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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

June 3, 1943

Mr. Stewart Hardie, Clerk
County of Gilliam
Condon, Oregon

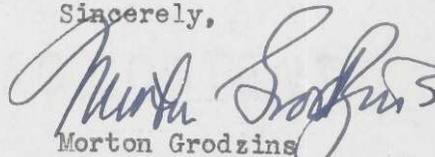
Dear Mr. Hardie:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Gilliam County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

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*no interest whatever
no action*



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Mr. Verne Stratton, Clerk
County of Clatsop
Astoria, Oregon

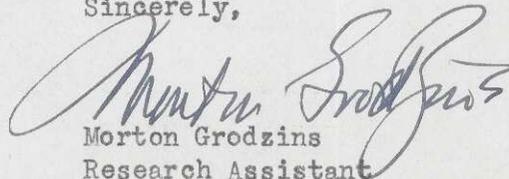
Dear Mr. Stratton:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

No ~~Orders~~, Resolutions or Orders have been made by the County Court of Clatsop County, relative to Japanese in this County.


County Clerk.

C

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June 3, 1943

Mr. Guy H. Pace, Clerk
County of Clackamas
Oregon City, Oregon

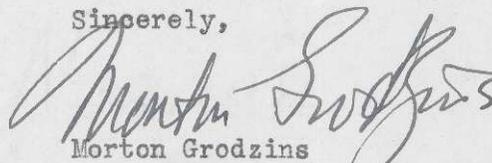
Dear Mr. Pace:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

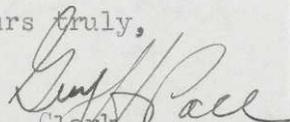

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

June 7th, 1943

The County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon has passed ~~no resolutions~~ or has it to my knowledge discussed the matter as this County does not have or did not have but a few Japanese residents.

Yours truly,


Clerk

B

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Mr. A. B. Combs Jr., Clerk
County of Baker
Baker, Oregon

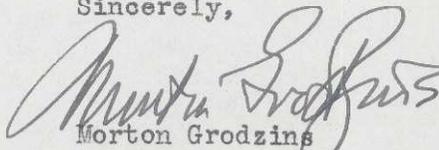
Dear Mr. Combs:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Baker County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

No Resolutions.

A. B. Combs, Jr.,
County Clerk of Baker County

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June 4, 1943

Mr. W. B. Dillard, Clerk
County of Lane
Eugene, Oregon

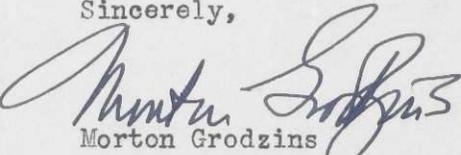
Dear Mr. Dillard:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Lane County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

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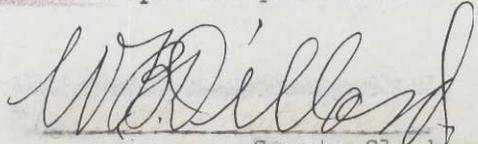
June 7, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

The County Court has taken no action on the Japanese question.

Yours truly,


County Clerk

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June 4, 1943

Mr. R. M. Russell, Clerk
County of Linn
Albany, Oregon

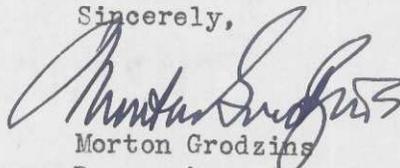
Dear Mr. Russell:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Linn County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

June 8, 1943

No County resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. have been passed by the County Court of Linn County in regard to the West Coast Japanese, nor do I know of any such action by any of the municipalities of Linn County.

County Clerk.

M

H. C. MATTSON, COUNTY CLERK PRO TEM

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

SALEM, OREGON

June 7, 1943

University of California
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen:

I am this day in receipt of your inquiry in regard to action taken by the Board of County Commissioners for Marion County, Oregon in regard to the evacuation of the Japanese from Marion County.

No formal action as ever been taken by our Board of ~~County Commissioners~~ with the exception that they have made it known that they desire to cooperate with the army and the Civilian Defense Councils. I would suggest that you write directly to the Marion County Defense Council, Room 1, Ladd & Bush Bank Bldg., Salem, Oregon for further information.

Yours very truly,

H. C. Mattson
County Clerk Pro Tem

HCM/m

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June 7, 1943

Mr. C. K. McCormick, Clerk
County of Union
LaGrande, Oregon

Dear Mr. McCormick:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Union County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

None

We have no Jap population here and the Court has taken no official action re Japanese control, et

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Mr. Ben W. Coutant, Clerk
County of Josephine
Grants Pass, Oregon

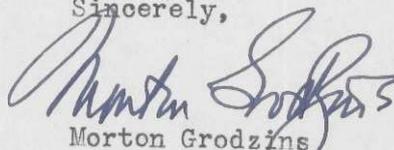
Dear Mr. Coutant:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

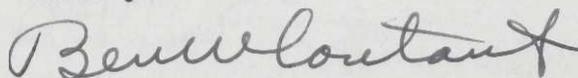
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON-- This particular section of the United States has for many years been minus any foreign element. There has been no resolution by the county court. I imagine the attitude of the community would be definitely against any influx of Japanese into the Rogue River Valley.



Ben W. Coutant, County Clerk.

D

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June 4, 1943

Miss Mable G. Livesay, Clerk
County of Deschutes
Bend, Oregon

Dear Miss Livesay:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

We have no japs in Central Oregon
and no public bodies have passed
any resolutions on the problem
Many people feel that they should be
paid for their property and sent to any
place available for them of their choice,
L. Allen - County Judge

T. A. POWER, County Judge
F. E. STANGLAND, Commissioner
PERRY SOUTH, Commissioner

BOYD R. OVERHULSE,
District Attorney

County Court Meets the First
Wednesday in Each Month.

H. A. DUSSAULT, Sheriff
ROBERT C. PERCIVAL, County Clerk
ELIZABETH GREEN, Treasurer
WILLIAM BROWNHILL, Assessor
LILLIAN WATTS, Supt. of Schools
W. H. SNOOK, Health Officer

JEFFERSON COUNTY

MADRAS, OREGON

Jan. 7, 1944

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
University of California
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter on my desk dated September 21, 1943 addressed to Mr. R. C. Percival, County Clerk, Madras, Oregon. Mr. Percival resigned his office sometime ago, and no doubt this letter has been mislaid until now.

The information you asked for is in regard to the action taken by our County concerning the West Coast Japanese. The proposition of evacuation of Japanese and the measures taken by the Army is in accordance with the members of this court. *ideas of*

Now the proposition comes up what should be done with the Japanese after the war is over. I took this matter up with the County Commissioners recently, and they, as well as myself, are not anxious to have an alien people with us who do not believe in our form of government. Their sole ambition and reason of being here in this country is to exploit the country and send all available money to their homeland as well as sending their children back to Japan to be re-educated along their ideas of world possession.

However, on the other hand, we do not feel that it would be fair and equitable to those Japanese who fought in the present war on our side to be given the same cold shoulder as the ones who undermined our people. We think that these Japanese who were loyal to this country should be given the same opportunities as any other race who fought for us in this conflict.

Very respectfully yours,

T. A. Power

T. A. POWER, County Judge

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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

January 5, 1944

Mrs. Nellie Watts
Mr. R. C. Percival, Clerk
County of Jefferson
Madras, Oregon

Dear Mr. Percival:

The survey of the University of California on action taken by local government units of the three Western states with respect to Japanese Americans is almost complete. The object of this survey is to have complete data on resolutions, ordinances, etc., passed in regard to the West Coast Japanese, as well as on the attitude of local community leaders. Results so far indicate a pattern of great interest and perhaps of importance to a post-war program in regard to the Japanese.

Your county is one of the few which has not answered either of the previous two communications. Lack of an answer suggests lack of action, or lack of interest in the problem. To insure complete accuracy, however, would it be possible for you to fill in the lines below and return this sheet?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Encl.
MG:mw

1. This county has taken no action with respect to the West Coast Japanese since December 7, 1941. no action

2. This county passed the following resolutions. (Describe briefly or attach copies).
Date: _____ Action _____

Date: _____ Action _____

3. Comment (Attitude of Board, etc.) _____

Signed *Nellie Watts, Clerk*

W

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June 7, 1943

Mr. D. B. Reavis, Clerk
County of Wallowa
Enterprise, Oregon

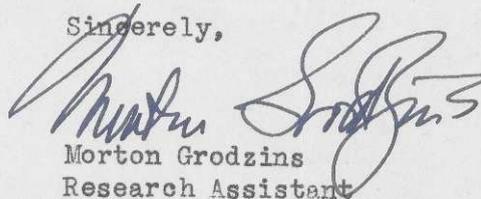
Dear Mr. Reavis:

As you may know, the University of California is sponsoring a research project to study intensively the various aspects of the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement. One very important segment of our study will be a survey of the measures taken in regard to the West Coast Japanese by a group of selected local government units.

Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you can give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date as well as during January and February of 1942 (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated. Your cooperation will constitute a valuable contribution to the success of this research project and, perhaps, to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

MG:cl

~~NO ACTION OF ANY KIND HAS BEEN TAKEN SO FAR BY THE~~
WALLOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE WEST
COAST JAPANESE SITUATION.

MARJORIE MARTIN
COUNTY CLERK

OFFICE OF
COUNTY CLERK, MALHEUR COUNTY
VALE, OREGON

June 8, 1943.

Mr. Morton Grodzins, Research Assistant,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 4th inst., I am inclosing a copy of the only order or resolution entered by our County Court in re the Japanese matter. A sum of money was placed in our budget for last year for the purpose of hiring guards, but only one man was placed at one of the camps for a very short period. We have had no trouble with them at all. There are quite a lot of them in this County at the present time and practically are good workers and have saved many hundreds of acres of crops. Also quite a lot of them have leased farms thruout the County and the people here seem quite reconciled to having them around. I think this is going to be true, however, only for the duration; as the sentiment of most of the people I have talked with is that we don't want them to stay after this is all over.

Truly,

Clerk.

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IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A POLICE GUARD
FOR JAP LABORERS.
-----X

This matter coming on at this time for consideration upon the request of a large delegation of farmers for police protection for Jap laborers to be imported; and the Court feeling that an emergency exists at this time it is therefore moved by Irwin Troxell that the Sheriff be authorized to employ all necessary deputies to provide adequate police protection for Jap laborers if brought in with the understanding that the citizens Committee will do all it can to make the project selfsustaining financially through contributions or otherwise from individual Japs. Seconded by C.A. Marshall and carried.

B

A. J. MOORE
COUNTY CLERK OF BENTON COUNTY
CORVALLIS, OREGON

June 8, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
207 Giannini Hall, Univ. of Cal.
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

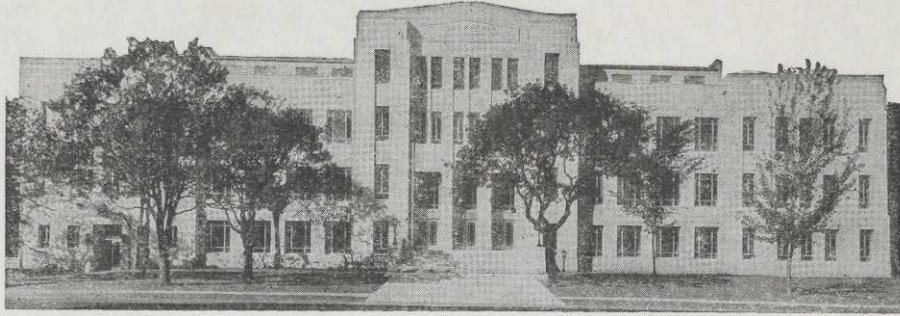
In answer to yours of the 3rd, I respectfully advise that there has been no action taken by the County officials in respect to ~~restricting~~ the Japanese from this county.

However, I wish to advise that this county is all practically in military area, and Japanese and other foreign element are pretty well looked after by the army, as we have a large military cantonment and also a large air base.

Yours very truly,


County Clerk

AJM:dh



G. R. CARTER
CLERK OF JACKSON COUNTY
MEDFORD, OREGON

June 8, 1943

University of California
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen:

In regard to yours of the fourth instant regarding any action taken by the Board of County Commissioners pertaining to the Japanese evacuation and resettlement, I wish to say that the few Japanese that were located here at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor were evacuated and placed in concentration camps under orders from General DeWitt.

Recently there was a meeting of the chambers of commerce, county court, and various citizens to discuss the Japanese situation and the advisability of appealing for the release of some to relieve the extreme shortage of help that is needed in various fields. The county court was very much opposed to any such action and felt that the matter is being well handled and in the proper hands.

Very truly yours,

G. R. Carter
County Clerk

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S
SHERMAN COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

MORO, OREGON

June 10, 1943

University of California
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California.

Attention: Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Dear Mr. Grodzins:

Responding to your letter of the 7th instance relative to county resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc., that have been passed by our local governmental units with regard to the West Coast Japanese since Pearl Harbor, please be advised that no resolutions, ordinances, restrictions etc., have been passed; which is due to the fact that we were fortunate in not having had, and at the present time do not have, one Japanese within the boundaries of our county.

Each and all of our local governmental units are heartily in accord with the measures taken and adopted by other coastal localities and our law enforcement officials are constantly on the alert watching for any subversive activities by any race or creed.

No action has been taken relative to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Yours very sincerely,

Ross Ornduff

County Clerk.



OFFICE OF

CLERK OF GRANT COUNTY

CANYON CITY, OREGON

June 10, 1943

University of California

207 Giannini Hall

Berkeley, Calif.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of June 3rd, 1943, regarding Japanese:

This court with Co-operation with Edward Hines Lumber Co. of Hines, Harney Co. Oregon, have directed that a certain number of Japanese workers may be brought into Grant County, Oregon, for labor on railroad work,. How far this will be carried out, has not yet been determined.

Yours very truly

Bessie St Marie

County Clerk

Wm. M. CARROLL

Clerk of Harney County

BURNS, OREGON

June 10, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins,
207 Giannini Hall,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter relative to the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement Survey, will advise, the County Court of Harney County, Oregon has made no resolution, ordinance or restriction with regard to the West Coast Japanese.

Very truly yours,

Wm. M. Carroll

County Clerk

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Tillamook County

W. THOMAS COATES, COUNTY CLERK

TILLAMOOK, OREGON

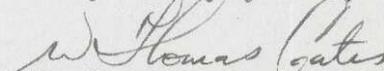
June 11, 1943

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

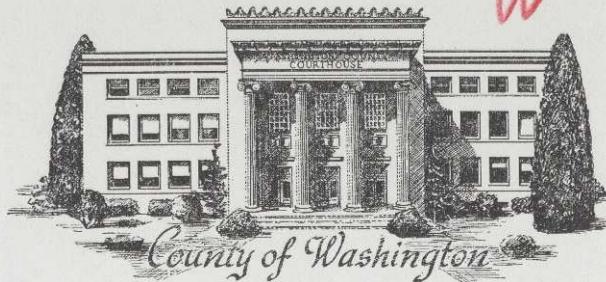
Our Board of County Commissioners has taken no action whatever regarding the Japanese situation. The Japanese have never been considered a serious problem in this particular territory.

Very truly yours,


W. Thomas Coates,
County Clerk

WTC/va

W. A. TUPPER
CLERK



CLERK'S OFFICE

HILLSBORO, OREGON

June 12, 1943

Morton Grodzins, Research Assistant
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 7th, 1943,
our County Court has not passed any resolution
re: Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement.

Before this evacuation Washington County had quite a number of Japanese farmers and gardeners throughout the county. Most of them being in the business of strawberry raising, many of them being American born. I suggest that you write to the County Agent of Washington County, as that department is more familiar with farmer's opinions and the sentiments of the Farmer's Union and various farm organizations.

Very truly yours,

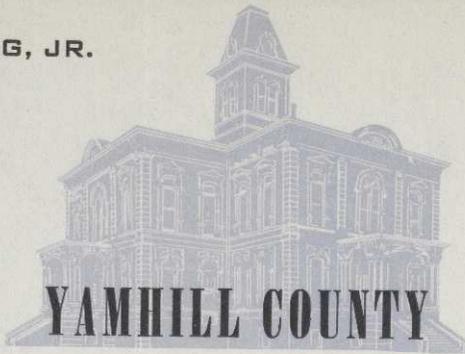
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. A. Tupper".

W. A. Tupper
COUNTY CLERK

WAT/wek

JOHN HERRING, JR.

Clerk



Y

McMINNVILLE, OREGON

June 14, 1943

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
207 Giannini Hall
Berkley, California

Dear Sir:

The Yamhill County Court has never passed any resolutions, ordinances or restrictions on anything of this nature in regard to the West Coast Japanese since December 7, 1941. There were only two or three families in this county at the outbreak of the war and they were punctually rounded up by the Federal Authorities. The Yamhill County Court has not been called upon to take any action against the Japanese in this county. Neither have they instigated any action against the Japanese on the West Coast.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Herring, Jr.", is written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial "J".

County Clerk

JH:MV

M

COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PORTLAND, OREGON

COMMISSIONERS
F. L. SHULL
C. C. BRADLEY
TOM H. WEST

June 15, 1943

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
University of California
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Be it remembered, that at a meeting of the Board of
County Commissioners held June 14, 1943, the following action was taken:

Req Morton Grodzins, Research Ass't, University)
of California, for copies of any resolution, ordinances,)
restrictions, etc., passed by the Board of County Com-)
missioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor relating to)
the west coast Japanese)

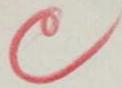
ORDERED that the petitioner be advised that the Board of
County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon, has never passed any resolutions,
etc relative to the said matter.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Alpha R. Gloss
Clerk

DD



OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COURT

COOS COUNTY

COQUILLE, OREGON

June 16, 1943

L. D. FELSHEIM, COUNTY JUDGE
LARS P. PETERSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
P. W. CULVER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to Mr. Lloyd W. Oddy, County Clerk of Coos County, has been handed to this office for reply.

In regard to resolutions, ordinances, restrictions, etc. passed by this Court with regard to the West Coast Japanese, we wish to advise that there were no orders of any kind passed in this county at the time ~~or since the~~ attack on Pearl Harbor.

Very truly yours,

Marie Bellah

Secretary to County Court

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

September 21, 1943

Mr. C. W. Barlow, Clerk
County of Morrow
Heppner, Oregon

Dear Mr. Barlow:

Several months ago, I addressed letters to the Boards of County Commissioners of a group of selected West Coast counties, requesting information about the action taken by those counties with regard to the West Coast Japanese. Your county is one of the few counties from which we have as yet received no reply.

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"Would it be possible for you to send to this office copies of any resolutions, ordinances, local restrictions, etc., that have been passed with regard to the West Coast Japanese by your Board of Commissioners since the attack on Pearl Harbor? Any report you could give, in addition, on the sentiment within the Board as of the present date, as well as during January and February of 1942, (measures discussed, etc.) would also be appreciated."

The replies we have received to date have indicated a pattern of action and of attitudes which is of great interest and which, perhaps, may make a contribution to a post-war program in regard to the West Coast Japanese.

We are most desirous of hearing from your county in order to make our study a complete one, and we would greatly appreciate your help in supplying the needed information. The enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is supplied for your convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Enclosure

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There has been no resolutions, ordinances or restrictions passed by the County Court with regard to the Japanese or other aliens.

C. W. Barlow

County Clerk.

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September 21, 1943

Miss Nora F. Stearns, Clerk
County of Crook
Prineville, Oregon

Dear Miss Stearns:

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Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

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Enclosure ✓

County Judge advises no action has been taken by them.
Nora F. Stearns County Clerk.

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BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

September 21, 1943

Miss Mae K. Short, Clerk
County of Klamath
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Miss Short:

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Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Enclosure

There has been no resolution or restriction on the part of county commissioners of Klamath County and there has been no attitude or sentiment expressed in support of the most common position which our government takes. I am very truly yours, County Clerk Freeman

F. E. GILKEY, JUDGE
E. G. CALKINS, COMMISSIONER
J. C. BARCLAY, COMMISSIONER
ILAH CENTER, TREASURER
ROBERT E. COLLINS, CLERK

L. G. ENGLISH, DIST. ATTORNEY
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O. N. CALLANDER, CORONER
A. M. CANNON, SCHOOL SUPT.
Z. M. DERRICK, SURVEYOR

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County of Lincoln

TOLEDO, OREGON

September 23, 1943 ✓

University of California
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen: Answering yours of the 21st: Lincoln county, at the outbreak of the war, was free of Japanese, and of course have none at this time. Having contacted several organizations, such as chambers of commerce and other service clubs, I find no resolutions or suggestions on the Japanese situation in this county.

Yours truly

R. E. Collins
County Clerk

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COLUMBIA COUNTY COURT

RAY TARBELL, COUNTY JUDGE

ST. HELENS, OREGON

Sept. 24 1943

Morton Grodzins

Dear Sir

I do not remember having recieved any previous letter from you. We had very few Japanese in this County before the War, and we do not want any after the War. In fact we will go to any length to see that we do NOT have any.

No resolutions or orders have been
passed by the County Board of Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

Ray Tarbell

Ray Tarbell

County Judge

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January 5, 1944

Miss Oleta A. Walker, Clerk
County of Curry
Gold Beach, Oregon

Dear Miss Walker:

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours

Morton Grodzins
Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Encl.
MG:mw

1. This county has taken no action with respect to the West Coast Japanese since December 7, 1941. No action taken

2. This county passed the following resolutions. (Describe briefly or attach copies).

Date: _____ Action _____

Date: _____ Action _____

3. Comment (Attitude of Board, etc.) _____

Signed

Oleta A. Walker
Co. Clerk Curry Co.,
Oregon

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BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

January 5, 1944

Mr. H. W. Scherrer, Clerk
County of Wasco
The Dalles, Oregon

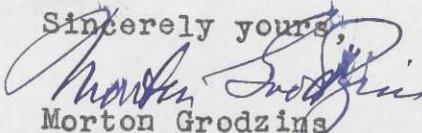
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Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Encl.
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 2. This county passed the following resolutions. (Describe briefly or attach copies).
Date: _____ Action _____

Date: _____ Action _____

3. Comment (Attitude of Board, etc.) The County Court of Wasco County has taken no action in the matter above referred to???
above

Signed _____

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January 5, 1944

Mr. Scott Sasser, Clerk
County of Wheeler
Fossil, Oregon

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Research Assistant

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Date: _____ Action none

Date: _____ Action _____

3. Comment (Attitude of Board, etc.) _____

Signed Scott Sasser
County Clerk

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January 5, 1944

Mrs. E. B. Casteel, Clerk
County of Umatilla
Pendleton, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Casteel:

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Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

Encl.
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3. Comment (Attitude of Board, etc.)

*only one Japanese family in this community
as far as I know -*

Signed *Mrs E B Casteel*
Clerk

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January 5, 1944

Mr. Carl W. Pendleton, Clerk
County of Lake
Lakeview, Oregon

Dear Mr. Pendleton:

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No action has been taken. There was one family of Japanese here but the sons are in the Army & the old parents and some younger children are here.

Signed *Genevieve Hanks*
County Clerk



EARL T. NEWBRY

SECRETARY OF STATE
SALEM, OREGON

May 23, 1949

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart
424 Wheeler Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

Replying to your letter of May 19th, I respectfully advise that there is an association of county commissioners and county judges in Oregon, the President of which is Mr. Grant Murphy, County Judge, Marion County Courthouse, Salem, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

Earl T. Newbry
Secretary of State

DOH: smd

424 Wheeler Hall
25 May 1949

Judge Grant Murphy
Marion County Courthouse
Salem, Oregon

Dear Judge Murphy:

I am informed by Secretary of State Earl Newbry that you are the President of the Association of County Commissioners and County Judges of Oregon. I am writing to you for some information to assist me in a project which I am making on public opinion with regard to the Japanese at the time of Pearl Harbor.

I find that at that time many individuals on the West Coast were concerned with the possibility of sabotage and espionage by enemy aliens and to counter this threat, advocated the evacuation of the Japanese. I find that many organizations of one sort or another went on record as favoring such a move under Federal control.

I would like to know if the Association of County Commissioners of Oregon passed a resolution favoring the evacuation of the Japanese. If so, I would like to have a copy of it.

Did the Association circularize member Commissioners in regard to this matter? Do you know if any Oregon cities passed such resolutions as a response to such approach?

Any information you can give me along this line would be very useful.

Sincerely

Edward M. Bernhart
Assistant professor

County Clerks & Recorders Assoc.
Secy, Esther Loebe
Tillamook, Oregon

424 Wheeler Hall
30 June 1949

Judge Grant Murphy
Marion County Courthouse
Salem, Oregon

Dear Judge Murphy:

I addressed an inquiry to you on May 25, but apparently the letter has gone astray as I have not heard from you. I wrote that I was interested to discover whether the Association of County Commissioners and County Judges of Oregon had passed any resolutions regarding the desirability of evacuating the enemy aliens on the Pacific Coast in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor, or had held any meetings to deal with this subject, or had circularized its members in regard to the matter.

A book, recently published in the east, "Americans Betrayed" by one M. Grodzins, takes the stand that the evacuation of the Japanese was brought about by pressure groups, selfishly motivated by economic interests, spurred public opinion to demand evacuation. A colleague and I feel that this is a false picture, that there was wide-spread fear in all ranks of society about the danger of sabotage timed to coincide with an attack by the Japanese from the sea.

We are therefore interested in discovering in as much detail as possible what organizations discussed evacuation and what grounds they gave for its desirability. By and large, we find that fear of attack was primary and spread through all reaches of our country.

I would appreciate any information you can give me of the activities of your Association. If resolutions were passed or letters circulated to the county members, I would very much like to know of it and to have copies of such material.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant Professor

424 Wheeler Hall
19 May 1949

Mr. Carl T. Newbry
Secretary of State, Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if there is an association
or organization made up of County Commissioners in Oregon
corresponding to the Washington State Association of County
Commissioners, and if so, who is its president or secretary
and his address.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Asst. Professor

424 Wheeler Hall
June 30, 1949

Miss Esther Locke, Secy.
County Clerks and Recorders Assoc.
Tillamook, Oregon

Dear Miss Locke:

A colleague and I are engaged in writing a history of events on the Pacific Coast in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. One item of interest to us is the evacuation of the Japanese and other enemy aliens from the coast, and the public opinion that lead to it.

Would it be possible to find out through your association if any County Commissioners or any County Grand Juries passed resolutions calling for the evacuation or internment of enemy aliens in the three months after December 8, 1941?

A number of California counties and county Grand Juries which felt the possibility of sabotage, passed such resolutions.

I would now like to learn if any did so in Oregon.

Sincerely

Edward N. Barnhart
Assistant professor

OFFICERS

JUDGE GRANT MURPHY,
PRESIDENT
SALEM

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VICE-PRESIDENT
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SECRETARY-TREASURER
SALEM

F. L. PHIPPS,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
THE DALLES

Association of Oregon Counties

SALEM, OREGON

July 5, 1949

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FRANK L. SHULL,
PORTLAND

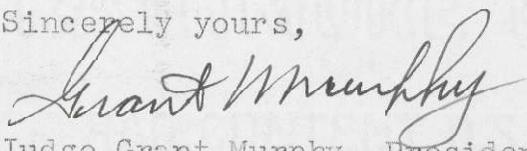
Edward N. Barnhart, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Professor Barnhart:

I do not know of any resolution by the Association of Oregon Counties relative to the evacuation of aliens from the Pacific Coast during the war period.

While I have been a member of the Association of Oregon Counties during all of that period, I do not have the records available to make a definite research on this matter and am therefore taking the liberty of forwarding your communication to Judge F. L. Phipps, executive secretary of the Association of Oregon Counties and am asking him to reply.

Sincerely yours,



Judge Grant Murphy, President
Association of Oregon Counties

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PORTLAND

July 6, 1949.

Mr. Edward N. Barnhart,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Speech,
424 Wheeler Hall,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Professor Barnhart:

Judge Grant Murphy, President of the Association of Oregon Counties, has forwarded to me your letter of June 30 together with his reply of July 5 and has requested that I make further reply to your inquiry.

I have acted as Executive Secretary for the Association of Oregon Counties for the past 12 years and have personally arranged the programs and prepared the minutes of the proceedings of all the annual conventions and interim regional meetings of the Association during that time. I have no recollection of any action taken at any of these meetings with reference to the desirability of evacuating the Japanese residents of Oregon during the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor. In order to refresh my memory, I have examined my office copies of the minutes of all the meetings held within a few months of the Pearl Harbor attack and I do not find a reference to any discussion on this subject.

It is possible that some of the county officials, especially those in counties where prejudice existed against the Japanese, had decided views on the subject but no attempt was ever made by them to inject such matters into our business sessions.

Very truly yours,

F. L. Phipps

F. L. Phipps,
Executive Secretary.

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