

January 3, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

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I do not have Jim Sakoda's Tule Lake Journal for the period November 13, 1942 (page 449) to June 6, 1943. Kindly send me one copy of Jim's journal for this period, a copy which I may cut up as I have the rest of his journal. I have Billigmeiers reports on various departments of the Tule Lake administration, the teachers and the registration incident; I believe we have all of his reports in our file. I also have all of the notes and reports written up by Tom, Naj, and Hisatomi. As far as I know, our file on the Tule Lake data is complete except for the one section from the Sakoda journal.

Last Saturday I had a call from a Mr. Ingram of the International Harvester Company asking for Louise's telephone number, so I gave it to him. Ben Yoshioka apparently told him that Louise might be suitable for a stenographic-statistician position which the Int. Harvester has open at present. I haven't yet had a chance to talk to Louise about what transpired, but indications are that she either did not accept or was not accepted.

I bring this matter up because there is a chance that Louise is looking for a more permanent position than we have to offer and might, some day, ask for a release to accept another position. I am not sure how much assistance Charlie will need from her when he returns from Berkeley, but I imagine he might feel seriously handicapped in continuing his interview documents or his diary without her stenographic aid. There are also other jobs around the office that would be greatly facilitated by Louise's assistance. I intend to talk to Louise to find out more about her plans, and ~~attempt to~~ <sup>shall</sup> urge her to remain with us as long as the study is able to retain her. My understanding is that she does not require a work release from us in order to accept another position. I feel that we can only ask her to remain with us because of our need for her service since her job definitely ends by or before July 1 and we cannot assure her assistance in finding another position. If you have any other suggestions, I should like to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank*



January 5, 1945

Dear Frank:

I enjoyed your long letter about Minidoka very much. It is full of interesting insights and I am sure it will be helpful to Jimmy. Jimmy and Hattie are planning to come here about the middle of February, and Hattie will try to get a job doing housework in order to solve the very difficult housing problem which faces all returning Nisei.

I am getting extraordinarily good reports on reactions on return to the Coast from all three of the people in the camps. As you might suspect, there is no enthusiasm for returning and a good deal of fear about WRA's intentions.

I took the liberty of writing a long letter to Steiner about you, telling of the excellent work you have done and clarifying your situation in regard to the Army. I asked him bluntly whether or not he was intending to work for your reinstatement in the University of Washington, and I told him how desirable it would be if we could have the cooperation of the University of Washington in future studies that will be made of minority groups on the Coast. I told him that I would hold his reply confidential if he wished. He didn't ask me to, therefore I am enclosing his letter which I think will interest you. His attitude certainly seems to be good. Of course, I have no idea whether or not you want to return to Seattle, but I think you should at least have the chance to refuse.

We are all looking forward to Charlie's arrival, and I will write him probably later in the day when certain inquiries that I have made about housing have been answered.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure



January 5, 1945

Dear Frank:

I am enclosing a note to Charlie which I will appreciate if you will give to him. I sent off to you the pages of Jimmy's Journal that you asked for. As you will see, these are full of excellent data. In fact, I would say that Jimmy didn't really get into his stride until about November, 1942. The contrast between the earlier and the later Journals seems to me quite striking. In the earlier days, it was quite obvious that none of us knew exactly what sorts of things should be recorded. On the other hand, we have the real question of what was going on at that time. There are two possible explanations. One is that at least the Nisei were primarily interested in purely social activities for a period of several months. The other is that the under-currents in the project were not appreciated or recorded.

You may feel perfectly free to cut up this copy as, fortunately, I had extra ones made. For the period after June, however, I have not had the manuscripts copied due to the fact that we haven't either the money nor the personnel. I did have Jimmy's Segregation notes copied, although I believe they are not quite complete. I am enclosing them in case they will also be of value to you, although I imagine that Jimmy will eventually be able to pull them together into a more systematic report.

I realize the difficult situation that you face with regard to Louise. We cannot, in all fairness, urge her not to look for another job, but it would certainly be convenient to you and Charlie if she found it possible to stay until July 1.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



January 11, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I received your letters of January 5 and the enclosure of Dr. Steiner's letter. I am forwarding Charlie's letter, but he was not in yesterday to receive it.

I very much appreciate your effort to gain my reinstatement at the University of Washington. Dr. Steiner's reply indicates that you selected an opportune moment to raise the question and that it was effective. I also had a letter from him, dated one day after his letter to you, the contents of which you will be interested in and from which I shall quote in part.

"Our department is not yet in a position to go ahead with final plans for building up our postwar faculty, but I feel confident that when the proper time does come, your former colleagues will desire to have you again with us. You may of course have far better offers come to you in the near future, but my request is that before giving final acceptance to any of them, you write me and give us an opportunity to extend you a counter-offer that may prove to be satisfactory to you."

In the light of his letter to you, I read between these lines some uncertainty about the possibility of immediate reinstatement, but in some of his other statements, he virtually assures me of a position after the war if not during it. In any case, his letter to me was generous and encouraging throughout, and I intend to accept his invitation to apply for a position for the next school year. Dr. Steiner's use of the term "counter-offer" suggests to me that he feels his hand in dealing with the university administration would be strengthened if he were bidding for my service against other offers. Do you interpret it in the same way?

Others on the staff who have worked with you in Berkeley have told me that, "Dorothy always looks after the welfare of her students and workers." I can well believe what they said. I don't know how you do it, but, without being facetious, I must say that my admiration is unbounded.

The section of Jimmy's journal which I requested has not yet arrived in the mail, but I imagine it will be here any day. Thanks very much for sending it out. I quite agree that his journal improves as it goes along, and I find in writing the Tule Lake report that it is one of the most fruitful sources of information. I am inclined to feel that the shortcomings in our early journals and reports was rather that of not knowing what to observe, the nature of our contacts, and inability to appreciate and investigate the subtle under-currents, rather than that there was an great change in the objects of our observations. Of course, there was a clarification of the basic issues, with time, that sharpened our observations of the later period. I am more conscious now than ever before of how much I have to learn about sociological research, and of the conditions in my own mental make-up which are barriers to making a good investigator. Not the least of my difficulties is an inability to see things simply.



I have talked to Louise since writing to you about her. She is in no hurry to leave us, and we may probably retain her services for the next several months. There is an interesting side to Louise's outlook, that she is very much more particular about getting a job that interests her than she is about the wages. The International Harvester offer was of a kind of secretarial position recording discussions of labor problems in meetings between the management and workers. Her hours were to be from three in the afternoon until eleven at night with a starting wage of \$200. Despite the fact that Mr. Ingram, the personnel manager, seemed favorably impressed with Louise, she declined the offer because she prefers to do work in which she may do writing of her own. If you feel that Louise should be released before July 1 because of financial considerations, please let me know in advance.

Michi has not yet had a chance to look for sheets, but if she finds any, you will hear from us very soon. I'll ask Louise to keep her eyes open too.

Regards to all.

*Frank*



January 15, 1945

Dear Frank:

I was glad to get your letter of January 11. I, too, am delighted that Steiner is showing so much enthusiasm, even though there are evidences of a certain amount of timidity on his part. My feeling about the so-called counter offers is the following: A counter offer can be used as an effective weapon only if you are willing to accept the other job. I think we might start things in motion to see whether any offers might crop up, but if they do then you really have to be prepared to accept them. I will write to Donald Young and ask him to keep his eyes open, but I believe you understand that my own interests are in having Seattle make you a reasonable offer in the hopes that you'll accept it. I feel that the study we have begun will not cover the very important long-term effects of enforced mass migration and that it would be greatly to our advantage to lay plans for some sort of follow-up in the future. If these plans came to fruition it would be much to our benefit to have you on the Coast. From your letter I get very little idea of your own desires. Would you on the whole rather come back, or would you prefer to seek a career in the east where the social discriminations are far less burdensome? I realize that the alternatives are difficult to choose between.

I was looking into the matter of your draft status today and I find that I sent you a note from the University War Council indicating the date on which your deferment expires and that you don't seem to have returned it. Will you please let me know by return mail just what your status is. I may say that the present situation is very uncertain and that the draft boards around here are for the first time pulling out people from the universities who are well above the age that we had considered "safe." It would certainly be ironic if our staff were drafted at this point. I think it is best to say nothing to Charlie about this situation right now, since he worries too much anyway, but I am giving you a private warning that anything can happen and that we are in an extremely weak position to get any deferments. In fact, I have been notified privately that the draft boards are acting as if there are no longer any essential industries.

Regarding Louise: there is certainly no financial reason for her to stop working for us before July first.



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In all fairness, I feel, however, that I should tell her about a job now vacant at International House. Mr. Blaisdell wants a secretary who would apparently serve in a semi-administrative capacity. I understand that he is prepared to pay up to \$2200. It seems to me that Louise would be ideally fitted for this job and if she would want to come back here she should apply immediately, airmail. She can, of course, use my name as a reference and I will be happy to give her a strong recommendation. Naturally, I hope that she will continue to work in the Chicago office for a while, but I don't feel that we should stand in her way if a good offer comes along.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



January 17, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for your long letter of January 15. I want to answer your several questions in order.

*Status un-  
changed  
since 9-6-44*

1. Enclosed is the notice from the University War Council concerning my draft status for which you inquired. I'm sorry I overlooked your request to have the note returned to your files. For your information, I am still registered with Local Board No. 7, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, Washington, and my last notice of classification was signed by member of the local board, William Pigott. I hold Order No. 34. I am quite aware that the selective service is bearing down on all categories of deferred individuals, and I should not be surprised if I am drafted this spring. As a result, I feel the need to finish the Tule Lake report at the earliest possible date. I am, of course, anxious to complete this work so that in the event of my being drafted, anyone can take the material to use it for purposes of comparative analysis, elaboration, or whatever, and anything you can do toward getting additional time for me will be appreciated.

2. Regarding your question about my interest in future positions, my general feeling is that I am prepared to take any good offer made to me, irrespective of its regional locale, provided of course that specific inquiry about the job satisfies me. Specifically, I should welcome the chance to return to teach at the University of Washington for I am acquainted with the school and the community and feel I could make a good adjustment. Michi, too, would probably like nothing better, although she is willing enough to go wherever I go. Your suggestions concerning a continuation of the Study on the West Coast serves as a further incentive for me to get back there.

I'm sorry I failed to make myself clear about my willingness to accept offers wherever they may arise. As you say, the counter offers presuppose my willingness to accept the other job, but that was precisely what I had in mind. For instance, I was considering the possibility of asking Chitoshi Yanaga about a research job with his group. I understand he is writing material to be used by the Civil Affairs officers in the Japanese area, and that he mentioned my name among others to Togo as a researcher under him in Washington, D. C. He told me nothing about this personally, but I imagine he realized that I was mainly intent at the time upon completing my work with the Study. I am almost as much interested in offers from the East or the Mid-West as I am in a possible offer from Steiner, for I feel that experience in a government agency or another school would be valuable. In fact, I am as cautious in forming expectations about future positions as to recognize the possibility that I may find myself teaching in some small college that few people ever hear of. This is the case with at least two or three of my friends who took their Ph. D. here, and I know the same can happen to me. Of course, I do not relish the prospect of burying myself in, say, some small denominational school.

One consideration that causes me to hesitate about inquiring into various openings is the uncertainty of my draft status. As soon as I quit the Study, if not sooner, I shall again be subject to the draft, and unless I find a deferrable job, I may not last long in a civilian position. This would be the case with university teaching positions. As you know, I am rather philosophical



about the possibility of being drafted, perhaps too much so, and am not inclined to accept any position just for the sake of deferment unless I feel that the position contributes to my own development and the war effort. In other words, I am sensitive to public opinion and feel the need to rationalize my civilian status. I would have to reveal my I-A selective service status in making applications to universities, and I imagine that would stand in the way of my being accepted for a teaching job.

My own thought is that I should go about the business of looking for a position more or less as if these were normal times. There seems to me the possibility that the picture of the European War might change in the next few months and that selective service regulations might be relaxed.

3. I have told Louise about Mr. Blaisdell's offer at the International House. I could not tell whether she was seriously interested in it or not, but I believe she will make further inquiries herself.

4. Michi is downtown this afternoon to inquire about sheets. If she isn't successful today, we'll continue the search. There must be sheets for sale somewhere in a city like this. By the way, will you please give me your home address again just in the event we are able to send you the sheets. It's not down in my book, and the closest thing I could think of from memory was: 2710 Gable.

5. I have not yet written to Dr. Steiner since receiving his letter. I shall now sit down to write him showing a strong interest in a position at Washington. This sounds somewhat calculated, but I am sincerely interested in going back to Seattle. I'm a little puzzled as to what to say concerning my draft status; I'll probably just lightly touch on the matter this time.

6. If Morton is going to Washington, I wish he would look into something about the closing of the centers which I can't understand. Here in Chicago there have been a number of inquiries at the WRA office of resettled persons desiring to return to their family's center to discuss relocation. WRA, however, is making it extremely tough for people to make even such business visits. The red tape requires: (a) the person must have a letter from his family in the center explaining the need for the individual on the outside to visit the center for discussion of relocation, (b) the individual making the visit must present a definite plan of relocation for the family before a visitor's permit is granted, and (c) the application must be cleared by both the local and project W.R.A. The policy is a contradiction, for if a person were visiting a center to discuss relocation plans, he could not present a definite plan of relocation. Evidently, this plan is regarded as a spur to relocation, but I am inclined to think that the result will be the contrary. Why has the W.R.A. clamped down so severely on visits to the center? Is it with the intent of making center life less bearable, and thus encourage relocation?

Incidentally, if either Dick or Jim leaves a center, I imagine it will be very difficult for them to get back in again for any length of time.

I imagine Morton will get all this, but I am interested in the tactics which WRA is using toward getting the evacuees out of the centers by the end of the year.

Sincerely,

*Frank*



January 17, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Kindly send us several reams of Yellow Chemical Paper. We are down to our last three reams.

Following your suggestion that we might purchase the paper out here, Louise, Charlie and I have made inquiries at several shops but we find it difficult to get a comparable quality of paper at a reasonable price. Louise asked at Holders, the biggest office equipment and supplies shop in town, but without success.

Yesterday, I went to Woodworth Bookstore and found some yellow paper that I thought would do. They had only three reams but I said I would take them at 85¢ a ream, and asked to have holes punched. I was bowled over when he asked for two dollars more for that service. Apparently, the high cost is due to their having to send the paper out to have holes cut. I didn't make the purchase because Charlie's documents need the three holes for binding purposes.

Sincerely,

*Frank*



January 19, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

Enclosed is an outline of the revisions of the Chicago Report which we discussed at Salt Lake City. The notes presented are those which I jotted down during our brief discussion. I am also sending along a copy of the original Table of Contents, although I am under the impression that you have a copy of the original report which we sent you. I have instructed Charlie to be sure to take our copy with him to Berkeley.

The last couple of times Togo has been in our office, he expressed some anxiety about your attitude toward him because of his failure to send in material which you've requested. He wanted me to assure you that he is working on it and that all his reports will eventually be in your hands. Part of the difficulty is that Louise's service is pressed at the moment because of Charlie's need to clean up all his untyped documents, and we have not been able to spare Togo any time. After Charlie's departure, however, I hope that we may allocate Louise's time so that she may help Togo ~~takin~~ by taking his dictation and also do something about the WRA files. There are one or two chapters from Togo's JACL report in this office awaiting copy.

Michi picked up a couple of sheets at Carson Pierie Scott and had them mailed out to you. They cost about \$3.50 plus 48¢ postage, but I haven't the bill with me at the moment and will send it along later. Sheets are rationed out to the customers two at a time, and they're not always on sale, but it is possible to get them here, and I shall have Michi continue her search. One thing, she was able to find only the 63 inch sheets and was worried that it might be too narrow. If you can't use them, please send them back and Michi will try to get them exchanged.

I've forgotten to tell you in earlier letters that Jim's journals arrived safely, and that I'm going through them now with considerable interest. They are of very high quality, and they will be very helpful to me.

Thanks for sending Lowie's article. I read it with pleasure because of his mention of our study, and of W. I.'s name among the great names in the field. In addition, I thought it a very good article. I suppose any good Ph.D. candidate in anthropology would know most of the facts mentioned, but there's something about the way a big man puts the facts together that gives it substance.

Morton just got in this aft, and we've had a rapid exchange of news. He mentioned a lumbago that crept up on him last night and had him strangled all morning, but talked easily enough when we saw him.

Sincerely,

*Frank*



February 23, 1945

Dear Frank:

I have certainly been negligent about writing. As you can imagine, Charlie and I have been under great pressure but I think we are making rather good progress. It was a tremendous task just to read over and make a sort of evaluated index of all of his cases, but that is now behind us. Charlie is writing the first section of the enclosed outline, namely, an analysis of the problems of the single man who is resettled. I hope that that can be completed before he leaves us and that he can proceed with the other sections upon his return to Chicago. The general plan is to use the cases for this purpose at the moment and later to bring in material from all other available sources for that chapter. This, of course, will not be the only use to which the cases are put. I am planning a separate volume of case analyses in which there will be a socio-psychological introduction which I may write myself, pulling out such material from all of the cases that I want and then publishing in detail as many as six or ten of the cases themselves. They are unique and important material, not only for showing (a) the problems of the Nisei; (b) problems facing minority people generally, but also (c) extraordinarily important personality studies, per se.

I am delighted to hear from Morton that you are prepared to meet the April first deadline on the Tule Lake report. Morton reported that it will be in two sections, first the social history, which will include interpretations of social change, and second, the social structure which I assume will incorporate a great deal of the material that was done by the other persons on the study. Am I right in this assumption?

What is Louise doing now? I assume that the WRA cards must be almost completed by this time. I wish you would talk over with Louise the possibility of getting her father's life history and personality, and editing it for us, at the same time writing any observations of her own. Her work with Charlie in the past should have given guides as to the significant things that should be included in case histories. I feel that she could do a very distinguished job in that connection. If it could be done with the proper amount of delicacy, I would like to offer



January 25. 1945

Dear Frank:

Your letter of January 19 arrived. By the way, an earlier letter of yours, date unknown, is trailing around the country since it was apparently sent out without postage and with the return address given as our office. The Chicago Post Office wrote us and asked us to send along the postage. I trust there was nothing in the letter that required immediate attention.

Thanks for sending the revised outline. This will give Charlie and me something workable to start on, and I expect that we will make quite a number of other revisions, particularly in regard to the important Chapter Five.

Please tell Togo to stop worrying. I have the utmost confidence in him and know that his reports will eventually reach us. Thank Michi very much for getting the sheets. I am enclosing a check which I figure probably covers the costs, unless there was some sort of tax that I don't know about. The size is perfectly all right because our beds are rather narrow. With the shortages out here being so severe, I am very happy indeed to get sheets of any size whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure



January 29, 1945

Dear Frank:

The letter that you sent without postage has finally arrived. It was yours of January 17 and turned out to be quite an important missive. I have made note of your draft status and we will immediately apply for a new deferment. Morton, incidentally, received his additional deferment, but he is rather a special case since he is in limited service anyway. The situation changes so from day to day that it is difficult to predict, but at the moment things seem to be easing up slightly again. I am more worried about Charlie since he has passed his physical and is under thirty.

I wrote to Donald Young about possible jobs for you but haven't had time to hear from him. We will just have to see what turns up.

You asked about my home address: it is 2710 Garber, Berkeley 5. I will pass along the paragraph concerning what you want Morton to look up, although it is possible that you were able to take that up with him when you saw him. I have talked to WRA about Jimmy getting back into the center after he leaves. They will arrange this for me, although we will have to pay his expenses. Jimmy, however, is considering just coming out on a short-term leave for the first time. I am leaving Dick's situation up to him, since I think he is a sufficiently experienced politician to be able to use WRA regulations to his own advantage.

Morton is getting extremely important material in Washington. I am certainly glad that nothing happened to prevent this final trip.

We are all looking forward to Charlie's arrival tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



January 31, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

This is a short letter to acknowledge your letters of January 25 and 29. Thank you for the check covering the cost of the sheets. I am enclosing the bill for the sheets and postage, which I should have sent you long ago. It amounts to \$3.93, and your check covering it exceeds it by seven cents, but perhaps we can make up the difference if Michi is able to send you more sheets. She was quite concerned about the narrowness of the sheets which she mailed to you, and was gratified to know that you are able to use them.

I'm sorry my letter of January 17 was delayed due to my oversight. I've absent mindedly mailed letters without postage in the past, so I suppose that is what happened again, although I felt sure I had put an air mail stamp on it. Hereafter, I shall write down the local return address to prevent such delays.

We had a very pleasant visit with Morton when he was here a week ago. He had all the staff people out to his parents' home where his little sister, Joy, entertained us by having her Spaniel perform innumerable tricks for us. In my last letter, I mentioned that he had lumbago on the morning of his arrival but that he talked easily enough by the time we saw him. The sentence may have puzzled you, but, of course, I meant to say laryngitis. I think Mort himself got me off with a reference to "lumbago".

I shall tell Togo not to worry. He apparently has quite a bit of the J.A.C.I. REPORT ALready finished and ready for Louise to copy.

I haven't said anything about my own report in the last several letters because it's fruitless for me to talk about it without producing the goods. However, I am working constantly at it and am making progress. I've jumped around a bit, from chapter to chapter, in my writing, and I am holding up what I have until I can get them in some order.

You probably have by now the latest news about the staff here from Charlie so there's no need for me to repeat. Bette dropped in yesterday and mentioned that she is living on the campus at the girls' dorm with a friend. She was somewhat frightened apparently when a boy friend of hers was severely beaten up by a gang of young ruffians near her home. Charlie no doubt already has the story from Bette. I agreed that it was wise for her to live with her friends during Charlie's absence.

Sincerely,

*Frank*



Frank - 2.

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her father a modest honorarium, say about \$25.00, in gratitude for the use of these materials. Will you also discuss this point with her?

Everyone here sends regards, and you will hear from me more frequently in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

P.S. Will you kindly write a note to Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi and tell her that I have heard from Professor Kincheloe in respect to his employing her. I was most happy to recommend her. Will you point out to her, however, and you can quote me directly on this, that I have said that her connection with our study "was a very casual one and lasted only a couple of months in a very minor capacity, but I have reason to believe from the reports of other persons that she is an efficient, competent and intelligent young woman." Will you also make it clear that in her various speeches and contacts with organizations and people in Chicago, she must not use the study materials or the name of the study. We have all of us been very careful about not giving speeches as representatives of the study or using the name in any public connection, and I am afraid that I have failed to make this clear to her in the past. Please assure her that I do not think she has done anything wrong up to the present, but I just wanted to be sure she understood our situation.



February 26, 1945

Dear Frank:

I opened the enclosed letter from OSS to see whether it was important enough to wire you or send it airmail. I think it is just a routine inquiry, so I am sending it along regular mail. When you fill out the special OSS form, don't forget to write a description of that "subversive" organization you belonged to in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure



March 2, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for your letter of February 23. I can well imagine that you and Charlie have been very busy going over the case histories. As usual, your treatment of Charlie's material, as indicated by the outline, is simple and straightforward, and makes sense. You haven't missed anything that I can think of from my very comfortable armchair here in Chicago. I am glad you are going ahead with the idea of publishing some of the case histories in detail, and that you intend writing the introduction. I sincerely believe that such a joint project between you and Charlie will constitute one of the most important contributions of the study to sociology. It would certainly assist in helping to fill the present gap in concrete social psychological material.

I fear I haven't kept you as well posted on the progress of my work or of the complete outline of the Tule report as I should have. Morton's report is correct; I am planning it in two parts, viz.:

Part I. A Social History of Tule Lake.

Part II. The Social Organization of the Center.

I am getting terribly verbose in some of my chapters at present, and need to overcome this difficulty if I am to meet the deadline of April 1.

Louise should finish work on the W.R.A. files today and we shall be prepared to go ahead with sampling or any other proposal you have to make with regards to the use of the file. In your letter to Tom of August 4, 1944, you have given a fairly detailed account of the use which will be made of the file of Individual Cards. You state there: "A sample will be drawn: we will draw it from the cards you send for coding." You further suggest that the reliability of addresses will be determined, presumably by sending out a short questionnaire by mail to the sample drawn. There are other jobs which you mention which entail some interviewing. My questions are: (1) Do you want us to ship out the whole file to you now? The whole file may weigh around seventy-five pounds, but I don't know what Railway Express rates are. (2) Do you wish us to send out questionnaires to persons in the sample which you draw? If so, will you work up the questionnaire and have it mimeographed, and send us all the material for mailing? (3) To what extent should we attempt interviewing on questionnaires which go unanswered? I should like to hear from you as soon as possible on what we are to do about the file; that is, whether we should ship it to you forthwith.

I spoke to Louise about an autobiography from her father, and she said she would write and ask him about it. As you know, her father is still in Heart Mt. and we could not follow the usual procedure of interviewing. Next week, if Louise has nothing else to do, I shall suggest that she write as much as she knows about her father. Since my conversation with her was by phone, I was unable to discuss the question in detail, but shall do so at the first opportunity.



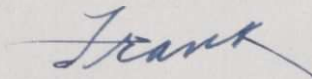
In line with your instruction, I have written Setsuko M. Nishi. I think she will understand about the points you raised. I see her occasionally since she apparently takes courses in this building, so I shall speak to her personally as well to ensure against any misunderstanding.

A Nobie Takahashi, a cousin of the famous Takahashis, dropped into the office last Saturday with material which he thought we might use. It seems he has a habit or hobby of gathering all kinds of miscellaneous articles, documents, letters, reports, and what nots, on the Japanese and the evacuation. I was at first cool towards him because of his taking up a great deal of my time with a rather aimless account of his personal experiences, but I learned that he had some material which might be of interest to us and invited him to bring over some of it. He has some reports written by various Japanese of "utopian" communities proposed at the time the subject of evacuation was in the air. He also has a collection of very sketchy histories of Japanese farming communities written by fairly reliable people. I thought some of the reports, such as the ones on Clarksburg, Florin, and Marysville, might be of interest to Georges. I'm sending them out by mail for your opinion. In other words, he has a pile of junk such as copies of the Pacific Citizen going back to a year before the war, all kinds of newspaper clippings on the Japanese, and miscellaneous documents, which he wants to get rid of. Would you be interested in early copies of the P.C., or in the miscellaneous clippings of news items? I made certain that he wasn't trying to get anything out of us, and I think our hands will be free in any dealings with him. His complaint was, 'The stuffs piling up so high I've got to get rid of it, but I don't want to burn it. I thought somebody might be interested in using it.' He also said he left a boxful of material at your office at the time of evacuation. If you are interested in the material, he wishes you to use it, but otherwise, he is interested in getting the stuff back so that he may give it to someone who will use it. If Charlie is going to do more interviewing, I think Nobie makes a likely subject.

Please let me know if you hear from the War Council concerning my draft status.

I wonder if you are still interested in getting sheets?

Sincerely,





March 8, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

An interesting development has arisen about which I don't think you have any knowledge but which will be of interest to you. Dr. Lundberg just dropped in to say that he has accepted the chairmanship of the sociology department at the University of Washington. Steiner is voluntarily relinquishing the position because of poor health---and I know that he never did like the work of chairmanship anyway. Dr. Lundberg tells me that he will assume the new duties in October and will remain at Bennington until about August.

It seems that Dr. Steiner wrote to Lundberg concerning my interest in getting a teaching position at Washington, and his visit today was primarily for the purpose of sounding me out on my plans. In reply to ~~his~~ question as to whether I would have any hesitation about returning to the Pacific Coast, I firmly indicated that I had no doubts about returning for fear of unpleasant racial experiences and that if I were to return, I had it in mind to put up with any unpleasantness which I might encounter. I also told him that I was making inquiries elsewhere, in government offices and at other colleges, to give myself a wider basis of choice and for the experience I might get in working elsewhere than at Washington. I indicated that my work with the Study continues until September, that I have a 2-A classification until then, and that you too were interested in my return to the West Coast for the possible continuation of research on the evacuee resettlers.

I believe I made it clear to Dr. Lundberg that I am interested in teaching at Washington and that if he were to give me an offer that I would consider it very seriously strictly on the basis of its merit as a professional opening and without concern for the racial situation in which I would find myself.

While Dr. Lundberg made no definite offer to me today, of course, his attitude was highly encouraging. He felt that it would be best to wait until this summer before stating anything definite since he himself has no idea of the situation in Seattle. However, he declared that he personally would like to see me at Washington, that even if my appointment had to be forced somewhat that he should like to push the issue because he "likes a good fight" and feels that this is the kind of issue on which a little forcefulness ought to be used. Concerning the termination of my 2-A classification in August, he thought that the end of the German war, which is in sight, might relieve the problem of the draft. I sensed that the Washington department is looking forward to a program of expansion under Lundberg and that there are



definite openings for which Lundberg is seeking candidates.

Perhaps it is unfortunate that I could not get an earlier decision arranged on the question of an offer, but if an offer is made say by the last of July, that will give me enough time. If it were found that the time was not propitious for considering my appointment at Washington, Lundberg said that he would in the meantime keep my name in mind for other teaching positions which might arise. The thing I like about this new development is that Lundberg has a high regard for you, that I've now met him two or three times and have maintained very cordial relations with him, and that he is a stronger personality than Dr. Steiner and would take a more determined stand on the question of my appointment. His name also adds strength to the sociology departments on the Pacific Coast.

Thank you for sending out the application forms from the Office of Strategic Services. I presume they sent it on Morton's recommendation. Please thank him for making contacts for me. I am submitting it, as well as an application to the O.W.I.

I received notification from my draft board yesterday of a 2-A classification which terminates on August 20, 1945. I am glad it came through, for it will give me enough time to finish up the work on the study.

I am plugging away on the Tule report. Please give my regards to all.

Sincerely,

*Frank*

*p. s. Lascie may be interested to know that Lundberg showed a specific interest in her and took down her address. He didn't reveal his reason for inquiring, but seemed very favorably impressed.*



March 20, 1945

Dear Frank,

Just a hasty note. That is really good news about George Lundberg, and I would guess you are all set. I will write to him soon, if I don't hear from him directly, and will emphasize the great advantages if Washington and California could cooperate on research of the aftermath of evacuation, and will point out that this can best be done by your addition to their faculty.

I did get "new money" so you are all set until September 1st, and your appointment will go in for that period. I too just got the notice re your deferment, and was greatly relieved, as I felt the new regulations might operate against deferment at this time. When will you be 33 years old? If you can only make the deadline on that pretty soon, I think you will be quite safe. I am still worried about Charlie's status, and we may run into trouble there unless the war in Europe ends before his deferment expires in April.

Charlie left yesterday. It was an enormously fruitful trip for him, I think, and very enjoyable and stimulating for all of us. He has learned one thing of importance: that analysis takes a great deal of time, and that he must overcome his impatience. He strained at the leash a bit, but he is a quick learner, and for the past two weeks has made excellent progress in analyzing the occupational adjustments of about 10 of his cases. He will continue with this section upon arrival in Chicago, and then will proceed to other sections. He will tell you just what we have done and what our plans are.

I will write you on Monday about the cards, etc. and the other matters you brought up in your letter.

Jimmy and Hattie arrive tomorrow at five in the morning and I am going to meet them. God, am I a martyr to the cause. This afternoon and evening I am spending in trying to soften up an old friend, Colonel Dunham, who is out here "spy hunting" for the Eastern Defence Command, and has, to my intense disappointment, swallowed everything the Western Defence Command has told him.

I have been overwhelmed with this and that recently. Had my annual meeting of Pacific Coast Regional Committee. Entertained Najima several times and loved it. Entertained various others extensively, including Yanaga, Sibley from Washington, who will stop to see you and who is also pressuring Seattle re you, Conrad Taueber also from Washington, a farewell party of 10 in honor of Charlie, etc. etc. Also very busy advising and registering students, manipulating a pressure group to get sociology developed here, trying to keep up with Dick's and Rosalie's reports which are now arriving every two or three days, etc. etc. Morton leaves for Chicago about April first. Rosalie arrives here about the same time: and Frankie and Bill are



March 16, 1945

Dear Frank,

Going back now to your letter of March 2nd, send the cards ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ by freight collect. This will be much cheaper than express, and will probably get here just as soon. However, Morton just suggests that you telephone both the Express and the Freight office, tell them the weight and make a "rational" decision. If the difference is only two or three dollars, send the things by express; if the difference is considerably greater, send it by freight. Please send me also the latest volumes on distribution of Chicago population by census tracts (put out by Wirth et al) and their index of street addresses by census zones, so that we can code the addresses. Further planning will have to wait until I go over the cards

Re Nobu Takahashi, he is an amiable nut--a collector of junk and occasionally of other things not junk. He left several boxes with me prior to evacuation, and drove us crazy asking to have various things returned to him to (a) Tanforan (b) Topaz and (c) I believe his relocation address. Anything accepted from him now must be a gift, with no strings attached. I should like to have the PC, also the economic descriptions, although I believe we already have most of the latter.

Jimmy and Hattie arrived without incident, and are happy and well-adjusted. Housing, however, is practically nonexistent unless in connection with a domestic job. They want to avoid that if possible. WRA has absolutely no housing listings. I managed to get the study classified as "essential" by War Manpower Commission (involving some of the intrigue and wirepulling that I enjoy so much), thus making them eligible for war housing of various sorts. But there are no vacancies there, and there is the additional complication that if Jimmy leaves the study and starts his graduate work at the University, he will probably be thrown out of war housing. We are keeping notes on the endeavors and turndowns. We don't see how any relocation in this area is going to be at all possible, except for home owners and domestics. There is no question of discrimination; just no housing at all. And this in a case where I have used every ounce of "influence" I could muster. What can the ordinary evacuee, without connections except the inept WRA count on?

If you should get the Seattle job, would it not be a good plan to spend August and part of September here with me (assuming your job would begin in October?) I am sure I could get you and Michi a place to live for those weeks (assuming you have no allergy to well-disposed "Christians" who do make temporary rooms available) and it would give us a chance to work closely together on the last stages and to plan some possible future collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

Yes, sheets are still acceptable!



April 4, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I have been having trouble getting a copy of the Chicago Fact Book, the one put out by Louis Wirth and others which gives the index of street addresses by census tracts. The publication was put out by the Chicago Recreation Commission in 1938, and a second edition came out in 1940, but it is now out of ~~sale~~ print and not on sale anywhere. Wirth has but a single copy which he is willing to lend us for two or three days at a time, but that doesn't help us. I have been wondering if you might be able to get the copy in the Harper Library out to Berkeley on a library exchange. Or do you have a copy available at the California library? I am continuing my search for the Fact Book.

We are all but ready to ship the cards, but Louise has a large batch of names taken off of departure notices which I felt should be checked against the cards and this will take only a couple of days more. The Express office quoted a price of about six or seven dollars for shipping the files, and since it would require a special trucking fee if we were to ship it by freight, I am inclined to send the material by Railway Express.

A week ago, I received a wire from the Personnel Office of the O.W.I. in Washington asking if I would care to work under Leighton in analysis and research of foreign morale. They asked if I could accept before Sept. 1, and if so, what was the earliest date. I replied that I was interested, but that I would not be available before September. I feel that I should have no trouble finding a position in Washington if I make an application.

I don't recall if I mentioned talking to Mr. Sibley of the Research Council. He seemed fairly encouraging about my chances of receiving assistance through the Demobilization Awards if I were interested in spending my time next year completing the thesis. The offer has its appeal, but I am still giving preference to the idea of returning to Washington.

As for the stop-off at Berkeley on the way to Seattle if I get the Washington job, I would like that very much. However, I frankly feel that I will not have covered all of the Chicago agencies and groups that I should like to before that time. I am sure I would be more productive under your supervision, but it is a question of whether or not I will have completed my Chicago field work early enough to spend any time at Berkeley.

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I have/giving Charlie some assistance editing his case history write-ups. Most of the editing is on the matter of style, with occasional changes where we are agreed that Charlie has inaccurately represented the statement of the interviewee. I have been doing this work at home so as not to interrupt what I am doing myself.

I presume Hattie and Jimmie are well adjusted to Berkeley by now.

*Frank*



April 11, 1945

*In Lundberg  
file*

Dear Frank:

I am enclosing a letter from George Lundberg with my reply. I am greatly disappointed in the attitude that Steiner has taken and I can frankly see no excuse for it. In any case, I know that you'll have no trouble in getting a good job, but it will be very sad for all of us if that good job is not in this area.

Apparently, we do have the Chicago Fact Book for 1938 in this library. I wish you would go over the new edition in comparison with the old and if there seems to be very radical revisions, ask Louise to make a systematic notation of them.

Don't think I am pressing you, but I have been wondering what has happened to the Tule Lake report and the deadline that you said that you were going to meet on April first. You didn't mention the report at all in your last letter.

Please tell Charlie to telegraph me immediately upon receipt of his notice of reclassification by Selective Service. We have heard nothing from them and we must put in an appeal promptly as soon as the reclassification is made.

Hastily yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosures



April 12, 1945

Dear Frank:

I now have the local community Fact Book for 1938 and find that it is not entirely suitable for our purposes. I wonder if you will immediately find out two things from Burgess or Wirth, or both of them. (1) Is there a street index giving the location of streets by specific addresses within each local community? This is absolutely essential for our purposes since we cannot allocate specific addresses on the basis of the scanty information that is given in this book. I am quite sure such a directory must exist, although it is quite possible it is merely in manuscript form. I am sure that Burgess or Wirth will cooperate with us in lending this for a long enough period for us to have it copied or photostated, whichever seems to be most economical. If, of course, they had an extra copy that they could give us that would be fine. (2) I am pretty sure that someone in the Chicago group must by this time have allocated the 1940 census population in the same categories that exist for the 1930 and 1934. This, of course, is extraordinarily important for us to have. Will you please explore immediately just how their material is organized and find out what could be made available to us.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

P.S. Charlie, I am informed, is due to be reclassified today. I assume that they will send us a notice of his reclassification but please tell him to wire me anyway immediately upon receipt of the card.

P.P.S. I think it would be advisable for you to apply for a demobilization award from the Social Science Research Council and make plans to finish your thesis this next year, unless some very attractive University offer comes up. My own feeling about the Leighton job is that it is not really your line, although it may of course carry a very good salary.



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April 17, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

This is in reply to your letter of April 12.

I have seen Wirth concerning the coding index of street addresses and the unpublished census material which you requested. I am sending you two copies of the coding index worked out by Newcomb in 1930. Wirth says the 1930 index is substantially correct for the present, and that the few minor changes shouldn't matter since they were for a few isolated streets. One copy has a few corrections made in ink, but this one must be returned when you are through using it.

As for the breakdowns of the Chicago census data not included in the published volumes, and the percentages for the various categories, Wirth says the former has already been tabulated and the latter is being worked on. The material is due to be published within the next couple of years, and the form will be the same as the previous publications, Burgess and Newcomb, "Census Data of the City of Chicago 1930. Newcomb and Lang also published similar material in 1934. We have copies of these volumes in our office,--they are the size of Chicago telephone directories--and if you wish to have them, I shall have them shipped to you. As for the 1940 data, I shall tell Louise to copy the breakdowns of native whites by foreign and mixed parentage for Chicago census tracts and community areas, 1940, as well as the leading nationalities of "foreign white stock." At the moment, Louise is under pressure because of Charlie's need to get things done in anticipation of the draft, but I shall put her on the job as soon as Charlie's work lets up.

Wirth's secretary was unable to find any delinquency rates worked out for a more recent date than 1927-33.

I shall ship the coding index and other materials with the files of cards. The delay in shipment of the cards resulted from Louise's delay in making corrections and additions to the file from other information which she has. Charlie's work has been given priority and we have had to let some of the other work go for the time. However, the corrections should be completed by the end of this week, and the cards will be sent by railway express at that time.

Regarding my Tule Lake report, I can't say anything except that I feel badly about failing to make the April 1 deadline. The thing is constantly on my conscience, but it hasn't helped in turning out the thing. I shall send you the chapters I have completed after making a few corrections, although I had wanted to send everything in at one time so that you would get all the chapters in order. I hit snags on two chapters for which I had relatively little data, covering periods of relative inactivity at the center but which had to be treated in some way. I am at present working on the registration chapter and am finding it easy to write, but at the same time there are the two difficult chapters which I have at least half completed but ~~are~~ holding me up. I should mention that I work on one chapter during the daytime at the office, and on the registration section at home in the evening. I am sorry about the delay, but I can only offer the assurance that the report will be completed regardless of when I am to work on it.

We have finally moved, at this late date, from our former apartment. There were various reasons for moving, but one was the complaints about my typing from other residents in the building. Our new apartment provides considerably more room, has a separate bedroom so that Michi may sleep while I work, and ~~has other conven-~~



is an entirely separate unit from the others in the building so that my typing should not bother anyone. Please note the new home address at the bottom of this letter. I think our new living circumstances will improve my work. Michi was always unhappy in the other place anyway; I wonder now why we stayed there as long as we did.

I shall send you an outline of the proposed Chicago report in the near future, and shall begin work on it immediately. The outline should be substantially the same as for the earlier Chicago report we wrote for the W.R.A., but including such changes as were discussed at our conferences. There is a question in my mind of how to incorporate Charlie's case histories and journal material in the Chicago report. There is a wealth of data there, I know, but it would require considerable clerical assistance to catalogue the pertinent information. I wonder if you have indexed Charlie's diary for such categories as (1) organizations, (2) informal groups, (3) race contacts and attitudes, etc.? I should like to have the index if it can be made available to me.

I was disappointed to learn that the Washington faculty felt it unadvisable to offer me a position for next year. The two remaining alternatives are (1) the demobilization award of the SSRC, and (2) the government agencies. Taking up the latter first, I agree that Leighton's offer did not particularly appeal to me, but I wanted to keep it open in the event that nothing else turned up. Yanaga wrote me recently asking that I submit an application to the O.S.S. for which he is working, with the assurance that there was nothing binding about the application, stating there might be something open working under him in research and analysis of Japanese materials. This offer interests me more than Leighton's, and I am again submitting the application.

However, I also feel that it would contribute most to my future to finish my thesis and get my doctorate at the earliest possible date. If I apply for the demobilization award, I believe it would be in order to say that I wish to work here in Chicago, since my thesis committee is here, and I could then continue work part-time on the Chicago resettlers. I have not yet decided what to do, but I must make my plans definite by ~~June~~ <sup>September</sup>. Mr. Sibley of the SSRC told me that I could make the application for the demobilization award at any time, and that it would be considered and passed upon within three weeks.

My new home address is:

Frank Miyamoto  
1113 - E. 61st St.  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Phone: Plaza 4491 (This is my brother-in-law, ~~Shig~~ <sup>Shig</sup> Morita's, phone but he is in an adjoining apartment.)

*Sincerely  
Frank*

*P.S. Thanks ever so much for the trouble you took trying to get me placed at the University of Washington.*



May 2, 1945

Dear Frank,

I have a hunch that you have a letter in the mail to me, and that this will cross yours. Here goes anyway:

You said some time ago that you would send along that part of your manuscript that was ready. It has not arrived, so I assume you changed your mind. Actually it is terribly important for me to get this for two reasons: (1) Jimmy needs to get a feeling for the structure of your report, and, in particular to have your work on registration as a take-off for his report, which will emphasize the behavior and adjustments of Tuleans in Minidoka (2) I am in process of revising Rosalie's report, and badly need whatever of yours you can give me, both as a transition to her report, as a structural model, and very important, as a check on some of her observations and generalizations about the "old Tuleans". So, for God's sake, send as much as you can as quickly as you possibly can. Re the two chapters you are stuck on for lack of information, I would suggest letting them go (I don't see how you can write them if you haven't got the information anyway). I know that you have done a swell job, and I do hate to press you. But Jimmy starts his university work on July 1st, and Hankey actually leaves the study permanently some time late this summer, and I am in a terrible fix unless I can manage to get their reports coordinated with your work pretty soon.

Sincerely yours,



May 4, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I have your appeal of May 2 for the remainder of the Tule report. I sent several completed sections by Railway Express earlier this week, along with some of Charlie's material. I assume you will have them by the time this letter reaches you. Part A, Chapter IX will be in the mail either today or tomorrow. I shall send the Registration chapter after I have Louise copy it. One other chapter which I have in rough form requires some slight rewrite, but I hope to have them in your hands shortly. Sorry I've held up your work.

I ~~xxx~~ sent the file of Chicago resettlers by freight last week, and I am enclosing the receipt for it which the pick-up man wrote out for us. It isn't a formal bill of lading, but I hope it may be used as a receipt at your end. In the meantime, if the freight office sends me the bill of lading, I shall send it to you forthwith. The files were put up in two cartons and weighed close to one hundred pounds.

I forgot to pack with the files the Coding Guide of Chicago Census Areas, but I sent them by mail and you should have the copies shortly. I am afraid you will find our files somewhat disappointing considering the time and money put into them, but I hope we may be able to do something with them. Incidentally, many of the addresses given included communities in Metropolitan Chicago outside the City Limits, and you may have to go through the cards once to eliminate evacuees settling outside the incorporated area.

It seems to me there were other things I had in mind to bring up with you, but they seem to have slipped my mind for the moment.

I'll write again in greater detail later.

Frank



May 23, 1945

Dear Frank,

I am about half way through your Social History manuscript. As always, it is a pleasure and not a chore to go through what you have written. I am enclosing a number of comments of a rather minor nature. Jimmy and I have also been having some conferences on the manuscript( e.g. when you note I say "Agreed with JS" or something of that sort, it is the outcome of our joint deliberations). I have only one major criticism: I object to the speculative nature of certain of your sections, particularly a tendency to discuss what might have happened if conditions had been different in specified respects. Occasionally too, I detect dogmatism which I find objectionable. I have noted these places. I feel a lack of information about the sources of some of your data, particularly quoted attitudes. I need to know more about your informants, and to have some rough idea of the extent of the sampling of attitudes.

By the way, I certainly hope you have copies of the manuscript that correspond in paging to the one I have. The first several chapters were evidently retyped in this office. If your pagination does not correspond, let me know, as I am pretty sure Jimmy has an extra copy of these chapters.

As I understand the situation, we are soon to receive the Registration chapter. Segregation, I assume, you will have to leave to Jimmy. Then what happens about whipping into shape the various chapters you have already done on "Social Structure"? The outline of this section is not entirely clear in my mind, and I wish you would tell me just where the thing stands. Jimmy can proceed with his Minidoka report on the basis of the Social History section, taking off from Registration and developing Segregation himself.

I realize keenly how rapidly time is passing, but I hate to use pressure tactics. Please keep me closely informed about your plans. I feel that I should definitely squeeze out two or three months more for you from our budget, if you find it possible to continue after September. That ought to give you time to write up an overall if sketchy report on Chicago. What do you say?

We are nearly through with the coding of the Chicago cards. There is a big bunch of "unknowns". Will it be worthwhile for me to send them back, and let Louise spend a couple of weeks, part time, trying to fill in the missing data?

Please tell Charlie that at long last five revisions of his analyses will go out to him tomorrow.

Do come out of your seclusion long enough to drop us a line.

All here send regards.

Sincerely yours,



May 23, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

This is in regard to the various points raised in your letter of May 23.

I am not taking time at present to go over your detailed criticisms of the Tule Lake manuscript, but I shall go over the thing very carefully later, and know that your comments will be very helpful in the revisions of the chapters which I recognize to be absolutely necessary. I now fully understand your objections to my speculations and theorizing, and shall take pains in the revisions to pull out everything not supported by concrete data. In looking over the criticisms made by Jimmy and you, I find myself in agreement on most of the points raised. A section such as "Psychology of Force" I recognized after the winter conference to be highly objectionable, but I didn't want to take the time to rewrite the entire section to preserve certain concrete material included therein. I sent in the section knowing that you would not approve of it.

I shall send you my comments on your criticisms at a later date, and any differences of opinion which I have may be taken up at that time.

I find that the pagination does not correspond for the report which I have, evidently, as you ~~say~~ suggest because the early sections were retyped in your office, and I would appreciate a copy of the early chapters.

The rest of the Registration chapter should be in your hands early next week. I have looked over Jimmy's material for the period following your departure from Tule, and while I could write something on the basis of what he offers, I am sure Jimmy is actually in a much better position to write up the Segregation section than I am. If Jimmy is willing to do so, I shall leave its writing to him. I shall send you an outline of the "Social Structure" with a description of what I intend, in the letter which follows.

I fully realize that you are very much concerned about the rapid passage of time. I recognize that unless I complete the promised sections while I am under your employment, despite my best intentions, the work may drift along until the sections are never written. As for continuing with the study for two or three months beyond August 31, I am quite willing to stay with it if your budget can stand it. I believe I can complete an "overall if sketchy" report on Chicago in that time.

I should like to suggest an alternative idea. I have been thinking seriously of the suggestion which Mr. Sibley of the SSRC made to me ~~while~~ a couple of months ago, that if I cared to apply for the "Demobilization Award", the Council might grant me funds toward the completion of my thesis. If the Council is willing to grant me an award and I am permitted to remain on Chicago to complete my thesis, I could devote part of my time to writing up the Chicago material. Not only will I be working on Study material for the thesis, which will keep me in touch with the resettlement problem, but if the award should be for a period of one year, I shall be able to ~~keep~~ follow the developments after the close of this year as well. The anticipation at present is that there will be a heavy movement of resettlers into this region during the remainder of this year, and it will be desirable to follow these developments closely for possible increases of local antagonism as the numbers of resettlers increase.



To make my proposition specific, suppose I were to guarantee four hours every day, either in the morning or in the evening, to the writing of the Chicago material. By spending the rest of my time on the thesis, I feel that I would be fulfilling my obligations to the Council. Apart from the advantages which I have already mentioned, this should save you something on your budget, which I imagine is already very much stretched. The one disadvantage is that under the Council, I would have no guarantee of further selective service deferment, but since I am now going on thirty-three, the chances are I shall not be drafted in any case. All this presupposes that the Council would make the award to me, but I should like to have your reaction to the idea.

Re: the "unknowns" in the Individual Resettler Cards, I imagine what you are primarily interested in are the addresses. There is a possibility of checking on missing addresses with files other than that of the W.R.A., e.g., the Friedns file, Rev. Morikawa's file, or the United Ministry file. I believe this work could be accomplished fairly quickly, say a couple of weeks, but the trouble is that Charlie needs Louise's assistance desperately at the office in order to complete as much of the dictation and typing as he can before she goes off the study in July. I am sure the incompleteness of the data on many of the cards troubles you greatly, but if it is possible to get along without a further check on the data, it would avoid the problem of pressure on Charlie.

Charlie, by the way, wants to know how much secretarial assistance he may have after Louise leaves the study. We would like to know the maximum rate per hour and the number of hours per month that may be allotted. For the past two months since his return from Berkeley, he has kept Louise busy almost full time with dictation and typing, and I imagine that this need will continue in only a slightly diminished degree for several weeks to come. One way in which he may decrease his need for assistance here ~~xxx~~ is to type his first drafts of the write-ups on employment, housing, etc., which he is doing for the Chicago report, in duplicate and send one copy to your office for its typing.

Charlie also asks me to tell you that he will send in some of his follow-ups, write-ups on married resettlers, and parts of his diary, toward the end of this week.

As for my plans, Yanaga has written me about a position with the O.S.S. beginning in September, but I will, of course, skip that in the event you decide to keep me on. I shall also first make an inquiry with the SSRC before accepting a government offer. Dr. Lundberg wrote me about a research project in Puerto Rico which under normal circumstances would appear interesting to me, but right now I consider it a remote prospect. I'd like to know any suggestions you have to make as to my plans.

Regards to all.

*Frank*

P.S. Enclosed is a bill for items which Louise bought at Charlie's request on April 24, 1945. I paid the amount, but if you will have a check made out to any one of us, we can take care of the settling of it here.



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June 5, 1945

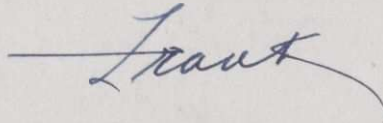
Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for your letter of June 2. This is just a brief note to tell you that I have taken careful note of every point raised, and shall do my best to meet them. My promises aren't any good, so I make no promises. But I do take your predicament, and mine too for that matter, very seriously, and I have every intention of salvaging the situation.

I shall make my train reservation for July 20.

Charlie just told me of his now definite 1-A status. I don't know what else there is that can be done, but I hope for the sake of the study that there is some way of getting a further deferment for him. His own family problems are acute, which you know, and I wish I could help him but I feel there is little I can do.

I'll write again soon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank", with a horizontal line extending to the left.



June 7, 1945

Dear Frank:

Yesterday, a man from the Civil Service Commission came to interview me about you. Apparently, you are being considered for a government job and the decision might be forced on you rather quickly since they seem very urgent about the matter. As you know, our plans are getting more and more unsettled. I realize that you should have more security than I have been able to offer you at present. The reason I have been in such an uncertain state about you is that I have counted so heavily on your being taken on at Seattle, and it was a blow to me, as well as to you, when the thing did not come through. I found myself then in the situation of having a budget which would not at all carry the plans that we were faced with. It now looks as though Charlie will definitely be drafted, as I have informed him by telegram and letter. I am still in a state of uncertainty as to how far I dare go in the matter of expenditures. It looks to me as though I would certainly be able to keep you through the end of the year if you wish to stay, provided you can meet the Tule Lake deadline, on the one hand, and come to Berkeley as planned, on the other and then devote yourself to the Chicago report. I would like you to hold this possibility in mind before making any hard and fast decision with regard to the Washington work.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



June 8, 1945

Dear Frank:

I have your letter of June 5 and I am indeed happy that you will be ready to come here by July 20.

In regard to Charlie: there is absolutely nothing that we can do. The final appeal would be to the President of the United States and the University will not permit such an appeal to be made.

There is evidently a tremendous pressure to get everyone under 30 years of age into the Army. Yesterday, we got the reclassification notice for Jimmy. He was off on a field trip to Minidoka and I have had to recall him immediately, for it looks as though, if he passes his physical examination, he will be inducted by the end of July and no appeal on our part can have any effect. This means that Jimmy has to whip his Minidoka report into shape in a period of a little over a month. I am quite sure he can do it. In fact, these deadlines that have to be met usually are met, however impossible the situation seems in prospect. You can imagine how serious our situation is. I am quite sure that you, too, are going to meet your deadline, for, although you will probably not be drafted, the constant crises that we are facing show how insecure any plans for continuation are.

Will you kindly telephone Togo for me and tell him that the pressure on the boys under 30 is now very severe and that I will be indeed surprised if he doesn't get his call for a pre-induction physical in a very few days. Not only have all the people that I have mentioned been called recently, but even Bob Spencer appeared in the office this morning with his I-A. Please tell Togo that he should act as though he were going to be drafted within the next two or three weeks for otherwise I am very much afraid we stand to lose the work that he has been preparing for us, also.

Hastily yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



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June 12, 1945


Dear Dorothy:

I have your letters of June 7 and June 8. You must be having a hectic time there this month with all the 1-A's turning up at this time. Charlie just now mentioned that he received his notification yesterday, which I suppose was to be expected. I haven't been able to get in touch with Togo as yet, but I shall call him again tonight and give him the message you sent. Charlie says that Togo doesn't expect to get drafted since he is deferrable on his job, but I shall press the matter of the report in any case.

With regard to the Civil Service offers, as you know, I started my inquiries early but with no intention of accepting any position before September 1 of this year. I have always made this clear in all inquiries I have made. I fully understand the difficulties you have faced in making any commitments to me beyond that date, but that the possible induction of both Charlie and Jimmy may make a difference both in your budget as well as your need for assistants. Your suggestion that I should continue with the Study until the end of the year, provided I meet the Tule Lake deadline, and provided that Charlie or Jimmy is drafted in the meantime, is quite satisfactory. I feel an obligation to myself as well as to the Study to accept the conditions. Michi remarked today after reading your letter that I have a reputation at stake in this work just as Dorothy does, and she fully understood the problems.

I had intended to make no commitments to Washington after your letter arrived suggesting that I possibly continue for two months after I returned from Berkeley, and you may be sure that I shall make no other commitments without first consulting you. I am still making every effort to meet the schedule which you have outlined for me, and if hard work will assist materially in completing the Tule report, you may expect to have it on time.

Sincerely,



P.S. I can't understand why the Civil Service Commission is so concerned to rush my application through. They called me last week and tried to high pressure me into an immediate interview for no reason which they would explain. Washington must need men badly.

Tom dropped in on a three-day pass from Fort Meade. He is scheduled to go somewhere--destination unknown--sometime this week.



June 18, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

Some time ago you asked for my outline of the "Social Organization of the Tule Lake Relocation Center". Enclosed is the tentative outline which I am following at present. It follows substantially the chapter headings of the Structural Report which we turned out while at Tule. I hope you find it understandable and satisfactory. I am trying to keep the report as non-theoretical and as straightforward as possible.

Louise is typing the Registration chapter but has been delayed due to the press of work from both Charlie and myself. I shall have it sent to you as soon as the work is completed. Other chapters will be sent to you as they are finished.

I talked to Togo over the phone last week and he tells me that he is working steadily on the J.A.C.I. report and hopes to have it completed soon. I impressed upon him your desire to have all reports in at the earliest possible date. He has been delayed because of his housing move and also because he was waiting for some material on the J.A.C.I. background which he had shipped out from L.A. Also, the Friends Society has been unable to find a replacement for him and he has therefore been devoting two days every week to their office, while carrying the job at the publishing house. However, he is reserving the evenings to the reports. He intends to write up the Friends group and other activities in the resettlement in which he has participated.

You may have been puzzled at a remark in the my last letter about both Charlie and myself taking the trip to Berkeley. I somehow had the impression that Charlie, too, was to attend the conference, but Charlie has corrected me on that score.

Sincerely,

*Frank*



June 18, 1945

Dear Frank:

I received your letter of June 12 and am most happy about your attitude and cooperative spirit.

If you run into any troubles about getting a reservation to Berkeley, please wire us immediately. Newspaper accounts make travel seem almost impossible, but I think we can do something about it if you fail. It is important for you to get down to the office very early on the morning of the day on which you are applying for your ticket. I am, therefore, sending this letter airmail, special delivery, to your home.

Will you please give the enclosed to Charlie.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure



June 20, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I had no trouble getting train tickets.

Not that it's necessary but to give you the complete dope on my schedule, I am leaving on the San Francisco Challenger, tourists sleeper, at 8:45 P.M. on July 20, 1945. Accommodation is Lower 5, Car 871, C. & N.W. train No. 87. Destination is the Berkeley station.

It won't be necessary to have anyone meet me at the train. However, could you please let me know in due time what housing arrangements are to be made. Any place where I can hang my hat and roll into bed at night will be adequate. I assume that I can do all my work at the office.

I believe I forgot to mention this in any earlier letter. Louise has agreed to remain with us through the month of July. I am sure this will assist Charlie materially and is a load off his mind.

Sincerely,

*Frank*

P.S. Louise tells me she sent in Sections C and D of the Registration report. She says she will complete the rest of the report very soon and will send in the remainder with some material Charlie intends to mail this week.



June 20, 1945

Dear ~~Wick~~ Frank,

I received your letter of June 18th, containing the outline of Part II. I estimate that you have already done well over half of this earlier, and that you can use other reports as the basis for most of the rest. Am I right? It seems to cover most of the headings we had in mind when we first began our observations, except that I note the omission of Housing. Judging from their importance I believe the three subheadings under VIII (Other Institutional Aspects) should each be given separate treatment. Your plan, I think, should be to write something on every section, even though some of them will be sketchy, by the deadline (i.e. try to avoid getting "stumped" by any one chapter). Jimmy is following the same procedure re Minidoka although he finds it unsatisfying to leave so many sections in such a sketchy state. Nevertheless, we are certainly working against time, and I have hopes we can lick it.

Sincerely yours,



July 6, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

In connection with Charlie's impending draft and the disposition of his materials in our files, it has been agreed that he is to leave all of it in this office either in cartons ready for shipment or open in the files. At the time we permanently close the office, this material will be shipped to his present residence where it is expected his family will remain. I will thus have access to all of his materials in the preparation of the Chicago report.

Louise showed me the list of names taken from the Individual Resettler Cards for which you want addresses. For those hotels which evidently are permanent addresses, she has marked in the house numbers from the phone book. As for those places which are clearly transient stopping points, we feel that the best bet would be for her to go through the Friends and Brethren files, and possibly go back again to the W.R.A. files for possible latest addresses. Charlie's work will probably occupy her until close to the end of the month. If she is unable to complete the check-up of addresses, which should not take long, before the end of the month, do you want her to continue with it into August assuming that the work will not involve say more than a week beyond the end of July? Louise is agreeable to staying with us until that work is completed if you so desire.

A typewriter rental charge has suddenly been placed against us which we had not anticipated. Last October on one of the days when I was away from the office, Tom brought in a typewriter, the same one which I am now using, and told us that Miss Kelly of Dean Redfield's office had given us access to it. We were, of course, delighted to have use of the machine. Nothing was said by Tom, and I presume by Miss Kelly, about rental on the machine. The other day we received a bill for \$11.25 covering the rental charge from Oct. 14, 1944 to March 3, 1945. The bill puzzled all of us, and upon inquiry I learned that the office upstairs had rented the typewriter for us from an outside agency. The only reason for this mix-up that I can think of is that last Fall when we were troubled by the typewriter shortage, I made several inquiries with one of the secretaries upstairs about gaining access to one of their typewriters, and on one occasion the girl said that they would try to rent one for us. I explained to her that we had no trouble renting our own typewriters, but that we were hopeful that they might know of one already in the building which was not in use. Since they had none that was freely accessible, I, of course, did not press the matter, and dismissed the subject.

I feel that the only thing to do is to pay the \$11.25 charge, and whatever charge there will be for the additional months since March 3. The rate is cheaper than if we had independently rented the machine from an outside agency. Since Dean Redfield's office has been very generous about the use of office space, I don't feel we should make any bones about the typewriter question. At least, we have had good use out of the machine. Miss Lavery says she would prefer to have the payment made before July 15 since they wish to close the books. If you have no objections, I shall give her a personal check for the amount and then put the bill on my personal expenses on the Study. Is that agreeable? We are returning the machine at the middle of this month.

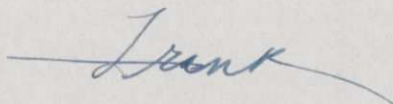


I know you are very anxious to know about the progress on the Tule Lake report. I have so many guilt feelings about it that I hate to talk about it any more, but I know that it will be incomplete by the time of the conference and I can't meet the deadline of July 15. I am following your instructions of trying to get something down for every chapter and section, but even that is difficult since sketchy writing seems such a waste of time. That is, it would have to be done over. You should have some time next week the first two chapters of Part II which I have asked Louise to mail.

I am taking my typewriter with me to Berkeley assuming that you won't have any extra machines around. If it is agreeable with you and there is time for it, I should like to do quite a bit of the revision and of addition to the Tule report while there.

I look forward to seeing you; but I wish the Tule report were complete and in good shape so that I could look you in the eye when I get there.

Sincerely,



P.S. Enclosed is a note to you from Charlie. Also, <sup>my</sup> a note to Mrs. Wilson concerning two reams of paper which Charlie bought but for which I have paid.

Will the University have any trouble arranging a berth for me on the return trip from Berkeley? I don't suppose travel from west to east should be congested, but the five day period for reservations bothers me.



*Night Letter*

7/17/45

FRANK MIYAMOTO  
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1126 East 59th STREET  
CHICAGO 37 ILLINOIS

PLEASE PACK AND SEND BY EXPRESS ALL YOUR FIELD NOTES  
ON TULE LAKE. BELIEVE WE CAN FINISH THIS REPORT WHILE  
YOU ARE HERE. ACCOMMODATIONS ARRANGED FOR YOU AT  
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

D.S.T

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
SEATTLE 5

October 24, 1945

Dear Dorothy:

I didn't have a chance to thank you properly for your help as well as the very enjoyable time you gave me while at Berkeley. Working with you is always a pleasure, and working under you is an education. I've learned a lot, although I learned slowly and the hard way, while at Berkeley and, of course, throughout my employment on the Study. My regret is that I didn't know what I know now back in those first days at Tule Lake when I had grandiose conceptions of sociological investigations, but too little idea of how to adapt myself to the unique conditions we found there. After two years of Blumer, you and W. I. were an excellent tonic.

Michi and I are temporarily living with her folks. Housing in Seattle is evidently almost worse than in the Bay Area; at least the north end of town where the University is seems particularly bad. We'll stay where we are for the time, and look for a more permanent residence at leisure. It is good to be back in Seattle again, but after three months in Berkeley, the Northwest seems damp and cloudy.

Michi's rash became irritated during the one day on the train, from which we have drawn the hypothesis that her allergy may be to dust or soot, plus psychological tensions. However, it's now clearing up very rapidly and I doubt she'll have any further trouble.

The staff here is roughly the same as it was prior to evacuation, with a couple of men gone and a couple of new additions. The university anticipates a tremendous increase of students within a semester and all the Soc. classes are very large. By the opening of the semester, it's anticipated that we'll have 10,000 students on the campus, and by the next semester, the increase is expected to bring the total to about 12,000, which is more than the campus ever had. Schmid estimates somewhat over 1,000 ex-service men this semester, and as many as 2,500 to 3,000 by next semester. The only thing that will hold down the population will be the lack of student housing.

Jim must be arriving from Minidoka today. I can't go to meet him at the train, even if I knew what time he was due in, but I'll contact him the next day or two.

I'll send in my expense account to Mrs. Wilson. My regards to Dick and the others.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank*



October 30, 1945

Dear Frank:

Both Mrs. Wilson and I were glad to get your letters and to know that you are now settled in Seattle. We certainly enjoyed having you here in Berkeley, and I too wish that we could have had more frequent contacts for longer periods at the earlier stages of our investigations. We certainly carried on the study under difficult circumstances.

We too are having a terrific influx of students, and I don't expect to be able to avoid teaching very long.

Your expense account is quite satisfactory. If there are any detailed questions, Mrs. Wilson will get in touch with you.

Sorry to hear that Michi had another attack of her allergy. My neck still itches too.

Give my regards to Lundberg and all my friends in Seattle and, of course, to Michi.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas