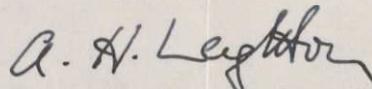
Dear Doctor Thomas:

In response to your telegram, I talked over Miss Tsuchiyama's situation with Dr. Provinse. It was agreeable with him that she should receive the \$62.50 a month from the University of California and he suggested that I write to you to that effect as he was about to leave.

If there is anything else that I can be helpful in this matter, please let me know.

I have met Mr. and Mrs. Michio Kunitani and find them enjoyable friends.

Yours very sincerely,



Lt. A. H. Leighton, (M.C.) USNR  
Coordinator - Bureau of  
Sociological Research

AHL/fm

September 9, 1942

Dr. A. H. Leighton  
Bureau of Sociological Research  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Doctor Leighton:

Your letter of September 1 certainly contained good news. I am very much gratified that we will be able to cooperate and have Miss Tsuchiyama's services available both to us and to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp

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September 29, 1942

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

Dr. Tsuchiyama tells me that there is a possibility that you may come down this way toward the end of October. I am certainly delighted to hear this and hope that you can arrange to spend a number of days here so that you will get a good insight into what we are doing and so that we in turn can learn more about your work.

I am leaving on the first of October to attend the meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology in Washington and expect to be gone about two weeks. I hope that your visit will not coincide <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ my absence and I hope to ~~be meeting you there~~ <sup>when I return</sup>.

Please let me know in advance as soon as possible so that I can arrange to get a room for you.

Sincerely,

*A. H. Leighton*

A. H. Leighton, Lt. (M.C.)  
USNR

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To \_\_\_\_\_

Social Science Research Council

230 Park Avenue

New York City

From \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Murray Hill 9-1623

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10/26/42

Dear Dorothy:

I have asked Lt. Leighton to communicate with you about this and of course there is no harm in your getting in touch with him first if you are interested.

Best regards,

*Lamb*

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Indian Affairs  
Field Service

Colorado River War  
Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona  
October 21, 1942

Miss Laura Barrett  
Social Science Research Council  
230 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Miss Barrett:

.....At Mr. Collier's instigation, the Navy has loaned me to the Department of the Interior to carry out a study of this Japanese relocation center. I am supposed to organize a department that will do applied social science directed at two goals: One, to help the administration here in its current problems and two, to make a scientific record of the whole relocation experience which will be of value to the community management after the war. From the point of view of the War Relocation Authority and the Department of the Interior, the interest in the future is probably largely concerned with the shifts in the population that will occur in this country when a change is made from war to peace economy. The Navy, as I was told by Admiral McIntyre, is interested in what can be learned about here that will be useful in managing retaken areas in the Pacific.

In addition to myself, I have helping me, Ned Spicer whose Yaqui work you know about and a Japanese anthropologist from the University of California, Tamie Tsuchiyama and we have fourteen Japanese field workers who have had some undergraduate training in one of another of the social sciences. We are giving them some academic classes and have arranged with the University of Chicago for them to get credits for both field work and the class work.

..... I'm going to inquire about giving something. How often do you get letters of this sort? Our understanding with the government authorities is that the information which we collect is not open to the administration in the raw form but only in terms of general summaries, reports and recommendations. In this way,

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we protect our informants. However, no general understanding was reached concerning what would happen to the data ultimately and we are at present negotiating the matter. What I desire to do and what it looks as if the government would agree to is that the reports and summaries be considered government property while the raw field notes be considered personal property of the workers. If this comes through, I will move to have all the field notes eventually turned over to some university or organization where they can be kept for all time, available to serious students of social science and be protected from inspection by persons who might use the material for non-scientific purposes.

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Sincerely,

(Signed) ALEXANDER LEIGHTON

Lt. A. H. Leighton, (M.C.) USNR

October 31, 1942

Dear Dr. Leighton,

At last I am able to make some sort of plan for visiting Poston, if it meets with your convenience.

I should like to leave Los Angeles on the evening of the 17th of November, thus arriving at Parker on the morning of the 18th. My husband, Dr. W.I. Thomas is coming with me, and I should like very much to have Robert Spencer, Research Assistant on the study, join us at Parker and come on to Poston with us. He is at present at Gila. If we could get accommodations for the night at Poston, we could then all leave together for Gila the following day or evening, depending on when the bus or train leaves.

Mich Kunitani writes that he and Anne, and probably Miss Tsuchiyama, would like to go to Gila with us. I hope he knows how to cut the red tape: I confess I don't. But I should certainly be happy if they could make the trip in our company.

I shall appreciate hearing as soon as possible whether this plan is satisfactory from your standpoint. I certainly look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

C/o WRA,  
Poston, Ariz.

11-3-42

Dr. Robert H. Lowie,  
Professor of Anthropology,  
University of California,  
Berkley, Cal.

Dear Dr. Lowie,

I am writing you about Tamie Tsuchiyama and trust that you will treat the contents of this letter as confidential. I believe that you are her friend and have known her for a long time and it is on this account I wish to ask your advice.

Tamie has been very unhappy since she came here. She is extremely tense and restless, unable to make decisions, unable to organize her work and unable to stick at any one thing for long. She broods on the fact of evacuation, going over and over it without arriving at any philosophical equanimity. She has not made friends among the evacuees, feels lonely, and yet has a knack of saying things that drive people away from her. In the midst of all this agitation and ambivalence, one can see clearly a very attractive little person with a keen intelligence and much ~~xx~~ sincerity.

From what she says I judge that her present state, while it may ~~to some extent~~ be an exaggeration of tendencies that were always to some extent present in her personality, amounts to a picture that is quite different from her usual self.

I am wondering what we can do for her. I don't want to urge her directly to seek a job in the east for I know that she will take that to mean that she has been a failure and add it to the other things for which she is now blaming herself. As a matter of fact, as far as her work goes, I am perfectly willing to have her continue here, for she has contributed more than she realizes, tho' not nearly as much as she might do if emotionally well. I also think that it is possible that in time she may get adjusted to life in this center and to the situation she is in as an evacuee. Her condition is similar to that which I have seen in other Nisei intellectuals. What I do wonder is whether or not we can in some way cut short her distress. One plan I have in mind is to write to Dr. Redfield, tell him of the circumstances and ask him if he could offer her a job in Chicago. Back there, far from the problems of first hand contact with the American Japanese and his problems and in the academic atmosphere to which she is accustomed, she might more quickly regain *her self.*

her poise. What do you think?

Sincerely, *A. H. Leighton*  
A.H. Leighton, Lt. MC. USNR.

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November 7, 1942

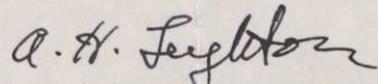
Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I am delighted that you and Dr. W. I. Thomas will be with us on the 18th. I have arranged a room for you and also one for Mr. Spencer.

We are all looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Lt. A. H. LEIGHTON, (MC) USNR

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November 10, 1942

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Lt. A. H. Leighton, MC USNR  
War Relocation Authority,  
Poston, Arizona.

Dear Dr. Leighton:

I very much appreciate your writing confidentially about Tamie Tsuchiyama. As a matter of fact, I have been worrying about her mental state for some time. Although it is entirely intelligible on the basis of her temperament and the anomalous situation in which she finds herself, it is clear that others, perhaps less sophisticated, have made a much better adjustment. One sign of her restiveness has been the very small amount of work she has turned in by way of reporting to Dr. Thomas and myself about the Santa Anita camp. Her first report was excellent, but the second one decidedly meager, and that is all she has so far furnished.

Inasmuch as Dr. Thomas is presently leaving to visit at Poston and other centers, intending among other things to interview Tamie, I felt it necessary to tell her about your letter. Needless to say she is taking a thoroughly sympathetic attitude, and will doubtless thrash out the problem with both you and Tamie. One suggestion which she made was that possibly if Tamie views this proposal favorably it might be a good thing for her to transfer to Utah. The point is that there there are a good many more Japanese sophisticates than elsewhere, and it is likely that she would adjust better than in any other relocation center. I am somewhat dubious about Chicago, but then I may not know as much about the local situation as you do.

In any case, I am very grateful for your letter, and hope that you and Dr. Thomas will be able to smooth out some of the difficulties in the situation.

Sincerely yours,

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Poston, Arizona  
November 27, 1942

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
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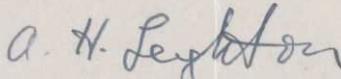
Dear Dr. Thomas:

Confirming our conversation, this is to state that I am entirely willing to relinquish the services of Dr. Tamie Tsuchiyama in order that she may undertake work for you in Topaz, Utah.

It was very good meeting you and Dr. W. I Thomas. I am very sorry that I didn't get a chance to say Goodbye. I hope that you will be down this way again soon.

Things are settling down here after a week of excitement. So long.

Sincerely,



Lt. A. H. LEIGHTON, (MC) USNR

AHL/fm

cc: Mails, Files & Communications-2  
Files-1

December 1, 1942

Lt. A. H. Leighton, (MC) USNR  
Colorado River War Relocation Project  
Poston, Arizona

Dear Dr. Leighton:

Thank you for your letter of November 27. I got in touch with Mr. Fryer immediately and he has agreed to arrange Miss Tsuchiyama's transfer. I certainly hope this move will clear up some of her difficulties. If she doesn't adjust at Topaz within a reasonable time we shall do everything in our power to get her relocated somewhere in the middle west.

We certainly enjoyed having a chance to meet you but naturally we were sorry that our visit had to be cut short. I had a few samples of material with me which I had planned to show you. You realize why it is impossible for me to distribute these materials but on your next trip to San Francisco please give us some time in Berkeley so that we can have a chance to go more deeply into problems of mutual interest.

I am enclosing copies of three outlines that we are using in connection with our reports. Outline A was submitted by the Tule Lake group. Outline B indicates my revisions and outline C was sent to the two or three people who are working informally at Topaz. I do not have to tell you that these outlines are some times a bit unrealistic but we are getting in some very satisfactory reports on some of the topics.

Just at the point where we considered everything was settled the W.R.A. has decided to move en masse to Washington. This does not materially affect our research in the relocation centers but I can foresee problems in regard to communication multiplying themselves.

With cordial regards and hoping to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology

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Poston, Ariz.  
Dec. 14, 1942

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
Dept. of Sociology  
University of California  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Many thanks for your note. Tami has been somewhat more stable and happy during the strike and is apparently doing a lot of work. She and Dick Nishimoto state that they are making extensive recordings of the situation which they will eventually give to me, but which for the time being they do not wish me to see because of my closeness to the administration. This is, I think, quite reasonable. There are many administrative facts which I cannot share with them because they are participating in community affairs. By the same token, I have had an excellent chance to study the administration, and have the hope that when we eventually gather all the data on both evacuees and administration thru this period we shall have an unusual study.

Under these circumstances I am glad Tami is staying longer, but I believe that when the strike excitement subsides she will probably return to her former state and a move to Topaz will still be the best for her, short of getting relocated in some ~~community~~ *university*

Sincerely,

*Alex. Leighton*

Alexander H. Leighton, M.D.

*Neil says to tell W.I. that he still thinks the same.*  
*ALH*

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FIELD SERVICE  
WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA

February 9, 1943

Dr. Dorothy Thomas  
Professor of Rural Sociology  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I hope all is going well with you and with the work that you are doing. I hear that the WRA is starting research of its own in all relocation centers. I hope this plan will turn out to be a fruitful one. They have asked Ned Spicer to give them some aid and so we plan to lend his services for a while.

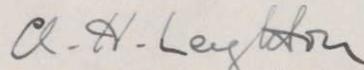
I have just taken my staff to a retreat here at Window Rock where we expect to spend about three weeks carrying out some analysis that should have been done long ago. We are attempting to work through our material and find out what subjects in particular need to be more thoroughly filled in and documented. We also hope to do a little synthesis of the stuff we already have at hand and get a little clearer idea of its implications. I have gone over the outlines you have sent me of the preliminary reports and find them very helpful.

Early in March I shall have to make a trip to Washington. I may not be back until April. Probably early in April, Miss Colson will go up to San Francisco to collect some background data and consult references. I wonder if at this time she could see you and talk over with you the state of our mutual projects?

Tamie is still in Poston as you probably know and is in very much better spirits and frame of mind than when you were here. I hope it will continue so.

All the best to W. I. and yourself.

Sincerely,



Lt. A. H. LEIGHTON, (MC) USNR

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February 16, 1943

Lt. A. H. Leighton, (MC) USNR  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Window Rock, Arizona

Dear Dr. Leighton:

I was glad to get your letter of February 9, and will be delighted to see Miss Colson when she comes to San Francisco. I expect to be in Utah from March 30 to April 8, but at other times will be around here.

We saw Dr. Embree last week and talked over our mutual problems. I am much interested in the fact that Spicer is going to be working with him for a while, and hope that Spicer will let me know where he is going to be.

I envy you your three weeks retreat in Window Rock. We are getting along very well indeed, but wish we could be free of administrative troubles long enough to do just the sort of synthesis that you are planning.

We are delighted with Tamie's new state of mind, which you describe, and which checks with our own observations.

With cordial regards and every good wish from W.I. and myself.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:mw

Leighton

I have been for about a year and a half attempting to employ methods of social and psychological analysis as an aid to the administration of a Japanese Relocation Center. An able anthropologist has been working with me and we have had a most interesting time combining the concepts and techniques of psychiatry and anthropology for the accomplishment of our purpose. From the community we selected and trained in our methods about 12 Japanese American assistants, giving them regular seminar courses as well as supervising their field work.

Out of this experience has come a conviction that such work has some practical value both in matters of race relations within the United States and in foreign areas where it may be a question of occupation government, relief and rehabilitation, instituting public health measures, or merely trying to reach political agreement based in part at least on understanding the basic assumptions, anxieties, traits and sentiments of the people in the other culture.

As far as I know the Government is not training people in any systematic manner for such work, being far too busy with other more immediate things. However, the time will no doubt come when the need will be apparent, just as the need for social scientists has become apparent, in teaching the potential administrators of occupied areas. It is my thought that right now somebody ought to be training people who will be capable of accurate social observation, able to use all the reliable techniques including pertinent psychiatric methods, able to analyze and able to report results quickly. The main point in such a program might be as follows:

- 1.) An institution or committee would be created to carry out the program.
- 2.) A group of young persons would be selected who are of superior capacity and who would include in their number some Americans from each of the racial and cultural stocks that correspond to areas likely to be occupied such as Germany, Italy, and Japan. (in a manner similar to that which has been used in the case of some occupied area administrators.)

3.) These people would be financially sponsored for a period of training that would include both academic study in applied social science and field work in communities within the United States such as German and Italian and other settlements that represent the cultural areas outside the country which will be of special interest later.

4.) The program should be developed in close collaboration with a branch of the Government which would give full support and cooperation and which would expect to utilize the trainees when they were ready and the situation abroad suitable.

5.) In addition to those prepared for Government service, it would be a good thing for the institution sponsoring the training to retain some research workers of its own whom it would send into the field in foreign or domestic regions of cross-cultural tension for the purpose of making careful observations and analyses that were free of the pressure of immediate administrative action.

It would be hard to estimate the cost of a project such as this since there are so many variables that would have to be worked out. If the Navy or the War Department were sufficiently interested and detailed some of their own personnel as trainees, it would not be very expensive.

A modest start could be made in the case of the Japanese. 5 of the Japanese-American staff we had at the Relocation Center are in our opinion people of considerable potentiality and worth developing beyond the year of training they have already had. They could become first-class social analysts for work in race relations either in the United States, the South Pacific or in Japan. A program for them could be:

1.) Completion of analysis of data gathered in the Relocation Center. In line with the administrative requirements of the Navy and the Office of Indian Affairs, we are preparing reports, but there is much other material on Japanese attitudes and social psychology that should be analyzed and published. Such work would be excellent training as well as making data of value available.

2.) Further academic training in applied anthropology.

3.) Preparation for field work in areas specified by the Government agency interested in the work. Up to a point the program could be general but after that it would be best to concentrate on a particular region where it was expected the trainee would go to duty.

The cost of this would be about \$1200 per year per trainee, plus tuition fees. For the five field workers, this would be approximately \$6,000 plus tuition fees.

Mr. Collier has expressed himself as pleased with the work we did at Poston and he thinks that adequate Government collaboration in a training plan would be forthcoming if private funds established it. I suppose this in the tradition of the kind of working relationship that originally existed between the National Research Council and the Government and also in the early training of occupied area administrators.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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December 21, 1943

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
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Giaminini Hall  
Berkeley, California

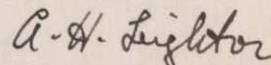
Dear Dr. Thomas:

Since I spoke to you, an opportunity has come along for carrying out some further analysis of our material. As a consequence, I will not be finished with the stuff in the files until the spring at the earliest. When the time comes I will get in touch with you about it. In the meantime, I want to thank you for your very kind offer and for the thought you have given the matter.

Presuming on this, I want to ask if you would have time to read and criticize the report for administrators I am preparing? It isn't short, but I do hope you will be able to do so.

Merry Christmas and the best of the New Year from both of us to both of you.

Sincerely,



A. H. Leighton  
Lt. (MC) U S N R

AHL/fm

February 29, 1944

A. H. Leighton, lieutenant (M.C.) U.S.N.R.,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
U. S. Department of the Interior,  
1004 Merchandise Mart Building,  
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Lieutenant Leighton:

The Bancroft Library of the University of California has a fine collection of books and pamphlets on the history of the Japanese question on the Pacific Coast. We are now making every effort to collect all the material we can on the current Japanese problem, both to bring our collection up to date and to provide sources for future historical studies of the subject.

Dr. Dorothy Thomas has told us about your files of materials on the Japanese evacuees at Poston, Arizona. As I understand it, you need to use your files until sometime in the spring, at which time you may make them available for use in the study Dr. Thomas is making. Since the material she is collecting for her work will ultimately come to the Bancroft Library, I am writing this to ask whether your files may be included with the rest for preservation here.

We shall be very grateful to you for any help you can give us in adding such important material to our collection.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eleanor Bancroft  
Assistant to the Director

EB/eda  
cc: Dr. Thomas ✓

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Indian Affairs  
Washington - 25  
2042 New Interior Dept. Bldg.

March 9, 1944

Mrs. Eleanor Bancroft  
Assistant to the Director  
Bancroft Library  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Mrs. Bancroft:

Many thanks for your letter. I have been transferred to Washington and it would seem that for some months at least, we shall be using our material. However, I shall certainly get in touch with you when the time comes for us to salt our notes away.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

A. H. Leighton  
Lt. (MC) U S N R

FILE NUMBER GUIDE TO <sup>Leighton's</sup> ~~LAYTON'S~~ REPORT

*Leighton*

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July 21, 1944

Lieut. A. H. Leighton, U.S.N.R.  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Leighton:

Greetings after these many months! And thanks for the interesting reprints I have received from time to time.

This letter is to ask you whether it would be possible for me to have access to your Poston materials at any time in the near future. As I told you when we met, I am sure they will be of great value to the Study, and we shall of course give full credit for any use made of them.

Since Tamie Tsuchiyama will leave the Study in a month or so to follow out other interests, it will not be necessary to set up any specific restrictions in regard to her use of the materials. In other words, this letter may be taken as a guarantee on my part in respect to the issues you raised about her.

W.I. joins me in cordial regards to Mrs. Leighton and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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July 25, 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
207 Giannini Hall  
University of California  
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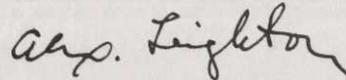
Dear Dr. Thomas:

It was very nice indeed to hear from you again.

As far as our material is concerned, at the present moment I am uncertain as to what opportunities I will have for utilizing them here in Washington during the next year. It may be that we shall be able to put some people to work developing the monograph, in which case I would of course not be able to release them. However, it is equally probable that we may get sidetracked on to more immediate problems, and in that case I could forward the files to you. This would probably be about September. I will write you later when matters are more definite.

If you or Dr. Thomas ever come by Washington, please be sure to look us up.

Sincerely yours,



A. H. Leighton  
Lt. Commdr. (MC) USNR

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Joggin Bridge  
Nova Scotia,

October 2 1944

Dear Dr. Thomas,

It looks as if we would continue to utilize our Boston data off and on during the current year and consequently it would be inconvenient to transfer our files to California at present. However, I have stored in Baltimore duplicates of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our stuff. This is packed away in boxes in an unorganized fashion and does not include some of the life history data. Much of it has never been proof read for typographic errors. If you would care to have this, let me know and <sup>also</sup> how to send it and I shall start it on its way when I return to Washington.

All this is, of course, contingent upon our conversations in Chicago ~~regarding~~ regarding safeguarding the persons who have contributed data, or concerning whom we have information. This applies to Government personnel

as well as ~~vacances~~. It also includes distribution of notes and MS as well as publications.

While I don't want to make any sweeping generalizations, I am uneasy about any Nisei or Issei seeing the stuff because of their tendency to gossip to and about each other. They themselves drummed it into me by so frequently prefacing remarks with "I'll tell you this provided you don't let any Japanese know I told you". Several times during my first months in the camp I unwittingly caused much suffering by not being sufficient<sup>ly</sup> on my guard. The only absolute rule I shall make is that Tammy have access to no part of <sup>the material</sup> ~~them~~. Since she is leaving you, this should cause no awkwardness.

From all of this you may get an exaggerated set of expectations regarding the contents of the notes. Actually there is not so very much in them that needs protection. However, that small percentage does need to be carefully guarded.

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Dot and I are enjoying a brief vacation here in Nova Scotia and getting our quota of hiking, canoeing and sailing. By next week we shall be at work again, consequently you had better address me at Room 5120, New Interior Bldg, Wash. 25. D.C.

Our best to Dr. Thomas

Sincerely

Al S. Leighton

The University of Chicago

The Division of the Social Sciences

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October 5, 1943

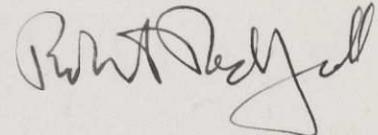
Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas  
Department of Sociology  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Alexander Leighton has raised the question as to what should become of the three file cases of materials collected by him and Spicer in their Poston study. I enclose an outline of these files, which appear to be in excellent condition. I agree with Leighton that the files should be placed where there is some probability that they will be used. It also seems to me that it would be well to put this class of materials in a single place. I am wondering, therefore, if you would want to add them to your own collections?

With best wishes to you and to W.I., I am,

Yours sincerely,



Robert Redfield

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October 9, 1944

Dr. Alexander Leighton  
Room 5120  
New Interior Building  
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Leighton:

I certainly appreciate your letter of October 2, and shall be most happy indeed to receive the duplicates of your material that are stored in Baltimore. If you will send them by freight, collect, I think this would be the simplest way to make them available. I assume this material comes to me directly rather than to the Bancroft Library, as I believe your understanding with them was that your own files would be turned over to be added to their permanent collection when you are through with them. Am I correct in this assumption?

I assure you that I appreciate your feeling about safeguarding the persons who have contributed data, or concerning whom you have information. All material in our files is held in the strictest confidence. No government official, and no one else except our own small staff ever has access to any data in our possession. I shall abide by the absolute rule that you set up, that Tamie shall have access to no part of the material. Since she has resigned from the Study to join the WAC's, the question is not likely to come up, but I feel that I should reassure you on this point.

I am glad that you and your wife have had such a good vacation. Give her my best regards, and W.I. joins me in good wishes to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON

12 December 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
207 Giannini Hall  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

Our material left destined for you by freight during the last week in November. The freight company took it upon themselves to label the boxes "drugs". I trust this will not throw people at the receiving end off their balance.

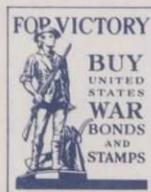
This letter should have gone to you much sooner but we have been snowed under with an enormous amount of work plus the breaking in of new staff members. You will be interested to hear that Clyde Kluckhohn has joined our outfit and already we are beginning to feel the enormous benefits.

Very best to you both.

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Leighton*

A. H. LEIGHTON  
Lt. Cdr., M.C., USNR



December 18, 1944

Lt. Commander A.H. Leighton  
Office of War Information  
2C 637 Pentagon Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Leighton:

Your letter of December 12 just arrived. The cartons came by freight late last week and I have just opened one of them as I do not want to get them out of order, and am waiting for my clerical assistant to be free to make some sort of index. I can't tell you how deeply grateful I am for your fine cooperation.

The arrival of so many drugs was a puzzling matter, and I can imagine the consternation of the accounting office when they have to pay the freight bill for us. I guess we will have to do some tall explaining.

Give my regards to Clyde Kluckhohn and your wife, and W.I. joins me in cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

June 29, 1945

Lt. Commander A.H. Leighton  
Office of War Information  
2C 637 Pentagon Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Leighton:

I am deeply impressed with your book, which reached me a couple of weeks ago. You have certainly done a fine job in analyzing the Poston situation. I am planning to review the book for the Pacific Historical Review. In that connection, I shall bring up one or two points of methodological disagreement.

I am finding the material from your files, which you loaned us, of great value in working up my own reports on the relocation projects. I wonder whether you have yet decided what the final disposition of these files will be. As I understand it, the present situation is that the material was loaned me personally and is not to be shown to anyone outside of my own staff (and with the specific understanding that Tamie Tsuchiyama, who is no longer on my staff, should not see the material). I hesitate to turn the files over to the Bancroft Library without specific written permission from you since I assume you still want to set up certain restrictions about examination of this material during the war period. Since an enquiry or two already has come in to me about the use of your files, I should be deeply appreciative if you would write me by airmail return and clarify our understanding. Until I hear from you I shall, of course, not let anyone have access to the files.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Washington, D.C.  
July 10, 1945

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
University of California  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

I am sorry to be so long in replying to your letter of June 29, but it has taken me some time to arrive at a decision. I hate to limit such usefulness as there may be in the material loaned to you but considering the promises I gave to various people who contributed parts of it, I do not feel I can give a blanket release and I do not have time at present to go through it and cull it. Therefore, I should like to have our arrangement continue as defined by you in the letter. If it becomes a question of releasing a particular document you could write me about that giving a description of it and the purposes for which it would be used and I would be glad to release it if I could see my way to do so.

Many thanks for your kind words about my book. I shall look forward with interest to seeing your review in the Pacific Historical Review.

Sincerely yours,

*A. H. Leighton*

A. H. LEIGHTON  
Lt. Cdr., (MC) USNR