

February 4, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

I found that there were no copies of Ruch's Psychology in the two book stores that I contacted in Berkeley. The Co-op referred me to the California School Book Depository, and I am sending you a copy of the telegram I received from them, also of the letter I wrote. If you need any more books from them you can deal with them directly. I hope this is satisfactory.

As soon as I pay their bill I will send you a check for the difference between \$150.00 and whatever they charge.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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DST:mw

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
February 10, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Thanks a lot for all of the trouble I put you in getting books for my class. They arrived yesterday, and I shall have them in time to distribute them to my class at the first meeting. Harno and Miss Rose had to postpone their class because they have not received their books yet. Henceforth I shall try not to bother you, ~~but~~ Since you have found the source for me, I shall contact them directly. I was pleased with the 20% discount plus cost, because I can offer the textbooks to my students at a lower cost than I can get at a bookstore. I have ordered 20 used texts from the store in Chicago, which they are willing to send on consignment. Everything has turned out fine.

The registration for the two classes has mounted to about 90. However, I shall only be teaching three times a week, following the same material in both my evening classes for credit and my Saturday class without credit.

I met Tom at the post office and he told me the delightful news of the conference to be held at Salt Lake City. We discussed the possibility of eating chow mein and running around at night, since it was your policy not to overwork people at a conference. It'll certainly be an incentive to work toward when we are in our low moments.

Things have begun to pop again, and I think I have gotten back into stride again. I attended Miss Topping's lecture, the JACL meeting, and last night the meeting to discuss the registration. The people were not given a chance to ask questions, and they are afraid of signing papers without knowing what it's all about. Everywhere you go people, Isseis, Niseis, and Kibeis are talking about the registration. The most common reaction is that of indignation because the people were thrown into a place like this without being given an opportunity to prove their loyalty, and they are belated being given a chance to prove it now because they find it more convenient to get the people out of the projects. I think the Niseis have been jolted out of their lethargy for a little while now. The time has come for Isseis, Niseis, and Kibeis to make up their minds on which side of the fence they want to be. As Tom advised, I shall be a loyal citizen, but shall prefer selective service.

I have sent pages 669-712 of my journal. You will notice that the section on the Diary is missing, and that the write ups are more complete than they used to be. It is the result



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of my feeling that I know a little more than I used<sup>to</sup> what I am after and how I should go about it. Until the conference I had the feeling that things would be clarified then, but now I realize that nothing will ever be very clear. I have made up my mind that my journal will have to serve as basic material, and as such be able to stand on its own feet. Our structural reports will need constant revision and correction, but the journal should be in such a shape as to require no basic change at all. Since it has taken time to write up reports, case histories, and the like, I have made an effort to make my journal serve the purpose of taking the place of write-ups, organizing as much as possible the material that went on before and attempting to tie it up with other topics and to look forward into the future. I have begun to keep my Diary separately. And as Tom suggested, I have expanded it into more than just a review of what I did during the day, including as much as possible my reactions to events going on about me. The emphasis here is definitely on the I, whereas in my journal I try to be as objective as possible.

I have made corrections on my Co-op report through interviews with Fumi and with Elberson. I was not reelected as representative from my block and therefore will not be on the Board of Directors any longer. But I shall probably be able to work on some committee, and shall be able to keep in touch with the whole set-up. It will give me more time to do other things, too. I shall get started on the rest of the structural report as soon as I can now. I've loafed a little bit in the last three weeks, going skating, doing carpentry work, reading short stories. I feel now that I should get back to business again.

I know that you must be awfully busy, accomplishing the things that you do. I hope you won't pay too much attention to my reactions as they appear in my journal, because essentially I am rather calm and can take things in my stride.

Sincerely,

James Sakoda

February 12, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

I received a batch of your diary and read it with great interest. I approve of the way you are organizing it now, and think it will take less of your time. I haven't yet finished my comments on your personal adjustment section, but will send them along shortly. It is quite evident that your course in psychology is going to be a great success. More power to you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 25, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519 - C  
Tule Lake Relocation Center  
Newell, Modoc County  
California

Dear Mr. Sakoda:

We would appreciate the loan of the following:

Sakoda As they await evacuation 1942

Shibutoni Racial minority population in California  
1941

Shibutani Socio-psychological case study of a  
japanese immigrant family in Berkely California  
1941

Shibutoni When the twain meet, a study of accultura-  
tion

If ever we can be of service to you, please do  
not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

*Carol Wanner (EP)*

Carol Wanner  
Librarian

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
February 27, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I live a life of slight insecurity now. I've always had to watch out, I suppose, and things aren't too different. Every person who gets up and speaks against the crowd is an inu, so that it is no longer a great privilege to be called one. The accusation has become so common and so absurd that it has gone beyond its bound of usefulness. Everyone who works at the Ad Bldg., for instance, must be a inu because they call the Caucasians Mr. and must tell them a lot of things that go on within the Colony. Or else how would they know what's going on. The curious thing is that the Administration probably wants some pro-Axis victims on whom they ~~they~~ can blame the whole mess, but they can't seem to get the Kibeis who are reputed to be at the source of all the unrest in here. For the first time I feel that I would be happier out of here than in here.

At the very first meeting I spoke out of turn when I said that I thought that Niseis who wanted to stay in America should answer Yes to Question 28 on loyalty. I didn't know that most of the Niseis in the block were willing to give up their citizenship and return to Japan. So when most of the kids refused to register or went to take out repatriation papers, I went to register. That was enough to make me a dog of the worst sort. When it became clear that every male citizen had to register just the same and that the Army meant business, the people in our block decided that perhaps it would be better if they got the whole thing over with--after all, there was nothing to be gained by going to jail. So after one man got up and made a fiery speech everyone decided to goubutoto register. So everybody in the block smiled and laughed again, and began to talk to us Sakodas again. Everything's o.k. as long as I don't get too nosey and as long as no one in the block gets into trouble.

I don't go out so very much, but somehow I am kept busy writing up my notes or listening to someone talk. I go to a few open meetings, but there isn't very much going on except in blocks which are still having trouble, and there's no use trying to get into those. Those in the block who have registered already are often told to get out because they are probably inues. I am not typing out my diary and journal on the registration because I don't want to have them laying around, even though it's all for the good of the Japanese people. I'm pretty sure that the WRA officials can't make head or tail out of the whole mess--John D. will never learn what actually went on in the minds of the Japanese people. This is probably the saddest part of the whole evacuation and resettlement history, and when the story is told later it's going to have to be told in a manner that is fair to



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the Japanese people.

I have to be careful what I write in my diary and journal. I have to see to it that no one gets into trouble because of what I've written. And so I use dubious initials and insert propaganda of my own here and there to protect myself. I never was good at passing out lines, and I tend to be too honest, but still I am not a student of psychology for nothing.

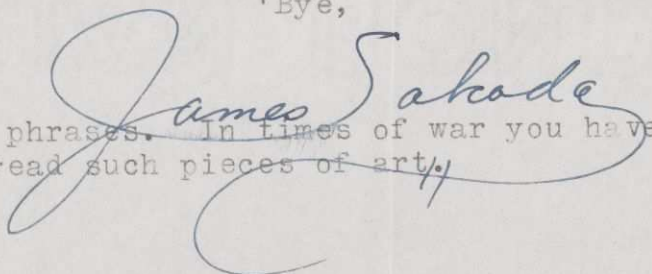
If the camp is headed for segregation and if the group I'm put in is too small, then it will be better for me to drift out to the outside with the others. I am not afraid of the Army because I can qualify for specialized work. I suppose Ruby and George will be going out eventually. Ruby wants a job teaching Japanese at a university because she's getting sick of this place. George wants to stay in here, but maybe it would be better if he were in an essential war industry rather than to wait to be drafted. It's funny but all three of us and May and her husband stuck together on this registration business, even though we stood up at first against the wrath of the majority. That's what a cosmopolitan background will do for you. I sure feel sorry for some of these kids when they get back to Japan and try to climb the steep social ladder they have back there. I should think that they would be happier topping sugar beets.

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I don't know how/it will take for the process of segregation to start, if it takes place at all. I may not have enough material for a thesis after I get out of here, but I won't worry about it for the present. I'll stay on as long as possible and see this present mess through, at least.

The leaders of the Opposition has begun to weaken. They have no reason for maintaining their stand against registration, since it is liable to land many Niseis and themselves in jail. All many of them care for is to avoid draft. The troublesome ones will be those who think they are fighting Tojo's war over here, although there is no actual sign of a large number of people of that sort. The majority of the colonists want to take the peaceful way out by registering, but are still afraid of block pressure. Many of the Kibeis seem to want to drop out of the picture without losing face. Some of them have come too far to turn back without good reason.

I would like to hear of your future plans if you have any. This certainly has been sad for all of us.

'Bye,

James Sakade

P.S. Don't mind my hazy phrases. In times of war you have to be able to write and read such pieces of art.

March 1, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake, California

Dear Jimmy:

I am greatly relieved to hear that you are no longer on the spot and that, as far as you are concerned, continuation of your work at Tule Lake seems possible. That is really fine news for me for I am impressed with the beginning you have made on your main project, and know that you would hate to give it up. I have now gone over your manuscript carefully, and will shortly send you some questions.

I am enclosing a definite offer for work in Chicago. This you should consider as a sort of insurance policy. Keep it to use if the situation gets too hot. Otherwise, I hope you can stay at Tule Lake for a while because I feel it is premature for us to begin work in the middle west, although it is my intention to shift the emphasis from the WRA projects to the areas of resettlement in the course of time. I am keeping the budget fluid, so that if it becomes necessary you may definitely count on a full-time job in Chicago or somewhere else in the middle west when the resettlement plans get underway.

I realize that it is inadvisable for you to write very much at present, but I look forward to receiving your account of what has been going on. If you have a chance, drop me a line.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure - 1

DST:mw



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
March 3, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I have come down with a cold, and haven't been doing much the last few days. There isn't much going on in my block anyway, because everyone has decided to register. I have received your letter via Rose offering a job for a research assistant in Chicago. I hope I won't have to use it for quite a while because things are beginning to settle down here. I have been getting some material for my thesis, but I prefer to wait till the whole registration affair blows over before I get my notes typed up (they are in shorthand).

I have received a request from the OLM Library for a loan of my "As They Await Evacuation." I am sending you the letter they sent and the one I sent in reply to get your advice on the matter. My original is among Frank's material, I believe. As a matter of fact, I think I can rustle up a poor carbon copy if I tried hard enough, but I would like to hear from you first. Tom will probably be in the same fix.

Niseis have been given till March 10 to register, and the registration of Isseis began today. Yesterday it is said that many people jammed the registration hall because they thought it was the last day. Most of the blocks seem to have allowed the block members to go to register if they so desired. This is especially true of all wards besides I and V. Ward I, too, have weakened quite a bit, it seems, and many people, including Kibeis, have gone to register. Ward V, where the whole resistance began, seems to be the only one holding out against registration. Whether it will hold out solidly or not is the question. Most of the residents were put in positions where they just had to sign petitions saying that they would not register. People are being picked up everyday, and the number is probably approaching 100 now. The process seems to be to get the most disloyal and dangerous ones out first. The Cal Club has been postponing its rally because of the incident and threats from Kibeis that there would be trouble if the affair was put on at times like these. It's going on tonight, and I think there might be a show-down if the Kibeis really mean what they threatened. I have a cold yet, but I'd like to be there when things start to pop.

I never felt so low since I came to the Project as when I found myself unable to agree with the whole block. I never for a moment felt that I was wrong, but it was certainly a peculiar sensation, with so much suspicion in the air. My class in psychology has been about the only thing that has kept up my interest. In spite of meetings almost nightly, there was an average attendance of about forty, and we never missed a night. I don't think I'll be back to par until things become more settled.

Very sincerely yours,

*Janus Sakoda*  
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March 3, 1943  
Christmas Day

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

As you may have read in the newspapers, the state legislature has recently passed a special appropriation giving emergency salary increases to all state employees from July 1, 1942 to November 30, 1942, retroactively, and from February 1, 1943 to June 30, 1943. For full-time employees receiving less than \$3000 per year, the increase is \$15.00 per month for the five-month retroactive period, and \$25.00 per month for the five months starting February 1. For part-time employees working half time or more, the increases are pro-rated.

This cheerful note is written to inform you that, as the result of negotiations, it has been decided that ~~both the retroactive and future~~ emergency salary increase apply in your case. You will receive the following:

- a. For three months service, at half time for September, October and November, 1942, at \$7.50 per month ... .. \$22.50
- 9/22.50 *Amount will be added*
- b. To your monthly pay-check, beginning with the March 1 check and continuing monthly for five months, ~~will be added~~ ... .. \$12.50 ✓

You will probably receive the sum (a) in a separate check near the first of April. If you don't, or if the current extra stipend does not appear on your monthly check, you should inform the office so we can follow the matter up.

Since the state has begun to deduct the 5% Victory Tax from salaries, your check will not equal \$62.50 plus \$12.50. It should equal (approximately) \$62.50 plus \$12.50 minus 5%. There are several complications in computing the tax, so the figure won't be exact. The enclosed schedule may throw some light on the matter. <The Victory Tax will not be deducted from the retroactive increase.>

It should be understood that these increases are by special appropriation. They do not come out of our budget. There is absolutely no guarantee that they will be continued after June



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30, 1943. The continuation of the increase will be a matter of legislative action and will have no relation whatsoever to individual merit.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

MG:mw

Enclosure

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
March 3, 1943

O.E.M. Library  
New Social Security Building  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have received your request for a loan of term papers written during undergraduates years at the University of California. Those written by Mr. Shibutani must be referred to him because I don't have them in my possession.

My own, As They Await Evacuation, I have felt it unwise to have in my possession and hence cannot send it to you immediately. I shall make arrangements, if possible, to make a copy available for your use.

Very sincerely yours,

James Skkoda



March 4, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

I was certainly glad to hear from you. I agree that this has been a very "sad time" for all of us. I hope that the low point has really been passed, and that a satisfactory reorganization will result. The whole thing has certainly worked hardships on all of you, and on those of us in Berkeley too. We have suffered particularly from anxiety, and from our inability to do anything to relieve the situation for you.

At long last, I am enclosing detailed comments on your Personal Adjustment section. The great strength of this chapter lies in your penetrating insights. The great weaknesses are, in my opinion, lack of precision in definition, rather loose "psychologizing", and failure to stick to the subject. It will not be difficult for you to reorganize the chapter, but it will, of-course, take time. And the important part will then be the documentation, which I certainly hope you can get.

Please keep me informed of developments. I agree that your present method of writing up is the wise one, but do be careful that the padding you are putting in can later be identified and eliminated.

Am sending this to Bob, since I have not yet been informed that it is safe to write you directly. Please let me know.

Regards to all,  
Yours,

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
March 20, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Have received your note and identification. As I mentioned in my other letter, I would like to stay a little while longer, perhaps the rest of the year or even longer. It all depends on the trend of things here and the possibility of my being able to get work done. I'll have to be more careful now than I have been in the past, and for that reason I think that going out to a conference is inadvisable. Nothing that I could do for some time or explain would counteract the suspicion that such a move would raise. While the prospect is in a way very inviting, I would rather forget about it for the present because it is the sort of situation that is conducive to a sense of internal conflict.

The most recent development as far as I can see is that nothing is happening. According to a release by Coverley to a group of Isseis with whom he had a "fireside chat" last Thursday evening, 80 per cent of the male citizens and 75 per cent of the female citizens had registered by the end of the deadline, while 50 per cent of the Isseis have registered to date, and more can be expected to register by the deadline, which is March 24. High school and acceptance of repatriation will not take place till after registration. Elementary school has begun last Tuesday, although there seems to be a little disorganization because some teachers are leaving because they being required to give a pledge of allegiance. Recreation is beginning to pick up, although the volume of entertainment is still small compared to the former schedule. The Planning Board is the only representative body existent, since the Council was never reconvened, but it is largely inactive, taking a policy of not having a meeting until this registration matter is settled. It is afraid of both the hotheaded Issei-Kibei group on the one hand, and the Administration on the other. The weather is getting warmer, and a basketball court has been set up in practically every block, giving children a chance to play outdoors. The ill-feeling in blocks which have gone to register seem to have largely subsided, but in most of Ward V and a few other blocks which are still holding out en masse against registration the feeling between those who registered and those who did not seems to be hostile.

As I started to say, nothing much is happening. About a 100 boys were picked up while the registration for male citizens was in progress. They were given a chance to register if they so wished, or were allowed to think it over if they asked for that chance. The majority went along, seemingly gladly. Those who saw them off usually shouted banzai. But since March 10, very few people, as far as I can find out, have been picked up. According to one report before the close of registration for men 2300 had registered, leaving about 400 who hadn't. A more recent figure released to the Planning Board from Smith, head of the Housing Section, states that anywhere from 500 to 700 have not registered. That leaves from 400 to 600 who have to



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be picked up yet. According to Tom, the boys are not being picked up because there are no charges on which they can be taken out of here because the registration of male citizens was not ordered by Selective Service. I heard the same thing from Don, although he was careful to label it as the "current rumor." I understand that Jacoby won't talk. This rumor is still an unexploded one, since Coverley did not choose to do so last Thursday when Isseis asked him what he intended to do with those that did not register. I understand that Coverley, as a good administrator, is careful of what he says, and usually carries out what he says. When the question was asked he seemed rather embarrassed. He didn't say that he knew nothing about the future policy in regard to the disposal of the boys, so evidently there was something he couldn't reveal. He merely said that he declined to answer the question. The only explanation for it was that it referred to the same point as before--probably meaning the fact that there was no punishment announced for aliens who did not register. Clearly, he did not want to commit himself on the matter. But he is said to have told the Planning Board that something is going to be done with those citizens that did not register for Selective Service.

As long as several hundred people still have to be picked up, I feel that I cannot go around asking people how they feel about this matter. Bob can get the most information now, since he can contact staff members for their opinions on the matter and also get the general drift of events. You can hold me responsible for the attitude of the people in general, although it is so complicated that it is doubtful that all of the factors can be isolated and clarified. Somebody bungled the matter, because registration proceeded more smoothly at other centers, and Tule Lake was a quiet place until this thing came along. The administration and leave section has changed its tune slightly from the one they started singing just prior to registration, when they were declaring that those who took out indefinite leave would not be allowed to come back. Now they are saying that you can come back at any time you wish, at your own expense. As Don maintains, some of the staff members are so stupid about how to carry on propaganda. That man is a wonder--he still believes that the people can best carry on their own affairs with the least amount of interference from the administration.

I have heard hardly any news from the other camp where the boys were sent to. One thing that I have heard, which is said to have come from a Nisei who has come back, that those who want to come back to register are being allowed to do so. There is a unified resistance to this on the part of Kibeis in the other camp, while Niseis are starting to feel homesick and still are afraid of what might happen to them if they did register. I should think that they ought to be segregated from Kibeis.

And what is a Kibei? I have temporarily defined Kibei as a person who has received his basic education in Japan. I make a distinction between at least two types of Kibeis--those who speak little English and have very few Nisei associates, and those who speak fairly good English, are somewhat Americanized, and possibly associate with Niseis. The latter are often dif-



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
March 16, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I hope recent trend of events have not gotten you down too much. Frank is ready to go out, it seems, while Tom is waiting for his leave clearance to come through. I hear Charlie is going to Chicago, too. I'm not kicking about staying, because I want to stay as long as I can and get a little more material. If I go away now much of the work these past months will be meaningless, and what little connections I have made will go to waste, too. As it is, we have an interesting story to tell, but nothing which can be called a contribution.

Since I shall be left virtually alone in the Colony, I was wondering how you wanted me to reorganize my work. I am still assigned a few sections of the structural report which I have not even started on. They are the Wardens, Shelter and Clothing, and Community Enterprises. I can also continue the Co-op report from where I left off and bring it up to date. I think part of the reports can be written up later if I gather a little more data right now, or I can take the time out to write them up now if you wish.

I am not asking questions about the registration except of a few intimate friends, and do not intend to become too inquisitive until all those who are to be rounded up are rounded up. Most of the male citizens seem to have registered, although several blocks held out en masse against registration. All of those who did not register have not all been rounded up, and Ruby is not typing up any of my diary or journal since the registration began until the whole thing blows over. I shall cover the registration to fit my personal adjustment section--that is, as much as possible in terms of types of persons. I am not holding too closely to the concept of types and have come out with another consideration--frustration-aggression. It ~~seems~~ seems that those who stood up for registration were not those who had the least connection with Japan, but sometimes those who did have more connection with Japan than others, but who did not feel frustrated. It seems that people with social position, with money, with education tended to stand up for registration, whereas those who have very little to rely upon felt bitter toward Caucasians, relied upon good jobs in Japan, upon the indemnity to be received when Japan won the war, etc. The camp has divided up into two factions, and those who were called inu are finding it uncomfortable in here. Hence, these leaving will tend to be those who stood up for the registration. If the background of people who leave camp can be gotten, a statistical check on some of the hypotheses are possible.

Thanks for the comments on the Personal Adjustment Section. Part of the disorganization was due to the fact that I divided up the reactions into persistence, change, and emergence, which could not have been clearly differentiated. ~~xxxxxx~~ Persis-



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difficult to distinguish from Niseis with Japanese education in Japan or in this country, although most people seem to be able to make the distinction readily.

My class is coming along quite well, although it has dwindled to a steady enrollment of 30. I don't <sup>surely</sup> ~~will~~ have more than 20 finishing the course, from an original enrollment of over 60. I'm finding myself learning a great deal as I go along, thinking things through where I only had a hazy idea before. Take the concept of emotion, for instance. Formerly I wouldn't have been able to get close to a definition. Now I feel confident in being able to define it in spite of the fact that most psychologists seem to differ in their definition. I should say that emotion is an involuntary and disturbed response to a stimulus (object or situation), consisting of internal and external changes and a conscious experience of those changes (feeling), which gives direction or "set" to an individual's action, and which is inhibitory to rational response. Emotion and feeling ~~are~~ closely aligned with attitude, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> can serve as a drive, since it involves tension which must be released. I know that many psychologists are wary of what you would call "psychologizing"--attributing motives--but I am teaching my class to do it. I think the way to understand people is through insights--people are usually so complicated and we don't know enough about a situation usually to know all of the factors and to prove just how much effect a certain factor had on the situation. I think my class is going to understand people better after they are through with the course than if I gave them all of the reflexes, process of observation, learning, thinking. These are being reserved for the end of the course, and I'm going to leave physiology out entirely.

I'm glad to hear that you'll be coming up some time in April. I'm sorry to hear that Charlie is leaving for Chicago. I guess in general the evacuation end of the Study is sort of washed out. I'm trying to get one or two people to keep diaries. I wish I had done more of that sort of organizational work in the beginning.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



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tence was supposed to show the effect of past adjustment, change the effect of the past and the present, whereas emergence was presumably due to the present evacuation set-up. I have covered the whole field of adjustment from the standpoint of the individual, and I shall now have to narrow down the field considerably to only those hypotheses that I can follow up adequately. The narrowing down shall probably have to be in terms of both phenomena and types of individuals treated. It is easier to get material from Niseis, for instance, than from Isseis or Kibeis. Among the Niseis most material can be gotten from the marginal personality type, whereas the rowdy person or those who are Japanese are difficult to get any material from.

As a part of my work I was thinking of working up a complete questionnaire to give to my class. One major shortcoming of the material that I have on hand at the present time is that it is very incomplete. From one case history I get one set of hypotheses, and from another something else. Neither of the case histories are usually either complete nor in any way comparable. Another problem is that the concept of typology that I am employing, while derived from observation of people, none the less tends to be hypothetical and not empirical. Our theoretical framework, too, has not been built up--the importance of genetic factors, cultural factors, influence of group ways, and Frank's emphasis on interaction still requires empirical verification. To tackle these problems I have been thinking of making a questionnaire, including everything that we would generally like to ask people. This would include hereditary factors, like intelligence and health, cultural background, social groups and expected roles, personal reaction and adjustment, and reaction to recent events. Obviously all of these factors cannot be represented completely or represented at all in one questionnaire, and a sampling of the most important factors must be made. It can serve as a basis for drawing conclusions and deriving correlations in an empirical manner. From a part of those answering the questionnaire I think that I can get life histories or fuller accounts of their lives through interviews. I have spoken to Frank about this, and he was very helpful. He said that it was the sort of thing that he would have liked to have done himself, although he would have placed the emphasis on reaction to events since Pearl Harbor rather than on background factors. We agreed on the sort of things that should be included and on the value of such a piece of information, although the sampling will have to be small and selected.

I would like to have your opinion on this and on what you would like to see me doing in the next several months. I suppose it's the sort of thing that a person who doesn't like to be seen much would like to do.

Ruby is looking for a job as a teacher of Japanese in a university. She wrote to 13 of them, but so far have received negative answers. She's desperate enough to go to Camp Savage if and when they take women as teachers. George is enjoying his work running the hog farm, and still wants to stay here. May and Kingo are thinking of going out, too, although they like the



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security here.

The State was very generous. You might thank them for me.

I have sent D. 43-58, and J. 713-771.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

March 22, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

This is in reply to your letter of March 16.

First, let me acknowledge receipt of Journal 713-771 and Diary 43-58. The Journal has some excellent material in it, not only the personality sketches, but also the careful and detailed follow-up on the cooperative. By-the-way, I sent a little note on the Seicho-no-Ie to Embree, as he wanted to know if I had come across any one of that faith. I did not, of course, use any names. Re the diary, you are right: I do not want you to censor anything, even your feelings of irritation towards me and the study. The suggestion to "apply directly" for books was intended to save you trouble, not to save us trouble. But so much for that!

I am indeed glad that you are willing to stay in Tule Lake. I don't agree that we haven't already achieved a "contribution" but I feel that it would be a tragedy not to be able to follow up and get the continuing story in all of its ramifications. You in Tule Lake and Tamie Tsuchiyama in Poston have an unparalleled opportunity to get the whole picture. Both of you are excellent observers and you have another thing in common: tolerance of and understanding of the Japanese people. This, as you pointed out, is going to be very important in our final analysis.

I am not too pessimistic about the possibility of your re-establishing good contacts in the community. Tamie was in a far worse position than you are, due to her close tie-up with the administration. She was branded as an "inu" and was actually "shadowed" for months. After she resigned from Leighton's staff, and picketed in the strike, she was completely accepted by the more thoughtful Issei, and now a number of them give her information very freely. They know that she is working for the U.C. study, and they feel that this study will, in the long run, be of great help to the Japanese in America. I feel that you, too, will be able to find people who will be willing to help you and us. You are right, however, in staying out of things until the registration issue blows over.

Tamie, in a recent letter, says she wants, if possible, to stay in Poston for the duration. She asks whether I think this



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will affect her status in America after the war. I told her - and I believe this firmly - that I felt that her connection with the U.C. and the study would protect her from any claims that she was anti-American or that she was unwilling to relocate and take her place in American society. I assured her, as I assure you, that, although our publication plans cannot be made yet for obvious reasons, I promise that the integrity of authorship of the individual workers will be preserved.

But I want to point out to you again that you must not feel you have to stay in Tule Lake if conditions become unbearable. The other offer will continue to hold. Give Tule Lake a chance for a while longer, however, and I feel you will not regret your decision.

Charlie is leaving Gila not because of any difficulties there, but because with his large family, so many of whom are dependent on him, he feels that unless he begins resettlement before the draft catches up with him (for although this is a "war project" we just can't tell when they will begin to take our people) the family will be unable to relocate. So I agreed with Charlie that he'd better get out and take two of his sisters along and try to get jobs for them. He will continue to work for us just as long as he can.

Now, as to your work. I should certainly like to have the structural sections finished up, particularly Community Enterprises, Co-op, and Private Enterprises. This might be a good time to finish them up, while you are waiting for things to quiet down.

As to your Personal Adjustment section, do not overwork the Frustration-Aggression hypothesis. Approach the whole thing in behavioristic terms. What connections did the two groups have with Japan? What connections had they had with Caucasians? What was their social status? Their wealth? Their education? What stand had they taken on previous issues? Etc.

We will discuss the questionnaire when I come to Tule Lake. You might prepare a tentative one so that I can discuss and criticize it with you. I like your idea of emphasizing background factors and not limiting analysis to reactions after Pearl Harbor, since the latter depend very largely upon the former.

Let me hear from you soon. I may be up one day soon, but in any case, I will see you on April 16, as I told you in my last letter.

Shouldn't Ruby submit another bill? We make up our payroll the end of this week, so if you have any bills, send them along.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



March 22, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

Just a brief note as a followup of my earlier letter today. Just received your letter of March 20, which was very informative. I am glad to hear things are quieter. Two things interested me particularly, (1) that registration was not "compulsory", i.e. not ordered by Selective Service, although the evacuees were certainly told it was, and (2) that return to Relocation Centers will be possible at any time. Please give me any follow-up you can get on those two points.

Don't worry about the size of your class. You are evidently doing an excellent job with them.

I vehemently disagree with your statment that "the evacuation end of the study is sort of washed out." It is enormously important and I expect it to be very active. With Bob Spencer, Joe Omachi, and our Issei observers at Gila; with Tamie and her collaborators at Poston; and with you and Billigmeier and any helpers you can find at Tule Lake, we are in a very favorable situation to get the necessary continuity. So, keep up the good work. By the way, why don't you stimulate May to get on with that family history she promised us?

More later.

Yours,



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
March 30, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Your last letter encouraging. Tule Lake certainly turned out to be a discouraging place, especially when it was coming along so beautifully with the right amount of disturbance. I'm sure nobody could have predicted this registration mess. It may be a little more serious than you believe, but still it's probably not as bad as we fear. Since you are not dismayed, the Study here shall go on. But I hope we won't have to write too many formal reports. Last time we tried to cover three months of activity and it took us five months, and still we weren't through. On the Community Enterprises and Private Enterprises I shall make an outline, and start to collect material, which will mean primarily contacting people. On the Co-op Don is having Koso Takemoto write a report for him. Fumi Sakamoto has worked on the first part of the Co-op for Don, and Koso is expected to carry on from there. Don doesn't want an elaborate report, but Koso can make the first draft complete and Don can condense it later if he likes. I am going to see Koso about working together so that our efforts won't be duplicated.

I have started to contact people on the registration--just those that I can trust. I have seen Noboru Honda and Chester Ogi (Planning Board Nisei research worker) because they are both leaving for Rochdale soon. I find it easiest to talk to those who have been branded as inu, for one thing, and also those who know that I am doing research work for my Ph.D. thesis. It means that too much secrecy is detrimental because it cuts down the field of contact. I usually don't mention my U.C. connection because of the financial angle involved, but for some people it may be the better policy to force their hand by saying that unless they come through with their story (e.g. the Planning Board) I am not going to be able to present the Japanese side of the picture. U.C. is writing up the whole story, and it's better to get their two cents in, too. I have been pointing out, though, that the Japanese stand to lose if they leave up the writing up of the whole story to the WRA. I told that to a couple of rowdies who waylaid me one night and took my notes away, and when I told them this, they wanted to know how any Caucasian would believe a Japanese. I wish I could have explained it, but he wouldn't have understood. Incidentally, I mention these things in my letters because someone might take a notion to look through my file of duplicates, and I want them to read a little propaganda while they're at it.

For the next couple of months I want to spend a little more time making contacts, which I should have done all along. I am no longer on the Co-op Board, and shall have to make



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more direct contacts. This is another reason I don't want to write elaborate reports, but want to concentrate on getting basic material, which is in itself is time-consuming. I expect to write my basic material into my journal so that it can be looked up when needed. I have done that for the registration problem, and I now think that I should work out an outline, bringing out the sequence of events, and pointing out the factors involved, and some of the things that I should follow up. For the sake of expedience I am casting my problem in terms of my personal adjustment section--i.e. how different individuals adjusted themselves to the registration, but I shall also get more basic material, also, such as the role of the City Council and the Planning Board, etc.

Now that Tom and Frank are definitely leaving, I shall have to arrange my work to cover a broader field. Also, I'm thinking of getting a few people together who will be able to help me, at least by keeping diaries. Kazuko was keeping one, although she would never show it to me, but she burned it all up during the recent excitement since she was suspected by the block people of being an inu. I have another girl in my class who is keeping a diary. I'm trying to get a Kibei fellow to keep one, too, but I don't know whether it's going to be successful or not. May is supposed to be working on the family history, but I suppose she's busy. I'll see her about finishing what she started because Kingo has gotten a job in an airplane factory (he's a stress analysis) and he'll be going out soon and May will probably follow him soon. George is keeping a journal for his hog department, and comments that he makes now and then on his relationship with Caucasians will probably be worth copying later. The leaders are going out, and it's going to be increasingly difficult to get material and to find persons who have sufficient insight into problems to tell you much.

So far nothing has happened to those who did not register and who are still here in the Colony. I haven't found out a thing since I wrote to you last, and shall see whether Bob can get anything.

I shall stay here as long as possible, but I don't think that it is going to be possible to stay here for the duration even if I wanted to. A girl would be able to do it, and maybe I'd better get a few who can keep decent diaries/ to carry on after I leave. When the kids start to get drafted, or all of those who are loyal are asked to leave, I think it's going to be difficult to stay behind.

Since I am staying for some time, may I have two reams of second sheets, one ream of white bond, and some stamps. For Ruby's expenses through March could you have a check for \$64 sent her?

So the Study is not washed out, and Bob and I shall carry on.

'Bye,  
*James Sakoda*



April 1, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

I am delighted to know that you are feeling better about Tule Lake and that you are making such realistic plans for carrying on. We have put in a request for \$64.00 to Ruby.

I am enclosing a document, written by an Issei in Poston. It occurs to me that George might be able to write a similar document on the hog farm, using his notes as a basis. This would give him something to do for us and I would be much interested in his cooperation, so you might ask him what he thinks about it. On second thought, I am sending the document to Bob Billigmeier since it is rather bulky, and will ask him to transmit it to you.

As I told you, I am coming up on the fifteenth and sixteenth and look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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April 6, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

A recent letter from Dr. Embree says:

"Our present most pressing problem, incidentally, is what are the resistances to relocation on the part of residents in centers and how may these be overcome."

Anything you can send me that would be enlightening to him would be greatly appreciated. As you know, I merely write him a letter occasionally, and I do not indicate in any case the source of my data, but it would be helpful to me if you could give me a little special ammunition.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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Tule Lake, California  
April 9, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I am sending a rough outline of the questionnaire I have been working on and also some sample questions, both of which are incomplete. I've been trying to get the theoretical background straight, and that accounts for the three-fold classification on the outline. It seems to be a good way to analyze situations. Ordinarily a psychologist would start out by asking what the motive was, but since that is very difficult to establish, it seems best to keep the analysis at first on a behavioristic level, and making interpretations about individual motives at the very end. I rushed this through because I thought you might want to read it on the train coming up.

I'm also sending pp 81-100, which I had intended to send out earlier in the week. I'm trying to get people either for interviews or to get them to write something just before they go out. It would help a lot if I at least had a schedule which I could at least check, if not have answered directly. But we can discuss all of that when you come up. I still think we can get Harbo to write up something for us.

Very sincerely yours,

James Sakoda



April 20, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

We had a wonderful visit with you in Tule Lake. Both W.I. and I were impressed at the able and intelligent way in which you are going about your work. We think you have made great progress in organizing your thoughts and developing your concepts in regard to the personal adjustment section.

One thing that I didn't make clear to you about your plans ought to be explained now. When we return from Chicago, we are planning to stop off at Salt Lake City. Therefore, if conditions have quieted down so that you can get away from Tule Lake for a while, it would be very desirable for you to meet us in Salt Lake City. We can look over the situation there together, and you may want to stay longer than we do. Also, I think it would be an excellent idea if you would then visit Gila for say a week, and follow-up on the Tulare group. I am sure you could be very helpful to the workers there by giving them some of the background clues. All this, of course, depends on whether you feel like leaving Tule Lake. I believe this will be possible, and I think that you can get your position there settled by talking to a few prominent Issei and getting them on your side, so that they will understand just what it is that you are doing. Anyway, just keep this in mind, and we will go into it more in detail later.

Regarding case histories: Suppose you start out with a modest budget of \$50.00 and see how far that goes. This you may use at your discretion, and we will then be in a position to plan what you can do in the future within the limits of our general budget.

Give my regards to Ruby, May and George.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:mw



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
April 29, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Your recent visit up here was most encouraging, and your letter was more so. Now I feel that I can go on without feeling that it's all a waste of time. Knowing better now what I'm after, I am not so over-whelmed by large number of things that go at once around here.

At present I'm trying to complete my questionnaire as soon as possible so as to be able to use it on my class before it dwindles down to nothing. It's also proving useful in my writing up case histories. I had a very short interview with one girl who came in to see me about student relocation, and I was able to get a fairly complete write-up from it. I'll work on community enterprises and private enterprises as soon as I get the questionnaire out of the way. I'm also thinking of writing up the registration from the personal adjustment point of view, although I'll have to paint the general background for it first.

My class is dwindling rapidly, and it's down to 20 students now. It's all a part of the process of disorganization due to change in population which is being felt in every department. I'm thinking of carrying on a seminar in social psychology so that I can discuss the things I'm interested in more thoroughly with a few students who are really interested in learning something. Jobo Nakamura is putting out a anniversary edition of the Dispatch Mag, and I have helped him write one section of it. Last night I also spoke on the SCA panel on the topic of Why Evacuees Don't Leave the Center for the benefit of outgoing students who want to be equipped with knowledge to pass on to interested Caucasians. I'm trying to be as helpful around here as possible, because that's the only way I know of getting help from others when I want it. I've also taken over Tom's job as counselor to students interested in relocating. It doesn't take up too much of my time, and gives me contacts which I need so badly.

May and Kingo are ready to leave here on May 4 for Alliance, Ohio. Ruby has received an answer from U. of Minnesota, saying that there is a possibility of a job teaching Japanese within two months. George said that he didn't want to go out, but is becoming uneasy because so many are leaving. I went to see Kay, and found him busy running around gathering material. He is angry because Harno won't offer to write up a part of the report. He feels awfully guilty about being compensated for his work.

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Structural Report So much for personal stuff. Here's an attempt at a report on some of the major changes that have occurred recently. There's no attempt at looking up notes or anything, so it's just hit or miss.

I suppose you know what happened to the registration. Most of the inmates of Shangrila, or some, anyway, have been released. Others have been sent back with sentences ranging up to 90 days. About 13 were taken to Moab, and some Isseis, I understand, to San Francisco. Those who didn't register are being left alone. So it turned out that the WRA was just bluffing--that's the way the people are going to take it anyway. The next time they try anything, they'll have to make the alternative very definite and visible before they will get any cooperation from the people. One important effect of the registration has been to split up the camp into two factions--pro-registration and anti-registration. On the whole all of the people in key positions have been in the pro-registration. These people have been disillusioned because of the lack of gratitude shown by the people, and things have been made unpleasant for them to make efforts to leave camp. About fifty, I understand, have volunteered, and fully 40 or 50 per cent have been rejected on taking the physical examination early this week. Many of the others are going out to work in the Middle West. Of those that remain, there is a lack of cooperation between the two factions--at least Ruby is experiencing this.

There are two definite trends now, which may or may not be a direct outcome of the registration issue. The first is the change in population caused by people leaving for work, and the second is the disorganization in the Project because of the change in personnel and for other reasons. In January the population was 15,000 and in March 14,500. At present it is about 14,000. Much of this is due to work leave, which I don't think has had a great effect on the community. It is the leaving of people in key positions that has made the difference. Dr. Francis is now short of teachers, and finds it difficult to induce people capable of teaching into her department because everyone has a job now. It is said that all but three of the doctors are leaving, and so are many of the trained nurses. Ward and block meetings were held recently to attempt to recruit 30 or 40 more nurses. Incidentally, this goes to show the futility of maintaining a uniform wage scale when there is competition from the outside. It's all right when everyone is confined in here, but if people can go out to get their jobs, then the more capable ones are not going to stick around here for long. This is especially true when they don't receive the proper treatment at the hand of the Caucasian staff (e.g. Dr. Pedicord) or the people (who are ungrateful).

The second trend is the growing signs of disorganization. Up till a couple of days ago it didn't occur to me, and I had a feeling that everything was going to be all right here



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after all. But incidents have been occurring recently which definitely points toward more and more trouble for the community. Some of it is undoubtedly the result of the registration. Both the leaders and many of the Caucasian staff members are disillusioned with the Japanese people. Dr. Francis, Ruby tells me, is getting stricter and is now insisting on a 22-hour teaching program for all teachers. One fellow quit because of her stand. John D. Cook says that he doesn't remember where he put a package of manuscripts which Riley put in his safe-keeping during registration, and Riley is "mad like heck." Noboru Honda would rather take a good job with the WRA rather than join the coop movement on the outside because he's disillusioned with the people. Art Morimitsu used to work hard, especially on his plans for a super-museum here, but Slattery put a stop to it, and now he doesn't give a damn about anything anymore. He's really shot. Jobo admits that this place has its advantages, but he's willing to go out with the rest now. The coal crew went on a strike because the supervisor was fired, and the administration threatened to sell the coal and cancel the contract. The Planning Board stepped in and asked the crew to go back to work. The shoe shop workers went on a strike because, as one version goes, the Executive Secretary accused them of favoritism and incompetence. These are just signs of impending disorganization. The Council is not revived yet, and most of the leading councilmen are planning to leave soon.

I've sent Kiku's diary to be copied and returned as soon as possible. She'll keep on with her diary at a small compensation, which she doesn't want, of course. I've put Ruby on a ten cents a page basis, which she has agreed upon. I'm trying to get Jobo to write up the Dispatch office. Riley is supposed to write up his personal experience for me, and since Cook has been mean to him, it's easier now to get him to write something, I think. Kazuko is going out soon and is writing up her diary, but she won't show me any of it. She has promised to leave it with me when she left. I have at least two persons in mind from whom I intend to get life histories. But I'll have to complete my questionnaire and schedule first.

Since I've left the Co-op I find more time to myself, and gave a birthday party for over twenty people, and have been going to a dance now and then. I see people in the Co-op now and then and they want me to come back. I'd like to see Frank and Bob's reports on the registration when you have them copied. I don't want to duplicate their efforts in writing up my own report. In the meantime, I hope that too many things don't start popping.

Hope I don't weaken.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



May 1, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

I was so glad to get your letter this morning as I am leaving for Chicago tomorrow. My address there will be Room 502, Social Science Research Building, University of Chicago. In regard to the supplies, we have put in an order for everything, except the notebooks. I was not sure just what you wanted. Do you want the stenographic notebooks or the kind that is used for diaries? Please drop a note to Morton Grodzins and specify the size and type and he will have them sent immediately. We have been informed that it is impossible to buy either pins or needles any more, but we have put in the order anyway, so don't be disappointed if the pins don't come.

I was much interested in your report of what is happening in the community now. I certainly hope we can continue to follow these new developments. We received Kiku's diary and will have it copied and returned as soon as possible. It may take a little time, but we'll do the best we can. I read it through and I think she has some very good observations. She is obviously a talented girl and knows how to record what she sees. Maybe you could use her to prepare some short reports for you. I can allow you some more money in the budget for these short reports if you will tell me about what you think you would need from time to time.

You do not comment on the suggestions in my last letter that you go to Gila for a while, preferably toward the end of May. Bob Spencer is most enthusiastic about the idea and would welcome your collaboration on some aspects of the Gila situation. For one thing, he is preparing a very interesting type of block analysis, and I will ask him to send you a copy of his outlines and plans. Also, he is most anxious to discuss with you your classification of Nisei which has impressed him, and to which he has evidently given some thought. I feel that you would enjoy working with Bob for a while, and I don't believe there would be any repercussions in Tule Lake as a result of your temporary absence. You could, in fact, say that you are going to Gila in connection with the University program, to get some training in anthropological techniques of field investigation.



Anyway, think it over and let me know how you feel.

We have some sixty pages of Frank's report on registration on hand, and will send you a copy as soon as we can have it typed up. It is an excellent report and gives the whole framework. Bob has some interesting material on the trials and on the interviews with the Kibei. That, I think, will be his main contribution to the registration. As I look over your diary, it seems to me that what you could contribute best would be a detailed analysis of the reactions of your block and a sociological study of the attitudes and behavior of the various people, both inside and outside your block, with whom you came in contact. That is, I don't think you want to go in for any complete type of structural analysis or even for any chronological account of the general situation up to the present. That is very well covered in Frank's report. You, however, eventually want to write a section on the aftermath of the registration.

Let me hear from you soon in Chicago. It takes several days for letters to get there, so it might be wise to write me airmail.

Give my best to May and Kingo, and to Kay and Keiko, and wish them all success in their relocation.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

P.S. Please send me Kay's address as I assume that he has already left.

DST:mw



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
May 7, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

Have received your letter that you wrote before leaving for Chicago. I'll write to Morton for anything else I want. I hope you can get things started in Chicago because many people are leaving this Project for that area. I saw the cards that were done for us by the Records Office, and it thrilled me no end. With that in our hands, we can check back on the background of any individual, wherever they go. Those who have been through the relocation center will offer a good contrast with those who haven't, and in this way the effect of the relocation center experience on the individual can really be studied. The way things are set up now in the Project, the study would be one of comparing different individuals or individuals with different background in the same general situation, which will occupy most of my attention while I am here.

I've been telling myself that I'm going to be here at least a year more, but when friends start to leave one by one, I sometimes feel that I can't rely on any definite period. Met Harno and Bob yesterday. Harno said that he had taken the exam for Fort Savage and had an option to go there--he doesn't make up his mind. Bob said that he was going to be drafted next month or in July. He seemed to be very sure of himself, and wanted to know when I was going to leave.

Kay and Keiko have left for Pendleton, Oregon, but further than that I don't know where they are working for. I'll let you know their address as soon as I find out. May and Kingo have left, too, and they seem to have gotten a good start.

I've been thinking about going to Gila, and have decided that I'd like to go down there to work with Bob for a short while. I'm not worried any more about my leaving this project, as long as nothing new crops up in here. I have my class to take care of, and would like to get that out of the way before I leave. I've speeded up the course, and am going to give my final on May 28. If I could leave the first of June, everything will work out wonderfully, although I could give the final after I come back. So many students have dropped out, that I would like to get the class over with first so that as many as possible will get credit.

I'm sure you are right in suggesting that I should write a report on the registration from the standpoint of attitudes of different people involved, going into a comparison of differences and possible factors to account for them as much as possible. It is in an analysis of this sort that our cards will come in handy.

I have finished the questionnaire on which I was working for some time. I want to give it to my class, and a few of my



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more intimate friends. We ought to get some material on which to develop our theory of Nisei personalities, especially ~~if~~ I can sample different groups. I want to make a corresponding schedule which will be in a more logical order which can be checked or filled in from the questionnaire and from interviews. I'll rely on interviews and casual conversation wherever possible, because you can get more reliable data in that way. Reactions to daily events, I believe, is the best source of information.

I have made an outline for the economic section, since I didn't know how much work Frank did on it. I'll start on Community Enterprises, or the section which I include under the title of Consumer Unit, including Community Enterprises, Cooperative Enterprises, Private Enterprises, and Outside Enterprises. If ~~not~~ work has been done on the economic section, at least a rough sketch should be written up. If there are sections you are especially interested in, I wish you would let me know. Much of this, of course, will depend on how much time I have on hand, and how readily the material is available. Things are going to start popping pretty soon, I'm sure, and I may not be able to put very much time in reports, since I have other work to do, too.

Kiku is going to continue her diary at a nominal sum. She's interested in learning, and I'll teach her as much as I can about social psychology. Except for occasional note to her about some of the trends I would like to see her include in her diary, I'm going to let her keep her diary in the way she wants to. I know she'll be ~~interested in~~ influenced by my thoughts, but I want to avoid it as much as possible. Riley is leaving next Tuesday for the hostel in Chicago, and I'm getting a short interview from him. You ought to keep an eye on him because he gets around in circles in which we don't, and has fairly good insights. He's not interested in research work, but he's interesting to talk to. Cook gave him a bad deal, telling him that he lost the stuff Riley had left in his care during registration. Riley now feels that he doesn't owe any more loyalty to Cook. I'm planning on getting two more life histories, one of them before the girl leaves the Project soon.

Report Meyer came through and finally allowed Isseis to elective offices. This was the direct result of a conference he had with Evacuee leaders, who presented him with a list of suggestions. Bob has a copy of this, I believe. I can get it, if he doesn't.

Coverley is making Hitlerish proclamation~~s~~ beginning: "Read this, it concerns you vitally," or ending, "THINK IT OVER." I don't think that he's going to last very long. He's going to have so many troubles on his hand that either the people will starve or he'll have to get out. He warned the people that they'd better unload the coal in a hurry or else. The people have asked for volunteers from each block to unload the coal within the next four days, but Coverley always won't



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get results of that sort. Also, he's warned all department heads that everyone be paid only for the number of hours they work, or else. It'll be interesting how the farmers are going to fare this summer.

Plans are being formulated to revive the Council. It'll probably be a free-for-all between Isseis and Niseis. I don't think the Niseis are going to take much interest in it. By the time election is held most of the leading Niseis should be leaving or planning to leave.

There's a marriage forum on bachelor v.s. married people on the advantages of remaining a bachelor/ tonight. Most of the girls and even the boys seem to be upholding the married men. This reminds us that when people start to leave a place you get a sudden increase in interest in marriages. I think we can expect this in the next six months. I know some of the boys are interested, and I think many of the girls are, too. Personally, I think that girls who are interested in getting married would profit by staying another six months. But then someone has to leave to stimulate the boys into making up their minds in a hurry.

Yukio Shimoda left the Dance Studio several months ago, and practically nothing is left of it. The Music Department has been very sad ever since Michi and May and a few others walked out on it. This week was Music Week, but the attendance at the concerts is said to have been very poor. Ruby is having trouble with her teachers in the Adult English Department, and wants to give up the coordination work, but no one wants to take it up. Dr. Francis is angry at the teachers who won't cooperate, and so are some of the pupils who have beginning to gossip about the split. Some have heard that Ruby is planning to leave and come to her crying, telling her to stay.

Most of the boys from the CCC camp are back now, I believe. Some of them seem to be strutting about like heroes. Others in blacks which registered seem to be feeling unwanted. I have very little information on this, but I think I can get a little more.

So much for this time. I wish you better luck in Chicago than you had here.

Please Give Tom and Tomi my best regards.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



## Economic Organization

Development

Production unit

Agriculture industry

Manufacturing industry (furniture factory)

Consumer unit

Community enterprises

Cooperative enterprises

Private enterprises

Outside enterprises

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(All other departments)

Work Corp

Wages

Money and Banking

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Socialism, Capitalism, Co-op Movement,

Ownership of property

Standard of living

Spending

## Community Enterprises

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Smith's paternal attitude

Smith's business ability

Loyalty of workers to Smith

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To clerks

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Toward Smith

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Smith's attitude

Attitude of employees

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Wage increase

Employee training program

Attitude of co-op representatives

Problems of the personnel director



May 14, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

Ever since your letter of May 7, and your schedules, arrived, I have been trying to find a few minutes to devote to answering you. You can, however, imagine how hectic the first week in Chicago has been.

You doubtless know by this time that we ran into May and Kingo in the Chicago station. And that we all had lunch together. The Shibutanis and the Mikuchis are pretty well "resettled", but the Miyamotos are still looking for a place to stay, and, as for the Thomases, they are now living in their third domicile. Housing will unquestionably be the bottleneck of the resettlement program, if our experiences are typical.

We had a good conference in Denver. Yanaga is going to prepare a first draft of a sort of socio-historical chapter for us. Tamie is going to spend July and August somewhere outside of Poston, writing up a comprehensive structural report, while Nishimoto holds the fort for her at Poston.

I am indeed glad that you are willing to go to Gila for a few weeks. Try to get there as soon after June 1st as possible. Then we shall return via Phoenix, and I will call a conference in Phoenix, with the Gila people and with Tamie and Nishimoto from Poston. I am writing to Mr. Coverley, asking him to authorize your leave. So will you please take care of the arrangements. I am enclosing some tax exempt certificates, which you should fill in and present when buying railroad or bus tickets. If you stay overnight at a hotel, get a receipt. If you use Pullman, save the little stubs of the tickets. Please correspond directly with Bob Spencer about your plans, and keep me informed as they develop.

I will write you in a few days in detail about the economic section. Meantime, I agree with your proposal to begin on the section titled Consumer Unit. We have been working over an outline for case, family, and group studies of resettlement. We expect to finish it tonight, and will send you a copy. Also some suggestions as to how some of the work on the project and outside can be coordinated. Then we shall direct our attention to other matters. So you will be hearing from me again shortly. Now I must rush to get off the note to Coverley. Am on my way down town to see Mr. Shirrel.

All here send regards.

Yours,



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
May 19, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I don't know whether I'm glad to hear that you are having such a hectic time in Chicago. I wonder whether death of social scientist by heart failure is not extraordinarily high, if reliable statistics are gathered. I can imagine a couple of people trying to "cover" a large city like Chicago. It was bad enough here where you could walk from one end of the town to the other in fifteen minutes, and you knew just where everybody lived and how they lived, and most of the activities which were going on. Too bad that we couldn't stay here just a bit longer to get more complete data on the people.

I was speaking to Bob yesterday, and learned that he's trying to finish the administration section before he leaves for home. He said that Bob Spencer was offered a university teaching job, and was wondering whether it was wise for me to go down to Gila now, but I'm sure it is. It occurred to me at that time that our study here in Tule Lake is likely to end with the registration and a chapter titled, "Aftermath of the registration." Things are so uncertain now that I am not counting on more than that at present.

Busloads of young people are leaving every week, especially on Tuesdays. I hate to think about what this place will be like several months from now. Naj left yesterday for Washington, D.C. Bob will be leaving soon. Dr. Jacoby handed in his resignation, but he was prevailed upon by the wardens and by Mr. Coverley to stay on. He's back in the Bay Area for a vacation, but will be back the first of June. Too bad you'll miss him. I'm glad he's coming back, though. Everytime a bus leaves, there's someone I know on it.

Outwardly nothing much is happening around here. Mr. Coverley is doing all right, getting workers in every department to work longer hours and getting coal unloaded on a volunteer basis. I went with people from our block on Monday, and we unloaded a carload in two hours--a day's work. The Project is short of teachers, nurses, and other trained person, but the effect of the shortage is not so evident yet. I know how things can change around here, and counting on something to happen one of these days. The Council has not been revived yet, and even if it is it will probably turn out to be a squabbling ground for Isseis who desire prestige.

The increased interest in marriage may only be a subjective feeling, but I think statistics are going to bear out my expectations that there are going to be a lot of June brides.



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Social standards within the camp are constantly being raised in one way or another. Real flower is now being sold every weekend, and at one dance I saw a girl with a huge corsage made up of three gardenias. When I went to the watch shop to get my watch fixed, I saw some of the rings that were being sold. They ranged from \$65 to \$500 for two rings. Most of the people buy rings from \$100 to \$150. Not many above \$200.

I have been caught in the sudden interest in marriage, and am drifting into going steady. I made a resolution in January to keep out of entanglements for six months, but maybe it won't last that long. The girl talks about going out to work and then going to school to complete her education, and I am leaving for Gila in June. I've been seeing her quite a bit lately, and so don't be surprised if I don't get much work done. I have to take time out to see her, and I do lose some sleep. I shall take your advice and shall not rush her--but I do need time. She comes to my class, and I know her better than I otherwise would because I have given the personality questionnaire to my class.

I have made a brief analysis of the questionnaire that I gave to my class, and it seems to be very useful in outlining the background and personality of an individual. There's a definite correlation between dominance and high level of aspiration, having Caucasian friends, being optimistic. The sort of objectives that the class aspires to is interesting. They rank in the following order:

- A good job
- Fame
- College education
- Being an honor student
- High social standards
- Japanese language ability
- Marriage
- Popularity with the opposite sex
- Wealth
- Leadership
- Living among Caucasians

Note the emphasis on job and education, rather than on popularity and happiness in marriage. If the questionnaire could be given to a representative group or to several different groups, we could really work up some good groundwork on Nisei personalities. I'd like to work on it more when I get back from Gila.

I shall leave here on June 1, 2, or 3, if possible. I'll have to write to Bob about the arrangements at the other end. When do you expect to have the conference in Phoenix?

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I haven't worked on any report ever <sup>since</sup> registration. Ruby is still trying to catch up on old material, and I think the stuff on registration is going to make interesting reading. Maybe I'd better make a definite outline on the aftermath. I have gotten a few interviews. Riley told me his life history, but it has to be typed up yet. Jobo is working on a section on the Dispatch office, which you said you wanted. I'll start to get material on the Co-op, Community Enterprises, and private enterprises, but I'm afraid that I won't be able to do very much before I leave.

Kazuko was getting ready to go out on a job, but she was taken ill with gallstone trouble. She's in the hospital, and I haven't found out yet whether she's going to be operated on or not.

May writes that she's getting along fine in Alliance, Ohio, although she finds the houses there different from the small clean bungalows in California.

Could you send me Frank and Charlie's address? I'd like to introduce friends to them, since I have some going to Chicago.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



May 19, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Journal, pages 827-899. Since we are far behind in our typing, due to a loss of typists by the Giannini Foundation, I do not know how soon these pages will be copied.

How do things go now that you are the sole Nisei observer left at Tule Lake? I have no doubt that you miss Tom, Tomi, Frank and Michi, but I think you are in an extremely enviable position of having the field of study practically to yourself.

Things are very quiet here during the boss' absence, and I am trying to write the reports that I should have done several months ago.

Bob Spencer and Ruth join me in sending you and the other Sakoda's our most cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins

MG:mw

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
May 22, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

This is just a note to let you know that I have made arrangements to leave here for Gila on June 1. Mr. Coverley handed your note to Mr. Frank Smith, who passed it on to Mr. Huycke, who took good care of me. Here's my itinerary.

Ar. Reno	5.30 p.m. Tues	via Bus O.C. and N. Stage
Lv. Reno	7.15 p.m. Tues.	via Pac Limited No 22
Ar. Salt Lake	3.15 p.m. Wed.	via " "
Lv. Salt Lake	5.05 p.m. Thurs.	via Santa Fe Trailway Bus
Ar. Phoenix	6.25 p.m. Fri.	via " "
L. Phoenix	11.00 p.m. Fri.	via Sun Valley Bus
Ar. Sacaton	12.30 a.m. Saturday	

I'm staying overnight at Salt Lake City to see Reiko Urabe and Kazuye Tanabe, and possibly others. Reiko's address is 939 Diestel Rd, Salt Lake City.

The fare is estimated as:

Bus fare to Reno	\$7.32
Coach fare to Salt Lake	13.82
Bus fare to Sacaton	24.73

The route through Las Vegas was ruled out because connections are very poor. I did not receive the tax exempt certificates which you mentioned in your last letter. I'll have enough cash to see me through the trip.

I'll be busy the coming week giving a quiz and a final, and winding odd ends of business. I guess the Creative Writers ought to have one blow-up with what money is left. I wanted to give a party for my faithful class, which has dwindled to about 15. I wanted to give the personality questionnaire to a few of my more intimate friends, but I'm afraid that's out because it takes time to type or mimeograph more of them. I want to revise the whole thing before I mimeograph it.

I'm making fairly good progress with Hattie, so don't expect me to do much else for a while. I'm taking your advice and am going to take my time about popping the question. Tomorrow we are going to the Co-op picnic, and shall waste the whole day. I'll be leaving soon, and so what do I tell her? All I am going to ask is that she doesn't go out to work or to school while I'm gone. If I don't do anything else, I shall at least have an account of a Nisei courtship. She's the smartest girl in my class, and I'm sure you're going to like her. Charlie, I'm afraid, won't find her just his type. I think Michi knows her.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

P.S. Thanks for the vacation I'm going to get! 4



2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
May 24, 1943

Dear Dr. Thomas,

I was surprised, to say the least, to receive a visit from your personal emissary, all the way from Berkeley. I knew that the news couldn't be good for him to come personally. I thought that perhaps the trip to Gila had been called off, or that I was going to be fired or something. Then when Morton started to list the advantages of my going to Gila in Bob's place, I just sank into an easy chair and looked glum. I really felt that way. I let Morton give his complete message before I said anything. He did a good job of it, I assure you, and even gave the same thing to me in writing, too.

Here I'm the only one left behind, since Bob is leaving now. All of my friends are leaving one by one, although I do know a great many people here yet. But I was starting to think that I wouldn't be able to stand staying here very much longer if this sort of thing kept up. I just couldn't think of leaving what few friends I had left here to go to another project, although I would have been willing to go out. Life is so uncertain that I just don't count on anything continuing for any length of time. We may be drafted soon, in which case I would like to get a chance to teach Japanese, something which I am qualified for and was thinking of going into before evacuation. While I realize that my staying here means so much to me if I want an academic career, at times even I get fed up with it all. The registration has hit a great many people rather badly. I and a great many other young leaders in the community no longer feel that we belong to the people anymore. We go on our own way, and they go along theirs--why should we bother about them anymore. From now on my position is less that of a participant, and more that of a ruthless observer. And there's Hattie, too. The first thing that I asked Morton was whether it was your desire that I go to Gila. Evidently it was, but Morton said that you wanted me to make up my own mind. At that time I was just about ready to give everything up!

Morton and I discussed rather thoroughly the advantages of my staying here. In the first place, we have a good structural report for this place, and it is not so difficult just keeping a progress report of future events. It's just as important to keep records on this place as it is at Gila. The only advantage that Gila has to offer is Bob's contacts, which I don't feel can be turned over to me in its entirety. This advantage would be counteracted by loss of my own contacts here, which is still fairly good. There's also the possibility that I can put in full time in Gila, which I don't want to do here. Having a job here is one of the few ways I now have of being a participant in community life here, and I can arrange my work in the future to fit with my research program. I was thinking of starting a seminar on social psychology and being put on the payroll on parttime. I would want to carry on an activity of

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this sort even if I weren't working at all. As long as I can say that I have a job, that's all that's necessary at present, and Dr. Francis has been very lenient toward me in regards to the number of hours I have been putting in. Morton and I also figured that it was difficult for me to carry on my research work here ever since registration. In a way this is true, because I make it a point now not to be seen in the Ad Bldg too much, and I don't go to meetings anymore (there are precious few of them going on, anyway), much less take notes. I'm not in the Co-op anymore, but that was so time-consuming, anyway. If I stick to personal contacts, I can continue my work quite satisfactorily. In fact, ever since Tom and Frank left I have been going around and telling people I knew rather freely that I was doing research work, and have found that those who were on the same side as I on the registration issue were willing to tell me things. I can't very well get the other side of the picture, but we can't expect to get everything, anyway.

Morton wanted me to be frank with you and say what I wanted to. Well, frankly I don't want to go to Gila and furthermore feel that I can be of as much use staying here. The only reason I would see for my going down to Gila was in case you couldn't get anyone else to take Bob's work over and either Tom or Frank was coming back here. But in that case, I feel that I should have the priority staying here.

Morton decided that what I needed was a good vacation and to get a lot of things out of my system while I was on my visit to Gila. Personally, I think that this trip is going to do me a lot of good, too. I'll get more of a perspective by seeing what it's like on the outside, and maybe when I~~XX~~ come back, I'll be more in a mood to do things. Talking to Morton was good for me. He impressed me with the fact that both Tom and Frank did the unwise thing by not staying. I had that feeling, too, but lately I was coming around to the point where I was feeling left behind and that the time was approaching when I should leave too.

Let me say this much. I feel grateful for the position I have on the staff. Also, I feel honored to have you consider me worthy of taking over Bob's job in Gila. I shall forget all thoughts of leaving the Project in the near future, unless draft becomes imminent. Sounds rather silly, doesn't it, but I mean it.

Spent all day yesterday with Hattie up on a slope, watching the co-op picnic down below. The sun was warm, but we had a breeze, and it was a perfect day.

I hope you'll be able to find someone to take Bob's place. In the meantime I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Phoenix.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



George Takamura

2519-C, Newell  
Tule Lake, California  
May 22, 1943

Dear Morton,

I should have thanked you several times now for taking care of my needs in the way of supplies and things. I received stamps and a large supply of stationery some time ago. I'm asking for some more to use when I come back from Gila. Here goes:

- OK  
MS
- 1 ream white bond
  - 1 box heavy weight carbon paper
  - 1 box light-weight carbon paper
  - 1 ream onion skin paper
  - 1 doz. shorthand notebooks (Spirals, Gregg-ruled)

As Dr. Thomas requested, I'm leaving here on June 1 for Gila to work with Bob for a while, if he's there. I'm stopping overnight in Salt Lake City, and am catching a bus for Phoenix Thursday evening. I'm due at Sacaton 12.30 a.m. Saturday. If you have occasion to get in touch with me in Salt Lake City, you might be able to contact me by writing to

Reiko Urabe, 939 Diestel Rd, Salt Lake City.  
That's just in case. I'm looking forward to the trip very much as more or less a vacation. There's loads of work to be done here, but I'm going to forget it all.

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Having a whole field all to yourself may seem quite envious, but it's too much like a child hogging all of the toys and finding that he has no one to play with. We could have any number of research workers in here, and there would be enough problems and material to keep them all happy. And then when the people you know best start to leave one by one, well you don't feel so proud of yourself. I used to think that I might stay here for another year, anyway, but I don't say that anymore. It's gotten to be a rather dreadful thought. But I would like to get enough material for a thesis before I go out, because otherwise much of the time I put in here thus far will go to waste. I guess we're all behind on reports. I dread them.

We're beginning to sprawl all over the map now. I wished a quiet little town had been chosen in place of Chicago. Well, we shall carry on as long as we can, shan't we?

Sincerely yours,

James Sakady



May 25, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

I have your letter of May 22, also a telegram from Morton of May 24. Your decision is perfectly all right as far as I am concerned. We simply have to reorganize our plans, and I wanted to be sure I had covered all the angles before making any definite move.

I am enclosing some tax exempt certificates. All you do is to sign them, and let the ticket agent fill in the balance. You may have to be a little firm with some of those agents, but try to get them to come through, if possible, for the University is fussy about these matters.

I am indeed delighted that you are definitely going to make the trip. Our tentative plan is to spend the 10th, 11th, and 12th in Phoenix, and to have you, Bob Spencert, Tamie, and Nishimoto there with us for a three day conference at some hotel. Will let you know definitely very soon. Keep a detailed record of all your expenses: meals, etc. If you stay in a hotel, get a receipt.

The news about Hattie is very interesting indeed. She seems to be a "dark horse", but maybe she appears in part of your diary that I haven't yet had a chance to read. Anyway the progress of the Wisei courtship will be interesting, and I wish you luck.

I am enclosing a copy of our first statement of our problem, and our plans for the resettlement phase. I wish you would study it carefully, and give us your criticisms. As you see, there are many points that can be covered comparatively in the Projects, and also you can put us in touch with cases and get some of the basic data for those who are leaving for Chicago for us. There will be at least two appendices which we shall prepare in a day or so.

I expect to hear from both you and Morton as to the deliberations at Tule Lake.

All here send regards,

Yours,

DST

Addresses: Tom, 5200 Hyde Park Blvd, Tel, Fairfax 1604  
Frank 6148 S, Greenwood Ave, Tel, Plaza 9752  
Charlie 4743 Drexel Blvd, Tel Kenwood 1896

May 26, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

The boss has written in regard to your Gila trip, and your attendance at the Phoenix conference. I told her that it was my opinion that you, yourself, could arrange your residence at Gila. She, however, will write and arrange permission for you to leave Gila for Phoenix.

If there is anything that either Dr. Thomas or I must do to facilitate your leave from Tule Lake, please let me know by return mail. Incidentally, Dr. Thomas' tentative plans call for the Phoenix conference on June 10, 11 and 12.

Best regards to all,

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins



May 26, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

I received your letter, and also one from Morton. I am quite happy about your decision, for I should hate to see Tule Lake closed out. But, as Morton told you, I wanted you to have first chance on the Gila offer, and also I was not sure how you felt about your personal situation at Tule Lake. You have cleared up my doubts admirably. Since you wish, we will not put you on full-time, but will give you some increase in salary, beginning July 1st. We will discuss details when we meet in Phoenix.

I wrote to Bennett, Project Director at Gila, and told him of your proposed visit, also told him about the Phoenix conference so that ought to be straightened out by now. On your return, you may want to spend several days in Salt Lake City, which is allright with us. I, too, think you need a vacation and some sight of the outside world. So I am really delighted that you will be on the move on June 1st.

The conference will be on the 10th, 11th, 12th, in Phoenix. Hotel as yet undetermined, but I will let you know.

Re Gila: we have written Martha Okuda, who was formerly teaching assistant in Sociology at the University of Washington and who is now in Lincoln, Nebraska, and asked her whether she would be interested. If so, she will probably come here to talk it over with me. I will let you know what happens.

It is nice that you are having good weather, and that you and Hattie are enjoying it together. It has rained almost constantly since we arrived here. Chicago is really a filthy city, and the bad weather does not add to its attractiveness.

We are still working hard, and are making real progress, about which I shall tell you when we meet.

Everyone here sends regards,

Yours,



June 23, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

I suppose you are now back in Tule Lake. I hope you really enjoyed your breathing spell on the outside. You really managed to see quite a lot of the country in a short time, including some of the real "hot spots". Send along your expense account, just arranged chronologically on ordinary paper. Attach hotel receipts. Also, please sign the enclosed travel expense sheets, but do not write anything on them except your signature. We will fill them in from the accounts you submit.

Frank says he has some material on economic organization. To quote from his letter. "It is so incomplete that it doesn't seem very meaningful to me. However, if I can make anything of it, I shall write up a brief section on the economic organization. I still have to complete certain important sections of our structural report, (a) the registration issue, (b) the theatre issue, (c) the base hospital and (d) some remarks on Minidoka."

There is one thing I wish you would check up on as soon as convenient. You will remember that we had the basic 26 data copied on cards. We have about 2400 of the cards here; the others are at Tule Lake. They should be in alphabetical order. They must all be checked back for addresses. The addresses should be entered completely, not in code, eg. 2516-C. They should be entered in red. If the person has left the project, his old address and date of departure (or death) should be entered. This means that a check must be made with the housing records. Will you find out what I have to do in order to have this check made? Boh was supposed to do it, but he has passed the buck to you. I do not want you to do the work yourself, but find out whether the statistical unit can do it, and find out to whom I should address an inquiry or request. If Frank Nakamura is still there, he can, I am sure, arrange it. If you can get the thing settled so that I will not have to come to Tule Lake personally, I shall be grateful. I note in the Tulean Dispatch that a new "census" has been taken. These cards may be the most accessible, but of-course, the "departures" would have to be checked from other lists. Let me know what you find out.

We may send another Caucasian to Gila: Rosalie Hankey, who is a teaching assistant in the Anthropology Department here. It depends on several factors, which have not yet been determined.

Let me have news of your travels. Morton sends regards.

Sincerely yours,



Hotel Army Lee  
Boise, Idaho  
June 24, 1943

Dear Sir. Thomas,

I know I should have said "Scrothy", but maybe I'll remember to be more American the next time. Perhaps you are wondering what I am still doing here in Boise. Well, if an excuse is necessary, Tami advised me to stay in Salt Lake City a whole week — the State was going to pay for my expenses and we might as well get back what the others Japs have lost. Well, don't take that seriously. The truth is that I couldn't get my shipping done till Tuesday, and I was ready to leave Wednesday afternoon. The line that I was supposed to catch was full, and I caught the train the same night, instead, which necessitated an overnight stay here in Boise. I was really anxious to get home, but now I'm glad that I can't break my trip with sleep in a real bed.

I don't know how profitable my trip has been, but at least I enjoyed it. I didn't get very much field work or recording done. I didn't meet many people in Salt Lake City, but <sup>a few of</sup> those that I did meet, I came to know rather intimately. I went in to see Larry Tajiri two times, and he was nice to me. When I saw him reading the

PM, I know he was all right. The Pacific Citizen staff seems to be entirely different from the concept and lane of JACL leaders of the reactionary sort. Larry's stand on issues are those which even Tom would approve of. I pumped him on the poll tax and return to the coast issues, and in both he is against appeasement and for fighting. I met Saburo Kido, but he did not impress me one way or the other. Hito Okada is starting a credit union in Salt Lake City, and that made me a little more sympathetic to what Larry refers to as "the League." Larry talks about "the League" in terms of what it used to be, and what it is today. He feels that there has been a change for the better. Maybe there has. Anyway, Larry is all right. By the way, Teiko Ishida railroaded me into becoming a member.

I spent too much time listening to two girls, Kazuyo Tanabe and Reiko Urabe, (pour forth their problems to me). I was glad to have met Tami and discussed problems with her, since she sees them from a different angle than the rest of us do.

When I get home I shall settle down to work as soon as possible. But both Tami & I are looking forward to another "conference" around December.

My best regards to W.I., Morton, and Bob. I don't think I've thanked Morton for the cokes, yet.

Sincerely yours,  
James Akodg



2519-C

Newell, California

June 29, 1943

*Call up  
re Humphrey  
Curtis*

Dear Dorothy,

Here I am home at last after a splendid trip. Parts of the trip were strenuous because of the crowded condition on trains and buses and rides are strenuous anyway. But I enjoyed all of it. I suppose I should have something to show for all the money I spent on the trip, but I only have a meager diary, which doesn't amount to very much. But I think I know the sort of things that someone going out should be checked up on: who they sit with in buses, whether they start the conversation or not, what they talk about, where they stay, where they eat, what they do, and above all, how they feel toward Caucasians and toward Japanese. If they should eventually settle down with a group of Japanese, how it came about. And the same thing for those who manage to adjust themselves to Caucasians. And from my standpoint I'm interested in finding out how important background factors affect this process of adjustment.

Now that I've seen a little of Gila and Poston I should be in a better position to evaluate conditions here in Tule Lake. After coming back here, I think I can truthfully say that Tule Lake better organized than both Gila and Poston. We have much more activities going on here and they are better handled. This goes for recreation and education and religion. The only problem here is one of suspicion. Gila is best of all in that regard, but Tule Lake is much better than Poston to make a study in. I've come home to find that I still have a great many friends who know I'm doing research work and are willing to talk to me. I have a few neighbors in the block who are favorably disposed toward me. It's more my attitude than anything else which sets up the barrier between us. One of these days someone should be writing a section on participant observation as a method in which our conflicts are brought out. It's so much easier if you can consider yourself an observer all of the time, but we have to be participants, too. For instance, as an observer I would like to spend as much money as I wanted to, but I can't do that as a participant. Poston is worse than Tule Lake for one thing because they don't seem to have "agitators", according to X--all their leaders are evidently are what we would call "agitators" here in Tule Lake.

I came home with the determination to organize my work more efficiently, but for the moment I'm swamped with things to clear off of my desk. I came home to find out that Ruby had left a couple of days before for University of Minnesota to teach Japanese. They say that her Issei students made several suits, dresses and even a coat for her, showered her with little gifts, and then came out to the gate and sang in English for her. It's funny, but she got along peculiarly well with the old ladies. She seems to have left in a hurry



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and has not only left the apartment a little upset, she hasn't finished her typing. Also, I have to do my own washing, although I did manage to get the lady next door to do the ironing for me. There's a large pile of old material which I have to look over and send through to you, too. I'll have to get someone to complete the typing of my shorthand notes for me. From now on, however, I shall type up my own diary and journal to avoid complication. It takes a little longer and I won't be able to type late at night, but I think I can work it out all right. I have gotten into the swing of getting up a little before seven, watering my little patch of lawn, and sweeping the room out before eight. I shall probably spend most of the mornings in just typing--it's time consuming. I hope to spend the afternoons in writing up reports or in gathering material for them. I am leaving my evenings free to look up friends and getting interviews. And some time almost everyday shall be devoted to Hattie. But first I shall have to clear off my desk before I start anything.

I have been trying to catch up on happenings while I was gone. There has been some changes, but no major ones. There has been a significant change in the administrative organization, which creates a hierarchy of "reactionaries", according to Don, in control. Efforts are now being made to revive the Council, but it is obstructed by restrictions on candidacy on the basis of a "no" answer to Question 28, repatriation, or refusal to register. It's going to be increasingly difficult to elect a representative from a block with the more Americanized ones going out first. I shall follow the political development rather closely because that seems to make up the most important section in our Study of the Centers. Marriage and contemplation of marriage occupy the attention of many young people. People are still leaving two times a week for jobs on the outside. I shall try to get hold of a list of persons who have left, also those who have repatriated, who have changed their answers, etc., if possible. Since we have the basic card files, any list of names connected with any significant activity is worth having. The reduction of the number of persons working in our mess hall has precipitated the resignation of the ambitious steward, and changes in seating arrangement has ruffled a few people. Nothing serious, but changes in administrative instructions call for adjustment on the part of the evacuees. I understand that the number of those on the payroll is going to be reduced to two-thirds their present number.

I shall look into the matter of the cards as soon as possible. I shall have to find out first where the cards are. Maybe Bob could tell me that.

I have ordered the following before I left on the trip, but I have not received them yet. I'll need loads of white bond paper because I am going to type up my diary double space to make correction on the typewriter possible.



Dr. Thomas--3

June 29, 1943

✓  
Check  
2 reams white bond  
1 box heavy weight carbon paper  
1 box light weight carbon paper  
1 ream onion skin paper  
1 doz. shorthand notebooks (Spirals, Gregg-ruled)

Thanks a lot for the trip because I really enjoyed it.  
Both Tami and I are expecting one in December again. Then  
we hope to see Chicago sometimes next year.

My best regards to Morton, Bob B. and Bob S.

Sincerely yours,

James Sakoda

June 30, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I was glad to get your letter of June 29. I had noticed in the Tulean Dispatch that Ruby left just before your return. It is fine that she is having such a good chance to teach, but I know that you'll miss her.

The following is a very important question: Did you receive the withholding certificate which must be filled in in order to clarify the situation in regard to your income tax? That should have been waiting for you in Tule Lake. If you didn't receive it, kindly fill in the one we are enclosing now and send it back to us by return mail.

Then as to your expense account: where are all those receipts that you were keeping so carefully according to our instructions? You didn't enclose a single one, and the accountant's office is very strict on those matters, so please send them along right away, and we'll get your expense account cleared up for you in short order. One item puzzles me very much, and that is your train fare from Reno to Salt Lake City, which you list as "at least \$14.00." I can just picture one of the accountant's assistants having apoplexy if we turn in an item of that sort. So, if you have lost your receipt, ask the travel bureau at the Project to find out exactly what the fare amounted to. Everything else looks all right to me, so as soon as we get the receipts we'll fix it up for you.

I can't understand why you didn't receive your supplies, as the order went in promptly. One possible explanation is the fact that they have been taking inventory. We shall check on the thing tomorrow morning and see that the order is sent to you extra fast.

Your notes regarding the Struggles of a Participant Observer are very interesting. We should certainly have a chapter of the particular problems of the participant observer. Let me know what you find out about the cards. I think you'd better see Frank Nakamura about the thing first. I'll write more again soon.

Hastily,



2519-C  
Newell, California  
July 5, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

*business*

I'm sure this expense account<sup>business</sup> is as upsetting to you as it is to me, because we have to give so much attention to it when it's really not so important from the angle of research work. I don't have any real receipts for the tickets I bought, because I didn't know you were supposed to get receipts for tickets. You asked that I get the tax exempt certificates filled out, which I succeeded even at Parker even where Tamie has failed. "Keep a detailed record of all your expenses: meals, etc. If you stay in a hotel, get a receipt," you advised, so I only have receipts for hotel bills. I'll get the exact amount of the cost of the trip from Reno to Salt Lake City, but I have no more receipts. I'm so tired, I'd prefer that you collect what you can for me, and let it go at that. The next time I'll know better.

I'm still trying to catch up with old work. I have about 300 pages of Ruby's typing to wade through before I send it on to you. There's also material in shorthand which I'll have to get a competent person to type out for me. So far the only one I would trust with the material is Kazuko, but she can't stand an overload of work, and she's gone back to work for Slattery. I'm typing up my own journal and diary now, and I find that it works out satisfactorily because very few people disturb me during the daytime.

I'm going easy on the interviewing of people until I get caught up with old material. I'm still interested in getting a few people to answer my questionnaire for me and to get case histories, which will represent a sampling of the general population. But all of that will have to wait for the present. For a while I'll be busy trying to record the changes in the administrative policy that is taking place, and the effects of such changes. I'll keep an eye on the political development, especially, since this seems to be emphasized in our Study.

I've met Dr. Opler, and I find that he's an easy fellow to get along with. He wants to see some of our material, and I don't want to hurt his feelings by flatly refusing. I won't let him see a thing, not for a while, anyway. Let me have your opinion on this point again, because I don't want to make a mistake.

For Ruby I am asking that you send her a check for \$34.70 or \$35 for 347 pages of typing done since April. This will clear up our debt to her. I would like to have Kiku's diary back as soon as possible because she asked for it. I am not asking her to do any more writing for me because she gets on my nerves. Anyway, I've come to the conclusion that if you want to do anything you have to do it yourself. However, I

Dorothy--2

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wish I could get expert stenographic help. It's difficult because most of the experts are working or are leaving. Jobo is writing up the Dispatch office for me, but I am not expecting too much from him. I still have some reports to write, but they will have to wait.

I find that I have more contacts here than I thought I did. Since I've returned from my trip, I find it easier to talk to people. The fact that Opler seems to be accepted by the people fairly well is going to make it easier for me. If he bungles it, it's going to be harder for me. Only an incident will show that, since it is very quiet here now. By the way, do you want me to get any of the stuff Opler is collecting? Or do we follow an isolation policy.

From now on you can expect my diary and journal regularly every week, since it's all typed up everyday. You'll run into trouble with the pagination because there are parts in between which you won't receive till later. I know this is confusing, but I trust that you can handle it at that end. It's foolish to keep material stored up here when you might make use of it.

I won't start any classes until I get my desk cleared. I'll be put on parttime and will get paid only for the amount of hours I put in, which won't be very much. I'll hold only one class, possibly in social psychology. I want to get together a group of people with whom I can discuss local conditions, since this is one way of making contacts.

Since I put in some time with Hattie, however, you won't get any ~~more~~ extra work because of present arrangements. Ruby has gone, too, and have left the task of keeping house and doing my washing. I've gotten the lady next door to do my ironing, and the other neighbors have offered to iron for me, too.

I think that I'm making satisfactory progress with Hattie, although I understand that Charlie has doubts about the wisdom of such relationships. Well, I can't be satisfying everybody on the Study.

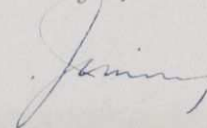
Ruby is in Minneapolis now, trying to look for a place to stay. She's bumped into some Nisei girls already, and they all seem to have Camp Savage friends. George and some of his friends want to meet the right girl, but they have difficulty doing it. I'm exasperated with George because he just sits around and expects the girl to make the first move.

I've seen Frank Nakamura about the cards, and I think I can get the cards checked by Hanna Iyeho, when the results of the recent census comes through. But I still don't know where the cards are. Bob should know.

So much for today.

P.S.

'Bye,





2519-C

Newell, California

July 8, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I finally found the cards. Emily sent me a note saying that it was in her closet, and that I could walk in and get them. I went to her old place, and rummaged around, but couldn't find anything. Then I learned from Mr. Carter that she had moved into Bob's place. Well, I found the cards, but I find that they are not<sup>in</sup> alphabetical order. I don't know whether they are even in block order. I have seen Frank Nakamura, but he is no longer in the Housing Department, as he has transferred to the Recreation Department. I have talked to Hannah Uyeno, who thinks that I could talk to Mr. Smith to have some of the girls idling around to do the work. She herself cannot tell anyone what to do. I have looked into the recent census results, and find that they will be typed up by the end of this week. What I don't know now is how you want the cards alphabetized. Hannah has her cards in straight alphabetical order, so it might be best to have her list checked over for the new changes, and then have our cards checked against hers. In this case, our cards should be put into straight alphabetical order. I also don't know whether you want me to contact Mr. Smith and have his clerks handle the checking of the cards, or whether you want me to get someone else to do the work. The only thing that I am sure of now is Hannah's cooperation. Maybe I'd better wait to see who will take over Frank's place. It's probably Nish Kumagai, who is now handling the census. Because I think that the cards are exceedingly valuable, I am going to wait for further instructions before doing anything more about it.

Concerning the method of notation of the address, you mentioned that you wanted the address put in in red. Would it be sufficient if the address were noted after the block number, and any change of address written below it. Departure from the Project, if the information is available, could be noted as city and state of destination.

I am only slowly catching up with my work. I still have to have quite a bit of shorthand material typed up, and it may take some time. There's also a pile of correction to wade through. In the meantime I find that typing up my journal and diary takes most of the morning hours, together with writing letters, washing, taking care of my little plot of lawn. You see, I'm starting to become a little domestic.

I would like to spend my evenings interviewing people, but I find myself devoting most of them to Hattie. It's a rather frustrating feeling because she won't come along with me to see people.

Dorothy--2

July 8, 1943

I would appreciate Frank's report on the registration because I want to keep checking back on incidents as I interview people. I have scheduled an interview with Harry Mayeda next week. He has shown willingness to discuss problems with me.

It becomes fairly warm now in the afternoons, and it's become difficult to do much typing in the afternoon, although it's not anywhere near as bad as it was in Gila or Poston.

In spite of the administrative changes being made things are peaceful, and one begins to feel as though nothing will ever happen again. But that's the way I was feeling before the registration and know that a lot of things can happen if irritations are allowed to pile up. Slattery's insistence that we are using twice as much water as we should be is rather irritating because I think he's being too dogmatic about it. He ought to dig another well or something. Everytime I put water on my lawn, I feel like a heel.

I'm carrying on an undercover tustle with Opler to see who can get the most information from each other. He pumps me, and I pump him. Do you have access to the administrative instructions that come out. I could see them, I suppose, if I went to Jacoby, Elberson or Carter, but it would be convenient if I could have copies of them. Having Tom keep me in touch with what is going on in Chicago is going to be a great help.

My best regards to everyone.

Very sincerely,

James Saboda



I've sent in the withholding tax exemption card. Have received a check for \$14.10 for the month of June. I'm asking for two witnesses for my retirement form. I'll send Tamie the Firebreak Gang right away.

PSS. I have found the supplies under the cot, where Ruby put them. Sorry I bothered you about it.

The fare from Reno to Salt Lake is \$12.56 without tax. This is according to the Travel Bureau - I hope the comptroller gets a poppley.

I have started to make a third carbon of my journal to send to the Chiags office. Because Tom asked for exchange of information. It would save time if I didn't have to write a special report each time. Please let me know what you think of this.  
The weather is hot up here.



July 9, 1943

July 9, 1943  
Dear Jimmy

I shall try to answer your letters of July 5 and July 9. Also, I acknowledge receipt of more pages of the diary and the journal.

We sent in your expense account today. The redtape that the Accounting Office sets up is an awful nuisance, but I think we now have everything clear. So I hope you will get your check shortly. We are having a check for \$35 made out for Ruby. Will you please tell me her address?

We were greatly puzzled by your reference to having received a check for \$14.10 for June. We called the accountant's office and they said the check was for \$74.10, which seems more reasonable. We assume, therefore, that you made a typographical error in your letter to me. Your withholding tax begins with your July salary, at which time, as I told you before, we are putting you on a three-quarters' basis.

Regarding Opler, you raise a very difficult problem. It was quite improper of Opler to ask for your material. The one mandate I am giving you is that manuscripts and documents (your own and other people's that you have in your possession) must not be shown to any of the administrative personnel. In fact, they should not be shown to anyone. The reason we are able to carry on this study is that we have given a guarantee that the material is confidential. I have a clear understanding with Dr. Embree about that.

However, all this does not mean that you should not be on very good terms with Opler. Indeed, you should cultivate him and there is no reason why you can not be helpful to each other. There should be no sense of rivalry since you are doing quite dissimilar things. Opler will get some things you cannot possibly have access to ---- but in the majority of instances I am sure it will run the other way. With regard to administrative reports, we will eventually get them all from Washington. Morton is going East for that specific purpose in September. We cannot get duplicate copies for you --- but if there are specific administrative documents you want, we might be able to send those.

I am sending you, under separate cover, Frank's registration report. It is still incomplete. Later I shall send you Charlie's JACL report. Frank is going to supplement it for the Northwest, and I believe you can add an analysis of the situation at the Tulare Assembly Center, based on notes that you already have in your journal. What about your other reports? It is quite important to get them underway before your notes get too "cold".

Tamie and X are working hard, and I expect some reports soon.



Regarding the statistical cards, it is very important that we have the job done right. I agree with you that the data will be highly valuable. I am sending, by parcel post insured, the 1400 cards that we had to do, ourselves, in San Francisco. I am enclosing a list that was made, at that time, of "possible duplications". This should make our collection quite complete.

I am writing Mr. Coverley, asking him if it will be all right for you to discuss procedure with Mr. Smith. We must have an accurate and complete record.

If Mr. Coverley agrees, and you can arrange matters yourself:

First step: have our cards arranged in alphabetical order.

Second step: For all cards that can be checked against the census records, do as you suggested, i.e. enter the full address with a check mark, indicating that the record has been checked against the census. e.g. 2519-C ✓

If the records do not check with those of the new census, put these cards in a separate pile, and have them checked against other records, and an entry made, on address line (a) if the person is on leave, write "indef" or "seas" and give date of departure (b) if the individual has died, write "dec" and give date of death.

If the census has entries that we don't (due to new arrivals or birth) make out a new card for us, indicating on address line "n.a." for new arrival, and date of arrival or "b" for birth and date of birth.

If you can get the work done, please supervise it yourself carefully long enough to be sure things are going well. Cards that cannot be identified at all should be kept in a separate file for later reference. If necessary, I will come to Tule Lake for a day to set the thing up. If you can handle everything yourself, I shall not come up, and actually, I prefer not to come unless there is an emergency.

We returned Kiyo's diary. I think it is a good document. I should very much like to have her life history, following our "resettlement outline" up to the point where it is appropriate. If it would not be embarrassing for you, why not let me write to her myself, enclose the outline, and ask her to write it up for us? She strikes me as being one of the most intelligent young girls we have had any contact with. The diary without the life history will not be worth so much, and I believe she is the sort who could handle an autobiography pretty competently.

Well, Jimmy, keep up the good work and let me hear from you soon again. I am enclosing also, a copy of a letter to Mr. Myer, which will give you a general idea of what I am planning to do on the population and statistical side if only I can get my hands on the data I need.

Sincerely yours,



2519-C  
Newell, California  
July 12, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

It has cooled down a little here, and is not so hot in the afternoon as it used to be. I am sending last week's journal and diary, and you can get most of my activities from that. I am also sending from 101-175, 176-245, of my diary. This completes the correction, but I still have more to be typed up. Kazuko is thinking of quitting her job with Slattery for her health's sake, and I'm hoping that she would. I'd like to have her do some of my typing for me, because I can trust her with the material. I had another girl in mind, but she says that her eyes are not so good, and she doesn't have a typewriter at home.

Kiku's dairy arrived this morning, but the package was opened, probably for inspection. Maybe that happened because the package wasn't marked first class. But we still have to watch out, even though the M.P.'s seem to be very nice these days.

Did you see the article on the possibility of segregation in the Chronicle? I'm preparing for the affair now, and have started to feel people out on the matter. I want to be prepared when it comes. Nobody seems to be very disturbed about it yet.

Everything is coming along smoothly, although I don't have enough time to do all of the things I want to do. Slattery kicks about the evacuees using too much water, but I want to put in a lawn to balance the one I already have. It's a nuisance because water has to be carried from the laundry room, but it's a treat to have something green around. I should be having flowers one of these days, too. I've also been put on the old men's softball team in the block. I barely make the age limit, and I'm taking up pitching again where I left off some ten years ago.

Hattie and I are coming along fine, except for the fact that Hattie is afraid of being talked about. It's difficult to get privacy and rather exasperating at times. Maybe I ought to pop the question and get the whole thing over with instead of prolonging this uncertain state. But I'm sure I'm doing the right thing in waiting to give ourselves time to know each other better. Don't be surprised to find very little about Hattie in my diary before I left for my trip because I kept a separate one for a while. I don't like to get emotional in my diary, either, for obvious reasons.

There are so many things to do, I don't quite know where to begin. I've jotted down a list of things that I should be following, and it looks like this:



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July 12, 1943

Structural report

- Co-op
- Community enterprise
- Private enterprise
- Shelter and clothing
- Wardens

Aftermath of registration

Resettlement

- Push and pull
- Resistance to

Political development

Change in administrative policy

Disorganization

Major incidents (including segregation)

Block history

Personal adjustment section

- Concept of inu
- Concept of agitator
- Class differences in attitude
- Stratification--social structure
- Personality differences
- Case histories
- Questionnaire

Social psychology class

Group and community studies

I am asking for the following supply:

- 2 reams white bond
- envelopes, small size
- manila folders, 1/3 cut
- Scotch tape

A certain Miss Yarrow came to ask if she could read some of the stuff you have. I told her that it was doubtful, but that she could try. She's interested in helping in the resettlement and wanted a little more knowledge of the center. I offered to talk to her about phases in which she were interested, and made an appointment with her. Dr. Opler asked for stuff on personality disorganization, and was about to sick a lovely girl on me, but I resisted marvelously. You'll probably hear from him, too.

How's Bob Billigmeir and Bob Spencer? My best regards to everybody.

'Zye,  
*James S. [signature]*

2519-C  
Newell, California  
July 19, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Everything is coming along fine, except for the fact that I can't do all of the things that I want to do. Writing up my journal and diary usually takes up all of my time in the morning. In the afternoon I try to catch up on back work, which includes the reports, if and when I get around to them. In the evening I'm watering my garden (3 by 4), pitching for the old men team in the block, seeing Hattie. I try to sneak in an interview now and then. But I have to watch out because Hattie still talks about going to school in the fall, and I don't want her to.

I've seen Mr. Smith about the cards, and I have gotten his staff to work on them for us. I'm sure that Hannah Uyeno will take good care of the card for us. The girls are alphabetizing them now, and I shall go up there this afternoon to see how they are coming along. They should be through with that sometime this week. I wish the other cards would come, because I haven't received them yet. I shall have the cards checked for all old addresses in Hannah's file. Then I shall have the cards checked against the files in the Housing Section of the Social Welfare Department, which has the up-to-date changes.

Dr. Jacoby has promised me a list of those who have repatriated.

I've returned Kiku's diary, and have talked to her about the possibility of her writing an autobiography for her. She was willing, if you would send her the outline. She doesn't want to write too much, and you should point out the parts on which you want elaboration. She may even consider continuing her diary, I don't know. We owe her \$20 on the diary, and I presume that you'll take care of that, perhaps, after she writes up the autobiography. Our relationship is all right, except for the fact that I don't want to ask her to do anything for me.

I have never been good at covering any incident because I never knew what we were after. But I think I can do better on segregation. Since our Study of the relocation centers evolve largely around incidents, I shall concentrate at the present time on them. I am also trying to catch up on registration wherever possible. One of these days I shall write my report on it from the standpoint that I tried to see it--what differences in behavior were there, and what possibly accounts for them, which is the theme of my personal adjustment/ section. Harry Mayeda has promised me full cooperation. Both Dr. Kuki and the Yoshidas and also Mr. Ikeda in the PB are now willing to confide in me. The block manager in our



block paid me a visit to ask me about segregation. So I think that I shall be able to cover the segregation quite well.

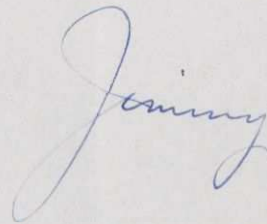
If you have any news about Bob and Haney, I would like to know/ them.

I'm sending last week's diary and journal. You'll notice that in my journal I'm writing up the material more in conversation form, as Frank does. Although it's not accurate, I see the advantage when it come to writing up reports. It gives them an air of authenticity.

If there is anything specific that you find in my journal that you want elaborated upon, please let me know.

My best regards to everyone.

As ever,



PS

I have received Frank's report and find it excellent. With what notes that I have already, I think that we have a fairly good picture of registration, except for what went on in the minds of the administrators.

It's hard to describe X. He is shrewd and calculating, I think. He doesn't look at all like an Issei, and more like an old Nisei. There is something unsettled about him that makes him seem more a bachelor than a married man with children. Perhaps he has a gambling streak, willing to stake a lot for greater glory. Anyway, he looks upon his part in the Study as a role in a detective story, and he seems to be enjoying it. I only met him once, and I didn't see him in action.



July 20, 1943

Mr. James Sakoda  
2519-C  
Tule Lake Relocation Project  
Newell, California

Dear Jimmy:

I have received your letter of July 19, with your Diary and Journal. I am glad you have seen Mr. Smith about the cards and hope you will keep a close check on what is going on, for we must get that job done before the segregation issue really hits the community. I am glad you are getting a list of those who have repatriated from Dr. Jacoby.

Regarding Kiku: I am enclosing an outline which could serve as a guide for her in writing up her autobiography. I would suggest that she merely use it as a guide, and cover, particularly, the aspects which interest her. I should, however, like most of the items in I, III, IV, VIII and IX covered. That is, her own history and the history of her family, with particular reference to the impact of the war, and the effects of evacuation. If you will give me her last name and address, I will see that she gets a check for \$20.00, immediately. Also, we are waiting for you to send Ruby's address, so that we can pay her.

I am glad that you are working so hard on the segregation issue, and hope that you'll try to get as much documentation on that as possible for it will be an important section in the report. I notice that the rumor is widespread that Tule Lake will be the segregation center. If this is true, I hope you will plan to go for a time at least to the camp where the "loyal" evacuees from Tule Lake are sent.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the annual report, which I have prepared for the Foundations. Because of the confidential nature of our data, they agreed that it would not be necessary for us to discuss our findings in any reports that are submitted to them.

I haven't been able to get in touch with Bob and Hanny yet, but hope to see them soon. The Chicago crowd is working hard, and I expect to get a number of reports from them within a few days. Rosalie Hankey seems to be doing well at Gila, so maybe we will be able to keep up that end of the study, also.

In regard to your question as to what I want elaborated upon in your Journal, I would say decidedly the segregation



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issue. Aside from that I have no comments at present.

All here send regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

July 23

Dear Jimmy,

I see that the announcement about Tule Lake has finally been made. I can imagine how busy you are getting records. Your journal entries are very good indeed on this subject. Try to get all possible documentation of meetings, etc., and continue with the record of individual and family reactions.

I have a hunch( no information) that the bulk of the "loyal" Tuleans will be moved either to Minidoka or Topaz. If so, that would be favorable to your part of the study, for you could get a great deal on the background of the residents of either of those projects and could continue with the records of the adjustments of the Tuleans in the new project. Also, it would make it easier for you to make occasional trips out of the project to some of the middle western centers.

I can imagine that things are still so unsettled that you don't know exactly where you stand. I think it would be advisable for me to come to TL sometime in August. I hope that the statistical cards can be completed allright.

Will write more soon.

Yours,



2519-C  
Newell, California  
July 26, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Another hectic week has gone by, and I find that I cannot catch up on any more back work. I hope to get my old diary and journal typed up by Kazuko Tanabe, and hurriedly type up my trip one of these days before I get hopelessly swamped with trying to live through a week's activities. I am dropping the questionnaire for the present, and also the extensive life histories. For the present I shall try to get the attitude of different people on segregation and resettlement. The situation is very fluid at present, and people are swayed by the slightest argument. On how the matter of segregation is handled shall depend on how the people will react. If Tom's prediction comes true, then the administration will make a blunder. But Tom is a pessimist, you know. The new director Best is an unknown quantity, and on him will rest a great deal.

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Came Hint*  
I have given Kiku the outline. Her address is 4914-B. Ruby's address is 408 13th Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I have spoken to Mr. Obayashi working in the Social Welfare Department about keeping a diary for us while he is here in Tule Lake. He has taken out repatriation papers, and expects to return to Japan. I am sending in his first contribution, from which you can see for yourself that he knows what to look for. He will be good in covering the Isseis, and, I hope, families. I'll send in more of his stuff at the end of the week, and you can decide whether it's worth anything to you or not. I haven't promised him anything definite, and he doesn't expect anything.

I plan to go with one of the "loyal" groups. I hope you don't mind where I go, because I may go along with Hattie's family if she does not go out to school. If there is any arrangement that you would like to have me make before I leave, I wish you would let me know. I know there are parts of the structural reports that are not done yet, but I don't see how we're going to get them done now.

Hattie has always insisted that she was going to college, and I always assumed that I was man enough to be able to persuade her to stay. Things came to a crisis last weekend, and I still have hopes that it's going to turn out for the best. If my work becomes slightly disorganized, you'll know why.

I am now the star pitcher in the block old men team, and have to play two nights a week and practise almost everyday. On top of that I have to do my own washing and try to keep a garden. I am also opening a class this week, to be held once a week, to discuss current problems.

P.S. Received set of cards.

*Alphabetizing finish. checks up Japan.  
Am dropping it now and then to see how it's coming along.*

'Bye,

*James Sakoda*



2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 2, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

It was rather quiet here in Tule Lake, except for my own private life. I expect things to start popping again this week, and I ought to start to get down to business again. Jobo is leaving this morning for Chicago, and he has finally come through with a rough draft of the write-up of the Dispatch office, for which I shall give him five dollars.

The cards are coming along all right, although slowly. I'll drop in again this morning to see how they are coming along.

I'm glad to hear that you'll come up here this month. Anytime will be all right with me.

Hattie is debating whether to stay or to go to school. She doesn't like staying in a place like this. I'm not saying very much, but just sitting tight. If she doesn't care enough for me to stay, I think it's just as well that she go! Some day I shall learn to handle these problems the right way.

Of course, I shall go with one of the loyal groups.

'bye,

James Sabade



2519-C

Newell, California

August 2, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Am sending Fukuizo Ohayashi (407 A) his diary for the last week. He is making a copy for Dorothy Montgomery on her request. He is working without much direction from me, and I think it will be worthwhile to ask him to continue his diary for us, if you think it's worthwhile. Since he's an Issei, we get a different point of view from him.

Am also sending John's rough draft of the T.D. office. I think it has some interesting material. I gave him \$5 for it.

Nattie has decided to stay, but her mother thinks she ought to go. It's a relief to me, anyway. ~~Her~~ <sup>Her</sup> family wants to go to Minidoka, & I'll probably be headed that way, too. Saw Apler. He plays ball.

Boye,  
Jimmy.

2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 8, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I was very sorry to hear about W.I.'s accident. I hope that he recovers soon, because I would like to see him come up here to see me. It won't be like old times because I'm the only one left, but if you do come up here soon, it will probably be the last time we'll meet here.

I am very happy to report that everything between Hattie and myself is hunky-dory. Presumably I am being cleared by Hattie's folks, especially her mother, but I don't expect too much trouble there. We won't be married here, but she says that she's willing to go wherever I go. It would be most convenient, of course, if we could go to Minidoka, where she could go with her folks. Today we went to dig for sea shells, and it reminded me of the day we spent up on the mountains when we went to see the Co-op picnic.

I have given compensations, both in cash and in goods, to persons who have helped me. It's been more convenient than asking for their addresses and sending them a check, because usually I have given them when they left the project. I shall try to stick to the check as much as possible, especially when the sum is a large enough lump. One of these days I shall send in an account of these others.

I have run into a snag with the cards. Mr. Smith says that he can no longer help me. Please see my diary on this. I have decided that I'll have to organize my own crew of workers to get it out of the way. I should wait for instructions, but I am going ahead next week to try to get the cards out of the way within the week. I am promising 50 cents a night for the work, and it may cost \$12 or \$15 to check with the Housing files alone. I'll see about the census later.

Segregation has hit the place in earnest. Hearing is expected to begin soon, and family counseling is going to start early next week, too. I've gotten myself selected as an interviewer working half day. I'm going to try to get patterns of family splits, which Tom, incidentally, has asked for. Mr. Obayashi will be an interviewer, and I'll see what Mrs. Murayama can do for me. Dorothy Montgomery is very cooperative.

I'm glad to hear that you are pleased with the material that I am getting on segregation. It's taken me a whole year to find out what it's all about. It's been very good



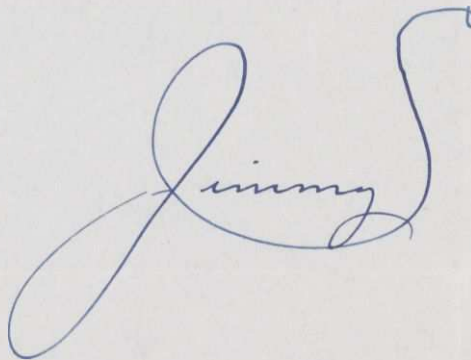
Dorothy--2

August 8, 1943

experience for me. I thought that I wouldn't be able to cover the administrative staff, but I'm getting parts of it here and there. It's also a good opportunity to cover the attitude of the relocation offices, since representatives are here to offer jobs to those who want to relocate directly. It's too bad that I have to spend most of the morning typing up my notes, because I have to spend the afternoon in the counseling. My nights will be filled all next week. I won't resort to shorthand until things get too tough. You and Morton ought to be interested in coming up here to talk to some of the people that are running loose here.

I shall keep you in touch with further developments. I hope to keep sending in my diary and journal weekly. My best regards to W.I. and the others.

'Bye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail that extends upwards and to the right.

August 10, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I am waiting eagerly to get some more reports on segregation. What you have sent in so far is really first-rate. I am pleased with Mr. Obayashi's diary, and hope he will continue to prepare it for us. I will send you a copy as soon as we get it typed. Have also received Jobo's report on the Tulean Dispatch, but I find his type-writing harder to read than some handwriting. I note you said you paid him \$5.00 and someone else \$5.00. Will you please make out an expense account for any payments of this sort you have made. You should, of course, have receipts for them, and please look out for this in the future, even if you haven't got any for these.

Morton and I had a talk with Dillon Myer the other day, and he agreed to let us have complete access to the Tule Lake administrative files. We are hoping to be able to send Bob Spencer up for about a week right after the first of September and, naturally, he will count on your cooperation in helping him decide what sorts of materials he should get.

I am glad to note from your latest letter that you are making progress with Hattie, and hope things will continue to go well with you.

W.I. is improving, but is still feeling the effects of the accident.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 15, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I have received your encouraging letter. I'm glad to hear that W.I. is improving.

Things have begun to hum here, and I don't seem to be able to keep up with it all. However, I think I have covered the major developments so far. We shall get some good material on family splits and shall be able to get some insight into the factors which cause clinging to or separating from a certain tie. The most interesting development now is the resistance to leaving Tule Lake, evidenced by people not appearing for interviews, and those who tell us interviewers that they just won't leave. The next week I shall try to get details and statistics on this point. Dr. Opler is interested in writing up a report on this matter, and I shall see him about it. Mrs. Freed from the Washington office knows of my status, and I'm sure she'd be willing to give me what material she gets. Anything can happen at this point, and I'll watch out for developments. So far, there has been no talk of informers or doggies. I'm sorry that I can't do more writing at this point. I'm keeping a copy of the interviews that I do, and I'll be sending them along, perhaps next week. Pretty soon we ought to be handling the split families.

Well, I am engaged to Hattie, a fact which gradually dawned upon me. We still don't tell anyone, and I sometimes wonder whether Hattie will wear a ring even if I got it for her. But one is in order, and I am asking you to get it for me. We might as well keep this within the family circle. Hattie would like something dainty and not too ornate--something simple. I would suggest a gold mounting, diamond set in platinum. For the engagement ring the stone need not be large. It can have two side diamonds if ~~it~~ they do not make the ring too elaborate. Flowery designs are out. For the wedding ring four or five little diamonds will be suitable. The cost for both rings should be from \$100-\$150--That's what most people seem to pay around here. I am enclosing an illustration taken from the Sears catalogue which may give you an idea of the sort of thing that I'm trying to describe. I leave the rest up to your or someone else's judgment. It may help if you describe Hattie as being petite and as having small hands. The size of the ring is FIVE. Of course, it may be necessary to return the rings if they do not fit, or Hattie just doesn't like them. I am sending a blank check made out to you to cover the cost of the rings and mailing them. I'm sorry to have to bother you, but Hattie prefers that it be done in this manner. It's all a part of the life of an evacuee!

Dorothy--2

August 15, 1943

Hattie's folks are reconciled to the fact that Hattie won't go out to school. They want her to be near them, however, and Hattie wants to go to Minidoka with them if at all possible. She wants me to go to Minidoka, if possible, in order to be near her folks. I can go elsewhere, but it would be most convenient if you gave the go signal on Minidoka. I don't think that I'll have very much trouble getting started with my work over there. I am becoming more and more used to the idea that Hattie isn't going to run out on me.

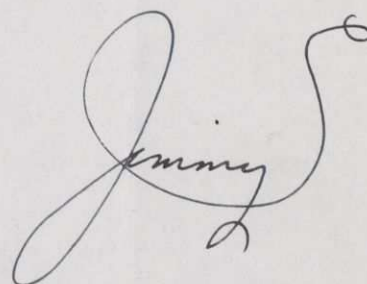
I worked four nights last week on the cards with an average of five or six helpers, and I find that we've completed only about a fourth of the cards, with about one-half more to go. I'm not going to be able to work more than two or three nights a week on the thing, and I'm finding difficulty getting help. I wish we had gotten started on the thing earlier. I hope to have them completed before movement of people between centers begin. I hope to meet Mr. James one of these days--he is supposed to be a nice fellow.

My position in the block is pretty good. People now know that I can furnish them with accurate information whenever they want it. While only a few come to me directly for advice, I can talk to people about their problems without arousing suspicion. On the other hand, I have to play baseball for them two times a week. Oh, well, I need some exercise, anyway.

George has finally become interested in a girl whom he hopes to become engaged to one of these days.

I'll be waiting for the ring. If there are such things as hot-plates and irons around yet, I'd be interested in having them, even if they are secondhand.

'Bye,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.



August 16, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing a letter I wrote to Mr. Myer, asking for special material from Tule Lake. What I want eventually is to get additional notations on all of our transcripts from the 26 cards, indicating persons relocating, persons segregating, births and deaths, then I think we shall have the basis for a first-rate statistical study. I cannot remember whether or not I sent you a copy of my letter to Mr. Myer of July 6. Just in case I didn't, I am enclosing an extra one, and also I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Barrows' letter to me. Also enclosed is Jobo's original, badly typed copy, and our attempt to recopy it. You'll notice that Japanese names are still spelt very badly. I hesitated to correct them, although in some cases I knew the way they should be spelled. I agree that he has some significant stuff here, but I wish we could get better documentation. For instance, of censorship. Is there any correspondence there between Cook and the editors which would be useful? Finally, I am enclosing a copy of Frank's notes in regard to points that Bob Spencer should pick out from the administrative files. We feel that the job Frank has laid out would take about a year to carry through. Nevertheless, we'll try to pick up the more important points. Please keep this document entirely confidential, but think it over and add any points that occur to you.

W.I. is progressing nicely, and we still hope that we will be able to get to Tule Lake before you leave. I am looking forward to hearing the latest developments in your plans.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosures



2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 18, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I'm sending some papers which should be sent in to the Accounts Division, one of which requires a witness. Maybe you could foot the bill on that.

Bob and Haney are supposed to be here on a vacation for a few days. I went to see them last night because I couldn't get enough people to work on the cards, and I couldn't locate them anyplace. I spent the evening with Dr. Opler, who is beginning to feel like a king around here because of his influence over Best. The liberal elements are 'in' now, and that's something.

The segregation program is coming along fine, and I'm inclined to think that we're going to avoid a big blow-up. About 20 per cent or so are not coming in for the family interviews, and ~~xx~~ they are probably our toughest cases. I find that even the toughest can often be convinced of the wisdom of packing up quietly and leaving. I'm getting myself more mixed in with the policy making because I'm anxious to see that major slips are avoided, and Opler seems ~~my~~ points quite readily. He wields quite a bit of influence over Best, according to his own account.

George has just about made up his mind about his girl, and hopes to go along with her, wherever her family goes.

What few friends that I knew seem to have slipped out of the Project before I knew what was happening. Of course, I have some friends left, but this place has certainly taken on a barren aspect. You look around and find that real leadership material is becoming awfully scarce.

I suppose you want me to stay in Tule Lake until the segregation program is over. I can do that since I have my work with the Social Welfare Department. I guess it's going to be goodbye to Tule Lake pretty soon.

I can't make my journal entries as complete as I would wish them to be because of lack of time. Please let me know anything that you would like to have followed up, because the things I get are often hit ~~at~~ miss.

I'll be waiting for the rings.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



August 18, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

Our congratulations on your engagement. We think Hattie is getting a very fine young man. I certainly look forward to meeting Hattie.

Regarding the rings: I decided that a group judgment was called for, so yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Wilson, our secretary; Dorothea Darch, our typist; Morton and I ranged the town to see what we could find. Since Dorothea is "petite" and young and unmarried, we thought she could be used as the guinea pig. We finally got something that seemed to meet your specifications, although the price is \$8.52 more than the maximum you set. At that, I got the man to knock off some \$10 from the combined price.

The reason the price exceeds your maximum is the cost of the wedding ring. If you get a wedding ring with any little diamonds in it at all, it costs some \$50. A plain band (very attractive) costs only about \$10. If, therefore you wish to keep the price down, I suggest that you return the wedding ring and let us exchange it for a plain band. I do not suggest economizing on the engagement ring.

We hope you like the rings we sent. But it is clearly understood at the store that you may return them and we will get a complete refund. If they do not fit, the store will make any adjustments necessary.

I am enclosing the receipt. I have not yet cashed your check, in case you do not like the rings and want to return them. If you decide to return them, send me back the receipt. The man promises to send the rings out on Thursday, so you should certainly get them by Saturday.

The analysis of segregation in your last journal is really fine. It is exactly what we want, and I have no criticisms to offer.

Bob Spencer and wife will definitely spend the week beginning September 5 in Tule Lake. His wife will do clerical work for him, but he will probably need other typing and clerical assistance, so I would appreciate it if you could get one or two people lined up for him. If our plans go well, I hope that WI and I can come up in a university car sometime in the middle of that week. Morton leaves for Washington on August 31, and Dillon Myer has promised complete access to confidential WRA material, so we are making progress.

Minidoka suits me for your next residence. If that should be impossible, then Topaz.



2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 23, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I was certainly happy to receive the rings on Saturday. They were really beautiful. Hattie just loves them, and wore the engagement ring for two days, now. She was wondering whether she should wear it to school before she announces her engagement, which she wants to do on Wednesday. Mrs. Kurose is going to give a little party for the older folks in order to announce the engagement. We are all certainly happy, and grateful to you and the staff for picking out the right rings. Hattie's closest girl friend told her that her ring was the most beautiful that she had seen in camp yet. Hattie feels sorry for this girl because she said, "Gee, I envy you, Hattie." She's attractive and rolling in money, but her mother insists on her getting at least a college graduate and has broken up what attachments she's had. I don't think that Hattie has any doubts now that she did the right thing by not going to school. We are having a wonderful time talking about future plans and growing closer to each other everyday.

Everything seems to be happening to our family. George is now talking about getting married before he leaves camp, and have gone for his blood test already. May is expecting a baby in February, and is all excited because she doesn't know what to do with herself. Ruby ran into a boyfriend she used to know in Japan and was in Hawaii, who's now in Camp Savage. The same day one of the teachers working with her popped the question. She doesn't know what to do now. And so life goes on, in spite of evacuation, war, and Evacuation and Resettlement Study.

I find myself pressed for time to write up the material that I gather. Because I spend half a day at interviewing, I can't spend much time running around, which I would really like to do. But I've been able so far to get most of what I want down in my journal. Am sending last week's journal and diary.

Last week I spent two nights on the cards. It's so hard to get workers together, and the work is so tedious. I'll be busy this week with Mrs. Kurose's party, a hog farm party, but I do want to get the cards out of the way if I possibly can. Maybe I can finish it next week, I don't know.

I'm glad to hear that Bob is coming up on the 5th. I'll help him as much as possible. I'll be looking forward to seeing you up here, too. Bob Billigmeir was up here, but I was only able to see him once. He hasn't changed at all, and seemed very interested in what was going on around here.



Dorothy--2

August 23, 1943

I hope you'll be able to come up soon. So far everything is going along smoothly, although there are signs of possible organized resistance. I don't think that we'll have a great deal of trouble, although, on the other hand, I do expect some. I'll keep my eyes out now for resistance, especially organized ones.

By the way, the rings fit perfectly. However, Hattie's knuckles are smaller than the upper part of her finger, and she's wondering whether it would be too tight if she had it made slightly smaller. If adjustment is necessary, we shall send the rings back for it, but I think that it's not going to be necessary. You might as well cash the check for the full amount--\$158.52 plus any expenses that were involved.

George is taking it easy now, and I have prevailed upon him to write up the story of the hog farm. I have made an outline for him, and we can hope for some material, anyway. Mr. Obayashi didn't write much the last week, but his stuff is good because it gives the Issei point of view. I haven't seen Kiku for some time now. Kazuko was doing some typing for me and we are still on very good terms, but she doesn't always feel well and she's kept busy at Slattery's office.

My best regards to the office staff, especially for choosing just the rings that Hattie wanted. I don't think that she could have done better herself.

I hope W.I. gets well soon to be able to come up here.

'Bye,

James Sakoda



August 25, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I have received your Journal, and your letter dated August 23. We are indeed delighted that you liked the rings, for we thought that they were just suitable, but couldn't be sure whether you and Hattie would agree with us. I have, therefore, filled in your blank check and shall deposit it to my account.

You asked me in an earlier letter whether I wanted you to stay until segregation was over. I certainly do, if this is at all possible. I then want you to go to Minidoka if it can be arranged. Since you and Hattie are engaged, I wonder why you don't get married before leaving the Project. It seems to me that that would make it possible for you to get a separate apartment when you go to Minidoka, and that it would avoid any possibility of your being separated in the confusion that is bound to exist in getting people out, but naturally that is your problem and not mine.

I am delighted with the reports you are continuing to send on segregation. I feel that you are getting material on attitudes that is unique. Please continue to spend most of your energy on this problem. The only criticism that I have, at present, is that I wish you would enter certain details about the people whose reactions you are recording. You do this sometimes and sometimes omit. Minimum essentials are: the block they live in; whether they are Nisei, Issei, or Kibei; approximate age, and family status. Of course, you can identify them from the cards we have, but in order to insure their identification you should get some of these details in your daily notes.

I am sorry the statistical work is causing you so much trouble. It is quite important, however, that we get that record complete, and I see no possibility of getting anyone else in to supervise it right now. I will summarize again exactly what I want, and hope to have a statement from you telling me what is lacking. The cards are, as I understand it, filled out in the terms that I originally suggested, and addresses have been checked against the housing files. We need additional information on the cards of the following sorts: If a person has died, that should be entered, plus an indication of the date of death; if a baby has been born in the Project, a card should be made out in such a form that



the mother can be identified. This is necessary for my study of fertility. If a person has relocated, or gone out on seasonal leave, that should be indicated on the card, with the date of leaving and the destination. If a person is to be segregated, that should be indicated, and if he is leaving for another Project, that too should be indicated. I am quite sure that you'll have difficulty in getting some of this material. At Gila lists are prepared showing all changes in the population. That is, people leaving and entering, being born, and dying. If we can get similar lists for Tule Lake and they were accurate, I could have these entered on the cards here later in the office. If you can't get this information easily, I shall have Bob Spencer check on it, so don't worry. But I would like to have from you a statement of exactly what you have got and what, in terms of the items I have mentioned, is missing.

I don't think that I can come to Tule Lake before segregation begins. W.I. is progressing very well indeed, but I don't feel that a trip of this sort would be desirable for him quite so soon, and I don't like to leave him until he is completely recovered. Nor do I think it is necessary for me to come up to Tule Lake, since you are doing so well, and since Bob Spencer can get most of the other information that I need. My present plan is to have a conference of the various people on the study in Salt Lake City. I shall have to make up my mind within the next few weeks just when we shall have this conference. At present, it looks as though the first week in December would be a good time. But I want you to be settled in Minidoka before I call the meeting. As I understand it, segregation will be over early in November and, therefore, you'll probably leave Tule Lake at that time.

I have had some correspondence with Professor Lloyd Warner of the University of Chicago, and have asked him whether it would be possible for you to get credit in that University for the research you are doing. Professor Warner has made some arrangement with WRA to give credit of this sort, and since Mr. de Young, the social analyst at Minidoka, is working under Professor Warner, I think we can arrange this as soon as you go to Minidoka. I have had no luck at all in arranging anything at the University of California but, as you know, credits received at any university are transferable to another, so if we can arrange this at Chicago, it will mean you are officially launched on your graduate career.

In an earlier letter you asked us whether it would be possible to get an electric iron and a hotplate: there are none



on the market at present, and the chances of picking up second-hand ones are very slight. We, all of us, tried to get an iron for Frank's mother just before he left Tule Lake, and had no success. I should say your best possibility would be to look around when you get to Salt Lake City and see whether there is anything in the second-hand shops, but I am frankly very doubtful as to whether you can get one. I have an iron, a very cheap model, which I am not using, and which I will be glad to send to you if you can't get anything else.

I was much interested to hear that George is getting married, that May is having a baby, and that Ruby has had so many proposals. Your family is certainly entering into the vital statistics to a large extent.

Everyone here sends regards, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



2519-C  
Newell, California  
August 28, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I'm sorry to hear that you won't be coming up to see the segregation. We aren't having very much excitement on the surface, but this program is going to reveal a very great deal of the nature of the people, especially because it is being fairly well covered from the administrative and social analyst side. The only trouble with them is that they usually have mostly figures and charts to juggle, instead of having actual cases in their minds to deal with. I've been fortunate in getting myself mixed up with them (I hope it doesn't become unfortunate, anyway), and I can get some sort of picture of how they are trying to tackle the problem. The whole place is fairly disorganized because the task of carrying on the segregation program is greater than the rate at which workers are being organized. The Social Welfare Department is really a mess, and for a week now we haven't done much interviewing. We get kickbacks on the results of some of the hearings because the people weren't allowed their choice of staying, and no one seems to know the procedure for handling these cases. The Internal Security sends them to the Social Welfare Department, and we sometimes send them back to Legal Aid. We've had about four different supervisors at 2508, each new one not knowing a thing about what's going on. In the meantime the only person really working is the receptionist.

About the cards, I can now say that we are almost through with the mechanics of taking down addresses (old and new), seasonal leaves and indefinite leaves, and in some cases short term leaves, transfers. We have also gotten birth and date of birth, but the only reference to the mother is through the address. For accurate record I suggest that Bob go to the prenatal clinic or wherever they have the original records. We also have deaths and the date of death, but I suggest that a accurate list be gotten from other sources since there's no way of knowing how accurate the housing files are. We also have new arrivals. And besides we have quite a number of cards which we don't have, and some which the housing files do not have. I'll make one final check on births, deaths, new arrivals, duplicate cards, cards which we don't have, and cards which we do have and have been unable to identify with a card in the housing files. I should say that the value of our work on the cards lies in the fact that from one convenient source we have been able to get pertinent information about individuals which may or may not be accurate and undoubtedly is not complete. Change of addresses is definitely not complete, and probably births and deaths, too.



Dorothy--2

August 28, 1943

Please let me know how you want me to dispose of the cards after we are through with them.

I'm glad to hear that you have made arrangements for me to get credit at the University of Chicago. It will certainly help, if such an arrangement could be carried out. I'll be looking forward to meeting Mr. deYoung in Minidoka.

I am asking for checks for the following persons for work done on the cards. The expense ran into more than I thought it would, but even then I had difficulty in getting help. This is not the complete list as I will send in the names of those whom I think will help me a little more., later

Mieko Imbe 2718-E.....\$1.00

~~Ma~~  
Marvin Uratsu 4607-A..... 2.00

Joe Nakamura 4613-A..... 2.00

George Fujita 2713-A..... 2.00

Yoshimi Kawaguchi 2301-A..... 2.00

Masayoshi Matsuda 4016-C..... 1.00

May Nakatogawa 3801-C..... 1.00

George Sakoda 2519-C..... ~~1.50~~

Also, I want to clear up the following for myself which I have already paid out in cash or in the form of gifts.

Co-op report (from Koso Takemoto)

Now being typed at the Co-op office.....\$5.00

Dispatch write-up (from Jobo Nakamura)..... 5.00

Interviews (Riley Sugawara and Rose  
Serizawa. gifts)..... 3.00

I'm still having Kazuko Tanabe do some typing for me.

By the way, Tom Shibutani would appreciate a copy of Riley's interview.

About Hattie and myself. She does not want to get married here because we would be too rushed. I won't be able to do both her and my work justice if we were to get married here. She's conventional in many ways, and does not want to rush through the whole affair. So we shall probably be married as soon as we can settle down in Minidoka, which probably won't be till December. Do you think that it's

*Mr. W.  
Case history*

*Handwritten notes and signatures*



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August 28, 1943

possible for us to go out to Salt Lake City for the conference and our honeymoon if I pay her expenses? She'd certainly be thrilled at that.

I'm getting more night life than is conducive to good work, but I'm afraid that's a part of my life at this stage. When we get settled, perhaps I can get more done.

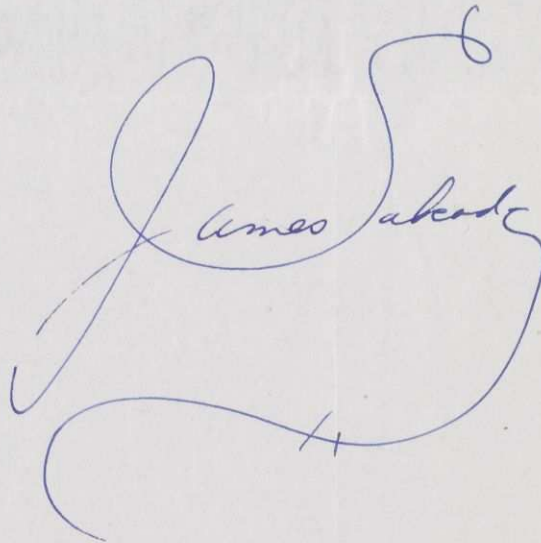
I'll have to start worrying about a typist for Bob. They're so hard to get now.

I'd appreciate having the iron, if you are not using it. I'll have to get a hot-plate someplace if I am to get the fullest value of my coming married life.

Hattie and I regret that you won't be coming up. I talked to Father Dai, and he wanted to meet you, too. I think he has kept his own record of happenings here in Tule Lake. He'll probably leave for relocation work on the outside.

I hope W.I. gets well completely soon, and we'll all meet in Salt Lake City.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James Akers". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.



September 1, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I received your letter of August 28, and your Diary and Journal beginning with August 24. I am glad to note that you are getting as many detailed case histories on the segregation as possible.

In regard to your entry of August 29 - Dr. Opler's statistics - I wonder if it would be possible to get some further breakdown of those cases? His definition of resistance is a little difficult to follow. Am I to understand that these were cases which would normally be moved from Tule Lake? Were the 390 cases all of those who had resisted or not? The fact that a block was non-resistant might possibly be due to the fact that all of the people in that block had applied for repatriation, or had answered "no". The hypothesis that you raise to explain the difference between good and bad blocks seems to me to be reasonable, but I should like to have more data block by block. Maybe I am raising the question prematurely, since, if we get all the data entered on our statistical cards, a more elaborate analysis can readily be made.

I am instructing Bob very carefully in regard to the checks I want him to make on the cards when he gets to Tule Lake. I want to be perfectly clear in my mind about the reliability of what is on the cards. As I interpret your letter, the cards are accurate for seasonal and indefinite leaves, but are not accurate for short term leaves and transfers. There is also some question about birth and death records. Those we can easily get. I certainly appreciate the great amount of work that you have put into this, and I realize that it must have been difficult for you when your major job was, and is, to follow the segregation question. If the cards can possibly be completed by the time Bob arrives, the sensible thing to do would be to send them back by him as he is traveling in a University car. His wife is going to be with him and will act as his main clerical assistant, but I guess he would like to have someone else to help him too.

Regarding the checks that you asked to have sent out: we have sent them to all the people listed except for the \$13.00 that you have given out yourself, and for which you had no receipts. Since it is very difficult for us to handle a matter of this sort, we have added your \$13.00 to the amount due George Sakoda, and are sending him a check



for \$14.50. You will, therefore, collect your \$13.00 from George when he gets his check. In the future, I hope you will be very careful about either letting us pay directly or else getting receipts from the people concerned, in which case they can be put on an expense account for you. It is not that we are being fussy, but that we have to deal with the accountant's office, and they simply will not accept items of that sort. We hate to do too much manipulating with the accounts, because there might be some sort of check up sometime.

I am sending by Bob the electric iron that I told you you could have. It hasn't got heat control, so you may not find it too satisfactory. But since it is impossible to buy any kind of a new one, maybe you will just have to get along with it. We are also sending you an electric percolator (minus the percolating equipment) which we had been using here in the office to make tea. We really don't need it, as tea-making is too messy and time consuming. I think you will find it useful for heating up water, boiling coffee, and even heating soups, or other liquids.

Now as to my plans for the meeting that I promised you: I have gone over the situation very carefully and decided that it would be more desirable to have you go to Chicago for a period of ten days to two weeks than to try to bring all the Chicago boys to Salt Lake City. W.I. and I will also be in Chicago at that time, so that we can have a real stocktaking and plan our future work. Since Tamie wants to spend about a couple of months outside the camp, and since she would be on her own, that is we would not have to pay her living expenses for that period, it would also be much cheaper from the point of view of our budget than the Salt Lake conference that I had planned. Furthermore, we would have an office at our disposal and all of the material there. So my present plan is to have the meeting the very last days of November and the first week or ten days of December in Chicago. I may say that we have been having budgetary difficulties about which I did not want to bother the various members of the study, but it means that I have to plan things a little more carefully than previously. I am, therefore, asking you and Tamie to travel on the Challenger. I, myself, will go on the Streamliner, but will not charge the excess to the budget of the study, and W.I., of course, always pays his own expenses. I have had some difficulty in finding



out exactly what the cost of the trip would be. I can, however, estimate the cost from Ogden, Utah, onward. If you take the reclining chair car, your round-trip fare would be \$59.95, tax exempt. When you get to Chicago, I will allow you \$5.00 a day living expenses. I will also pay the cost of the meals on the train. Naturally, I will also pay the bus fare, or whatever it is, from Minidoka to Ogden, where you get on the Challenger. Now, if you were going alone, you would be entitled to intermediate class plus a tourist berth. As I estimate it, this would amount to about \$20.00 more than what I have allowed, and this \$20.00 I'll add to your expense account by some manipulation or other. If you take Hattie with you, I think the two of you could easily live on the \$5.00 a day which I am allowing you, and for which I need no accounting. The boys in Chicago can certainly find a room for you which would not be too expensive. But you would have to pay her fare and meals on the train. This would amount to about \$66 (since her fare would not be tax exempt) round trip, Ogden to Chicago, and whatever the bus fare is from Minidoka to Ogden. Since you would be getting about \$20.00 from me in lieu of taking a berth, you ought to be able to get by with say an outlay of \$60.00 or \$65.00 for Hattie. Whether this is too much for you to spend or not, you just have to figure out for yourself. It would be very fine to have Hattie in Chicago and, naturally, she would get a great thrill out of it. Since transportation is so extremely difficult to arrange, you should make up your mind at the earliest possible moment. You should take the Challenger out of Ogden on the 27th of November, if that is at all possible, not more than one or two days before or after that date, and you should plan to leave Chicago on the 11th or 12th of December so that you won't get in the rush which occurs in connection with Christmas furloughs. You'd probably better let us get the reservations for you from this office, since it will be difficult for you under your present circumstances. So think the whole thing over, and let me know what you want us to do.

You realize, of course, that something might happen to upset our plans. Selective Service is causing us a good deal of worry now for it looks as though Morton, who has been safe up to the present, might get called in the father's draft. Therefore, he is making his trip to Chicago and Washington just as brief as possible so that he can finish up his reports for us in case the worst happens. I don't have to tell you that I am going to put up an awful fight to keep him, but the situation changes so from day to day that I never know where I stand. If the draft hits the



Nisei, I will also make a desperate fight to get deferment for the staff members, but, again, I can guarantee nothing, and I am afraid that all of you are vulnerable. I don't want you to worry about this, because it is quite uncertain whether or not the draft will be applied to Nisei. However, I have a feeling that we must face this possibility and get our reports in as good shape as possible. That is primarily the reason for having the meeting in Chicago. If the thing hits us sooner than the time I have planned, I shall have to do some big and quick reorganization, but let's assume for the present that we can go ahead and get together in December and lay our plans for at least the next few months at that time.

You will see Bob on Sunday, and he will be able to discuss the general Tule Lake situation with you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

2519-C  
Newell, California  
September 10, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

My head is beginning to spin with everything happening at once. Segregation is bad enough as it is, and George got married, I have to start packing, I have Hattie on my hands, Bob Spencer came up, and I'm worried because our names have not appeared on any list so far. The last of the train lists are supposed to come out today, and we'd better be on the one to Minidoka, or else Hattie is going to hit the roof.

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I/falling behind on my journal and in gathering data. I think we hit a crisis this week when the administration finally showed that it meant business. Most of the people who thought that they might be able to stay if they insisted upon it are now finding themselves taken by surprise. They just don't know what to do, and many of them are resigned to being practically shoved on a train, wherever they are sent.

Last week the Army came in and changed the train schedule, and this has disturbed the social welfare department and the evacuees quite a bit. Those who had applied for group leaves were all sent to Arkansas, but even these people seem to be resigned about it.

It just occurred to me that I should have applied for staying behind as a key worker. It didn't occur to me because I really don't work for anyone in particular, although I am on the Social Welfare Department payroll. I saw Dorothy Montgomery about this yesterday, and she said that it was too late--she didn't want to do special favors for her own workers. I spoke to Bob about it, and decided to send you a wire first to see whether you wanted to bother about getting special permission from Best to stay, not as a key worker, but as a research worker from the University. I thought that it might be all right if I caught the last train to Minidoka, but I now find that I'll miss the incoming trains from Gila and Poston, which may not be so important, however.

The last trains are as follow:

#23 To Tule Lake to Minidoka	9/28
#24 Heart Mountain	9/30
#25 To Rohwer	10/7 (only 64)
25 From Rohwer	10/12
26 From None	
27 Gila River	10/3
28 "	10/5



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September 19, 1943

#29	From Gila River	10/4
30	"	10/5
31	From Colo. River	10/6
32	"	10/7
33	"	10/9

What I don't know about is the train to Rohwer on 10/7 with only 64 persons. Do they intend to send the resistance cases on this train? I'll try to find this out immediately. If this is true, then I should stay behind till this group leaves, anyway. For a while I lost all perspective of what was going on, and I'll have to sit down one of these days very soon to regain it. This weekend I'll see if I can't get an overall picture of the whole movement out so that I know what I'm supposed to be looking for.

I hope you understand my state of confusion. I'm just another casualty of the segregation movement. I don't think that I should blame the Social Welfare Department for being disorganized.

'Bye,

James Sakoda

September 10, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

This morning Mr. Morrison of the accounting office telephoned that there was a check ~~there~~ in your name (for June) which had not been claimed. I went over at noon and received the check, which I am enclosing, in the amount of \$74.10. We are very much puzzled, inasmuch as you mentioned in a letter to Dr. Thomas, dated July 8, that you had "received a check for \$14.10 for the month of June." At that time we made inquiries at the accounting office, and Dr. Thomas wrote you on July 9 in which she said: "We were greatly puzzled by your reference to having received a check for \$14.10 for June. We called the accountant's office and they said the check was for \$74.10, which seems more reasonable. We assume, therefore, that you made a typographical error in your letter to me..." In your next letter to Dr. Thomas you did not refer to the check, so we assumed everything was all right.

As we have no record of a payment to you of \$14.10, we are wondering if you know what the check covered. The enclosed check is certainly for your salary, which we figured as follows: \$62.50 plus \$12.50 (emergency increase), less .90 Victory Tax, equals \$74.10. We shall be glad to hear from you in order to clarify the \$14.10 check. The accounting office is in such a 'dither' just now with income tax, withholding tax, and what have you, that I just haven't the heart to bother them again, and if you can explain the matter I won't have to.

Kindest regards to you and Hattie.

Sincerely yours,



2519-C  
Newell, California  
September 13, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

The first train finally left, 50 minutes behind schedule, but without any mishap. George and May and the Takasugis were on that train, and I feel as though I've been left behind.

I've taken to using shorthand in order to conserve on time, and consequently you shall receive no more typewritten journal, although I hope to be able to keep up my diary yet, in order not to keep you entirely in the dark. I'll have to write summaries and short reports instead, although there is so little time now before I'll be leaving, that I won't be able to do very much.

I've been think over my handling of the segregation program, and feel that there are certain things that I should concentrate on. One is the study of family splits. This is not fully documented, and it will be possible to get hold of the interview sheets later on to copy and study different families, since the results of the registration, segregation hearing, and social welfare interview will probably be filed together--if you can get someone in here to do the work. Right now it's impossible to bother the Social Welfare Department to get at these interview sheets. They've misplaced quite a few, and are constantly reshuffling what they do have on hand, and I don't dare ask to see them now.

Another angle I've been covering is the motives for wanting to stay or leave, which I think I've covered as well as I can under the present circumstances. We have not had the inu scare, which has been a boon to me.

Other topics that I shall be covering, besides trying to keep a record of the important changes, will be resistance cases, role of the administration, role of the Army, role of evacuee leaders. Segregation is being covered fairly well, I believe, by the social analysts, and I think that it is to my advantage to concentrate on the attitude of the people toward the segregation program, since this is least likely to be gotten by any Caucasian. Also, this is the standpoint from which I've tried to see the registration issue, and this is the angle that I am most interested in.

Both Hattie and I are on the last train for Minidoka which leaves on September 28. I think that I shall go on on that train, although at one time I did think of staying behind to watch what would happen. It will give me a chance to get married, prepare for the Chicago conference, and perhaps to write up a report on the segregation program.

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September 13, 1943

An interesting thing has happened to the segregation program. The Army came in and changed the original train schedule, which was supposed to take care of 8,000 persons. It insisted that cars be filled both ways, and also cut down the number to be handled to a minimum. I don't know who made the estimation, but the original estimate was cut down to 6,000 or so. When the last train schedule came out Sunday, it was discovered that many persons who had interviews were not assigned to any train. Also, there are resistance cases--several hundred of them--who are probably willing to go if they are forced to. It is difficult to make an estimate, but I guess that room will have to be made for about 500 persons (perhaps as much as a 1000) who have not yet been assigned a coach. Both Carter and Montgomery do not know what is going to be done to relieve the situation.

I got up at five this morning and am getting sleepy. I'll keep you in touch with developments, even though I cannot send you the complete journal.

'Bye,

*James Sakoda*



2519- C  
Newell, California  
September 15, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I was glad to receive your telegram saying that I can go to Minidoka on the 28th. I realize that there are some things I can catch up on if I stay here, but on the other hand, my contacts will become so few here that it's just as well that I leave on a train with the others.

Don't be surprised if you don't receive any more diary or journal for some time. I have taken once again to writing in shorthand, and I find it very convenient and time-saving. I write up my notes about three times a day, thus enabling me to keep more complete and detailed ~~th~~ notes than before. Of course, I shall have the task later on of having to type the whole thing up, but I think I had better to do it this way. Now I feel as though I know what I am doing and that I am getting places once more.

I am trying to catch up on parts of registration. Harry Mayeda has promised to lend me his files, and Father Dai will give me an interview. I think the latter has been keeping records of his own, which I shall try to get a look at. He is smart as a whip, and knows what he is doing. He is going to work on relocation, I think, depending on what his church wants him to do. Maybe, we could see him in Chicago, if he happens to be anywhere near. I am on fairly good terms with the Planning Board, I don't seem to be able to get much material from them, except criticisms of Dr. Ichihashi and Shirai.

On segregation I shall cover every phase generally. I'd like to get a rough picture of the role being played by the Army, and also the behind the scene story of the administration. The latest development is that Best has changed his colors, and is now listening more to the reactionary elements ~~th~~ than to the liberals, who are handling segregation. There's a fellow here from Manzanar, Brown by name, once a reports officer, I believe, who is supposed to be giving Best wrong ideas. Best is reputed to have stated the inevitable stand of all reactionaries: "The evacuees should not be pampered." Cozzens was up here, I believe, and Benedictson is here. Maybe you could get part of the story in San Francisco. I'm trying to find out something about what goes on in the train dispatch section, where the fate of so many people is decided, but I'm not getting very far. They are so rushed with work that I don't dare approach them with anything academic. Elberson is handling the block managers once again, and from him I am getting copies of the ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup>



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the final train schedules. This gives the name, address, sex, age, and family number of each individual ~~at~~ coach and date of departure. This will be useful in checking up on destination of individuals, family composition, and address prior to movement. I shall also try to get a list of the resistant group, which Opler is going to let me copy. Dr. Jacoby has promised me a list of persons who have repatriated, and also those who have applied for cancellation. I don't have sufficient documentation for patterns of family splits, although I have gotten some material already, and I have a fairly good picture of the position of the majority of the families in my block. A copy of the interview sheet should be on file even after segregation, and there is a good opportunity of making a sample study of the position taken by various members of a family. The interview sheets contain the name and ages of members of the immediate family, those who are repatriates and who are in Group II, and results and write-ups of the segregation hearings, choice of centers and reasons for choice, notes on those who have come in and stated that they have refused to leave. This in itself should be a good basis for a little paper, and someone may later be interested in it. Much as I would like to get more material of this nature, I feel that I cannot disturb the train dispatcher section, ~~who have~~ <sup>which has</sup> misplaced enough interview sheets as it is. From the Social Welfare Department I am getting the sort of complaints that bother the people.

The latest development is that now with all of the train lists out many people are without destination. They have poured into the Welfare Department, and in many cases there is no trace of their having had a interview before, which they claim they've had. They are being used to fill in vacancies that exist on train lists and those that are bound to occur at the last moment. They have been asked to be ready to board a train on last-minute notice. I don't think that there is going to be enough room for them all even if the last seat on every train is filled, unless more coaches are added. This does not include the resistant group, which have refused to give choices of center, who also have not been placed on any train list as yet. Most of them seem to be willing to go if they are forced to, and that means that they should be placed on a train list. I don't know who made the mistake when the original plan for 8,000 was cut down to about 6,000. I estimate that there are from 500 to 1000 who have not been assigned accommodations. It is reported that one family or party refused to go on the first train, and they were left behind. These families can be spotted because they don't send their baggages, and their places can be filled with others. No one seems to know what is going to happen to the resistant group, which should be very small if the program is well-handled. In spite of the mistakes that have been made the morale of the people is very good, and even those going to Jerome are taking it fairly good naturedly. There is very little hard feeling between those who are going and those who are staying, which makes it pleasant.



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September 15, 1943

I would like to have another ream of white bond if it can be sent me before the 28th.

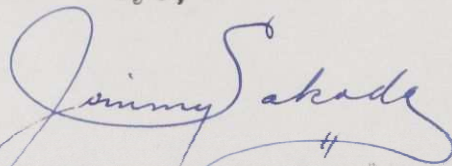
I sent some shell ornaments with Bob and I hope you'll see some sentimental value in them. They are one of the few products of Tule Lake that seems to have made their stay here worthwhile. Individuals have profited from the work they were able to do, but for the majority life here probably has been degenerating. I wish I had time to get some of the cute things they make around here with shells.

Hattie and I look forward to the trip to Chicago, and have our fingers crossed, hoping that nothing will happen to prevent our going on what will be our honeymoon.

I am not worrying about the draft and am not making any plans for the future. Maybe I can make a nice quiet study on personality in Minidoka.

I hope W.I. is better now.

Bye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Sakade". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

P.S. Will you tell Mrs. Wilson that the check for \$74.10 was for May and not for June. I acknowledged a check for June, but I may not have for May. I wouldn't know.

P.P.S. Thanks a lot for sending the iron and the coffee-pot. Hattie is very much pleased to be able to have the iron, since she was wondering where she was going to get one. I'm more pleased with the coffee-pot because I would hate to miss the midnight snacks that I have at Hattie's place. You have not mentioned how you are going to let me compensate you for these. You may need the iron one of these days, in which case you can lend it to us until then. Whichever arrangement you suggest, we shall appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.



September 15, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I sent you a wire today approving your plan to leave on the 28th for Minidoka. I think it is more important for you to get to Minidoka reasonably soon in order to see the reactions to the new arrivals than it is to observe all the incoming trains to Tule Lake. Telegraph me if you run into any difficulties and I will wire Mr. Best. I agree with you, however, that if the resistant cases are all to be sent at once, it would be important to stay. So don't hesitate either to telephone or to wire. During the day you can get me at Ashberry 6000, local 349, but put in a person-to-person call. After 6 o'clock, or in general between 12:30 and 1:30 at noon, you can get me at Thornwall 8983 but, again, it is safer to make the call a personal one. Any telephone calls or telegrams, of course, can be entered on your expense account, and you do not have to have receipts for them.

I am simply delighted with the beautiful shell corsage that you sent. I think I got the prettiest one of all, but all three of them are lovely. I am keeping Ruth Grodzins' for her, since she won't be back until the end of October, so you won't hear from her immediately.

The past two days I have been snowed under with the material Bob brought back. I think he did awfully well, and we have a good deal of documentation now of some of the puzzling points in the structural report. I have also started working on the statistical cards, and I am pleased at their relative completeness. It is quite easy to attach the greatest majority of the births to the mothers' cards. In fact, I have gone through approximately half of them now and have only four or five that I cannot identify, and I may be able to fix those up later. I realize that it must have been an awful job for you to get those things organized, and I certainly thank you again.

Bob and Elizabeth were delighted with Hattie, and tell me that they are sure I will like her. I was sure of that anyway, but was pleased at their enthusiastic reports. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,



September 15, 1943

STRAIGHT WIRE

MR. JAMES SAKODA  
2519-C  
TULE LAKE RELOCATION PROJECT  
NEWELL, CALIFORNIA

ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO LEAVE SEPTEMBER 28 FOR MINIDOKA

DOROTHY S. THOMAS

BE 4321

Sent 10.30

Chg. to Evacuation & Resettlement Study  
Gianini Hall

September 22, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I have been so absorbed in the statistical cards that I am afraid I have neglected answering your letter. I surely hope you were able to get the lists of the people who will remain in Tule Lake by addresses and full names, if possible, split up in terms of repatriates and no-no's. I had telegraphed Fern French about this, as she had offered to get me anything that was missing. This telegram went off before your letter arrived, but I have heard nothing from her, so I gather she had already left Tule Lake. I did not send you the white bond paper because it takes so long to get things out. I wish you would give us a rather large order for Minidoka, so that we can be sure you are supplied for quite a long time. I am writing today to Mr. de Young and telling him that you will arrive, so be sure to look him up as soon as you get there.

The plans for Chicago seem to be O.K. As soon as you arrive in Minidoka, please find out where you go to catch the Challenger to Chicago. It may be that it is some place other than Ogden, Utah. In any event, as soon as you find out the station, let us know and we will order the tickets for you. Considerable haste is necessary because reservations must be made weeks in advance.

Regarding the iron and the percolator: don't give them another thought. They are worth very little from the money standpoint, and I certainly wish that we could get new ones for you and of better quality, but since this is impossible, these may fill in a gap.

Give my very best to Hattie, and let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

DST:mw



2519-C  
Newell, California  
September 24, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

For the last few days I have spent a certain number of each day cleaning out the room--the junks for over a year of three persons ~~was~~<sup>were</sup> staggering--and packing. I haven't been able to get much work done, and I'm afraid that things are going to remain this way till I get to Minidoka. I haven't met too many of the incoming groups--I was hoping that I would know someone from Topaz, but so far no sign of anyone I know. I'm getting some material yet, but my time is too tied up to get very much. I wanted to get more on the administrative end of the segregation program, but I'm afraid that I won't now. Opler wrote a 70 page report, which ought to give part of it. I'll try to see Carter once before I leave, though. I'm borrowing Harry Mayeda's files on registration and segregation, so that I'll have that to do yet.

I hope to write up a report on segregation as soon as possible, but I can foresee events in Minidoka which will make it difficult. I never did get out my story of the registration, but maybe I can get around to that, too. I'm laying the emphasis of my reports on the reaction of evacuees to the registration and segregation program, trying to find out their interpretation of the situation, their behavior, and the underlying motives. Two types of personalities of particular interest to me I shall try to get detailed information on--the so-called marginal personality and the agitator type of individual. Both have personality problems, but those of the former seem to arise from a cultural conflict situation, whereas <sup>those of</sup> the latter seem to be more universal. I also hope to work on my personal adjustment section. I've spent over a year now doing field work, and I ought to evaluate what I have gotten so far. I've gotten a lot in experience, but perhaps I don't have much in terms of material to work with. I'm beginning to feel sorry that Tule Lake had to break up because there were some interesting persons that I was beginning to become aware of.

Today my baggage (freight) goes out, and you have to tag along if you want to get it on a freight car--if it is not already full.

I've talked to Mr. Obayashi, and he seems to be willing to keep a diary. He doesn't seem to have very much spare time, but I'm making no commitment, except that the University might be willing to compensate him a little for the work. It'll have to depend on what he produces, of course. We should try to keep tabs on Tule Lake in some way, because it's going

Dorothy--

September 24, 1943

to offer a good contrast to the other centers.

I go to Hattie's place after I'm through for the day. She makes midnight snacks and keeps my stomach satisfied. She's offered to do my washing and ironing for me, and much as I hate to treat her like a slave, I appreciate it a lot because it saves me time and a lot of trouble. She doesn't like to go out visiting with me, and so Don and some of the others are wondering what sort of girl Hattie is. Went to Don's place last night, and both he and Ruth wanted to know if she were pretty. The answer is, as one of Miss Kurose's student gave it--"No, but she's cute."

Things are so unsettled that I feel restless, and still don't want to do anything. It's as if time were momentarily suspended, and I were just sitting and doing and thinking nothing.

I shall let you know as soon as I get to Minidoka how I find the place. Please let me know the detailed arrangements for the conference as soon as possible because Hattie is not so sure that we'll be able to go to Chicago together.

My best regards to W.I. and the office force.

'Bye,

James Sakuda



13-3-B.

Hunt, Idaho

~~Oct.~~ Oct. 1, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Here I am at last after a few hectic last days in Tule Lake, an interesting trip on the train. I hit my thumb crating my last piece of freight and lost my thumb nail. During my last few days I got some of the administrative changes that were made in the segregation personnel and came out with a fairly good picture of the administrative side of the whole picture. I'll write that section up before I forget it and will throw the whole thing into three ~~phases~~ or four phases.

1. Events leading up to segregation.  
<sup>examination, registration, pressure groups</sup>  
Washington & Denver conferences.
2. Initial phase of the segregation program  
with the Liberals in the saddle. <sup>Half</sup> ~~Most~~ of the family interviewing completed. Gifford, Carter & Montgomery get along well.

3. Second phase of the program.

~~Best~~ Best becomes fed up with Harkness and listens a great deal to Grimmer.

Bob Brown from Mangum influences Best. Gifford brings in Friedman, Davis and others, and gradually Montgomery loses control. Interviewing completed. Train lists published. Protects of Arkansas group handled well. Best publishes "no more change" statement.

July 1932



Oct. 1, 1943

#### 4. Last phase

Interest in segregation dies down. Incoming groups increase. Housing problems arise. Social welfare put in charge of Friedman & Davis. Kalin from Washington causes administrative changes & changes of offices. Last trains leave.

Should also include handling of resistance cases.

On the ~~car~~<sup>train</sup> I was coach captain and got a chance to talk to all of the people on the coach. Nothing spectacular happened and I ended up by doing a lot of work, including the cleaning of the toilet, in return for the privilege of going to the next car to see Battie now and then. However, it gave me a chance to make contacts which are already proving convenient here in Minidoka.

Minidoka is a very quiet place, since most of the actual young people, especially boys, are out on indefinite or seasonal work. The camp is sprawled in lines of two blocks in a semi-circle, and takes 30-40 minutes to walk from one end to the other. I'm concurrently located in Blk. 13, and am now in a large room with a young bachelor. Two others who were supposed to show up didn't.



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The most interesting situation now is ~~the~~ housing. About 50 families were put in recreation halls <sup>with season partitions</sup> because there were no rooms of suitable sizes for them. They are all either couples or threes. The Administration says that they can all be accommodated if they will double up and go into larger rooms. Contrary to the policy of the ~~other~~ <sup>older</sup> residents, a policy of protest was taken, and partitions demanded by those remaining in recreation halls instead of doubling up in a room. The Administration promised small rooms <sup>first</sup> to those <sup>first</sup> who cooperated & doubled up into larger rooms, as small rooms were available through seasonal work or indefinite leave. I hope the Administration finds that the Tuleans are made of a different caliber from these acquiescent Minidokans. Sectional pride, you see. The negotiations are being organized by an expert in the labor relation field - Kintaro Takeda, with whom I am on fairly good terms.

I catch the Challenger from Portland at Shosstone, 9:30 a.m. and arrive at Chicago at 9 a.m. Coach is sufficient if we can be assured of seats. Hattie is anxious to go, of course.

de Young is not here at present & won't be back for a month. I'm afraid he'll miss some thing.

Leonty - 4

Oct 1, 1948

Hattie is in a recreation hall way at the other end of this place, and it's very inconvenient. The physical facilities are better, but rooms smaller than those we got at first in Tulare. In my block the people are ~~not~~ particularly antagonistic.

A sore thumb is awkward, but I manage. They took our typewriter to check for WRA typewriter.

So much for this time. Pardon the writing.

'Bye,

Leonty



October 8, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I was certainly glad to hear from you at long last and to know that you are settled in Minidoka, even though conditions are not so good.

Regarding the trip to Chicago: we find out, upon inquiry, that the Union Pacific trains do not reserve coach seats. This means that you should not go to Shoshone to catch the train, but should plan to go on the Southern Pacific. As far as I can figure, you should go to Twin Falls instead of Shoshone, and catch the Southern Pacific at Wells, Nevada. Please let me know whether this can be arranged. If so, we will get round trip tickets for you from Wells to Chicago. I am sure that is the way Frank traveled when he left Minidoka. Please let us know about this by return mail for it takes about a month to get the reservations. I think this would be far safer for you than to take your chance on the Union Pacific without any reservations.

We were sorry to hear about the loss of your thumb nail. I hope your hand is in good condition by now, and that you have managed to get your typewriter back. I am glad to note that you are writing up your segregation report, and I suppose that you will at the same time finish your report on registration. Frank hasn't yet completed his, but when he gets back from Washington he will, of course, have a great deal of material to add to the registration report. As a matter of fact, I am not sure that I told you that Frank went to Washington with Morton. There is a possibility that Morton may be drafted, and I wanted to be sure that we could clean up the Washington situation as quickly as possible, therefore, I asked Frank to go along too. They have been working day and night and pretty well combed the files of WRA. I am sure the material they are getting will be invaluable.

Whatever happened about the records and lists that you said Jacoby was going to give you on the segregants? I think that we can eventually get everything we want from the statistical files in Washington, but if you have anything that will be useful to me,

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please send it along. We have now worked up the data on indefinite leaves by age, sex and marital status and the fertility ratios for the calendar year. The results are most interesting.

Let me hear from you soon. Regards to Hattie.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



13-3-B  
n Hunt, Idaho  
October 12, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

Thanks for your letter. I'm glad to know that Frank and Morton are getting good material in Washington. Tom wrote to say that the Chicago office was a confusion. I guess he's lonely.

I shall find out about the train route right away, and will include it in this letter before I mail it.

My thumb is gradually healing, and it's gotten to a point where I can type without inconvenience. I have my typewriter back. The story is that 40 WRA typewriters were missing from Tule Lake and most of them were recovered.

For the last two weeks I haven't had much time to work on the segregation report. I've spent some time covering the housing conflict, which is going to make an interesting report, since it contrasts the attitude of the Tuleans with that of the Minidokans toward the administration. Since Mr. Takeda is in the Housing Section I can get a lot of material in that section from him. I am going to get the complete list of addresses of the Tuleans here on the Project. This will also serve as a check on who actually came here.

I've also tried to cover the attitude of Tuleans and Minidokans toward each other in general. Nothing intensive. I made a slight effort to look up some friends from Tule Lake, but I'm getting in a rut again. I am learning the importance of keeping up contacts to do my work well, and that requires time.

Evenings I've spent with Hattie, talking about curtains, gowns, and laces. I'll have to begin sandpapering and varnishing some of the furniture that I brought along with me. We've been trying to reserve a room for two, but they are almost impossible to locate. We've been offered what was formerly a fish market by Mr. Takeda, right next to the shoe repair shop in the service block. But both Hattie and her mother ~~does~~ not like the idea, although I myself think it would be fun if we put out a sign, "Fish Market, Closed Today."

From Dr. Jacoby I got the most recent list of repatriation cases, with date of application and withdrawal, which I'm sure you'll find useful. I'm sorry I couldn't get lists of those in other categories. I'm still trying to get

Dorothy--2

October 12, 1943

revisions of train lists through the mail. I find that I have the list of repatriates in my file yet, so shall send it along to you with the next batch of material.

I've been writing up my notes in shorthand until yesterday, and will have to find a typist to type them up for me. There will be a gap in my diary and journal for some time for this reason.

I'll be waiting to hear from you again.

'Bye,

P.S.

Jimmy

The darn girl here doesn't know a thing,  
& what's more she's an iceberg. You would  
think that girls around here couldn't offend  
that with so few men around, but Tulears  
dressed in dirty cords and a ragged jacket  
probably wouldn't rate. (leaves <sup>M.T.</sup> 10:30 a.m.)  
There's a bus from Twin Falls to Wells  
which gets to Wells at 1:15 p.m. (P.T.) So I  
think it's all right to make reservations  
from Wells to Chicago, although nobody  
seems to travel that way. The girl said that  
on the U.P. people could usually get seats  
by the time they got to Poncha. Or, she  
suggested that I take the bus from Twin Falls,  
if I wanted to make sure of a seat.



13-3-B  
Hunt, Idaho  
October 6, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I went after my typewriter yesterday which they kept to check up on WRA typewriters. My nailless thumb will probably not heal for some time, but it does not hinder my typing too much. It's inconvenient, but it gives me an excuse for getting Hattie to do my washing.

The main point of interest here is the housing situation, and the Tuleans, I believe, have come out on top. Those in recreation halls have refused to move. In the meantime a check-up of all vacant apartments was requested. It was found that there were 40 large apartments vacant, and 27 families of twos and threes in recreation halls. Still others have doubled up. There is a requisition out now to partition two ~~apartments~~ in barracks in each block to make additional smaller apartments, but this is a long range program which must receive approval from Washington. The alternative measures are: (1) To double up, (2) To stay in recreation halls, (3) To allow small families to move into large apartments. The first, the desire of the administration has definitely failed because of organized action on the part of Tuleans. The second cannot be long maintained without the administration receiving criticism and blame for any accident or illness that might result. Hattie, for instance, has caught a cold as a result of lack of heating facilities. There is a stove, but only at the end of the hall. The third seems to be the only solution possible, the one which the Tuleans want and the one which is opposed by Minidoka leaders. Many Minidoka families were forced to move from larger to smaller apartments in order to make room for incoming Tuleans. If small Tulean families are now allowed to move into these same vacated larger apartments, naturally the Minidoka people are going to complain. The brunt of the criticism is going to fall on the Housing Adjustment Board, consisting of about four old Isseis. They are still talking about getting the rec hall residents to double up into apartments. I met Mr. Sandoz, the social welfare counselor, and he admitted that there was no excuse now for keeping the large apartments vacant, when families had doubled up and still others were living in recreation halls. Within the next week or so the housing problem ought to be settled, and the Tuleans can begin their integration into the community proper. Maybe the Minidoka people will wake up to the advantages of organized action. Do I talk like an agitator? It's quite an exhilarating feeling.



Dorothy--2

October 6, 1943

The distribution of baggages and freight has~~x~~ been held up for lack of swampers. The Tuleans have again decided to take matters in~~the~~ their own hands, and volunteered in large numbers yesterday to help in unloading the freight cars. This again is the result of organized action, which was only made possible by the housing conflict. Two meetings of Tuleans were held so far to settle these matters, and another one is scheduled. So far efforts to organize a general Tule Lake group has failed, and if no further conflict develops, the organization of Tuleans should come to a halt, and integration with the community proper begin. This should not be too difficult~~x~~ because by and large the incoming Tuleans are received without too much antagonism by old residents. I sense, however, a struggle among the leaders for power. Since the Minidoka leaders seem to do very little for the people, perhaps some of the Tule Lake leaders will receive popular support. The administration will undoubtedly continue to support the more docile Minidoka leaders. This situation, I suppose, should constitute the focal point of my study here for the time being.

One other interesting aspect here in Minidoka is the fact that most of the young boys and many girls go out to do seasonal work. It would be interesting to study the effect of this source of work and income. It seems to have resulted already in girls dressing up in camp, wearing high heels and rayon stockings and silky things to work in the ad buildings. We have never written up~~x~~ an economic section, and I think I would like to try to write up a section centered around this abundance of seasonal work. I would be interested in finding out, among other things, what sort of people go out to do seasonal work or go out on indefinite leave and what sort stay. For this sort of study we can start to gather data for our statistical cards for the Tuleans here.

I wish I had someone here to talk things over with. De-Young is unfortunately gone for about a month, and I don't know anyone else who might be interested in my sort of work. Sandoz seems to~~x~~ be all right. I'll try to meet some of the others as I go along.

But I also have to get ready to get married, and my efforts will have to remain divided. It was that way all during the segregation program, and it is going to continue in that way, perhaps for ever. If I don't get married, I'd be fooling around with girls, so it's probably all the~~same~~.

Supplies requested:

- 2 reams yellow second sheets
- 2 reams white bond
- 1 box heavy or medium carbon paper
- 4 typewriter ribbons
- 1 box large envelopes 10 X 13 preferred or 9 X 12 o.k.
- 100 three cent stamps



Dorothy--3

October 6, 1943

This ought to keep me happy for sometime.

I am also sending in some receipts for work done on the cards at the rate of 50 cents per night for about two hours work.

Bob Iseri.....	\$3.50
Hatsume Murakami.....	1.50
Tadashi Ikemoto.....	3.50
Lena Mizoguchi.....	3.00
Dorothy Egi.....	2.00

Dorothy did some copy work ~~the~~ two days before I left Tule Lake of material I borrowed from Harry Mayeda. I'm sending them through to you. I am also asking for a check for \$3.80 for Hatsuye Aurose, 3-3-A, Hunt, Idaho, for 26 pages of copy work and five night's work on the cards. I still owe Azuko \$3.60, but I shall lump that in with the journal pages she is completing for me. I think this clears up the finances.

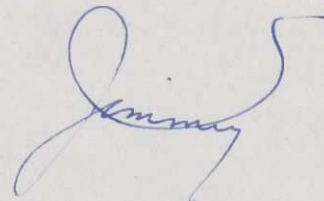
I am sending through the list of Failure to Reports and Reported but no choices. I shall try to get the list of actual resistance cases that remain in Tule Lake later on. I'm also trying to get a complete list of train schedules and changes of those who left Tule Lake. I shall also get a list of those who are here in Minidoka from this end. It would be very helpful if we could get a list of the families that stayed behind in Tule Lake, and I shall see what I can do about that through correspondence.

This, I believe, completes most of my back correspondence. I still have a lot of stuff to write up on segregation, but you know how I am on reports. Hattie and I are looking forward for news about the Chicago conference.

Mr. Kurose is here, and I'm going out with him to see if we can't get a small room for him someplace. I'll send through the failure to reports at a later date, since I should write up an explanation for it.

I'll be waiting to hear from you. My best regards to W.I. and the office force.

Sincerely yours,



October 18, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I have received various documents from you, also the list of repatriates, and so on. Thanks very much. It looks as though WRA is going to make quite an intensive statistical analysis. I don't think our work was wasted at all, for I feel we have stimulated them and have pointed out the way in which things should be done.

We are getting you two tickets from Wells to Chicago and reservations for the trip. For the return trip, reservations will have to be obtained in Chicago. As soon as we get the tickets, I shall send them to Chicago and ask the office there to arrange for your return reservations. You ought to get active in arranging a place to live. I imagine Tom can give you some advice about that.

I am having the University send you a travel advance of \$125.00. I will pay for the tickets myself and then ask you to send a personal check. Will let you know about that later.

Morton returns on Wednesday, and I'll write you again later in the week, and give you some idea what he has turned up.

Regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas



13-3-B  
Hunt, Idaho  
October 22, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I'm glad to hear that you were able to get the reservations to Chicago. Hattie still doesn't believe that she will be able to go along with me. I shall write to Tom to ask him about living arrangements. But I would like to know when we are leaving and when we are expected to come back. I'm assuming that we're leaving around the 26th, and am making wedding plans accordingly.

You'd think that we'd be married by this time, but there are all sorts of complications. First Hattie was shoved into a rec hall. Then she went shopping with her mother and couldn't get everything that she wanted. My best man is out on seasonal work, and he wants the wedding on Sunday, while Hattie does not like Sunday for a wedding day. She's gotten her material for a wedding gown, but I understand that there are other things to go with it. They don't want Japanese to go out to shop too often just now because there are too many of them out on seasonal work now, and that brings up the problem of how we are going to get flowers and have our picture taken, since they can't be gotten in here. Also, we still have to get a room for two, and they're so small--12 by 20. Her mother won't let her come to see me in my bachelor quarter, where I am staying alone, even to help me make the furniture. I can't seem to understand why things have to be just so, and I've come to the conclusion that it's best to agree that that's the way it should be, rather than to suspect that the ways of women are dark and devious. We have tentatively set the wedding date at Saturday, 20th, and we shall have to check up to see if it fits in with everything and everyone else concerned.

I have received the supplies and the stamps, and I shall be satisfied for a little while now.

I have finished the administration section of the segregation report in shorthand, and I shall allow it to get cold. I have started on the segregation report proper, beginning with a history of the segregation movement. This is the first really serious piece of writing that I am doing, and I am taking my time about it.

Myers is coming through here next week, and I have been invited by the Relocation Guidance Council to sit in on a meeting with him.

Mrs. Morita, Michi's mother, lives in my block and I have finally met her and also her husband. They are really very nice, and have begun to worry about a room for me.

Dorothy--2

October 22, 1943

May has been able to find a hotplate for me, and I shall return your coffee pot one of these days. Thanks for lending it to us. We shall have to keep the iron because I see none in sight yet.

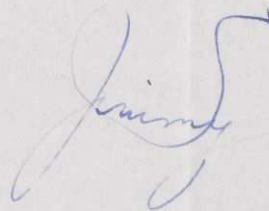
One of the things that Hattie couldn't get at Twin Falls was sheets. We would like a pair (2) for a double bed. We would like ~~two~~ 81 by 108 or 81 by 99. Hattie would like Percale sheets of fairly good quality, but not so stiff that they would be difficult to wash by hand. She thinks that they ought to cost about \$5.00 a pair, but she's not so sure. Could you see if you can get them for us in Berkeley, because if you can't we shall have to send elsewhere for them. I can send you a check for it, perhaps at the same time I pay you for the tickets.

This place is certainly dead, and if it weren't for my work, I think I would go bats staying here. One reason for there being so little organized activity here, I believe, is that the center was set up late, and the resettlement program was being planned by that time. Tule Lake, you remember, had several months in which to build up its activities before they were discouraged. The other factor, of course, is the availability of work nearby and the exodus of persons capable of work.

Ruby was married early this month to a Noby Inamoto, a Canadian Nisei who was working with her at the University of Minnesota. So that completes the list. Of the three I got started the earliest, and here I still have a month more to go!

I'll be looking forward to hearing from you again soon. My best regards to W.I. and the office force.

'Bye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. J. J.', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.



October 28, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to the Chicago staff which raises some questions of more than local interest. I have omitted the first page, which deals merely with budgetary matters. If you have any comments to make I should be happy to receive them.

Regarding your railroad ticket: we haven't yet received the reservations but expect to get them shortly. Unfortunately, we have discovered that we can only reserve seats for you on the eastbound trip. They will not make any reservations out of Chicago, westbound. This raises a rather serious problem for the trains are terrifically crowded, and service men are given precedence. I don't even know whether you could get a berth, tourist class, if you wanted to. But if you would like us to ask the Chicago office to try to arrange this, we should be glad to do so. Otherwise, you may have a very disagreeable trip back to Idaho, and I tell you about this so that you won't be disappointed when it actually happens.

Mrs. Wilson has kindly offered to get your sheets for you, and we will let you know how much they cost. I am delighted to hear that you were able to buy a hot-plate, but I assure you that you may keep the percolator if it is of any use whatsoever.

I hope you will be able to throw your segregation report into a rough draft before we meet in Chicago.

Best regards to Hattie.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure



13-3-B  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 1, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I was glad to receive your letter. Your lengthy note to the Chicago staff was very enlightening, but also in many respects amusing. I hope we're out of the jungle by now because we've groped in the dark for over a year now. I am not as confused as I was, and my segregation report will probably show whether I have the right slant on things or not. Being out here all alone makes it difficult to talk about technical matters, and I think the coming conference is going to do me some good. For the present I have no comments to make on your note, except to say that you seem to have put the whole problem down in black and white rather clearly. We've always been groping for a PROBLEM, and you now say that the problem is one of recording what is ~~taking~~ happening to evacuees. For myself I am laying the emphasis on the comparison of different types of people and of personalities with the hope that I can bring out some of the factors that cause the difference in reaction. From here on while I am in the center the political development and the attitude toward resettlement shall receive special attention.

I'm glad to hear that you have been able to make reservations eastbound. It's all right if you can't make it coming back. Perhaps it's just as well because the bus from Wells gets back after 8 p.m. and the last bus from Twin Falls to the project leaves at 7.30. I still don't know exactly when we are to leave and when we are to come back. I have to let Tom know how long we are going to stay so that he can find hotel reservations for us. Although I'm still stumbling along the first part of my report, I shall try to finish at least the historical account of the segregation program by the time I get to Chicago.

Hattie and I have set the wedding date for November 20, and everything is working out as well as one can expect under wartime conditions. I'm spending my evenings at Hattie's place turning out magnificent furniture--especially the chest of drawers I got from Sears. We've gone out shopping together once, and we got most of the things that we wanted. We still have to get a room somewhere, and it's supposed to be pretty difficult.

I'm getting Minnie Nakano to type up my back journal and diaries. She does very good work, better than Kazuko. I'll pay her at the same rate as Kazuko--eight cents a page--if it is all right with you. I'll hang on to my current diary till after the conference and send them in all at once. I don't want Hattie to feel self-conscious.



Dorothy--2

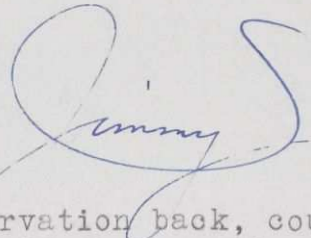
November 1, 1943

Thanks for making arrangements to get the sheets for us.

Will you please let me and Tom know when we are to be in Chicago and about when we are to leave the place, so that he can go ahead and make reservations for hotel room for us.

I'll be waiting to hear from you soon.

'Bye,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

P.S. Concerning the reservation back, could you ask the Chicago office to see if they can't get reservations on a tourist sleeper for Hattie and myself on the Union Pacific that passes through Shoshone. As I mentioned the connection from Wells is very poor, requiring an overnight stop in Twin Falls. Preferably the train should get into Shoshone by 6 or 6.30 in the evening. It won't matter too much if we have to make an overnight stop, though. The U.P. route is more direct and is preferred.

November 5, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing a few Exemption Certificates for you to sign and return. We have to hand them in when we get your railroad ticket.

Today I called the Southern Pacific office about your return trip and tried to get a tourist berth from Chicago to Shoshone on the Union Pacific. The agent suggested we get a tourist berth to Chicago, as well as return, as it only cost \$9.00 extra, and anyhow he couldn't get a tourist berth for the return trip on a coach ticket. Dr. Thomas said just to go ahead and get a tourist round trip ticket seeing there was so little difference in the cost. The coach travel was to save a little money for you, but the extra comfort will certainly be worth the \$9.00 extra for the tourist. We will hear from the agent in a day or two about picking up the tickets, and we will send them on to you as soon as we get them.

The sheets are being a little difficult to find, but we hope we will manage to get two for you in one of the Oakland stores, or in Hinks in Berkeley if they get delivery of the ones they were promised for this week. I am going down today to find out. The shelves are all so empty in the stores, and it is almost impossible to get linens, etc. But I'll do my best, and let you know how I come out after this weekend.

The best of luck to you both, and a nice trip to Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

M. W.

Enclosure



November 8, 1943

Dear Jimmy,

We have at last received word from the railroad that you have a tourist berth reserved both ways on your trip to Chicago. These are on Union Pacific both going and coming. You leave Shoshone on November 24, and leave Chicago on the return trip for Shoshone on December 11. So, you can immediately get in touch with Tom about finding a place to live. You will, I think, arrive in Chicago one day before we do and leave three days before we leave. The cost of all the tickets is \$174.04. We will later figure exactly what is to be allocated to Hattie, and we will save the receipts so you won't have to worry about them. In addition you owe me \$5.83, which Mrs. Wilson paid for the sheets which were sent out today. So, at your convenience, you can send me a check for \$179.87. As soon as we get your signed exemption slips, we will get the tickets and send them, along with a time table. I am delighted that we were able to get the reservations, for travelling is no joke these days under the best circumstances. By the way, you did receive a travel advance from the University, didn't you?

You must be relieved to have left Tule Lake far behind you. I hope that, when censorship is lifted, you can get some report of happenings from Mr. Obayashi.

More later. Sincerely yours,

12-12-C  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 16, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I promised you a check yesterday, but forgot to enclose it. Well, that's the sort of state I'm now in. I shall try to be sure to enclose a check this time.

Today I went to the Leave Section about my short term permit. I've gotten everything for both of us to leave on the 24th. I still have <sup>not</sup> received my train tickets yet, but presume that they are on their way. The only thing that we have to settle now is the matter of my check and also the housing in Chicago, about which I ought to hear soon from Tom.

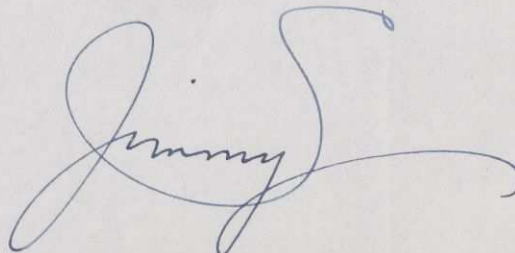
I also took a little time off to see deYoung. He seems to be a nice person, although I'm afraid I'm not going to agree with him wholly on how the resettlement program should be handled. I've promised to come back to see him after I come back from my trip. I think it's best to collaborate on some things to maintain some relationship. I shall want to talk this over with you in Chicago.

When getting my permit, I talked to Beeson, who is heading the relocation program here. He asked me to come in to see him before I leave. I think I shall because it'll give me a chance to get his views and also to try to get my two cents worth in. I'd hate to see the relocation program jumbled up worse than it is. They seem to be thinking of cutting down on seasonal work in order to discourage indefinite leave. But as deYoung has pointed out, just shoving people out with jobs doesn't mean that they'll be able to resettle. The program isn't that simple.

This may be the last time you'll hear from me until I see you in Chicago. If I get my tickets, I shall leave the project on the 24th. If I don't get my check in the meantime, I shall try to manage in some way.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you. W.I. is going to be there, too, I hope.

'Bye,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



12-12-C  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 15, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I'm going around in a daze these days, so don't mind any inconsistency on my part. This is a new experience for me, and I just can't get used to it.

Both Hattie and I were certainly surprised by the lovely set of matched towels we received today. We thought that such things didn't exist anymore--not things of such good quality, anyway. Hattie has been looking for them high and low, and Twin Falls is such a small dump. Anyway, when there's a camp nereby, you can't expect much things to be left on the shelf. We certainly appreciate the gift, and feel sorry we can't have you all at the reception. The Japanese would be mad if they were invited to the reception and couldn't get back their money's worth--some Japanese, anyway. Otherwise I should be obligated to send something back in return for your kindness, but I shan't. We shall be good Americans and appreciate your gift fully. Will you tell Morton and Mrs. Wilson that I was so happy? Hattie will be writing a note shortly, but we're so mixed up with moving just now. I'm writing tonight because I have a few points to clear up in preparation for the trip.

Since last Friday I have practically done no work. I went shopping/ to Twin Falls with Hattie and her mother, and we also got our license, had our pictures taken, ordered flowers. That night I heard the story of what actually happened in Tule Lake from one fellow. I've been thinking of pumping others who have come at the same time, but I haven't had time. I have a few leads to follow, but I can't do everything at once. On Saturday the Kuroses had to move to a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> person room, which they won't give to less than three persons. Hattie and I wanted that room, and so decided to have the Kuroses move in there before she left the family. So that took all day. I had to finish up some of the furniture which I started to varnish because the room would be too small for two families. Sunday all day I spent finishing up more furniture. Today I had to move my things to our room, and Hattie and I had to try to fix the place up. The Kuroses moved part of their things to another small room several blocks away, although they are going to stay in our room until we're married. Then we have to switch rooms, which is going to be troublesome. So you see, I couldn't have been doing much work. I've given up hope of doing much more work on the report. I'll correct what I have done and have it typed. I've finished only the introduction and started on the first part of the segregation program in Tule Lake. I'll try to get the Tule Lake story while it is still fresh in the minds of people who went through the experience. Otherwise, I would like to

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have the rest of the week off to get ready for my wedding.

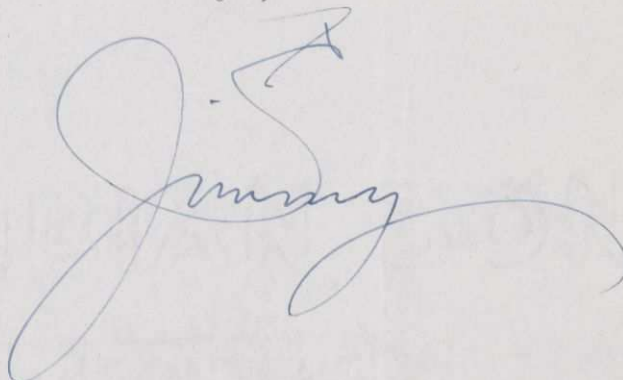
I'll talk a lot about money from now on because I'm finding out that I'll really need it. I have received the travel advance of \$125. I shall send you a check for \$179.87 with this letter. The preparation for the wedding is costing enough (even with help from the Kuroses) to make it advisable for me to receive my next check before I leave for Chicago. I would hate to get to Chicago and find that I can't pay my bills. It's not that bad, but if possible I would like to have the next check before I leave.

I haven't made any arrangements to get a short-term leave. I was rather hoping that you would send a letter of explanation, but tomorrow I shall go to the office to see how hard it is to get the permit. I shall burn the wires if it seems difficult. Hattie is still worried that she won't be allowed to go. I haven't received the tickets, but I presume that they are on their way.

Hattie and I are having a wonderful time trying to fix up our room, although just now it's in a mess. We won't be able to do too much with it before our wedding and trip, but we shall look forward to fixing it up when we come back. We are both superbly happy. Best regards from Hattie. She thinks that you're swell.

My best regards to Dr. Thomas, Morton and Mrs. Wilson.

'Bye,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.



13-3-B  
Hunt, Idaho  
November 9, 1943

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

I am sending back the exemption certificates back by return mail, signed as you requested.

I'm sorry to put you to so much trouble getting the sheets. I was afraid the shelves of the stores on the Coast would be empty, but I just hoped that you might be able to get it for us without too much trouble.

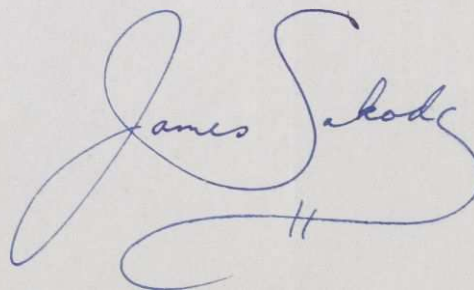
I'm glad that you've decided to get round-trip tickets for us from Shoshone. It's too bad we had to go to all the trouble that we did, because we could have made the reservations for tourist sleepers right here on the project. I hope you can get the reservations for us because if you do, it'll take a load off of our mind.

We would also like to know when we are leaving and coming back, as soon as possible. Of course, we'll know when you send us the tickets.

Plans for the wedding are shaping up wonderfully. I'm afraid the whole affair is going to be more elaborate than we first thought it would be, although it won't be a large affair. Hattie is having a beautiful gown made with a train, and she'll be wearing a veil and the rest of the paraphanelias. I think we've managed to snatch a room from the stingy Housing Board, but we've still got our fingers crossed. Some evacuees here in Minidoka are rather treacherous, in spite of the reports of appointed personnel members who have lived here. They say you can't even snitch an electric bulb without someone informing the administration. We never allowed things like that to occur in Tule Lake, you know.

I hope you can get the sheets for us because Hattie keeps asking everyday for them.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Skoda". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that ends in a double vertical stroke.

Enclosure

November 19, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

Dorothy is out of the office for a couple of days taking care of her regional meeting of the Social Science Research Council. We discussed yesterday the possibility of your getting your November check before leaving for Chicago, and we decided that that was a pretty remote possibility. As a consequence of our inability to get you your November check, I recall that Dorothy said that she hoped you would not send your check for the train tickets. Therefore, I am returning, attached, this check to you, and you can square all matters with Dorothy in Chicago after you receive your pay check.

With financial matters thus settled, I take this opportunity to give you and Hattie, once again, my very best wishes for the future, and Ruth adds her regards to mine.

Cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins  
Research Assistant

Enclosure: Check

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Hunt, Idaho  
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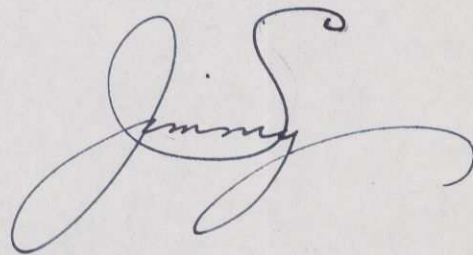
Dear Morton,

Thanks for your letter and for returning my check. I think there was a misunderstanding which I think I can explain. When I said that I wanted my check before I went, I meant my October check. I received my September check and deposited myself. Before that the University was depositing it for me, and the bank used to send me a deposit slip. For October I did not receive either the check or the deposit slip. But the check must have been deposited since I find that the statement from the bank shows a larger balance than my checkbook shows. It's all a mess, and maybe from now on Hattie will be able to take better care of the account. I shall hold Dorothy's check until I return. Financially we're all set to enjoy our trip to Chicago, although we won't be able to splurge.

I suppose I should allay your fears that there might have been bad effects from my marriage. Hattie and I are extremely happier--happier than we both dreamed we could ever be. We look forward to an enjoyable honeymoon trip, thanks to the University.

Thanks for the best wishes from you and Ruth. We certainly appreciate the wonderful gift you sent us.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Hunt, Idaho  
December 17, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I hope you are back from Chicago all in one piece. We didn't do so badly. We got a taxi all right after waiting about fifteen minutes, and walked around in the wind to get something to eat. The trip was uneventful. At Shoshone I met the recruiting team from Camp Savage on their way to Topaz. Only seven recruits from Minidoka, I understand. They must have come to the bottom of the barrel. Wonder if they'll start to draft the others. It wasn't so bad coming back to our little apartment. It's much cleaner than the smelly place Barry lives in, for instance. No reflection on Barry, of course. I have sugar, a couple of pounds of ham, and some canned goods, and so I can have breakfast at home. Hattie is very obliging.

I've sent pages of my journal. There are parts still being typed, and you'll receive those eventually. I am not sending the diary for the present. Since we are not supposed to study members on the Study my diary wouldn't be of much use, anyway. The real reason, of course, is that Hattie doesn't like to feel that our lives, including juicy portions, are under the scrutiny of our friends. So I shall neglect my diary more or less and keep a private, private diary for my own use. However, more will naturally go into my journal.

I'm trying to pick up where I left<sup>off</sup> on the segregation report. I still have difficulty deciding what should go into the report. In general I shall give a chronological account of events, and then throw in reactions of the people. I shall try to make a conscious effort to generalize about certain groups and about the type of people who make certain reactions--with care. I shall have a section on case histories to offer relatively uncontaminated basic data. In the section on analysis I shall try to compare the reactions of individuals, families, groups and shall try to raise some hypotheses that must be checked later.

The Spanish consul is coming here for a visit next week, and on the week following they are going to go to the polls to reject the proposed community council charter. The place is swarming with young kids back from seasonal work, and I now notice a spark of life in this place. But Taleans agree that it's not nearly as lively as it was in Tule Lake.

Mrs. Kurose works in our messhall, and drops in now and then before and after work. Hattie has shown that she is the mistress of the house, much to my relief. Mrs. K. wants to do a lot for us, but Mr. Kurose tells her to let Hattie do things by herself because it's going to become



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a bad habit. We wanted to have Mr. K. make us a shelf, but now Mrs. K. objects on the ground that he didn't let her do things for Hattie. These little dramas make life interesting.

I haven't anything to put on my expense account except the train fare and five dollar per diem--I hope.

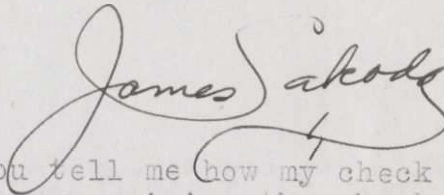
Will you please tell Mrs. Wilson that I now have a dependent?

DeYoung says that he thought he had made arrangements with Redfield whereby the course fee could be waived and we could still get credit. Maybe he did, but I personally doubt anyone's ability to get any credit at U. of Chicago without paying for it.

Now that I'm settled in a cosy little home, I shall try to start sending in weekly journals again.

My best regards to W.I.

'Bye,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Akoda". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the postscript text.

P.S. By the way, could you tell me how my check is being handled because I am neither receiving the check or the deposit slip for it. Maybe my bank has my Tule Lake address.

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Dear Jimmy:

I just received a call from the Accounting Office re your new status in connection with your tax deduction. Owing to the payroll being made up for the current month it will be impossible for the Accounting Office to make the adjustment this month. However, next month the new tax rate will be deducted. From the income tax table we have in the office this should be \$1.70 per month.

I made inquiries at the Bank today about your salary check for the month of November. From their records it would seem your check has been deposited regularly each month about the 29th or 30th. The clerk had no way of verifying if a deposit slip had been sent you or not, but on checking your address I found that the Bank has still your Tule Lake address in their records. The Accounting Office was informed of the change, but the Bank wasn't informed. I believe we should have taken care of that ourselves. So, today I made out a slip showing your change of address and it is hoped that you will receive the notification of the monthly deposit regularly after this.

Glad to hear you had such a good time in Chicago. Dr. Thomas came back with the flu' and had to stay home a couple of days. Yesterday she called up to say W.I. was down with it, too. He is keeping fine, and she expects to be in tomorrow.

~~Kind regards~~ Kindest regards to you and Hattie, and the best of luck for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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12-12-C  
Hunt, Idaho  
December 29, 1943

Dear Dorothy,

I hope you and W.I. are over with your flus. Both Hattie and I got it all over again, but at the moment we are feeling fine. Thanks a lot for the Christmas card with the lovely picture of the campanile. It certainly reminds me of Cal days. It might be a good idea if we had our next conference in Berkeley.

I'm plodding along very slowly, if I'm moving at all. It really takes time to get back into the groove. Too much of my time is taken up by just keeping up my journal, but I don't see how I can avoid that. Frank's complaint that the gathering of basic data is the most important thing tells me that it can't be neglected. I'm more selective than I used to be, however, and am following largely the following:

- Attitudes toward seasonal work and relocation
- Integration of Tuleans in Minidoka
- Comparative study of Tule Lake and Minidoka
- Attitudes toward selective service

I'm also following some of the more important events here on the project, such as the voting on the community charter. Also, I shall be on the lookout for possible case history material, for that, after all, is my real interest. I'm doing my own typing now and so will be able to keep up to date. I'm still having some back work typed by Minnie.

I've tried to pick up where I left off on the segregation report, but in the last ~~last~~ ten days or so I've just been writing a few pages and tearing them up. I was going to write a section on the reaction of the people to the educational program, but I don't seem to be able to do it. What I want to do is to say what sort of people reacted in certain ways. Which kind was swayed by rumors, which ones were able to rationalize their leaving Tule Lake and still not being considered disloyal to Japan. I want to generalize, and yet I'm afraid to. I want to have more basis for any generalization that I might make. What I think I'll do is to go ahead and write the rest of the report up, giving the administration program topically--segregation hearing, welfare interview, resistance cases, etc.--giving the administration viewpoint and events that took place. Then I'll try the reaction of the people once again in a separate section.

One thing that has occurred to me is that I can analyze my block people and base a great deal of my generalization on that. To a certain extent I can do the same sort of thing with the project in general, but here I run into the problem of sampling. One thing that can be done is to make use of our individual cards and check up on some of our



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hunches by comparing repatriates, resistance cases, the others who stayed, and those who left. Tabulation for education, occupation, block residence, former residence should produce interesting results. It's too bad that we can't get the family composition from the cards. I have the train lists, but not all of the revisions. Perhaps I could get the latter through Opler. Do you think that a tabulation of this sort could be made at the present time at the office? It would certainly be useful to me if you could.

I've talked to deYoung about the course with Warner, and he says that he had arranged with Redfield so that his students could take it without paying for the fees themselves. We haven't made any definite arrangements for this course, yet, but I suppose I should outline what I want to do. I shall probably have to wait until one of deYoung's students is enrolled in the course.

Please send \$25 to Minnie Nakano for clerical work she has done for me. She has transcribed or typed over 300 pages for me, and she has done a swell job of it. Her address is: 2-10-B, Hunt, Idaho.

Hattie and I are getting along wonderfully. When the new year rolls around we should be able to buckle down and get more work done. Since I find that I am~~st~~ still in the black even after the trip and the wedding, I hope to buy some magazines and books.

I still haven't gotten my leave clearance hearing. I understand that some Niseis are being sent back to Tule Lake, and this has again made it difficult to put down all that I want to. Anytime anything like that happens, I have to get secretive again. I suppose there's no sense in anyone's worrying about my going to Tule Lake. It would be comical if I did receive such an order Myer.

'Bye,

*James*

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December 30, 1943

Dear Jimmy:

Since you did not send in your expense account, we made out one for you and submitted it to the accountant's office. We should have had your pullman checks but decided to take a chance on the thing anyway. I am enclosing a copy. Will you please return it for our files?

I have been reading over your Journal on Minidoka and am much pleased with the detail you are getting on the conflicts between the Tuleans and the Minidokans. Also, I find your material on relocation very valuable. I hope you are making progress with your segregation report, for the beginning is certainly excellent.

I am enclosing one week of X's Journal, for I think he uses a system there that might be worth your copying. That is, every day he indicates to me items of importance from the project newspaper. I have subscribed to the newspaper, and clip and paste the items that he refers to. He also has a system of cross references to items that are of continuing importance in his Journal, so that I can easily follow through the history of any particular happening.

The reason you haven't heard from me before is that I had some more flu' when I got back, and then W.I. managed to get it, too. We are both doing well now and I am back on the job. I certainly enjoyed the conferences in Chicago, even if I don't think much of Chicago as a place. Hattie made a wonderful impression on all of us, and we think you are very lucky. It goes without saying that we think she is lucky, too.

Best regards and write soon.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosures