

J 10.12

1-11-43
(rec 1-12-43)
AllLeighton

JEvans

Abt 1.30 I drew JE aside to tel him my reacts to t plan brot up n staf ts a.m. to mov t evacs by adminact. Fr not s on ts see end f staff meetg ts date. JE listnd crfl and sd at end ~~me~~, u got somtg tr. Th I got cald awa to phone.

Bfr I got launchd on my spiel, he told me ta he hd an apthn ment n a fu mins w WH to chu t fat abt somtg. Rt nw WH z w RedC Takehashi who hs applied fr repatriatn.

HJohnsn
HSmith

Sevl dys ago I z n HJohnsn's ffice and sne showd me a machine fr makg passes wc sne sd HSmith hd brot to her sag ta t pkg hd been n his ffice fr mos and he hd just got arwnd to ong it t othr dy to find out wat z n it. She sd ts w a rye smile, and refrd to al t passess sne hd sat hr makg out and t tm it hd takn up al t tm t machine z sitg n HS's ffic.

WWHead.

CEC

Jim
Yohiro

Abt 9.30 I hrd him com nto his room and I went nto see him. He hd hd a meetg ts p.m. w t CEC and I askd him abt it. He sd it z al rt and tn went on t sho me a botl f wine fathr C hd brot him. I want let him get awa w ts and pinnd him dwn a ltl. He lookd v tired and ~~h~~ prob hs reluctance to talk z du to fatigue w t worries f t dy jst as he z gog to bed. Hwvr I got out f him ta t CEC z worried abt t IAB's rqst fr tm to resign. Ty rd to him a list f t chrges agn tm, f wc tr wr 5. F tes ty sd t only one whr ty hd anytg at al z t one referg to hvg askd fr t money fm t Spanish Ambassador. Ty sd ty hd not done ts as a comitee b admitd ta som f t comitee membrs wr n on it as ndivdls. WH sz ty see tr politicl mistake n ta nw. WH told tm ta if t IAB and t cwncl togethr told tm to resign, ty wd hv to do it. Ty agreed to ts. N WH wondrd if t cwncl wd tel tm to resign, he kind f thot ta Jim Yohiro hd a grp f som sort on tm, and ma be cd keep tm n line. He refrd t Jim and hs tufs.

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Tes he felt wr al gd men and nd nevr givn any trbl. Ty knu tr job and dd t wrk wel. I told him nt to wrry too me abt tm. He got talkg abt t Procurmnt Dept and told f orarg som fertilizr Nov 14th and tn checkg up on t ordr 2x per week and beg told al t tim ta it wd be n n a fu dys and tn ~~xxxx~~ rentl he askd Spud Palmer to make a thorough search and he fwnd t ordr and it nd nevr been sent out.

Mrs H told f a Jpns woman, t wife f dentist Takenashi who s a sstr to Mrs. Doi and Mrs Kukuchi who coms n to pla y Mrs H's piano n t pms frq. She gets awa fm it al ta wa.

1-12-43
(Date)
AHLeighton

Gene Sugioka

Ts p.m. Gene Sugioka cam to my ffice to talk abt t pictrs he s makg and told me ta he s tqg f tryg to get a Govt job, draftg or somtg f t sort. Th he sat on talkg abt tgs n camp 2, fr abt half an hour w v fu qestns fm me. He livs n blk 221. His wife & 1 chld, and parents. Tr s a lot f feelg n blk and q persn falls nto 1 f two classes, pro- Amer and pro-Axis. Wn u stand abt t fires, ta s al u hr, t pro-axis talk, and if us sa anytg els, or evn if u dont agree w tm, ty r on u at once and call u an Inu. He s Pro-Amer himslf. Tqs nrl al tos who ~~mf~~ hv property valu tr citzns hip, b tos who hv notg or who hv sold q tg, ty sa ta "ty dont want tr citizn". Gene hs a hws, a car and som land stil. Abt half t Issei and nrl al t N r pro-Amer, b t other grp s t noisey one and ty shout dwn wat t othrs sa, and ty r afraid to talk fr fer f getg betn. T pro-axis grp r holdg meetgs al t tim fr no purpose at al. I askd wat tr aims wr and he sd he ddnt tq ta ty nd any, ty just want to agitate. # He sd ovr a no f times, "X Ty hv no aims at al." Ty tq ta Japan s gog to win t war and tn ty wil send a ship ovr hr and take al t ppl back to Jpn and tn ty wil make t Amer mak gd to tm al ty hv lost n evac. I askd wat z t subject f tr meetgs and he sd t last one z ovr t draft, wantg to stay in t 4-C classificatn wc s fr enemies. He sd most f t N, esp tos ta ~~xmzx~~ own property, ty want to be n t army, or be eligible, b ty ddnt dr sa a tg. T N who r livg w tr parents, ty r rt undr t thumb f t I. T I rung q tg n hs blk. He tqs ta idea abt Jpns sendg t ship and makg t money gd s pretty fantastic. He tqs ta k Jpns snt mc ntrestd n t Amer Jpns any wa. He hrd ta t nl ones ty card abt wr t I, and f tos ta nd been repatriatd, nl 3 nd got jobs. T Ns ty dont like at al and watch tm al t tim. He sd t arguments get v hot somtims at t meetgs and tr wr two felos gog to take if tr coats and slug eachother. He doesnt like t wa ty ~~kaktalk~~ and act bfr t women, tqs it s pretty lo to be abt to start a fite ta wa rt n front f t women and t ltl chlrn.

I askd him why t N ldrs ddnt do omtg and spent a no f mins pointg out to him ta ~~xmzx~~ t Ns wd be t ones to sufr fm ts. He agreed and sd he ddnt undrstand why ty ddnt. ~~IXXXXX~~ He sd n hs blk u cd tel whr q persn sta, whetar pro Ax or Amer. Once ty hd spotd u as pro Ameri, ty wr alwas pickg u up fr wat u sd, putg meangs in ur wrds etc, tryg to start arguments. I askd him if he felt like gog to Mr. Crawford and tellg him abt it and seeg wat cd be done. He sd he thot f it, b he ddnt like to go arwnd t Ad bldgs, he ddnt like to get mixd up in it. Ty hd wantd him to be blk mgr, b he hd refusd. He sz ta hs blk ma nt be typicl. T next blk, 227, Jn Maeno's blk s entirely pro Amer and ty go solidly t wa Jn M sz. His blk, 221, vtd agnst participatg n t strike, b snce ta tim hs com mo undr I control Wn ty hv an electn ta s suposd to be secret, each persn s ~~xmzxmxzx~~ rqird to sign his name on his ballot slip. "Ta s t funniest kind f secret votg I evr hrd f." Ta wa u hv to vote w t pro-axis grp no matr hw u feel urself. "Ta s why I want to get awa fm t place. I am sick f ta blk."

He z v enthus abt gog on t trip t WindoRock and sd ta he thot he cd paint a lot betr pictrs f Poston tr.

Talkg w RN a ltl tody who seemd quiet and frndl, he askd me abt t trip I hd to L.A. and tn askd me if it wr a case f sex-

RSN

perversn. Hw dd he com so clos to t mark? I told him it znt
 we z tru, b t matr z concernd n it. ~~XX~~ Z ts just an xpresn
 f his own preoccupathn or s it gossip? He sd tr wd be a lot mo
 mental cases soon, espcl f t sex type. He knu f a boy who nd md som
 passes at grls. He thot our rec to t law and ordar comitee along ts
 line nd som sens to it, b it dnt fit w t Jpns cult patern.
 * He sd b ta z life, science and ppl's attias x wr wide apart.

NJames. At supr to nite sat nxt NJ who told me he nd t essay's on demo
 ta Miss Embree's class hd ~~xxx~~ writn bfr and aftr t strike and he z
 makg copies and sendg tm to Jn E. Miss C. promisd to let us see tes.
 He s also getg som acnts f persnl history durg t strike fm diff ppl
 and he sz he wil x let us hv som copies f tes.

One f t themes we cam up n a no. f t essays z ta n ts country
 wn t Pres wantd to ration tgs, he formd a board and ty rationed t
 ppl whethr ty liked it or nt. T Pres apntd t board. In Germany,
 Hitler told t ppl directly himslf. Anotr idea ta NJ hs hrd gog
 arwnd z ta t Jpns r gog to be takn nto t army to send tm t N Africa
 to fite along w Negro regiments, bcz t Hakuujins wr no gd. Ts swnds
 to me like a professnl job f propoganda. Ts s t sort f tg ta s gog
 arwnd and ppl r blvg it and ty r not getg any contr/offensiv. Som
 tim ago RN sd ta it wd be a bad tg fr t bureau to get n t lime light
 as t promoters f a rumor clinic bcz ppl liked tr rumors. Perhaps ts
 cd mean ta tos who mfg tes kind f rumors wd also fite any countr
 propoganda in q wa ty cd.

1-13-43
(rec 1-14-43)
AHLeighton

JE.

As part of JE's increased asso w RG esp since the deer hunt, I saw JE go down to camp II for the congress party on the 10 along with RG and wife. Ty stopped in at Ward 8 to see if WH is there, wanting to go.

Came into my office at my request this p.m. because I wanted to ask him about getting some names out of the census records because I don't want Tots Kushida to know about it. Not that the names were not, but he just doesn't like us poking into the records and he seems all tied up in the community politics. JE readily agreed to this. He looked dark and mysterious and a little harassed. He spoke about going to see to it that his new set up as chief of unit 1 that the various staff members stay within the bounds of their own fields and don't butt into project direction so much. He told me that he and WH and RG had a long session last night with SKatow, Andy Sugimoto and the man from block 19. Ty had asked for a bull session. It lasted till nearly 11. He said his family is going away for 2 weeks and he will be lonely in his house and wants me to come around.

NF

Phyllis Kinoshita. Miss F stopped me in the hall and said that she wanted to walk down with me. She said that PK is in a very upset condition. Miss F has told her to leave housework and get into teaching and has given her a week's vacation, but PK can't get the housework problem out of her mind. She came up to see NF the other night and talked for an hour, telling NF that she should never have taken over housework, that she didn't care for the Japs, all she thought about was Caucuses. (Some time recently NF has evidently taken housework over from JE. No notices came out to the various departments about it, as far as I know.) KP cried and cried as she talked. NF felt that she was punishing NF amazingly. She did all through the hour they talked and she told PK so. She tells PK so worth saving and she goes to talk to me about her again. PK talked some in general terms about the injustice of Caucuses toward the Japs.

WH

At 6.45 I happened in to WH's room in ward 8 for a few minutes. He was lying on his bed listening to the radio, in shirt sleeves with shoes off, looking as if he was trying to relax. I asked him how things were going and he said all right. I asked him about the ~~XXXXX~~ CEC and he said they were all right. I asked how Smoot was and he said Smoot was pretty worried the last time I saw him. I asked when would you see him. He looked as if he was trying to talk, then he said, sometimes yes, sometimes no. (See note above, that he was with Smoot till 11 last night. Why all this mystery? Why is he not invited? How am I to keep up on things and write his weekly letters?)

Then he got talked about the Japs problem in general, saying that he didn't think it had been handled right. He didn't know what the right answer was, but he knew that what had been done wasn't right and that relocation wasn't the answer. He would like to get a piece of land and put some of these old farmers on it and just let them go to it and see what kind of success they would have. He was in the middle of talking about this when I got called away to see Geo Yamagouchi who had come to my room for an interview.

1-14-43
AHleighton
7.30 p.m.

JE - Abt 1.30 p.m. JE cam into my ffice to giv me t census rerds on t list f AA priorities ta I ~~gkzzykxxx~~ Askd fr yest. Sd he wantd my O.D. plan brot up bfr t staff meetg on Sat p.m. Sd he wd be awa fr t weekend nr LA whr he s takg t chlarn to sta w Clare's mothr, b he wil spk to Ralh abt it. Clare s gog to NY to her son's wedg. Mable (so he refs to his mothr) wil be tr and it wil be a galla affair. Mabl s payg Clare's wa and part f t bargain s ta she pick up Toney and chaperone him tr. He needs chaperoning, sz JB. I dont catch on at first who he meant by Tony, b he sd, my fathr n law.

LN

A ltl aftr ts LNelson cam n and askd if I wd be wilg to go on t list to take a watch on Sundaay's to sign passes etc. He z quite sur ta I wd. I sd no rathr abruptly. Tn I xplained to him ta i cdnt on acnt f public relatns, ta my ffice z nt part f t admin. He sat dwn and talkd, and ddnt seem too put out abt it. He sd he and Kennedy cdnt agree on t method f putg t list togethr. Kennedy hd wantd to make up a list and send tm a memo telg each ta he wd be put on t list, and givg tm a ltl tim to reply, and if ty ddnt. tn ty wd be on it. LN z ~~xxx~~ ded agnst ts, bcz he sd he hatd to be ordrd to do anytg, b wd respond wel if askd to voluntr. He sd wn t Govt ordrd him fm Wash to giv 10% f his salary n bonds he z v mad. He hd bot mo tan ta bfy b wn ty implied n a letr to him and othrs n t ffice n Phoenix ta he sd do it or forfeit his job, he told tm to take t job. He sd his boss felt t sam wa and ty met n t doorwa ~~xxx~~ just aftr each hd recievd his letr and LN sd to him Shal I blo my top or wil u blo urs?

WH

Fr t last 3 nites WH ns been sitg n his room fr a wl n t evng w hs drs to t hall opn. Two nites HJ and aa ughtr hv been n tr w him fr a wl.

W Tonite I stopd by abt 7 and fwnd him lyg on ns bed w t radio on and readg t nusppr. He sd he ns nd a belly ache al dy tody snc 2.p.m. Sz he hsnt eatn anytg, doesnt kno wat causd it. Showd me an articl n t ppr abt Senatr fm Wash, Dem who sz he s gog to urge congressional investigatn f unrest n Jpns centrs, and if he finds as he spects ta t pro-Axis grps r putg tgs ovr on t othrs, he s gog to nsist on seg f tm undr army rule. T Sentr s Wallgren. WH sd he z upset by ts, sz ts s t kind f tgx ta gets t community al upset. I sd I thot it mite do tm som gd, hw abt publishg it n Jpns and English. WH askd if I thot it wdx help, sd he thot it mite be a gd tg at ta. Cd publish a note w it sag ta if ty cd get twice as mc wrk out f t Camouflage net as ty xpectd, it mite stop it. He sd Camphrage, and I told him ta he hd been associatg w Kibes too mc, wc md him laff a grt deal. I noted as I hv on many occasns ta he laffs v boistrously and loud, and tn v sudnly relaxes to serious xpresn agn, wc makes me who hv been lafg w him and tryg to wrk up as mc laff, feel rathr foolish, sort f out on a limb. It as if sombdy sd lets run a race and bent dwn and sd go, and tn std up and ddnt run, wl u tore ff. I nevr notd bfr tonite hw close togethr hs eyes appr to be.

He wantd to kno wat I thot abt segregatn. His id a s ta t tg sd be done, tho he doesnt apro v f it n princpl, tqs we owe it to t loyal Amers. If we dont do somtg, tr wil be a lot less loyal Amers tan tr wr wn we cam n hr. T whol plan fr seg sd be crfly wrkd out so it z done all ovr t relocatn centrs at t sam tim. We sd get som xtra soldrs n to t MP camp b nt stan tm n t community. Perhaps ty cd driv thru t camp. Tn, t ppl sd be told tonite and takn out tomorrow. Sd take t activly pro-Jpn Issei, t batchlrs who hv done no wrk and t Kibes -- prob abt 500 altogethr. It sd nt hwvr, be done as punishment, b as dif camp fr dif ppl w dif ideas, and it sd be md clr to tm ta ty wr nt gog to be mistreatd. Whol families f t ppl sd be takn, xcept whr t childrn f age electa to sta. He thot it cd be done wout any trbl, t army want hv to be cald n. I sd ts z like Ringl's articl and askd if he nd rd it, b he sd no. I sd ta u sdnt tel tm t nite bfr ty wr to go, b tel tm n t mornng early and take tm ta nite. Othrwise, some mite go abt and try to pay ff a fu debts n t dark -- or fancied debts. I also sd ta it sd be crfl pland w a proper build up and folow up f info. I askd hw Jn E and Bd Milr wr comg along w tr list and he sd ty wrnt dog so wel. I sd tr sd be enuf to lock up a guy like Tachibana wout mc trbl. He sd tr z enuf to try him fr t resn. T cam to JC and told him ta he ddnt car wat hapnd to him so long he helpd t ppl f Poston. I sd ta z a stock spc. He sd T z hotneda. He hrd ta at tim f strike he hrd ta ty cald fr volunteers to line up nfront f jail and be mowd ~~wxxx~~ dwn w machine gun bullets if nec to protect. Ty ddnt get any vlontrs. I sd ta I znt so shur ty wdnt hv hd tm ta first nite. I told tm hw ppl hd gone dwn to qestn t sldr ta fired at t old man, and ts z aprntly nus to him. We agreed ta it z a poor plan to isolate sldrs like ta if u r gog to put tm arwnd at al. T crwd cd tear him al apart bfr he cd do mc w his one gun. He sd ta if t sldrs hd been cald n ta first

forums q week nw. Also ts temp lv program wc he seemd to tq he cd handl easily, fr t last cpl f weeks he hs been sag ta it s drivg nim crazy, so many ppl applyg fr lv. So also t centr l file abt wc notg hs been done.

TKushida We reminds me. Dr M, ~~xxxxxx~~ acrdg to WH askd wn he first DR.Mizumshim cam hr if he cd wrk on statistics n t census ffice and ns been dog ts q snc. Ts lks to me like a long ~~tim~~ term plan to get nto Poston politics as a pwr and he ns been makg his studies al ts tim. It fits w t attack on Nagai, it givs a posib political tye n fr TK and explains ~~mw~~ RN's rmrk ta wn u kno TK's conecctn w ts whol tg, u wil kno t whol story. It also means ta TK ma nt be t man to handl t CF. May be no evac sd?

Mr. Tanaka
A ltl afr 2 pm. tody Mr. Tanaka f emplymnet cam to see me n t mistakn idea ta I z ncharge f sanitatn. Wn I told him I znt b perhaps I cd tel him who if he told me his story, he x told it. Hs blk s 38 and v crwdd. Hs s l f tos crwdd. T noodl factory occupys a barrack. If ty cd be movd out, tn tr cd be som re-adjstment n t blk. Undr t factry tr s an unsanit conditn, du to tr wahsg t place out and letg al t stuf run dwn undr t bldg, It s begng to smel. If T does anytg abt it, ty wil sa it z jst a scheme to get mo rm frself. Miss F hs sd ta if ne k get t Sanit dept to endorse it, tn t hwsng ppl wil push it. I askd why ppl who wr ovr crwdd ddnt mov to II. He sd it znt so easy. Al ur frnds r n a place, u r setld tr, and u hv got al ur place fixd up so u hv som place to hang ur clothes and chinks caulkd to kee p t dust out and shelves and conveniences md w lumbr u wont be abl to get agn, ppl dont want to mov, ty want some one els to mov. I sd why dont ty pul al t stuff out and take it w tm. He sd ty cd do ta, and repeated it ovr a cpl f times, as if meditattg on a nu idea. Tn he went on abt hw hrd it z to mak frnds. He sd he znt used to tes kind f Jpns hr, ty r narrowmndd, suspicious and ignorant. He hs livd fr last 20 yrs n NY and ddnt kno a soul hr wn he cam. Just nw begning to hv a fu frnds and his wife doesnt want to start al ta agn. Tn tr s t gardn ta u hv made and plantd, u dont want to giv up ta. He hd a stor n NY importr f Jpns tgs. Last yr wn t embargos ~~xxxxxx~~ on stuf fm Jpn cam, he hd to go out f bus and start bac fr Jpn. His pasprt dont permit nim to go into any othr kind f business. So he got afa LA wn he got sick w Cancr f t stomach. Chif sypm z pain wn he got hungry, Xrays showd t cancr. So ~~xxx~~ wn t ship saild, he z caut w his "pants down" and he cdnt go and got evacuated hr. He z natg to lv Amer and nogg ta tgs wd get betr and he cd sta somehow. Ts z al bfr t war, once it startd he z mo or les frozn nr. Som med givn x by Dr, Murase fixd him up. Hs put on wt and s feelg fine since he cam hr. He ns been a hard wrkr al his life. He got a job asa he cam and hs wrkd at it q snc. Al t 20 yrs he z n NY t only holiday he vr hd z 2 mos to make a hurried trip bac to his home city Tokio to "marry t girl" and brg her bac. Once n a wl he wd take half a dy ff to go and play golf, ta x z his plsr. Hs grtest plsr z and s wrk. B hr t trbl s ta tos who wrk and who "r loyal to t project" r just suckrs. Wn he cam, bfr he got ff t bus he z told ta tos w smal families sd find some othr smal family and dbl up. Beside hs wife he hd a 16 yr old datr. So he dd as he z told. Got n w a family f 4. Tn n a fu dys he fwnd ta tr wr lots f families scatrd arwnd hr and tr nl two to an apt-

ment. He thot ta in a ltl wl ta wd get straitnd out, b it nsnt been yet and tos ta grabd stil hv wat ty grabd. Sam wa w stealg lumbr and othr govt property. Tos ta dd it hv t shelvs and closets and tos ta ddnt hv notg. He s v worried abt t effect f ts stealg on t childrn and he s wrkg w Dr Cary on ts. Wn a man coms hom w a board he hs stoin, his wife's eyes gleam and she sz hw fine it is and if he doesnt and t neighbors do, she gives him hel fr it. Wat effect does al ts hv on t morals f t childrn? N his aptment ty liv w a farming family who hv a boy and gril abt age f his girl. His daughtr used to be v particlr, q tg n t hws hd to be jst n t rt place. She z nervs abt it, he sd, v insistant. Also modest. Nw she s getg sloppier and slippier al t tim. In t first place tr s no room to put tgs, wn u hv 7 beds and 7 ppl n an apt tr snt room fr mc mo. In tes farms rnt particlr, a shoe hr, t laundry ovr tr. His gril s getg t sam, just throsg tgs arwnd. Also losg sens f shame wc he tqs s a v bad tg. B wat k u xpect wn ty hv to undress and dres bfr eachotr, tr s notg els ty k do. His wife hs begun to qrl w t othr woman and she s turng t neat on him to mov. Ta s just like women, ty r al alike n ta, emotnl, b she hs t prsr on him.

Spkg f tos who wrked fr t project beg suckrs he sd ta tos who refusd to wrk and spent tr tim fixg up tr own place, ty hd t best f it. Talkg som mo abt t ppl n t blk, he sd ta q tg ~~xx~~ u dd ty twistd agnst u. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ty alwas sd ta u wr tryg to mak ur- self a big shot, or ~~get pwr~~ ^{make self pwr}. Wn ppl wr cotn pickg, he urgd his blk to go out. Ty cald him pro-Amer. ~~XXXX~~ Pro-Amer, hell, he wantd tm to make som money fr t blk. Also t ppl hr r v clanish, takes outsidr long tim to get to kno tm.

He blvs ta 5 yrs hr wil ruin t kids.

He tqs adobe makg ~~xxxx~~ fr t schls wil improv. I sugestd makg adobe hwses fr t ppl and ts seemd a bran nu idea fr him and he wen awa mc enthused ovr it.

He sd t ppl wr agn him fr pushg getg adob wrkrs fr t schls.

1-23-43
(rec 1-28-43 fm
notes) AnLeighton

JE
CEC

Ts mornng JE showd me note f resignatn fm t CEC, n we ty blamed lack f coop x fm t admin, JE's plans as unacceptable, and "some ppl" among t evacs. (Fr comments on ts see ntrvu w Mrs. Sugino 1-25-43) It z datd 22.

JE sd ta a cmitee fm t cwncl told him yest ta ty hd a closd meetg w t CEC and t IAB ana Nagai and Nakamura got up and xx md "threateng spchs" we incensed t IAB. Nw ty r worried abt t resig and wondr wat trbl t formr membrs wil kick up n t comunity.

Ntrvu w Scotty Matsumoto abt nis wrk tody he told me ta he fwnd Poston v lethargic. He hd talkd w som f my "xstaff" and wyl ty spoke hily f me "Lt Leighton, he s tops" ty seemd to disagree n som mysterious wa abt t policies we he cd nt figr out. He sz evn Tosh loafz and spends a lot f tim w a girl frnd. Tosh seems poplr n nis blk. Som pepl n t blk told him ta we wr an informer's organizatn and we hd caused t strike. He also hrd n 3 ta we wr informers. Most f t ppl, espcl t oldr ppl he fwnd out, dont kno ta we xist.

JE
Jpn.

At lunch today JE came into the dining room at about the same time I did. He asked me to sit with him. Most of the time at lunch was taken up with talk with the Rev Smith who has just come back from Japan on the Gripsholm. He said that out of 115 Protestant English and American missionaries in Japan, only 6 were interned. All were treated very well. There was no mistreatment in Japan. Water cures and atrocities were confined to Hongkong and Korea. The man in Korea who got all the water cures as described by M Grew, actually did have a secret code that the police found out about. It was a harmless thing for talking to his wife with, but when the police tried to get the key from him, he had it lost and forgotten it and so he got the water treatment to help his memory. He got it 6 times, not 17 as the papers said, but 6 was enough to nearly kill him.

Omori
FSugiyama.

After lunch JE came over to my room for a while. He said the camp was a great stew over the arrest of Omori. The cry of dogs was up on all sides. Franklyn Sugiyama came to him this morning ~~xxxx~~ or maybe it was yesterday and asked if JE would telegraph to the FBI and find out what the charges were against Omori. JE said no. FS then asked if he could telephone. JE thought it over for a ~~xx~~ a time very carefully and then said, yes. So FS did and later JE found the follow-up note on his desk/

Time 11.30

Uchida and Omori were picked up on a Presidential Warrant for violating parole. They will soon leave for Long Beach for hearing at some future date. I asked that if they needed anything in way of personal comfort to ask you, the administration or myself. Mr. Haas and several others were in the room while I was speaking to Mr. Smart. Thank you.

F. Sugiyama.

JE said that before he talked, he told Franklyn to be sure not to be "porkey" with the FBI when he talked. After that call there was some discussion as to whether the information should be published in the press bulletin or not and it was decided not to publish it. It was apparently the evacs' idea.

Furuye
Bros.

Tonight at supper JE told me that a couple of weeks ago Roy Furuye had taken a boat which he owned and worth \$90,000.00 had been lost in the coral sea. Also most of the crew who were Portuguese and friends and former employees of his. He went to bed for about a week when he heard it. He had loaned the boat to the navy and will not get a nickle for its loss. If he had held on to it, he could have sold it as many raw dogs to the army for a good price. JE said he saw a difference from his brother John (who used to work for us). They are identical twins it would seem, they look so much alike, but John has never gotten so far ahead as Roy. If you make a mistake and call Roy John, he doesn't mind, but if you call John Roy, he objects.

TH
SRHashima

TH came over to my room for an hour tonight. He feels discouraged about the whole project. He told me that SRH is a brother-in-law to Smoot Katow. He has never heard any rumors about SRH. Re the project, he feels it is not being run as a really demo was and never will be. WH and JE are not really demo-minded. NF, MC, JP, AH, ~~xxxxxxx~~ are in theory and NF comes near it in practice, but most of them don't want it to come to real work so far as he knows. He asks that he see demo both in theory and practice. He runs his department that way. How can WH be really demo when he runs his department that way he does? A small inner circle and all mystery and nobody knows or has a share in what is done or the formation of policy?

He tqs Mr. Collier and DMyr r beg betrayed. Ts is a betr project tan most f t othrs, b it s nt nearly as gd as it mite hv been if it hd really been run properly. He blames WH v mc fr nt takg a firm stand w t Administrative (Empie) dept and seeg ta ty ddnt get behind, or hvg tgs clrd up tr wn ty first started to do it. Tr hs been no excuse fr tgs dragg on etc. He spoke abt t diff between JE and himself and sd ta it z a personality clash and speaking f a hypothetical situ whr u mite be pickg ppl to wrk n colonial admin, if u nd 5 JEs and one TH, u sd nt take t TH. Ts evn tho t TH mite be brite -- ts cam up apropos f selectg ppl and his mkg t pt ta u hd to pick ppl fr compatibility awa a brains. He sz ta t Pwl, Findley Harris Carey grp r pretty discouraged too and it shows by tr writg letrs al ovr t place. ~~XXXXX~~

NF
JP
TH

Ts s tru fm my observatns too. JE told me t othr dy ta ne doesnt plant to stay on on ts project if he k help it. Mrs. F sz she hs applied to go bac to Hawaii.

It sd be notd hr ta tr hs been a def antag atitu on t part f NF at least since t first f t yr twad ts dept and me. I dont know why unless it cd be a carry ovr fm t fact ta we diffrd at t tim f t strike and ta I hv apparently std wel n w WH rently. Ts wd likely make JP talk. Add to ts ta I got t partitn ta I hv been tryg to get snce last Sept. It may be a symbl f x favoritism to tm. Any wa, ts week she hs thawed considerably and hs been as cor ial as she used to be durg t sumr. Ts seemd to start t dy she invited me to hr JP's papr abt t state f affairs n ~~xx~~ t community.

EHS hs reprtd lately ta TH hs been snipg at us. Talkg f us as a non-productive unit. Tonite I told TH ta I z faced w t task f pul to gethr t xperience f t last 6 mos and evaluatg t dif depts as a basis fr Colonial Admin planng, and I felt it a grt task. I hd to be critical in evaluatg t depts, yet feared I ddnt kno enuf, and mite nt alwas be just. Ts rwsd hs ntrest considrbl and also lead to talk abt t whol colonial admin set up which ~~xxxx~~ he seems v mc ntrestd n nw as he wearies f Poston or feels it s hopeless. He spoke abt his desire to get someplace whr he mite be blown to pieces, but able to ~~xxxx~~ do some needd wrk. I tq t talk ma hv serv to spike t rumors and ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ snipg. I resn he mite be dog ts s feelg personally injurd at nt seeg a rprt x I wrote on t strike and wc aparently parts f hv aprd n som WRA mimeographd sheet and wc he suspects I dd write. I snowed him a copy of t last rprt to Admrl Mc tonite and he aprovd f it v mc, he sd.

JE

JE told me aftr lunch tody ta he nd a bug on loyalty and ta ma a lot f ppl vcom and tel him tgs abt wat z gog on among t Gaucs tr attitds etc, and it z pretty awfl. T bug on loyalty z wat I wishd to note. He sd t ppl thot ta bcz f ts ne wd pass on wat ty sd to ~~xxx~~ WH.

One f t ppl ta TH thot z nt wroth nis pay hr a Maatniesn. He s a nice guy b he cant get tgs done in time. Sam f Knutson nis assistant. He sz he gets \$5600 and u cd get lots betr fr ta.

1-25-43
(Rec fm notes
1-27-43)
AHLeighton

TH

TH cam and spent an hr and a half n my room tonite and talkd at length f his vus f t project. Most f ts k be fwnd n his various notes and n t staff meetg minutes. He sd ta he along w many othrs felt v discouragd abt ts project. He z tqg f tryg to get awa fm it if it ddnt improv bfr long. "Som place whr I mite get x b~~l~~own up, b whr I cd do wrk I wd feel z mo vital." I hv notd n t last wk or so ta he s mc mo composd and less elatd and excitable, less pron to get mad, make speeches and mo neat n his dress tan he hs been snc he first cam to t project. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ I askd him who he thot t really democratic ones wr hr. He sd ta he thot he himslf z t nl one ta z it thru and thru. Miss Findley cam clos to it, b she tendd to be paternal, tho nt as bad as som f t othrs. (Maternal s t wrd he sd hv usd.) Pwl, VK, AH, MC, he set down as demo n theory, b nt n practice. Ty hv t boss attid wn it coms to rung tr depts. TH ddnt mean ta tr sant be a hd to a dept, b he thot tr sd be meetgs and t dept sd be givn a cnce to registr tr ideas and modify t boss's ideas if ty cd convince him. T boss sd be o n to convictn. TH felt he ran his dept ta wa, b fr t rest, ty tendd to giv ordrs, or if ty hd meetgs, to nsist ta tr wa be folowd. JC he felt z pretty demo. MB s so only n theoryx, nt at al n practice. WH and JE he thot wr nt demo at al. Ty wr fine felos and ni idealists, b ty wr dictatrs at heart. Hw k a man be really demo, he askd, who runs t project secretively, usg innr crcls and telg ppl not abt wat s gog on until it s done? He snt gog to be ta wa w his staff and tn demo w t evacs.

I told him som f my ideas abt colonial admin and he seemd v ntrestd and sd he wd like to get nto somtg like ta. I let him read t last McIntire rpt and he seemd to like it. He ddnt raise any qestn abt whthr or nt I hd writn t rpt ta nd been circulatd by t WRA. Apropos f my idea ta teams f colonial adminstratrs sd be set up and broken n togethr, he sd ta ty sd be crfl selectd fm t pnt f vu f ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ personalities ta wd get along wel togethr awa fr brains. Som f t most brilliant ones mite nt fit, he sd. Fr xampl if u hd 5 Jn Evans n t grp and one Ted Haas, u hd betr lv t TH at home.

He sd a no f lettrs hd been comg n fm evacs complaing ta t admin dd nt giv adqt protectn to t Loyal Jpns. I askd who and he sd Hatsi Yamada z one f tm and Tom Suzuki, who usd to wrk as an nvest-gatr fr JC wr two f tm. Ty hv both left hr. I sd ta I nevr cd like TS som hw. TH sd he felt t sam wa, he liked to do wrk ta mite be a duty b he TH wd find it v disagreeabl. By ts he meant spyg on othrs.

Most f al TH blames t Admin fr delays. He admittd wn prsd by me ta ts z prob betr tan othr projects, b t wa t staff z hand pickd, it sd hv been 100 times betr nsted f just a itl betr. It hs faild bcz f lack f ldrship. T Admin Dept sd nevr hv been alwd to go on as it hs and tr are lots f ppl abt hr makg mo money tan ty evr dd n tr lives bfr who r nt worth wat ty r gettg. Ty dont know hw to get a job done, hw to get arwnd obstacles and hw to cut t red tape. He nsisted ta it doesnt hv to be ta wa n t Govt, b tr r too many old line fld Indian Sercv ppl hr who dont kno any othr wa. He sitd Matthiesn as an xampl. He tqg he s a nice felo, b blames t dragg f t ag project on him. An aliv man cd hv done betr

and evn n war time sc a man cd hv been fwnd fr t \$5600 ta he s getg.

TH sd WH - see f D Myer in S. F.

1-27-43
AnLeighton.

Pop. Sitg a brfst ts a.m. w Mr. and Mrs. Popkin ty both aprd v pro-
evacuee n tr attitd, discussg at lengtn t prejudice on t outside
and how unfair it was. Pop apolgizd n a wa fr takg t stand he dd
n staff meetgs abt materials, and sayg hw sorry he z to find him-
self n competitn w t Jpns, b he nd a job to get done and he nd to
be sgl mindd abt it. He and she spok at som length abt tr speci
symp fr t Ns and hw ty ot to hv som place to go n t evngs, som
place to hv dates, a part f each rec hall set up as s sitg room.
Ty sd be givn t frnitr by t Govt and if ta wr nt pos, at least t
matrl so ty cd make wat ty needd fr tmselvs. Hwvr, Pop sd he dnt
dr xpress ta idea among t staff fr tr s one factn tr who wd sa rt
ff, "So u hv fallen fr it too." Rt sd tr z a man fm t WCCA hr
yest gog al ovr t place and askg ppl qestns. Talkd som abt t need
fr segrgath. Pop blames JP and t schls fr takg awa al t rec halls
fm t purpose fr wc ty wr ntendd. He also balmes JP fr nt makg
a hwl and gettg a propr alotment f money to purchase wat he needd
fr rec nstd f askg Pop al t tim fr wat he cunt giv him and tryg
to wangl a ltl hr and a ltl tr, "nsistg and demandg."

JP

WH
WRA
BSR

WH aprd n hs room tonite, hvg just rtrnd fm hs trip to SF.
He sd asa he sa me ta he nd a compliment fr me. "I supos u kno
or ma be u ddnt kno, b DMyr z very sore at Mr. Collier and me
both fr settg up x ur dept hr. Nw he s al chngd and he s gog to
set one up n evry relocatn centr. He askd me wat I thot f it and
I told him hw it nd wrkd and nw it nd been ~~xx~~ helpfl. So he sd
he z gog to set one up in each centr." I askd wat nd brot DM to
ts idea, and he sd he guessd it z t rprts ta we nd been sendg to
"Yg Embree" Tn he sd, sa, I've been tqg abt t Embree girl ar, X
Miss F z telg me abt ner last week, and nw she wants to get out f
teachg. wants a dif job. Miss F z gog to send ner dwn to 3 to
do som wrk dwn tr. I z tqg ma be she sd com nto ur dept, ma be she
sd be lerng somtg abt ta. Wat wd u tq f ta?" I sd ta I thot it
mite be a gd idea, I wd talk it ovr w Spicer and Colson and I wd
also talk to Miss E and see if she wd like t idea. ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ I
askd abt ner salary, and he sd ta wd continue on t present basis
and fm its present source.

Thus it seems our dept s to be enlargd too! It s v gratifyg
to hr tes xprensns f gd wil, nt only fm Myr b fm WH himself.
We sat tn n silence fr a wl, b he dnt seem to wish to talk abt
his SF trip or giv me any mo news abt wat s comg, and I ddnt feel
like attemptg to pump him, so I took my leave sag ta I nd just
dropt n to sa hello.

1-28-43
AnLeighton

JC
WH

In my mail today I received a folog, dated Chicago Jan 25th, 1943.
Dear Wade,

I have been giving much thought to the question: under WRA policies as they have been developing, should the Indian Service continue to be responsible for Poston? So far as I can tell, the only chance for an immediate modification of policies would be if Wickard, the food dictator, should insist that we prepare and cultivate a maximum of acreage and that WRA join us in seeking priorities and then if we could get WRA to agree to some arrangement that would supply the Japs with a motive to work. As yet I can't report any progress on this with Wickard. I shall resume it personally when I get back to Washington in a few days. I don't need to go into the details of my thinking because you know what they are, and your own information and thoughts will be far more complete than mine.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Alexander Leighton. I would also be glad to know the thought of John Evans and Morris Burge. But primarily I want to know your own objective advice. Write me at Washington via Kristie Sather.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Collier,

Commissioner.

cc Dr. Alexander Leighton,, Poston Arizona Messrs. Greenwood and McNickle.

JE

Abt 12.20 noon I went to WH's office and found him and JE in earnest discuss. WH was standing and walking abt the room. JE was sitting in a chair. As I stuck my head in the door, WH, sd Com n Doc, and JE sd, spk f t Devil. JE explained that they were talking abt the schools and the need for space. JE told WH what I had said abt letting the community handle it. WH murmured somethg in a doubtful tone. JE sd that notg was being done, that Evac ldrs want do anythg abt the schools, except to propose bring a blk up fm 2. JE wound up by sayg that if they want do it themselves, sdnt the admin be wilg to take the rap and go n tr and do it, sho tm hw to do a job? I repttd my ltl sermon abt ts z entirely a community problem and if self govt z a policy, ty sd be md to solv it. JE wonderd if it znt the admin responsibility to sav the educatn of 1500 children fm ruin. I sd that the community ldrs wr just tryg to sidestep an unpleasant job and wantg the admin to take the blame for the stink that they knew wd be raised. I told tm that an Isei had told me abt the rec f the cncl to cut down on the koden had been passed on to the ppl in a blk as hvng com fm the admin. It's sam Isei sd that the admin z getg smart nt to be tacklg the hwsg problem itself. I sd that it z znt nly a problem f ~~xxxxxxzzzzzzzzzz~~ decidg wat to do, but the methd f carryg it out z v imp. The ppl sd be md to feel that ts z the cncl's job, or they wd blame it on the admin anywa. JE seemd to feel that the ppl who wr famed for their care for their children and their respect for ed, wr nw ~~xx~~ refusg to mov and telg their ldrs what they brot it up, why dont u mov? WH wl ts z gog on went ovr and sat down at his desk and then sd lets go to lunch.

NJ.

As we sat together at lunch, NJ came in v breezy, laid an arm across WH's slar and askd if he had heard anythg fm Wash yet. WH sd pleasantly that he had nt. NJ slapd his slar and hurried ff. JE agreed w a comment f mine that the community seemd to be losg its interest in politics. Sevl ppl he knew gav him the impressn.

After lunch, WH sd that he z gog to his room for a min. I askd if I could seem him briefly and he askd me to come along. In the car I showed

him t abov letr. He rd it bfr we drov ff, sayg ta he nd nt got his copy yet and he hopd wn he dd ta it wd be markd confidential and personal. Wn we got to his room he sat on t toilet and talkd to me thru t opn bathroom door, smokg a cigar. He sd t main tg fm t SF meetg z t ancement ta z to com out to nite ta t Ns wr to be takn nto t army. Tzxxx Ts z jst between ourselvs til tonite wn tr wd be an ancement fm Wash, t President z gog to talk and ts z to be releasd hr at t sam tim. Fr t rest, t meetg z devotd to plans to get t ppl out f hr and to considr tes places as just way statns and to stop al wrk f mfg or farmg ~~xxx~~ type. I sd ta swndd just like wat DM hd sd wn he z hr. WH sd it z, jst mo f t sam. and he hs been tqg fr som tim f writg Mr. C and telg him he thot t Ind Serv ot to pul out f hr. B, he sd, I wdnt like to do it til we hd built t scls and hwses and fulfild a fu f t othr tgs we hv obligatd ourselvs to do. Tn he sd t tg he thot ty sd do z to make som arangemtn to lease ts land to t Jpns and let tm go to it, and raise tr crops and sell tm. I sd wat wd ty do fr capital, tos who lost n t evac? He sd t govt wd hv to lend tm tr first crop and tn help tm market it, We wd help tm market it. T trbl s ta t priorities wd intrfere w t ag program. Do u kno ta our whol damn subjugatn program s illegal? T WPB turnd us dwn adn we r not supusd to operate. He sd ts includd al t irrigatn wrk. I sd dnt DM kno tr wd be a residuum who wd nt get out or fr a long time and n t mean tim ty wr beg demoralizd sitg nr. I WH sd he felt himself it wd ruin tm, and he thot DM dd tq f ts. He knu JProvinse thot f it. Tr z a fine man, a cir tqr. I like him. I sd why cndt Poston become t place fr t setlg f t residue. He sd ty wr inclined to tq f placesx whr ty already had land sc as at Gila and Manzanr whr tr wd be no xpense ~~xx~~ f subjugatn. ~~KK~~ A no f times as he talkd, WH seemd nw on t side f hvg t Ind Serv throw ovr and nw agn it on t grwnd ta it z throwg up t job. My reactn z to feel ta if t admin cam to notg b rung camps f ppl waitg to go elswar, tn tr zat mc n it fr t Ind Serv. He sd ta he thot DM z a fine man n lots f was, admird him fr many tgs, b som tgs he dnt like abt him, dnt tq he z reliable. Fr xampl, wn he z hr he told me he z tqg f takg ts place ovr fm t Ind Serv and wanta to kno wat I thot, ~~xxx~~ how many dd I tq wd sta on. I sd ta wd depend on Mr C's atitd, b I wdnt sta on anywa. Tn at SLC he brot it up agn, told me he z gog to terminate t arangement. I wrote Mr C abt s, f crs. Wn Mr C sa him n Wash he sd ta he nevr ~~xxxx~~ any sc idea. I sd tr hd been a strike n t mean time. WH roard out w a sudn laff at ta. I askd if he thot DM wr politically ambitious? He sd he dnt kno. I askd hw he and Mr C wr getg along nw. He sd ta he thot bettr nw tan at any tim n t past. Reflectg on t tgs ta wr wrong hr and hw t Ind Serv ma hv faild, WH sd tr wr a lot f tgs ta nd been alwd to go on ta he nevr sd hv permittd. Tr wd hv to be som chnges. Fr one tg he z afraid ta TH wd hv to go and fr anothr NJ. Norris s nt reliable. Tr wr othrs too. I sd ta many ppl nr felt ta t Admin Dept hd caused t sinkg f ~~x~~ Poston mo tan anyotnr deptor sgl tg. WH sd he z sur f it. I sd I meant nt only n tr attitude, b n tr inability to do tr job. He sd he thot ta z also rt. Ty nd a tuf time w govt regs, b ty ca hv done mc betr. A hed clerk n an Ind Agency can blk q step f ur wa w regs if he wants to and he can sno u nw to get arwnd tos sam regs if he wants to. Lots dont know hw tho. I hv seen a diesel engine burn out bcz a part cdnt be got rt awa and an ordr cant be givn to stop it -- al due to regs. B evn n t govt, if a man ns t capacity, he k find ways arwnd tes tgs. HSmith s gog to go, b tr r othrs

cam to go tr. Study rural eco and markets and ag meth etc. Wat
dd he tq? He thot ta z o.k. fr som b fr othrs mech trade etc.
I agreed and urged t brgg n f old engines, and t usg f govt pubs
we wr nt only gd and wrthn fr ppl w nl a scl ed, b wd giv t
pupls a wondrfl insite nto som f t wrthwl tgs t govt nd done.

I told him I want take Miss F's remarks at tr face value, I
thot tr z a kind f mid-wintr gloom on ta grp who nd been opsd to
t CEC, ty wr worried and discouragd abt tr wrk and perhaps inclined
to look fr some one to balme it on. I meant by ts chfl JP, b
dd nt name him. I wondr why WH stics by JP so hard and agn K?
It seems to be ta JP obviously wont fit into t job f educatg tos
belo college level and s motivated by glitterg longg fr t lime-
light. JP, hwvr z WH's own choise and VK z sent to him. I told
WH ta I thot t staff needd somtg to chr tm up. I wantd to sa ta
ty needd som ldrship, b ddnt.

Note, Somdys ago Miss F sd ta JP spoke v discouraged and she
sd somtg abt his seekg widr flds. He sd he z getg to deeply into
to sheltr hr, ddnt want to mov out.

Aftr WH went out, he cam bac nagn and I nd to hastily covr
t paper w my note book to ~~xxx~~ keep him fm seeg t first page.
Tz z an unfortunate b nec gestr. I hope he thot it z bcz I dnt kno
who z comg n. He cam bac to sho me a bk.

glick
TH
TH shod me a lets fur glick on + 25
n we glick spoke rather patronizgly of Averbury's
paper + sd it z gd, b too bad he ddnt spend
no time out hr. TH intncated ts as meaning
so he wd know no abt t problems, b
actl TH thot A spent me no time n t
fld + know me no abt t problems fur t
ten glick dd.

WH commndd to right ta he z
wound abt t respuator f t CEC.

34. Law Division.
Visit with T.T., Dick Nishimoto. T.S.
Code of offense.

4-24-43

C.R. 20. Bu. of Sociological Research.
35. Local Administration.
70-a Relocation.

Tonite I returned T. Tsuchiyama's Anthro book to her, and met Dick Nishimoto there airing his views on various subjects, as well as blowing off steam, as T.T. told me later. They were discussing the Code of Offenses, revised edition. Dick wanted to take it home to look it over but in the meantime, he checked over the various codes. TT said that it was copied almost verbatim from the California's codes, therefore they were incongruent with the situation in Poston. Child stealing, as well as punishment for contracting venereal disease, (ie punishment to the giver), fornication etc are well and good, but the fines are out of proportion with the situation in Poston. Dick also mentioned that the situation here was extraterritorial as the codes applied only to the evacuees, and not the the caucasian administration.

TT mentioned that the administration was always sending over caucasians to interview her on the various things that come up. Rundquist was over there on the Econ. Warfare question, and her other friends drop over to see her. It seems that Kennedy, and Finley both send them there, when the pulse of the community is wanted. TT said that she did not want them sent to her, and that the Sociological Research Department should be consulted, but apparently it seems that the Social Welfare, and Employment department are not aware of our existence, except that we are a nuisance. TT mentioned that one of the reasons why we were not getting too much material from those two departments was because of the difference in the bosses; ie, WRA vs. Indian affairs. They of course, seem to give TT quite a bit of information when she said that, "I have to work on the Camouflage. I've got all of the material ~~xxxx~~ that is covered since last August." She is a very good friend of Jimmy Yamada, Public Relation man of the employment dept. Miss Finley, of course, is from the Islands, and spends week-ends with TT occasionally; therefore that is a step towards gaining information also.

Dick Nishimoto is also a source of information to TT. She said that he comes over quite frequently to exchange books, that each of the buy. A sort of a Circulation library, she calls it, and then too, whenever Dick wants to blow off steam about certain questions in camp, he comes and blows off to her because his wife he considers is a gossip, and might quote him on questions that are vital to the community. This falls right inline with her work since she is making a study of the isseis.

TT stated tht she was trying to gt back to Hawaii. The Army and the Navy had Ok'd her, and now she was waiting for the FBI clearance. In case she cannot go there, she has a chace to go to the large cities, Chicgo, Cleveland, Denver to either work up her material, or to gather dta on Relocation. In case she does this, expenses are pad, and her salary doubled. But in case she has to stay in camp, she is going to ask for a double rise in salary to cover the incentive for staying in camp.

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(Rec fm Notes
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RNishimoto.

He has been quiet, tho frndly when I hv seen him snce t
resignantn. He hsnt spokn mo tan once or twice n class. He seems
mo at ease. I askd EHS his impresn and he sd abt t sa, RN hs
nt got a job yet, he s dog a lot f readg, enjoys t classes a lot,
s tryg to tq up som wa f getg connectd w us agn. He s getg
furthr awa and less involvd n comunity politics. EHS and I agreed
ta he z prob betr ff outside our dept tan in it, bcz f t conflicts
it seems to set up, or at least vivify by symbolizg tm. Outside,
b on frndly terms and attendg our classes seems best.

I askd RN if t men f t Firebreak gang evr got payed. He sd
ty got pd fr al b t volunteer wrk n Decembr and t voluntrs wr
to be pd n Jan.

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12-20-42
(wrtn up wout notes
12-21-42 9 p.m.)

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Intrvu w Rnishimoto abt 10.30 to 12 noon

Dot and I stepd nto t sec's ffile n wrd 7 on our wa bac fm bfst and fwnd RN n tr readg a bk. He sd U r just t man I want to see. I supose Mrs. L k hr ts. Tn he conductd me to Dr Spicer's room wl Dot went hom. He motnd me to Dr S's chr sag sit dwn, and he sat himslf n t othr chr. He sd, I hv anothr conflict. I hv been tgg f ts and I must tel u, k it s nl fair. I want u to kno hw I really stand, b please dont make any notes abt it. T history f t Jpns n Claif hs been ta ty hv md confidences n ppl who wr al rt and kh tn latr t material hs faln nto othr hands who hv used it agnst t Jpns. I sd I wd make no notes, and ta if I told him so, I wd not. He sd wel, I must tel u, u sd kno if I am wrkg n t bureau whr I really stand. He tn proceedd to giv t part f t info wc he ddnt wish recrdd.

Aftr he hd covrd ts grwnd, he sd, nw u kno wat t last partf f my biography meant. I z tryg to hint it tr. B I dont tq u knu ts bfr, dd u? He lookd v tense, w his lwr lip qivrg, v mc n earnest. He sd, ts s mc t most imp ntrvu u and I hv hd, snt it? X Ts s mo impt tan ~~xx~~ watevr els it z u wr plang to do ts a.m., snt it? U r makg a psychobiological study f me and u sd kno ts. Nw u see why I hv sd som f t tgs I hv. If u tq ta I sdnt be n t Bureau nw, sa so and I wil be glad to resign. I asurd him ta ts znt nec. b ta I valud him t mo and ta I hd grt respect fr him. He tn sd ta he z n speakg fr himslf alone. I askd hw many Isei held t sam vu. He sd he thot lots wd if it cd be xplaind to tm, and ta z one f t tgs he z tryg to do. T most imp tg fr him z tes peopl hr n ts comunity. He spoke f his ltl grls w grt affectn. I askd if he wr satisfied w t schlg ty wr getg. He sd no, ty wr getg som book learnng, b no traing n charctr, ta z t tg ta countd. I askd if he hd thot f sendg tm to schl on t outside, and he sd he hd not yet, he hdnt been abl to com to any conclusn abt ta. He reifrd agan to my speech and sd ta he ddnt like t part abt tr mite be a pro-axis grp and aurd me ta tr z none, ~~khazkzxzxzwanxppk~~ n t sens f any activ plotg tho tr wr many f t old pepl who wr n favr f Jpn. He feels it s mp fr t Isei to undrstand tr positn ~~axzkxhxvztzXisax~~ rel to t Amer Public and to hv t Nisei undrstand it and undrstand t Isei. As it s, ty dont and ty dont hv any respect fr t Isei, dont appreciate wat ty hv been thru, x wat ty hv done fr tr chldrn. Tamie s an xcptn and he hs grt respect fr her on ta cant. She s a loyal Nisei, b she also feels fr t I and ta hs been t src f her conflict, btween ta lyalty wc dictates ta she keep many tgs to herslf and t scientist n her wc makes her want to recrdd. Ta s also why he hates t Kunetanis, ty du nt undrstand and aprec t Is, ty say tgs wc discredit tm. T tg s fr t Is and t Ns to rec tr common grwnd and get along togtmr and help echothr. He sd, I ma awa tel ~~xx~~ u ts. Wn t Spanish Amb rep z hr, t comitee askd him x to tel Jpns Govt to giv 200 million to t ppl hr wn t war z ovr. Nw ta z ~~wakzwx~~ t act f neithr gd Jpns nor gd Amer. I askd why. He sd, bcz n Japn, ppl r givg q tg ty hv to win ts war, gog wout fd, tr sons r dyg at t front. Why sd tes peopl hr ask Jpn fr money? T s nt t t rt point f vu. Fr America, why sd ty ask her, a country at war, ask her enemy fr money? Som ppl wr agnst ts, b tr znt mc ntrst, b I saw it ts wa and I wrkd hard on it and aftr three dys n wc I ddnt get mc sleep I got tm workd up to t point whr ty cancld ta. I hd it kild. Ta wd hv md v bad impresn on Amer public. Nw u see wat I mean wn I make jokes abt beg worth my \$16 I am paid by t Burea? I hv nflunc n ts comunity. A lot f ppl tel me tgs. Ta s why I knt make blk study t sam wa ta Tosh k or som f tes yngr felos. Tr r too many ppl who hv trustd me.

He then asked me to ask him any questions he liked about himself, and I did a few about how his attitudes had formed and then he answered in general terms, referring again to DS Jordan and the Japanese writer he mentioned in his autobiography.

I asked him about Bob Sakai. He said Bob had asked him to come around and see him, but he had not done so, been too busy. He wanted to do this before Bob left the Bureau. He thought Bob did it because he did not like the unfriendly atmosphere that he felt on that part of others because of his connection with it. I said I doubted that was the reason. Bob RN's assistant thought so. I said maybe it was his wife. He said yes, that might be it, that she did not like it ~~xx~~ and so she worked on him. I ~~xxxx~~ explained at some length why I thought Bob was making a mistake and why I wanted to retain him. I did not ask him to pass this on to Bob, or talk with him on his own account but I hoped that he would do that later.

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I talked to him at some length about post-war possibilities and got him Keeseg's book on the South Pacific to read. He said that he would be willing to do work there for the US if he could leave his daughters in the US. I tried to get him interested in something different from the present, as a sort of psychotherapy, to get him away from his present stirred feelings and make him feel that after the war there might be some real possibilities for him. He tended to keep coming back to the present and not trusting the future too much. When he left, he said to me, I feel betrayed now, you're a psychiatrist, I guess you try to make people feel betrayed.

Yesterday we talked to him about his apparent aggression toward me, ~~xxxx~~ I asked him ~~if~~ in a lot of words, if he did not have a tendency to kick against authority and also against psychologists and if that did not come between us because of friends on a man-to-man level. He denied this.

Yesterday he also asked me if I had been to see the FBI with Phoenix to ask them to leave this project alone. I told him that I had not.

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12-28-42
(re wout notes
1 p.m. 12-29)
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Intrvu w RNishimoto.

A ltl aftr 5 I stepd nto Tamie's ffice to see EHS and fwnd him tr w TT and RN. Dick handd me t atchd letr sag, hr s somtg ta wil hurt u. I opnd it and read it. I cd see ta EHS and TT kkm knu wat z n it. I md no comment on t letr b askd wat t talk n wrd 7 z abt. Ty sd it z a patriotic movie. TT sd it z an old one abt t flag and lafd. RN wantd to discus t letr w me. I told him I hd an apptnment, b sd I wd be bac latr. He sd he wd wait.

Btween 4.30 and 5 I cam bac and went w Rn nto EHS's ffice. He hd a copy f t letr n his hand and rptd its contents to me. I sd al rt, t points wr as statd, he hd to be guidd by his ~~own~~ conscience. I tn tried to turn t conversatn on to t affairs f t comunity. He sd, b wait a minute and went bac to t letr and so we talkd abt it fr nrl an hour. Sevl times I tried to get ff t topic, b he znt ntrestd n talkg f anytg els. Takg t first paragraph he sd ta tr znt anytg n t Bureau files or ta cam up n t conferences ta z worth anytg. Tr z notg fr him to learn tr. B wn he wantd to speak n public, he ddnt want to hv to stop and tq, z ts somtg fm t bureau and movd his hand or nt. He md a face, ^{pld} as if brushg awa a gnat. Ta z just somtg ta z too bothrsom and trivial to hv stand n his wa. He apred to take it ta t paragraph meant ta no one cd tel or spk f anytg ta z n t bureau. I cannot tq ta he really ~~meant~~ ^{pld} ts, it seemed rather a sort f wilfl and gleefl twistg f meang like a lawyer. Fr wat purpose,

Som kind f attack on me.
I dont kno. ^ He sd, see ts ash tray? I k see it s a
rectangle, b if I am out n t comunity and I hr som one
sa ta it s round, tn bcz t Bureau sz ta it s ^{rectangl}sqar, I must
not tel any body ta it s a rectangl? I xplained ta t
ntention f t prapgraph z to govern info ta membrs only
got thru t Bureau, thru othr fld wrkers, or thru me.
Ta it ddnt govern tgs ta u knu fm othr sources and ta
also hapnd to be n t bureau. It ddnt mean fr instances
ta u cdnt use any f t wrds ta r n our files or ta u cdnt
speak f t fd being bad durg t sumr bcz we hd a survey.
U knu ta bcz u ate t fd. He seemed to want to carp
hwever, and sa ta it meant u cdnt talk of anytg ta z n
t bureau and ta z t undrstandg he got wn I hd ta meetg
to talk abt policy to t staff. He hd gathrd kx at ta
tim ta ts z wat I meant and I wd stand by it. Ts z I
tq my cue to bac dwn and make spcl consideratns fr him
so as to retain sc a valbl membr on t staff -- as I hd
done to som xtent last week n our conferences wn I sd it
wd nt be necs fr him to work on ts or ta asignment b he
cd hv his choice and he cd keep wat data he liked to
himself til it could ff. etc. Hwvr, I ddnt n ts case,
feelg sore at t whole procedr f getg up ts grandiose doc-
umnet and flourishg it arwnd to EHS and Tamie and tn
feelg on a mo tqg level ta tr hd to be a stop to his
tryg to take our dept apart and bld it up agn aftr his
own design fr no other apparent purpose except to sho
ta he cd and wat a big shot he z. I feel ta tr s mo n
it. I feel ta he hs an antagonism ta gets impulsiv at
times to authority, at present twrd white authority especl.
He hs also uneasy fears on t score of psychologists bcz

he is none to secure abt his own mental health. T re-
latn to authority, beging w his own fathr runs thru his
life study and his fire brk gang and t attid twrd psy-
chologists s n t life story, belitlg tests, etc. He thot
t Rorschoch and t Kohs wc he took bfr Xmas, ddnt mean a
tg, "Ty r silly, I wd giv tm no thot." Yet latr he askd
abt t Rorschoch and was anxious to see hw his cam out.
Tn tr s a vein f, "Speak kindly to ur ltl boy, And beat
him wn he sneezes, He only does it to annoy, Beacuse he
knos it teases." I suspect to ta his aggresn gets a boost
fm Tamie, who may hv been ridg him abt joing t dept agn,
sacrificng his independance etc. EC sz she hs hrd TT talkg
n ts line

At any event, tr z no ~~z~~ use n letg him go on indef
snc ta wd lead nowhr and it seemd tim to let him kno he
hd reachd t limits. So I sd ta z a real and valid point,
tho feelg wn ta if tr z ~~x~~ notg n t Bureau ta z any gd, tn
tr sd be no problem fr him on ts score. Latr he sd ta
himself, durg our aftr dinner conf, B I stil sd ta it z a
valid pt bcz it mite com up n t futr ta he mite be temptd
if torn btween his desire to help t community n his wa
and his loyalty to t policies f t Bureau. He sd tn he
ddnt tq ta it z likely.

T secd ~~para~~ paragraph he sd refrd to t actns f ndivdls.
I told him it ddnt sa ta, w it refrd to t Bureau as an
organizatn. He argued ts point. I sd a no f times ta
I wantd him to undrstand I z advancg no arguments, I
z merely tryg to set him strait on meang. He wd point
bac to t papr and sa ta it sd ts, or implied ta and he
undrstd I meant wat I sd, ta it z a firm stand. I sd ta

fold t letr up w a happy look on his face and put it nto
t envelop sag ta wel, we cd discus ts furthr and see wat
we cd do. I sd wait a minute, I undrstd ta u handd n ur
resignatn. He paused, sayg yes. I sd, wel tn, I aceptd
it. Tr z a split secnd f silence wn he lookd startld,
tn, angry and sd, all right. I went on, If u hd com to
me we cd hv discusd ts, b wn u presnt me w a letr like ts,
and I took out my own copy and wavd it abt by one corner,
and challenge me w it and argu abt wat I meant, tn it s
dif. I hv no choice. He lookd evn mo angry and sat bac
n his chair, lookg a ltl xaii pale, and sd, I dont like ta
wrđ challeneg. ~~xxxxxx~~ We sat n silence
fr a wl. Tn he began to gathr up hs coat, sayg agn, all
rt. I spoke tn n a tone I tried to make softer tan t one
~~xxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxx~~ I thot I mite hv been usg. I sd wel,
chalnge mite nt hv been wat he meant, b ta s t wa it hd
apeard to me and I z wilg to be corectd if I hd been wrong.
He lookd fr a moment as if he wr gog to wax heroic and
Shibaish and sa ta it z a tragedy b we wd hv to abide by
ourmistakes, b he ddnt. He sd, wel, I gues its a Jpns
wa f dog tgs, ~~xxxxxx~~ or it s my wa, we hv dif pers-
onalities. I gues u k sa u hv lernd somtg fm ts. I gues
u k sa u hv lernd somtg fm ts. I sd ta I hd wantd to talk
to him abt somtg els, abt community mattr, b I suposd it
z nw his suppr tim. He sd ta ddnt matr, he wd com bac
aftr supr if I wantd him do. T bantr z gone out f his
tone. He seemd a ltl regrtfl. I sd al rt. make it 7.
He sd 7.15 wd be betr and so we agreed on ta and x we each
went our separate ways.

At som pt durg our talk I askd him wat hd brot ts matr f t bureau policies to his mind. He sd ta he hd just been tqg tm ovr and tn hd gone to t files to check and get t wrdg just rt. I wondrd if TT hdnt put it n his hed. He sd he hd been tqg ovr it fr 4 dys. He went ovr and ovr agn t ideas containd n t last paragraph of his letr.

I tq it z wn I brot up abt frndship he asurd me ta ta wd go n on whthr he left t Bureau or nt.

Wn he z talkg abt his role n t comunity and his desir t wrk on tgs fr comunity gd, ~~xx~~ I pointd out t potentialities fr grtr gd n t research. He stressd his imprtance and influence and t wish to use tm hr and nw whr ty wr needd. I sd tn, ta n short, he z mo ~~Rk~~ politician tan scientist. He lafd at t tim, b cam bac to harp on ts n t evng meetg. He sd a no f times tat he undrstd my ~~xx~~ motivs and ta I wantd to do gd fr t comunity w social science, b he sd t histry f t Jpns z ta ty hd trustd ppl and told tm tgs, tos tgs wr usd agnst tm latr. I sd it z a qestn f whethr or nt u blvd ta betr undrstandg wd lead to betr relatns. He sd ta a no, f nusppr men hd usd t confidences f t Jpns to turn on tm, and "race-bait". Wn I talkd abt betr undrstandg as t wa to ncrease ~~xxx~~ gd relatns tqg f hs pt f vu, ta s somtg worthwhil fr him to wrk at, he turnd it to a discussn f t suspicn ~~st~~ Jpns f al Cuacs. Sd ta ts z nt a nrml comunity n nrml times. Ta ty wr ppl wout hope, al who wr ovr 35, notg to look frwr to and ddnt giv a damn wat t ppl on t outside thot. He sd ts w som fervr and it evident z deeply hs own feelg n som f his ~~waxdax~~ moods and t one ta he z n at ta tim. Latr he sd ta t futr f t Nises z t one tg ta T Is hd to tq abt re relatns w America.

Sevl times he sd ta he hd writn t letr and takn t stand he dd n an efrt to avoid "Conflicts!" He spoke f himself as "neurotic." ~~xxxxx~~ *Also sd he z botherd w a conscience -*

He md a grt deal f hs conscience directg him to keep confidentl stuff ta z givn him because ppl hd trust n him. I told him it z like Dr - pt relatnship, jst t sam as med research. He sd it z mo like lawyer -- ty wdnt giv awa tr clients confidences ~~xxx~~ fr science. (Ts hs been TH's stand and he hs sd n a rppt to WRA ta he hd refusd to giv us confidentl info fr science despite our grt desir fr it.

It wdnt be unlike TH to make a lot f ts. We hv nevr askd him fr it snc t first dy or two wn I z hr and he z askg me wat I wantd. I hv nevr felt it worthwhil. I wondr if

tr s any conectn btween ts and Dick's rmrk? Espcl as fm
EC

~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ I hv hrd ta TH ~~xxx~~ s stil talkg abt takg awa t wrkrs f t resrch dept by ofrg tm mo atractiv jobs.)

I told him it z t old delima f t autopsy and rptd agan ta he wd hv to stand by his own conscience. I sd u cd alwas ask ppl if u cd use t data fr scientific purposes, and he sd nt hr w t attitd ta xists among t ppl n ts comunity rt nw.

It s imp to note ta thru out ts whol conversatn t crux f his arguments hung on t supositn ta t admin and t ppl f t comunity wr essentl two warg camps. T evacs and t Admin wr sparg w eachother, each seekg to take advantage f t othr. Tr znt a trace f any collaborativ trend, or t poolg f ideas fr a betr mutual undrstandg. It z t Is agnt t admin, to win by craft and bargaing and force wat ty cd. His role z to make tgs go n t best posib wa, to prevent xtreme actns, to urge moderatn, b it z al w t slant ta ts s a game f war or bargaing. He z osstensibl reportg to me his idea

f wat t comunity attid z, b hs emotns wr flog, tr z a gleam n his ey, and it z no doubt his own. Tr z a tendency to lump t admin w al kxg t govt and ndeed al Cuacs and tq f tm as t ppl ta hd done t evacs so mc harm, tr natrl enemies,.

(write up continued 12-30-42)

N xplaing to me why he hd to write t letr bfr talkg to me he sd it z t reg form to go thru, just lik filg out t employment card. I sd xactly, bfr he dd ta we hd ta talk abt t work. He sd b hr it z done t othr wa, at t end, he does t formal part first and tn hs t talk. Apparently he meant ts z needd fr symetry, or t symetry md it logical. I laffd at kx t aburdity f ts and sd it wdnt wash, b he kept nsistg it z so and reasonabl, tho tr z a smile x on hs face as if inspite f himself.

It hs occurd to me ta one motiv fr ts letr and ntrvu, may be ta he s hvg real diff du to t state f his mood f getg dwn to concentratg on work f sitg dwn to write, b s rathr disposd to talk and have bull sessions. EG sd a fu dys ago she thot he z fritrg awa gis tim n talk and nt abl to buckl dwn to wrk. Ts wd fit w a hypo-manic state. Anothr tg he neds s fd fr his ego, somtg to bolstr his pride, bld up his prestige and estimate f himself, his importance. Trfr it ma be ta t letr z meant to precipitate a discussn w me and out f wc he wd com w hvg gaind a pt gotn a concessn fm me we wd hv servd t dbl ends mentnd abov.

I hv notd w him and w TP mo, (w him it waxes and wains) a tendency to com to me w complete certnty f my attitude on certn tgs and be wa ff t mark. Ts whol

discuss show it. Another xamp z wn I askd him a genl qstn abt his autobio and he imed asumd I wantd him to talk abt sex. T characteristic f him and TT n ts s ta ty hv jumpd to a conclusn and tn challenge me on it wout stopg to find out if tr conclusn hs any validity n fact.

I got bac a ltl aftr 7.15 and fwnd him n t hal outside X EHS's ffice. He hd t lite on and as I arivd he sd, see I hv t lite on fr u. He z smilg and v frndl, and tried politely to get me tog go thru t door first. He yieldd to my entreaty ta age go first, and went thru laffg. Wn we wr seatd, he askd wat I wantd to talk to him abt. I sat silent tqg fr sevl ~~xxx~~ secs, may be 15, tryg to formulate it n my mind. He sd tn, wat r u dog, tqg? I sd yes. He sd, may I ask 1 qestn first? I sd yes. So he askd who z n contact w t Cent exec comitee beside Mr Hd. I sd no one ta I knu f, tho Mr. Evans mite ~~xxxxx~~ gro to hv mo contact w tm. He sd he askd ts bcz f t info ta t CEG hd, namely ta Haas, Kennedy, James and Pwl wr agnst tm. Ta seemd pretty gd dope and ty must get it frm som one. I sd ta ty hd hd meetgs w al tos ppl and may be ty hd been abl to dope it out fr tmselvs. He sd he ddnt tq ty wd hv been smart enuf too. I askd him wat t pictr z ty hd f tos men. Fr reply he gav me hs own versn, nt trs. I tq ts z a misinterpret- atn f my qestn, not du so mc to delib as to t nfluence f his own egotism. He sd ta t trbl w Haas s ta he s a lawyr and he can only see t legal side, t red tape. I sd notg to ts, b it seemd to me ~~xxxx~~ awa ff t mark. I frget nw wat he sd abt t othr three, b it struck me as obvious and wat anybody wd tq aftr talkg to tm.

He wantd to kno wat z t matr w James and why wdnt he let tm hv a papr? I askd if he thot it z a gd idea and he sd ta it z. I askd if t tgs ty sd n t Jpns edition wr v dif fm wat cam out n English and he sd no. I askd if ty ddnt make a lot f tmselvs and stress tr importance? He sd yes ty dd, b u cdnt blame tm fr ta, ty hd to do ta to sta n pwr, to keep t ppl feelg ta ty cd accomplish sontg. Any grp n tr positn wd do ta. I askd him if it wd be posib to get a hold f t editns f t pub ta ty hd put out, t early nos. He sd he thot it wd, he thot ty wr still pinnd up on t wal dwn at t blk and he wd get tm fr me.

I told him as a confidentl matr ta JE z gog to mov his fffice and take ovr t control f t comunity mo as tgs wr done n camps 2 and 3. Ta he z gog to hv two assistants, one Isei and one Nisei and I askd if he wd like t job f one. He sd no, ta it wd spoil his rapport w t comunity and he cd do mo gd fitg fr t cause f moderatn if on his own. He wd be thot f as an admin stooge t othr wa, while if sep, ty wd take him fr himself and he cd effectively spread t rt kind f educatn and propganda. Fr ta resn he thot he wd look fr a job as a dishwashr. I sd ta I thot ta he prob z v wise to sta out f t admin and ta he z wise to lv our dept. Tr z one pt n t conversatn wn he spoke as if he wr gog to ask to com bac. I frget his xact wrds.

He got talkg abt wat nfluenced t attids f t Issei. Told f t nite t ariplanes flu ovr LA and ppl thot it a Jp raid. Tr z a farmr livd out n country, som one rprtd seeg a signal fire at hs place. Abt 20 FBI,

detectives, county ffcls and forestry ppl cam and serchd
t place fr 4 hrs t next dy. Crawl'd al ovr t rf, took t
hay stack apart. T ppl hd a jpns style bath and ty fwnd
t watr stil warm and sd ta ty hd md t fire tr and ta
it cdnt hv retain'd its warmth mo tan 4 or 5 hrs wl t
farmr sd it z fm t evng bfr. T ppl wr scard to deth.
T Nisei family membrs wr tr, b ty ddnt do a tg. No gd
at al, no guts. Finally som one told RN and he went up
tr and help'd tm out. Tr wr many othr tgs like ta. PPL
cdnt buy milk fr tr childrn n t stors, hd to get Cauc
frnds to buy it fr tm. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ On Dec 9th hs own land-
lrd told him to get out and he refus'd to do it. Ts z
jst bcz he z Jpns. He stuck it out and t Friends help'd
him, so he eventl ddnt hv to lv his home. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
T WCCA md a sad mess f tgs. Tr wr ppl who hd \$500
piano ta z sold fr \$20 by tm. Tn t loss f crops work'd
a grt hardship on ppl. It z t Jpns wa to put al tr money
nto a crop, nvest it tr nsted f n t bank. So ty lost al
tr savgs. I sympathized w ts and sd I thot it wd be awfl
gd if he wrote som f ts up. He sd he hd been intendg
to and spoke f som eco professor at Stanford ta he hd been
n touch w and z gog to wrk w. B he sd, my mind s n such
a state I ~~xxxx~~ cannot remembr tgs any mo. Do u call
ta a fugue? Ta s t wa I am. I cant remembr wat I read.
I ask'd if ta s why he ddt get to wrk writg up t bac
grwnd f ta chart he hd md showg t historical past f I
and N n Calif at t end f t Fire Brk gang. He sd yes ta
z. Ts lead to our talkg abt his work agan and he sd ta
evr snce Xmas he hd beentryg to figr out just wat kind
f wrk he cd do and he cdnt find any. I sd ta I thot tr

z plenty he cd do wout compromisg hs conscience,, take fr xampl t Firebrk gang. He sd, wel let me confes nw, I ddnt put ~~ok~~^q tgs nto ta. Wat I dd put n z tru, b tr wr tgs ta I left out. I sd ta z just wat I meant, he cd continue to do ta. He hd t patr n tr.

(Rt up contd 1/2/43)

He sd ta t CEC hd lost a lot f prestige w t comunity bez ty askd t Spn Consl fr money. T whl comunity got sor abt it. Stil ty sd contin to xist and t admin sd wrk w tm. I askd if al t CEC hd md ts rqst and he sd ta ty hd. I askd hw rplacments to ta comitee wd be controlld. He sd ta t admin ~~xx~~ neednt worry abt ta, ty wr wrkg it out nw tmselvs. I sd w Hw k t admin kno ta ~~kaxzppaxzrepz~~ ts comit reps t ppl, or to wat xtent ty hv bacg. He sd ty hv enuf bacg at present. Ty r getg to kno tr place betr. T IAB told tm wat tr place z aftr t affair w t Spanish consl. T IAB s wrkg w tm, prob wil wrk w tm mo n t futr, ta s t presnt drift and ty wil ~~kax~~ play a part n wrkg out t meth fr rplacments. I askd if ts conectn w t IAB sd be told t admin, so ty wd hv a ltl mo faith n t comitge. He sd no, nt yet, betr ~~xx~~ wait a ltl and see hw it goes. It s nt sur enuf yet. He told me agn abt hw imp a role he hd playd n getg ts chngd by t comunittee , ts askg fr money and ta Dr. Mizushima, he hd alwd him get al t credit fr it. His pwr and prestige ~~xx~~ hs grown by ts, b it z really al du to Dick. Fm ts he took up wat I hd sd abt his beg a politican at hrt and sd it provd ta he znt really. Al he z ntrestd n z x t gd f t comunity. Som mos bfr t war startd he z told by a close frnd f hs who s a lt comandr n t US Navy (He sd Lt Comndr a no f tims, as if imprsd

w t titl) and by a Jpns frnd who z atachd to t Jpns Embassy ta war z inevitabl. Wn he hrd ts, he thot ta wn t war startd his life wd be ovr. T war cam and he ddnt die, so he figrs ta he s livg on "borrowd tim" and t least he can do s dedicate his life to t ppl. He sd he suposd ts z hard fr t Cauc mind to undrstand and wd make tm conclude ta t Jpns kx hold life cheap, b ty ddnt, ty valud life.

I askd a ltl abt t ndivdls n t CEC and he defnd tm al, tho I znt challengg tm. He sd Nagai z al rt. I askd abt Tachibana n camp II. He sd Crawfrd z at fault dwn tr, hvg cald T nto his ffice and kx threatnd him. He thot T z al rt, b dumb. He z at Stanfrd at t sam tim as Dick and hd flunkd out, b got bac k n agn and finally passd. D sd tr z a lot n his story, b I dont kno wat he meant. He def felt ta he z al rt afa t comunitee z concernd. He s defnsiv w me abt t ldrs and evident frs ta t admin ma take som steps agn tm and wants me to tq ty r al rt so I wil use my nflu to stop it. He sd a no f tims ta he ddnt like t part n t rppt ta I read to t staf whr kxkx I sd ta tr mite be pro-axis ppl wrkg to discredit t US. He thot I z worried abt ts and I sdnt be, I sd I znt preoccupied w ts, b I thot it z a possib ta hd to be record w.

He spoke f Dr Ishimaru and ta he z n disrepute w t comunity ovr hvg rec ta t kxkx N be cald nto t army. He sd ta he nevr sd hv been chrman f t cwncl bez f his fomr conectn w t Intel Comitee f t JACL. He thot ta Dr I z al rt n himself, b t fact f ta conectn md ppl distrust him and ty sd hv hd somebody who wd hv been trustd by al to rep t com ntrests.

He mentnd t Roy Furuya episode. A fu dys ago JE told

me ta RF hd told him ta he hd hrd fm 3 diff sources ta Dick z sag ta he, RF, z an FBI stooge. RF z pretty mad abt it and z gog to beat Dick up if ts ddnt stop. Also som^{wild} crtr^{hd} told JE ta Dick himself z an FBI agent, -- b t src f ts z too inconseqntl and erratic fr any one to pay atentn to. Hwvr, JE wantd me to tel Dick abt RF. I dd ts. Buz Dick lookd distrbd by it, b at once began to sa ta RF ddnt xist n his life and it z somtg to trivial to considr. Tn he protestd at som length ta he nevr sd such a tg abt RF. I told him ta I znt intrestd n ta angl, I hd merely passd t wrd on to him as a frnd bcz I thot he wd want me to.

Wn he brot ts up nw, I askd if it hd anytg to do w his x resig. He sd it hd n a wa, hd tipd t balance, bcz it mite wrk harm to t Bureau if ppl wr tqg tos sort f tgs abt him and he hd betr leve. ~~XXXXXX~~ He sd he z sorry ta hd hapnd. I sd ta I perhaps hd been wrong to tel him, b I hd done it only as a frnd. He sd no, I hd been rt and he z grateful.

Referrg to t profesr at Stanfrd agn, he sd ta he hd been gog to "rt him fr a readg list tody, b nsted I wrote ta letr f resig." Tn he lafd, and t implicatn z ta it z impulsiv, at k least t act evn tho he hd been tqg f it fr som dys, and tr z a ltl tone f regret.

(T dy folog ts ntrvu w Dick, he mentnd t RF episode agn n talkg w EHS.)

At l pt he sd to me, Ts s t first tim u hv hd any one resign fm ur dept as a result f presr fm withn, snt it? (EHS told me kzzmzkg he sd t sam tg to him t next dy, sam wrds. Ts s one f a no f incidents whr we get clues ta he rehearses y crfl wat he sas. He sd ts bfr TT who sd

ta she hd resignd as a reslt f prsr fm withn. Dick sd,
Dd u? and grind.)

He referd to t policies ta I hd out-lined n t ~~xxxx~~
fr t bureau as my desir to "smash ndividulaity". I gav him
qite a talk on t ~~xxxx~~ silliness f any one supposg ta z
my ntention and told him ta I z tryg to combine cohesive-
ness w and education, w t utmost flexibility etc.

twrd t end f our talk
Anothr resn he gav^A fr levg t Bureau z ta he md som
f t ygr membrs uneasy. Sd he hd been told ta he md Geo Yama-
gouchi uneasy. Ts s prob qite tru.

Twrd t x v end f t ntrvu he sd ta I z tryg to make a
study f Jpns personality and charactr and wat dd I find,
a crack-pot Japanese, meang f crs himself. He sd ts sitg
up on t desk, n a tone f pity, wc z perhaps directd at
both f us.

His flurishg ego showd wn he referd to his hvg givn
JE t othr dy an invitata to com to his blk to dinr. He
sd ~~xxxxxx~~ dd I tq many ppl cd do ta? I sd I suposd so, he
sd no, ty cdnt. Dd I tq ta Tamie cd? She cdnt. I sd u
mean ta it repnts t faith f t ppl n u, wn ty hv faith n u
u k do anytg u wish? He sd yes, setlg bac and lookg as if
he hd guidd his pupil to make t rt ansr.

He sd ta he hd been v happy wn he first jnd t Bureau
wn no one took himx seriously and lookd on him as a crack-
pot. Nw wn q persn attaches importance to wat he sz, wn
ty kno to wat and extent he knows t communittee, it fills
him w conflict. He s gog to xplain a fu tgs to Dr Spicer
abt t cwcl and t IAB. Tr feelgs r just t sam as tos f
himself as xplained last Sunday, b Dr S needs to kno ta
n ordr to undrstand tr actns. K Dick sees him flwndrg and

tryg to undrstand wat s hapng.

V confidentl he told me ta Haas, Kennedy, James and Pwl wd prob be hauld bfr t IAB to xplain tr attid.

It z a ltl aftr 9 wn I terminatd our discussn. I z by tn n a genuinely frndly ~~xxxxxxixaskdzw~~ and he seemd pretty ~~xxxxfxxtkax~~ frndly tho mc less bumptious tan he hd been. I askd him wat we wd do abt t studies. He sd ta he wd return al t books. I sd ta I wd be glad fr him to contin w t class wrk if he wishd. He took ts up eagrl and sd a ltl latr ta he wd com to t staff meetgs too. I sd k no, ta ddnt make sense to me. He z resigng bez he cdnt be sur he wdnt use stuf he picd up n our dept, so wat wd be t resn fr comg to t staf meetgs? He tried to argue ts a ltl, sag ta he z sur ta he wdnt get anytg he hdnt got fm othr sources any how, evn his dope abt t admin he got fm othr srcs. Hwvr, I wndt concede ts pt and we talkd on f othr tgs.

As I left t wrd, he went nto TT's fffice ~~xxx~~ whr she z ~~wzkkkixkzkz~~ wrkg.

EC told me t next dy ta he askd her if I lookd al rt, if I hd hd a sleepless nite, if I hd hd any bad dreams. She sd he lookd crestfaln. EHS sd by t ^{wn he sa him} aftrnoon he seemd qite satisfied w his nu status, talkg f takg up dishwashg as beg an inconspicuous job ta wd giv him lots f tim, b doubtg on t grwnd ta it wd put him n t sam class as Albert Kaniye.

In talkg abt t Jpns n genl, he sd ta t Kibes wr t ones ta he felt sorriest for, ty really hd t worst deal f al. Ppl gav tm sc a bad nam, shunned tm etc. Som f t best ppl wr Kibes.

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PS - AHL did sleep badly + did his bad dream.

at 1 pt in + interview RN sd to to a 2 kinds of
ppl who stic to necs out in to community -
Stooge (~~fedemia~~) and agitator.

N talkg abt pre-evac dys he told hw gangs f whitemen cam arwnd to t farmers and told tm ta if ty wd pay \$5, ty wd giv tm protectn. T farmrs pd x up, beg worried stif abt tr farms. Tes gangs wd just pocket t money and walk on and next week a nu man wd sho up and sa t sam tg, and t farmrs wd sa ta ty hd paid already, and t nu man wd sa Oh, tos wrnt t rt guys, ty hv run ff. U'll hv to pay me \$2 if u want protectn, we r t rt ones ts tim.

Commenting on Dillon Myers speech he said that it had made a bad impression on him, that Dillon Myer had seemed to him too hard boiled.

When I was sitting in Mr. Evan's office briefly this afternoon, Smoot Katow came into the room and said that Tomo Ito and Furuya had refused to become block manager and block manager supervisor again under the new committee. Smoot started out the door and thrust his head and shoulders back in again and said in a soft voice, "In the meantime you can refer things to me (and holding up a finger then) But only for a little while."

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Intrv u w RNishimoto.

Ystrdy p.m. I told Dic I wd like to seehim tody to talk
ovr hs persnality stdy. I sugstd 2 p.m. tody. He sd whr?
n ur ffic e? So it z ~~agred~~ agreed. Som peopl f late hv
been v hesitant a bt comg to admin bldg. Wn I got tr a ltl
aftr 2, RN z sitg at a desk, smokg pipe and readg 1 f books fm
our library. I askd if he wantd t stov ltd, he sd no, he hd
a gd G.I. P-coat. He hd one f a dark blu. G.I. means Govt
Issue. (L).

AL. Wel, hw r tgs?

RN Ts hs been a grt xprienc fr me. I tel u, ~~xExhxyzbasxxtween~~
~~ixexandxdethzksxweek~~, my life z ~~xtxxxxxaxxstake~~ at stake
ts week. I z v worried, b it cam out al rite, nw I am happy,
I kno whr I stand. Ts z a crisis n my life.

(T folowg cam out as a result f a numbr f qestns fm me.
He z v carfl n his talkg nt to sa mo tan he wantd to, and q
ltl wl he wd sa aftr 1 f my qestns, Dr., u r pumpg me. My
reply z ta I ddnt want him to tel me any mo tan he wishd to.)

T ~~ezrisiz~~ crisis cam wn ty put up tos flags ta look like
a certn othr flag. I z scard. B tn I saw tm takn dwn, I knu
whr we std, I knu ta t Jpns peopl wr al rite, ta t US z our
country, ta we wd cooperate w t US. I knu most f t Jpns peopl
felt like ta, sam as I dd. T resn ty put tos flags up z ts,
like u thumb ur nose and t next kid does it w both hands and
t next one does it stronger and t one ta does it stronger, wins.
One man put up a flag w t no. a ltl like t Jpns flag, tn anothr
makes it mo like. It z like sticg out ur tongue at sombody u

~~xxxx~~ r mad at. B I z scard. I tq ta z Friday, or may be Satdy. I hd a long talk w Bob Sakai ta nite. He z v trbld, he z torn btween two countries. He ddnt like tos flags eithr. Tn t wrd z passd to t comittee keepg ordr tr w t pickets ta t peopl ddnt like it. & t comittee ddnt like it, b ty sd it z a qestn f findg t rt tim to take tos flags dwn. Ty got t rt tim and ty dd it.

AL Wn z ta?

RN. N t morng, Sund ay morng. (Ts ma refer to dawn, t time f t risg sun?) Al t flags wr gon tn, and I knu q tg z al rite and t peopl wr al rt and we wd com out f ts betr ff. We wd hv a fine comunity.

Wn t crwd first formd, fr t first cpl f hwrs, conservativ peopl wr n chrg, tn soon, n a cpl f hwrs, aftr ty electd t comitee f 72 it chngd to t radicls. Nw it s chngg ovr to t librls.

AL Wat do u mean by radicls?

RN. ~~xxxxxx~~ Irratnls wd be a betr nam, ty ddnt kno wat ty wantd. Wn I sa ty chnged, I wondr ~~waxzuxmexn~~ if u kno wat I mean. Ty sam 72 remãind al thru xcept fr l man ta chngd, b it z like ts. Tody wn u speak, peopl listn to u, b tomoro, ty dont ~~mxy~~ pa atenti to u, b ty listn to me. We r both tr al ~~xx~~ t tim.

AL U mean t ldrship chngd?

RN No, nt t leadrship. W Jpns, t ldrs s just a figr hed, t chr-man, u kno, he s ldr, b he snt important. I mean t peopl who hv influence chngd. At t start it z conservativ, tn it becam t irratnls who hd nflucnc and tn nw it s turng ~~tard~~ t librls, tho it s stil abt half and half, wat hapns next, we wil see.

I want to ask u if a man k be a membr f t bureau and hold

electiv ffice? I kno ta s agnst ur policy, and I knt tel u
nw why I ask ts, b I k sa ts, tho I dont want it to go nto admin
policy. I dont tq ts comitee, ts central comitee s gog to last.
It s gog to brk dwn and tr wil be anothr electn, ma be n a cpl f
weeks, ma be nt fr som ~~xx~~ mos, b it wil com, I tq. Ts ma swnd
cockey, b I tq my blk wil want me to run and I wont be abl to
refs ts tim. I hd to supres my suportrs last tim. I kno snc ts
strike ta t most important tg n t world to me s to help tes peopl
f Poston, al t Amer Jpns, and if ty ask me to run I knt refus.

Ts may swnd cockey agn, b I dont tq ta comitee k manage t job
ty hv takn on. Tr s nt enuf brains n it. T tim s comg wn felos
like Mitani and me wil hv to com frwr and do t wrk. I hv t
imagnatn and t plans. I do betr behind t scenes tan as a ldr,
b I tq n ts case, I hv to com out front, somebody hs to do it to
sav ts comunity. It wil be tim fr t librls to act . F crs I
dont kno ta it wil go ts wa, b I tq it wil tho I knt tel u
nw why. If I tel u tgs I kno, it wil becom part f t admin policy
and t peopl wil kno ta tr z a leak somplace and I wil be thru.

E.O. got put out f t comitee bec ty wantd t discusns f t comitee
to be secret, nt get to t admin, and some one chlnged EO's presenc,
sd he wd talk to admin, and so ty thru him out. Mitani z also
chlnged, b som one std up and vouched fr him.

AL Wa t r t comitee membrs like?

RN. Ty r al rite, b ty r conservativ, n imagnatn, xcept Mitani.

AL, Al sincere or r ty politicians?

~~AL~~ RN. Al snocr, ty just dont kno enuf. U wil see. Mitani s
t nly one w brains. He undrstands somtg abt t admin. Ta s why I
feel I must take part if I am ~~askd~~ askd. I kno t admin wel
and I kno hw ty react. If som one like ta doesnt take part, tr
nevr wil be any compromise btween t peopl and t admin. Ty wil

nevr get to undrstand eachothr.

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AL. S Mitani sncr?

RN, Yes, he s

~~Rx~~ AL ~~Hwx~~ Hw wel do u kno him?

RN. I dont kno him v wel.

AL Wat dd u tq f t setlment?

RN I thot t admin dd excelent job. Wn I saw u and Mr Evans com
dwn arwnd t fire ta first nite, I knu it wd be al rt. I knu ta
tr wd be no military police cald n. I felt it wd be al rt.

AL dd u tel peopl ta?

RN. Nw u want to find out if I z leadr. I wil sa ts, if I z askd,
I told tm ta. I thot t a dmin handlg z masterly. U hv gaind
a lot f nfluence n ts w t ~~xxxx~~ admin and t peopl hv com
to kno u and appreciate t role ta u played n ts tg. U and Spicr
wr a brain trust fr t admin. T status f t Bur f Spc Res hs
improvd a whol lot n ts. W B u began to get worried latr,
ddnt u? ~~xxxxSaturday~~ I k tel u just wn. By Saturdy u wr
worried wn u saw al tos (wavg hand n air as if wavg a flag),
wrnt u? (Ts s t tim ta he sd he z frightened.)

AL, I ddnt take tm too seriously. ~~xxxx~~ I wl ago I told u
ta I z wonderg nw whthr we hd done t rt tg or nt, b ta s a habit
f mine to wonder aftr I hv done somtg and to re-examine and see
wat I k lern fm xperience. (EH told me tody ta he told RN last
nite ta ~~xxxx~~ we hd begun to wondr if our crs z rt abt Friday.)

AL. Wa t mistakes wr md?

RN. Wel, Mr Evans sdnt hv md ta speech to t crwd on Wed, and
told tm to dispers. He askd tm to trust t ~~xxxx~~ admin. B ty
dont trust t admin. Ty arnt like me and othrs who kno Mr. Evans
personally. To tm t a dmin s somtg ta doesnt giv tm stovs,

clothes, linoleum. If ty trusted t admin, ty wdnt be tr.

AL. Wat wr t isus at stake?

RN. Al t tgs ta hv hapnd snce Dec 7. T FBI picd up peopl on t slightest pretext. T ldrs and peopl who wr respectd n t comunity wr takn awa. Ty hd to let ff steam sometime and ts z a gd wa. Tgs will be betr aftr ts, u wait and see. We hv lots f trbl to com, b it wont be like ta any mo, or nt fr many months or yrs. U wil see it hapn like ts nw, tho n many othr relocatn centrs. It s like ts, if u kick a dog oftn enuf, aftr a wl, he wil bite u.

AL. I used ta sam simily wn talkg abt whtr or nt to get t M.Ps n hr. I sd if u t ease a dog enuf he wil bite u, and r u tn warrentd n shootg him?

RN. (lookg impresd and serious) Wel, we wr tqg just abt t sam tg.

AL. T admin z undr grt presr to cal n ~~make~~ t army fm many places, and ts hs done a lot f harm to public opin.

RN I kno it hs, b it z worth it. T peopl wr abl to let ff steam and find out whr ty really std. T peopl r alrite nw, b I kno u r hvng trbl wn t admin. Tr s a lot f dif f opin tr abt t policy. News travels fast.

AL Hw dd u find out ta we advised abt nt sendg n t MPs?

NNews travls ~~a~~ fast. It ~~xxx~~ soon got al ovr t comunity. We knu ta u wr part f t brain trust fr t admin. Do u mind if I ask u a qestn, u dont hv to ansr it. Dd Mr. Head and Mr Gelvin skip out wn t trbl startd?

AL. No one who knows tm cd ever imagin sc a tg.

RN. Wel it wd hv been gd technique if ty hd. Ts startd at 10.15 and ty hdnt left t camp yet at ta tim.

AL T first news cam to t admin abt 11, shortl aftr ty hd left.

AL Do u tq ts comitee to clr peopls names will be a gd tg?

RN. Yes I do.

AL. May it nt be used as a polticil machine, by presr grps who want to get nto pwr?

RN. No, Jpns society doesnt work ta wa. It will be al rite. Do u kno who wil be t first one to be nvestigated? Ts will hurt u, I am sorry, -- I will keep u n suspense fr a moment -- k u guess who? Mitch Kunetani. He does harm here. He s alwas pointg out wat s wrong w t peopl. He sees faults. He s out f place hr. (I saw Mitch n t hal ts a.m. and he told me ta as a result f ts, he and Anne wr gog to get out f hr at t earliest posbl moment, take any kind f job, try to get to Washington. Ty cd do mo gd fr tr peopl xplaing to Caucs wat t relocatn z al abt tan ty cd do gd hr n Boston.) ~~Tasz~~ Ta s why I hate him. We al hv our faults, b tr s no use n makg so mc f tm, betr emphasize t gd side.

AL Hw abt Ann?

RN, Wel, t sam goes fr her, b shes a teachr, I ddnt like to mentn x her.

AL. Hw s Tots Kushida disposd twrd our bureau nw? E

RN. Oh, he s fine. B I knt tel u mc abt ta nw. Ta gets rt at t hrt f tgs, rt close to t nside dope. Som dy I wil tel u al abt ta. I k sa nw tho, ta he undrstands our work nw.

AL Hw abt Dr. Takehashi?

RN. I dont kno him.

AL Hw wil ts employment comitee work out?

RN, ta s somtg confusd. Tr r two tgs tr mixd up and t admin and t central comitee dont seem to mean t sam tgs. Al ts firg q body znt t comitees idea. Ty wantd to control t key admin postns. Ta s too big a job fr tm. I sent tm word ts mornng by our delegate ta ty sd giv ta job bac to t admin. (Laoughg a gd deal) T admin

sur md suckrs out f ta comitee. Hr ty tq ty hv won tr points
and ty com out f it w al t problems t admin hs been struglg w al
sumr. Ty tq ty hv won somtg, wl al t tim t admin hs just handd
ovr tr headaches to tm on a plattr. Ty r just beging to find
out wat ty hv got. Ty dont kno yet hw mc ty r gog to sweat.
Ta s wat I mean wn I sa ta ts comitee snt cpable enuf. Ty knt
take on a job like ta. I dont want ts repeated, b my thot z fr
tm to turn t sam trick bac on t admin n ts employment business.
Let t admin handl employment, b reserv t rite to remov a persn
ta s nt suitabl.

AL Mitch snt thot f as a stooge, s he? Just a persona non grata?

RW. Ta s it.

(Ts p.m. I hr fm Haas ta a labr comitee hs been formed w Mitani
as chrman who s out f t central comitee nw. Ts labr comitee hs
been put on t employment dept pay role at \$19. Haas disaprovd f
ts. He sd ta he suposd ta Mr. Hd wd put t central comitee on t
pay role soon if ty askd him sometime wn he, Haas znt abt.)

RN I'll tel u hw ts helps peopl. U kno I told u hw scard Albert
Kaniye hs been? Wel I hrd ta tr z som big job lined up fr him n
t camoflage net. Wel ta wd hv ~~xx~~ led to trbl rt awa. He snt
tactfl. I told him t best tg fr him to do s start at t botm
agn. He s one f t two suposd dogs n our blk. Nw he s washg
dishes n t mess hall, and qite happy. I hd a long talk w him
and ta s hw I hndled it, and nw he s happy. Abt tes flags, I
want to tel u ts, t only kind f flag we hd z a simpl banner w 45
n plain letrs rt n t midl, yet our blk z %100 behind t strike.

I hr Tamhe s gog awa to Topz? Do u mind if I urg her to sta?

I tel u why, I tq we need her. I am v disapntd n t calibr f ts
Bureau. Tes yung punks dont kno n anytg. She s t only one ta s
any gd, ^{in camp} except ma be Tom Sasaki and Bob Sakai. (Tes two r ~~prob~~)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ t most matur and possib t most intel f t 4 yung
ones. T othr two, r t most enthusiastic and devoted to t Bureau
and possib to me personally, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~.) Tr r gog to be
a lot f tgs hapn hr and we wil need her. I dont mean to ~~wat~~
giv carbon copies f wat she sends to Thomas and ta crap, b to
make a real study f wat goes on. Ts tg has helped her a whol
lot, and she hs fwnd ta t peopl n her blk appreciate her. I
dont tq she wil be so lonely any mo. She k collaborate w us evn
if she s nt part f t bureau. (Yest TT told me ta she z runr up
n her blk fr delegate.)

AL. I tq she mite be mo happy n Topz. Ta s mo to be considrd
tan research n ts case. She hs been so unhapy snce she hs been
hr. Hwvr, u r free to giv her wat advice u wish. I shal be
gld to hv her hr to colaborate wi, b I dont tq it wil wrk fr her.

RN. Wel, I'll stake my niel on ta.

AL. Afa t Bureau s concernd, our membrs r yung, and* if u kno
any gd persns who cd help, I wd be flad to see tm.

RN Ta speech f Mr. Hed at t end f t mass meetg wn t strike broke
up z a masterpiece. Al tos speches n Jpns wr v formal, like
bachelaureate sermon, and tn his z so simpl and to t point,
t contrast z gd, he got a big response fm t crwd. Peopl asked
eachothr wat he sd, ty cdnt wait to hr it translated. It z best
whr he sd ta no one z to blame.

AL. Z it a mistake to sa ta he z glad to see t crwd n a gd honor?

RN. No, ta z al rite.

AL Why z t spech so gd?

RN, Wel it s like ts. Sups u r my fathr, and I hv done somtg
wrong, ~~xxxx~~ and I meet u and I expect to be scoldd and nsted
u speak to me chrfl~~x~~ It s like ta. (N his life story he tels
f sc a tg hapng w a techr wn he ran awa fm school and hw mc ts

mild reactn fm t t^echr impressd him) Wn he sd ta kno one z to blame, we liked ta, we k use ta ovr and ovr agn to him.

AL Ta md peopl's heds feel safe?

RN. Yes.

AL Wel, tr z l tg Mr, H md v clr to t comittee, I wondr if ty passed on to t peopl. He sd ta al tes arrangements ta he md w tm ddnt include t FBI. He wantd it clr to tm ta he cdnt control t FBI. Ty cd com n and arest him or nvestigate him just as mc as ty cd t evacuees. No one n t country cd control tm. He wantd ta v clrly undrstood.

(RN sits quietly suckg pipe, evidently taken ~~aback~~ aback by ts. Aftr a fu moments he sas:) No ty ddnt make ta clr, ts s t first I hv herd f it. T comitee ddnt brg a wrd f ta, and I dont blame tm. T peopl cdnt undrstand ta. Ty tq Mr H k do any tg, al pwrfl. Why do t FBI hv to com n any wa? Wat harm k any one do hr? Rnt we n a concentratn camp? It wd be an awfl mess if t FBI cam hr nw and took out Uchida. Ty wd tq ty hd been dbl crossd.

(We talk at som length abt his possibl relatns w t bureau if he goes nto an electiv ffice and agree ta on both sides ta ~~it wdnt~~ it wdnt be workabl fr him to continue a ful membr f our staff. He wdnt feel free to tell al he knu and we cdnt tel him al we knu. He sz ta he wd only hold t job long enuf to get t community on its feet and tn he wd resign and com bac. Som day he wil tel al he knws, b nt nw. He wil kee notes and ~~write~~ write tgs up later. He sas a no f times w satisfactn ta he hs lernd two grt tgs out of ts. One z whr he std n his attids f loyalty (loyal to t US along w ~~xx~~ most f rest f Isei) and t othr ta ~~he blngs~~ he blngs to ts comunity and t most important tg n life s to help tes peopl. Its nt unusla to fins a guy like me n a community f ts sze s it who feels like ta?)

(I askd him if he wd make som translatns f t speeches ta wr md to t mob t nite t strike z endd, sag ta he doesnt hv to sho tm to me nw, b sd make tm nw wl it s fresh n his mind. He sas ta he wil. At l point he stopd talkg and told me it z my turn to tel him somtg abt t admin. I told him abt t points md w t comitee and abt t difs f opinion n t admin staff. I put it to him ta a lot f peopl hd gone bac to earlier prejudices agnst t Jpns and it z t responsability f t Jpns to countract ta by dog gd work 8 hrs, and beg polite to t foremen etc. Tr z somtg to be sd on tr side snce ty wr responsabil fr t work and wr n a constant state f frustratn. He askd me if I notd hw ty clened t ~~place~~ place up aftr ~~txsxxxxstrkx~~ strike. He z v proud ~~fxtxxxxx~~ f hw clene it hd been md. Ta shod hw t Jpns peopl cd do tgs, hw ty cd pul togethr. He doubted ta ts present central comitee cd get tm do work, hwvr. Ty hvnt enuf pwr r folog. Ty dont take tgs bac to t 72 because ty get too many arguements. At one point he mentioned somtg abt gangs f tufs. So I askd if tr wr any hr importd fm t cities and he sd no. I askd if ty bachlrs wr figrg n ts tg, and he sd no. (I tq Nagai s one f t ba chlrs crwd.) I askd him abt Uchida, and he sd he thot he z morally innocent rathr tan actl innocent. I askd him to giv me a ~~xxxxxx~~ chronological sketch f events, and he qickly sd w a smile, no, I am nt redy fr ta yet. I hr ta s wat u want, b I am nt ready. He s a non-conformist and it wil always be ~~xxxxxx~~ wise to ask him to do tgs diff fm wat t rest f staf s asked.

Al ts took until 4. Tn I turned t conversatn to his person - ality stdy. He sd it seemd ~~x~~ so long ago snce he hd done any tqg abt it, ta he hd frgtn al abt it. It took us a fu mins to get nto t swing f talkg abt it. I sd I wantd to kno if he hd compared it w t list f chptrs I hd givn n t life story outline. He sd

v ~~xyzzy~~xxx qikly and sitg up and drawg closr to me, wl t lowr lid f his left ey twitchd:) U mean my sex life. I ddnt want to write abt ta bcz it s too complicated, b I wil tel u abt it. (Som qestns asked to get t folog aftr he hd told most f it spontaneously)

Wn a Jpns girl gets married as part f her trousseau she gets a pictr showg sex relatns, it s abt ta size (2ft by 2 ft) U wd cal it obscene, b to t Jpns, it x s nt obscn. T grls mothr usl puts n her luggage. U see som girls used to be v innocent at t time ty wr married. Wn I z stil livg n t hotel, I ~~h~~ saw one f tos, b at ta time I ddnt tq any tg abt it. I herd no talk fm maids or othr childrn. I z raised n hi-class wa and among hiclass peopl n Jpn u dont hr ta kind f talk. Men and women and childrn dont talk abt sc tgs. T attitd s one f shame. I ddnt hr any mor abt sex til I z n St. Pauly school, tn I herd som dirty stories fm clergyman's ~~son~~ ~~tr~~. I herd tr fr first tim abt hw babies r born. I knu abt houses f prostitution, b I ddnt know at went on nside. Lwr class peopl talk a lot abt sex and men and women kid eachotr. I herd fm t boys abt masterbation, b ta s somtg I ~~xxx~~ nevr dd practice. Tr z also som homosexual practice tr n school, I tq nw as I look back, tho I ddnt undrstand it at t tim. I nevr dd ta eithr. Jpns condone masturbatn, ty feel it snt so v bad, b it s fine if u k get along wout it. I nevr needd to bcz I alwas d cd get my desirs satisfied. Abt t last yr at St Pauls aftr my mothr hd me go to liv n a boardg hws, tr z a wide woman tr who z abt 40, she z lonely, and she forced me to hv my first sex xper-
I had to do it w her + took to it
ience w her, semi forced. Oh I ddnt like it. I fwnd it painfl b I hd to go thru w it sevl times. Fr yrs aftr ta I ddnt like anytg to do w it. B aftr I cam to America, abt ~~by~~ my junr yr n hi schl, I z infatuated w t daughtr f Kawakami. Ta md me see t

plsr side f sex agn. Tn wn I got nto college, I hd many girl frnds, I z mo like a caucasian wl I z n college. I z a cauc w a yelo face. I hd relatns w a lot f girls, cauc girls. Ty wr co-ed. U kno hw it s n co-ed schools. It z sam at Stanford as at othr places. I nevr felt any conflxict, I guess my attitd z due to ta f tos arwnd me. It seemd natrl to me. I nevr dd go w any prostitute. Tn I met my wife and I knu her fr a fu yrs. I decidd t tim hd com to setl dwn, and so I got married. She z a hi schl graduate, not college. I ddnt want to marry a college grad.

AL Competition?

RN. Ta s rt, I ddnt want it. She s happy abt t hwsx dog her work and hr she s ~~ka~~ bcomg a ldr among t women. Since I am married I hv nevr been w any othr woman. I hv kno urge to. Ta s why I hd a big ~~ixx~~ laff up ~~my~~slieve t othr dy wn u sd ta t mo u pla arwnd, t hrdr it s to setl dwn. I just thot u ddnt kno wat u wr talkg abt. I just felt ta I hd hd my fun, and nw I want to setl. Sex doesnt seem to be v important to me any wa. I'd rathr just talk to girls and kid tm, and find out wa t ty r tqg abt. I am a grt hero worshipr, I like to tq f grt men, and doesnt Freud tq ta s sex sublimated?

AL Dd ta list f opinions and Attids stir any tg in u?

RN. Ta part abt religion z just a complete blank to me. Law s wat I liv by. & ethics. Do u kno ta I nevr drive ovr t speed limit? If I do, somtg seems to hold me bac.

AL U gav a gd sketch f ur parents, k u pul somtg out f ta, ta has bearg on u?

RN. Oh ta s ur job. I hd that n mind wn I wrote ta out. Fr xampl I told u ta my fathr liked to make charts on t stock xchange, and I chucled wn I wrote ta, I knu u wd see ta I like to make charts to. (He sd also ta his fathr like to try to predict t market. ~~ixx~~

He likes to predict the behavior of people.)

AL tells him that the most important part of his job is his and he should work out what traits of his are derived from parents and grandparents.

Asked if quarrels of male progenitors are significant, he at once starts to see whether he is quarrelsome or not and comes to the conclusion that he is not.

I suggest that questions rather than do any of the things exist in him that lead to those

quarrels. I ask him if there has been any profound influence on him due to

the fact that he was born with a silver spoon and then became poor, then with

the high class and then plunged into the church mouse atmosphere.

RN Your analysis is right. It makes a big difference. That is one reason why I cannot

stand the church. It is part of my aversion to church. It was a big

come down. Those early days and the Keio school have made me always want to

get to the top. (He might have added and built his pride). That came

out too in the frustrations after college. It was a double frustration. I

wanted to be a lawyer first, but didn't because of the race prejudice and then

I wanted to be an engineer and got my degree, but I couldn't get a job.

I wanted to get to the top in maximum finance and social

adjustment and have family security. I have family security now,

but I don't have the others and I am worried about what will happen after that war.

AL The Social Res work is a possibility.

RN But I don't know yet whether I am fitted for that. I am part of all that.

You know I have a tendency to do propaganda instead of science when it comes

to the Japanese people in America. That is where I am not sure of myself.

AL Not a scholar, isn't it possible that your distaste is more concerned with

people than with physical things you mentioned?

RN It is all the people, the very ones I disliked.

AL You could develop that further in writing it up, I think it would be very helpful.

You could make that very significant. So to write your Shakespeare, I wonder who

taut it?

RN a very nice old lady without any imagination.

AL Who wr t othrs n t class, wat wr ur motives.-- tr r lots f tgs
n tr ta mite make ts mo sig nif if us explored it, and we wd
perhps tie up w wat hapned yrs bfr wn u wr tryg to get nto ta
~~xxx~~ school w only 1 chance in 250.

RN I tq u r on t rt track tr. I need to hv my self confidence
sustained by seeg ta I am accomplishg. Othr peopl dont hv to
see it, b I do. If I see it, I k work bhind t scenes. (Ts sugest
a tendency to avoid t ~~xx~~ burdens f resposability -- perhaps an
appreciation f resposability w a lack of self confidence*) I am
not one f tos artits or musicans who k play fr yrs al by himself.

AL Wn u r really secure, u wont ~~xxx~~ hav to be so resentfl f t
yungr Jpns.

RN Wat do u mean -- may be I am v insecure , may be I nevr wil
~~xxx~~ be secure.

AL Security s relativ. I tq u r secure enuf n som was, ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Ts busness f testg othrsn tryg to
confuse tm to see wat reactn he wil get, s prob som sort f persnl
revenge on othrs or an atempt to cut tm dwn to his size, based
on feelg f both inferiortiy and t desire fr superiority and a
partial belief n ta superiority.)

Tes r tgs anyhw ta it wd be worthwhile to look nto mo.

(He s surprised wn I mention to him ta I hv read his biog
a no f times. I mildly sugest ta he mite want to make a book of
it som dy. He sa ta he wantd me to feel wn he presentd it ta
it z worth somtg and not like t shalo tgs tes yung felos w no
xperience and no sufrg hv writn. Mitani s anothr like himself who
cd wrt 80 pages ta wd be worth somtg.) As he gets ready to go
at 5.40, he sas, ts hs been a v worthwhile conference, tank u v
mc.

and bro md gd ta amnt. Uchida hsnt been a membr f t gang, b he seems abt to becom one. He s pretty sore abt hvg been arestd and takn to Yuma. Altho he ddnt do t beatgs, he no doubt knos who dd. X

T first mentn f U's name cam up wn I sd ta I hd hrd ta he z gog out to work on t main canal. EO lookd v doubtfl and sd, he wil nevr do any work, and tn he went on to giv t abov. I askd if t comunity z sore at t admin fr his second arrest, and he sd no, b ty wr sore at t cent exec comitee, ty wr suposd to protect him and ty ddnt do a tg. Uchida sd he hd been thrown n jail a fu dys and tn let go and he hardly talkd to any one and he ddnt kno wat it z al abt. EO sd t resn fr ts z plain, his lawyr dd al t talkg fr him. I askd hw it cam ta U z arestd a secnd tim. He sd ta U cam to him EO and askd him wat he sd do if t FBI cam to gestn him. EO told him ta he sd get his lawyr tr, bcz he, U, ddnt understand English too wel, and tes lawyrs r gd n both languages. Ta s just wat U tried to do, and t FBI ddnt like it. X EO's tone n talkg abt U ddnt seem so hi n praise as it hd been wn telg bfr abt hvg md a thoro nvestg at t tim f kzkzkz his first ertest and ta he z compltl nocnt. I askd he he fwnd al ts stuf out abt t gang. He sd he z rt dwn tr w tm at a meetg t othr nite. He hrd tr z gog to be a meetg among som peopl ta wr pretty sore abt ts proposl f t JACL ta Nisei be x hv tr draft status chnged and be cald to activ service. Ty wr plang to beat Kido and Nishimaru up abt it. EO went dwn tr and along cam Uchida and al tes felos and at t meetg, EO cd see who ty wr fm t wa ty talkd and hw ty sat togethr and he z told ta tr wr abt 2l f tm. EO spoke to U and sd ta ty sd talk to Ishimaru abt it, and nt just attack him, and ty hd a meetg last nite n 44 at wc Ishimaru aprd. EO znt tr, b he undrstd ty folwd his advice. He tqz ta Ishimaru ~~sd~~ sd make it clr ta he z nt represntg t peopl f Poston, b givg his own persnl opn wn he vtd ta wa n t JACL and if it s nec fr t peace wn Poston, ~~xxx~~ sd wdraw his rec on ts score. EO himslf tqz ta t Nisei sd be n t army if ty want to go, b tr r a lot f Kibe Nisei who r pretty sore abt it, and t peace f t camp until tes gangsters r undr control sd com first. Hwvr, he feels pretty hopels abt t peace f t camp. I askd sd t admin do anytg abt it. He sd no, just go along as ty wr fr t pres. He ddnt want me to tel anybody t names ta he hd told me, b he thot Mr. Gelvn sd kno abt t exist f t gang. I sugestd ta he tel himslf, b he ddnt like ta idea, hard to tel him, ty r alwas watchg wat he does w and who he talks w. I sd I wd brg Mr. G ovr hr, b he stil znt nterstd. Seems to want me to be t go-btwn. I askd hw ts gang workd, and he sd t "purg out" al t peopl ty dont like fm t cwncl and t IAB. Ts nu cwncl and IAB hs sur a "lot f Japns garbage" nt it. "Iddnt kno tr z so mc Jpns garbage n t world bfr I cam to ts camp". Wn ty dont like t ideas f a man, ty threatn him and he wdraws. Ty hv got almost al f t gd men out ta wa. Ta s t real resn Dr Ishimaru ddnt accept chrmanship nominatn. Tr hv been a lot f peopl threatnd, espcl n t last fu dys. T outcom and salvatn ma be ta tos who r purgd out wil organise furthr behind t scenes f tes peopl and purge tm out n turn, Tr wil be trbl tn, and fitg. I askd wat kind f fitg, and he sd he thot ty mite confine it to words. Wat he s most worried abt s t effect al ts wil hv on t relatns to t outside, s sur ta it s gog to be bad. It's too bad Mr. Hed ddnt darg t strike out anothr week, ta wd hv spoild tr hold on t peopl. Wn he sa tos pres releases abt tr beg a pro-axis gang, he thot Mr. H knu wat he z dog, ta z hitg tm rt on "t spot", and he thot Mr. H wd drag it out, b he ddnt. It s gog to be impos to get peopl to wrk on t "camofrage" net w t twndr t swa f tes peopl. I askd wat tr program z, wat ty wantd to do. He sd ty hd none, ty ddnt kno ta tmselvs, ty just wantd to cause trbl, and us strikes and violent methods. Ty wantd to stop tgs, and ty want to unify nt only ts camp, b al t camps. As long ago as Oct, n t early part f t mo. one f t IAB membs who z f ts gang spoke up n meetg abt a strike. T trbl s ty dont undrstand t situ. At ta tim, EO went and

and talkd to ts grp f Iseis n blk 37 and he thot he hd tm persuadd ta ts znt t wa to do tgs.

Speakg f Nakamura, he sd ta he z a parolee, and his nstructns wr ta he znt suposd to hold any political ffice and ta he znt to speak to any grp f mo than 5 n Japns. Doesnt kno if he knws ts, wifxzfz or if Mr. H knos ts. Yasukochi, tho knos English wel and he kxxxxxtazha k read and he knos he snt suposed to be dog wat he s dog, b kx he s dog it just t sam.

Kido s n t sam sort f trbl w t comunity ta Dr Ishimaru s. Tgs r v bad n camp 2 and getg worse.

EO hs been 6 tims to t top f t mts E f hr, wn u go out tr w old man, ta s gd tim to hr tm talk, lern wat ty realy tqg.

T lawyrs tq ta t comunity s n bad shape. Ty kno wat s gog on v wel and ty wr kidg up tr at t ad bldgs t othr dy and sag ta ty wr gog to leve, b I tq ta ty meant it to. I dont tq ta ty wil stay ar-nd.

I askd EO if he thot f levg. He sighd and sd, "If I k slove ts tg hr, I gues I cd slove anytg aftr ta, no matr hw hard, b if I knt slove it, I guess I k nevr slove anytg."

I told him abt t corssp w Henry Field f RvDenver, and he seemd mc intrstnd n t idea, b sd ta he thot it wd be hard to put ovr nw. Thot peopl wd like it at a time wn t comunity z stable.

Sd ta Mitani s a gd man, b he hsnt been abl to exert any influence. Ty r just usg him fr his English and ty wont listn to wat he sas.

Itold a t story abt my getg nto t navy and comg hr etc, n response to a qestn fm him abt hw long I thot I wd be hr. I sd I ddnt kno hw long b wd rwnd out a yr I thot. He sd ta u cdnt get v far w a study like ts n a yr. U wd need to go longr to really undrstand. I told him ta n any event t dept wd go on.

He left promptly at 10.30 sag tak his wife wd be worried if he wr latr, he hd promised her ta he wd be bac tn. Sd durg t sumr wn he z gog abt gethrg facts, he used to be up til 2 and 2.30, and she wd nevr go to bed til he cam n. Nw he doesnt sta up so late. He knt gathr info freely like he usd to. It z bcz he went arwnd askg so many qestns ta and gathrg opins ta ty began to cal him dog asa t trbl startd.

I sd I wd like to talk to him mo som tim abt psychology and relig. He sd he wd too (I askd him early abt t relig distrib f gang membrs, and he sd both Budhists and Xtians, b nt really any relig, no real budhist wd do t tgs ty wr dog. He z qite strong on ts.) I also asked abt occupatns and he sd ty wr farmers and som city peopl som who hd prev been gangstrs, b t gang itself hd nevr operatd togethr til it cam hr. Nakamura hd been on a v poor Jpans papr, hd nevr hd a place f prom or ldrship n his life bfr.) 1 resn he z ntrestd n ta z ta 3 tims he hs almost been kild. Once z abt 1929 wn he z takg a truck load f strawberries kx fm Sxm Sacramento to SF, n his own truck his drivr went to sleep at t wheel and ran tm nto a canyon. T drivr z stund, b walkd out. EO z knockd out. Drivr told cops no one z n truck. It went on fire. EO woke up, z upside dwn w gas pourg ovr him fm t tank, flames on othrside f winshiled w a hole n it. Pind dwn by wheel. Tried to break wheel, cdnt, decidd it z t end, began to concentrate bud style.xaxsax "I wantd to see wat wd hapn to k me". Wheel broke and he crawd out. Tried to get up, b knees weak, and so went on crawlg. Side tank blu up and end whizzd ovr his hed and buried n tree 50 ft awa. He wd hv been n line if he hd been standg. 1935 drov alon n closed cab whr tr z nside tank w cap ff. Ddnt kno it. lit a cigarette n April and woke up n hosp n Septembr. Truck blu up and burnd, man passg puled him out. Had a fractd skul. Z a long tim comg bac to himself, a yr and a half.

Survey of Issei Opinion

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(Approximately latter part of August to ~~fixx~~ part of November.)

During this organizing period I took trouble of analyzing the Japanese in Poston as generally ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{contacting} as many Isie possible: The result was:

Isei: by contacting approximately 400 Isei

Those people who understand nature and present situation of both United States and Japan and still maintain neutral stand - less than 2½ percent!(9 person)

Those people who understand nature of present situation of both United States and Japan and still sympathetic to the United States,. None

Those people who understand the nature of the present situation of U. S. & Japan and still definitely pro-Japan 5 percent. (21 person, but after talk it over with them, a couple of them was indefinite.)

Those who are ignorant of the situation and sympathetic toward Japan, 69 Percent.

Those who are ignorantly, express their opinion as non-combatant. Balance of percentage.

Isei Feeling Toward the administration Staff.

As to treatment: interviewed over 200
Against 3% Picture have changed
dissatisfied, 8% since the strike.
satisfied 48%
does not care 41%

As to working for Project excluding mess hall and block affair

against 10%
for 30%
feel obligated (will work from sense of duty) 40%
does not care (dont want to express their opinion.) 20%

As to work for block affair and Mess Hall:

Against 1%
for 90%
feels obligated 9%

As to Political ambition;

If ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ ^{opportunity} is given:
Neutral 4%
Against 60% -- mostly considered as neutral.
for 36%

Regardless of opportunity
wants political power 10% out of 36%
even by force 2% (5 person)

As to evacuation of Japanese

Those who think that the US Government has done proper thing by removing Isei:
yes --- 8 person, to my judgement, highly educated person.

no --- 56 " (Poorly educated, some
Dont know 64 (hardly any

Those who think the U. S. Government has done the proper thing by removing Nisei -- Isei Opinion.

Yes -- 6 person All six are same person in 8 of above preceding question.

No --- 92
Doesnt know-27

Those who avocate the pro-Japanese or Pro-Axis ~~XXXXX~~ words are ill educated, who themselves dont know hardly anything of Japan. Those person are the ones that are agitating the resident. They the ones who are heading "behind the scenes politician"

The well educated and those who understand the present situation decline to particpate in politics.

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Interview with James Crawford by AHL.

4-28-43

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After some preliminary detailed talk about the weather (in which JC told me he kept a chart of daily temperature readings which he compares with a similar set of figures kept by his brother at Parker Dam.) I asked how things were in Camp II.

The main problem now is gambling. High stakes and lots of it. A little while ago he walked into the Maintenance Department ent near the water tower one evening to find a party going full blast with "greenbacks on the table that would choke a mule". The double doors of the barrack were open and as he approached someone shouted out about 8 times something that sounded like "cover up". Four men ran out hiding their faces. The blanket that was on the table was scooped up with all the money in it and disappeared. 5 or 6 men-- all I--just sat there. One man just crouched in a corner behind a box with a blanket over him. The watchman stood by the door and said he wasn't playing, the others had just set up a game there, a friendly game, but then the stakes got pretty high. Said he wouldn't let them do it again. For a while JC couldn't find anyone who spoke English, but finally one of the gamblers did. He found out that two of the men were professionals and had come down from Camp I. JC has checked back at this place since and found no more going on there. He kept watching the man with the blanket over his head and finally he peeked out and saw JC looking at him and then grinned and came out. He was someone JC knew.

JC plans to have the police raid and lock up the gambling dens soon. There must be 8 or more in operation in the camp. He is getting a lot of names together from people he knows who are leaving

the camp. About tomorrow he thinks he will be ready for the raid. The trouble is, however, that the police force is very weak. Ever since the former chief resigned when he volunteered for the army the police force has been weak because of the lack of his leadership and because all the good men left with or after him. Now the force is full of Kibeis and disloyal people who answered no-no on the questionnaire. The force formerly was a cracker-jack. At the time of the Saburo Kido incident in February you couldn't get a better force anywhere. All different now. Last September or October (he would have to look it up to tell me exactly.) they had some gambling in one block run by professionals. After repeated warnings the police chief arrested them and the Judicial Commission sentenced them to build a ramada for the children in their block. (GS says this was Blk. 227.) They thought it was a block problem since all the men, but two were from the same block. The men built the ramada and there was no more trouble with gambling there. In the last few months he has found gambling going on in different places such as the warehouses where men were at work. Most of these appeared to be really just friendly games with low stakes at the start, but then they would get high. Mostly Nisies. JC talked to the fellows and mostly they would stop. He would appeal to them on the ground of the good record they had and that they shouldn't be doing this before the high school part time workers and well they just couldn't have it and the fellows would say, "Sure, we know that, we won't do it any more," and mostly they didn't.

It is noteworthy that in talking about his camp, JC is always referring to one group of residents as "good", "loyal", "honest",

"American", and the other as "bad", "agitators", "no-no", "disloyal", "Pro-Axis" usually the way he uses these words make it seem that these are all synonymous with each other in each class. It indicates he thinks of the people in very black and white terms and in moral terms--like a missionary in a settlement--the good people and the drunks and thieves."

Referring again to the police force, he said that their weakness was shown when he told them to see that people who were supposed to see that the people who were supposed to turn their trucks into the pool did so. The present police chief told him that they would just laugh at him if he gave any such order. Same attitude when JC tried to get them to stop the trucks driving recklessly through the crowds after the movies. The present Chief is Richard Fukanaga.

I asked about what was the attitude of the Council. He said this Council is also very weak. In January, the old Council which was made up of "good" fellows got disgusted that the administration couldn't do anything to get rid of the "bad" fellows and so they made arrangements to have a new election about the middle of February. After the arrests (17 persons) in early February, it was too late to stop the election so they went on with it and nearly all the good fellows refused to run again, so a lot of the bad ones got in and even among the good ones, in each block they had to go way down to 3rd or 4th grade persons to get anyone to take the office. So the present council is weak. It has had no real problems to deal with so far except this gambling and it is just dodging that. One problem they did work on was the over-all trust fund. They didn't want to go in with I and III on that, but last week F. Sugiyama and F. Fukuda

came down there and talked about it and said that of course I and III would be supporting the hospital out of their fund and they would hate to see the day when people from Camp II would be turned away. The reaction to this in many quarters was merely that II would contribute its share to the hospital from funds of their own choosing and method. But some of the older fellows were worried about this remark and finally it was decided to join with I and III.

Even though the Council is weak, it is more coordinated and cooperative than a while ago. Both bad and good are in it and they are working together on Community problems and there isn't the same friction between the Council and the group of bad people that there was before. More harmonious even if less strong. JC thinks that with the Resettlement program and volunteering soon there won't be anything left but the old people, Kibeis and disloyal Nisei.

I asked if there was any group giving leadership to the community and he said no--not really. I said what about the IAB. He said that there were a few men in it who were the best leaders in the community. He named some of them.

Miura-(IAB, one of the few in Unit 2 from Imperial Valley and knows farming in this kind of country.)

Kazato-(IAB, father of Dr. Kazato. He has one girl in Smith College and a son in the University of Utah.)

Shimotsuka-(IAB), one son volunteered.

Takeshita-(IAB), has one son in the army and one son a doctor.

Doi-(Formerly IAB, now block manager. From same block as Miura-they work together. Is going to Idaho tomorrow. Says he may come back in the fall to stay because by then WRA policy may be stabilized.

At present you can't work on anything without fear that some switch in WRA policy will upset it all. His block is 222 which yielded 10 volunteers. He has been great help to J.C.

The following people JC listed as "Renegades:

Miamoto-(IAB, Pres. of Cooks Association. From Blk. 221)

Kuroiwa-Said to be a Nisei whose birth record was lost at time of San Francisco earthquake and fire. He is a real bad character, says, JC.

Dave Imahara-(Blk. mgr. of 208, answered no-no. He is a Council member and chairman of the Labor Commission and on the Merit Rating Board.

Harry Ikegawa who comes from same block as D.I. above (208) is a unique person. He was block manager and all along took the stand of a loyal American even though whole block was on other side including his family. Recently Mathiesen had great difficulty finding anyone to operate slaughter house near Camp 2 because of the way Japanese feel about butchers, especially hogs. Look on it as a very low job. (JC said there was something in this attitude he didn't understand, but he knew they looked on it as low.) Well, Harry had taken on this job and got a crew together.

I asked how many Caucasians helped him and JC said, really none. McClaren ran the schools and Miller and Scott lived there and ran the police, but he rarely came in contact with them. In fact he could never find Miller when he wanted him. He seemed to spend a lot of time in Parker, maybe it was official business, but he was getting worried about it and so was Wade. For the most part, the evacuee heads of the different departments ran their departments and

and the Council and IAB don't do much. The Labor Commission and the Merit Board do a good job. JC runs the executive end of the camp by himself. I asked if he didn't have some executive assistance, such as Mr. Wumino in Unit 3.

He said, oh, yes, George Nagano, the Block Manager Supervisor was ex-officio actually an administrative assistant. He is a fellow who is very popular in the camp and a great help to JC. Before evacuation, he had some low salaried job and he hasn't got too much education, but he has done well here. Then there were some other persons JC leans on for advice. There is Herbert Yoshida, the truck dispatcher who is an older Nisei. Then there is John Maeno, head of the Legal Department. Mr. Doi, previously mentioned, and Mr. Miura who is supervisor of the block gardeners. He works closely with George Nagano and while George has contact with Niseis, Mr. Miura controls the Isseis.

I asked Mr. Crawford how he spent his day. He said half of it was out in the field. He was constantly going around from one job to another getting a first hand view. He tried to know as many people as possible and he felt he did know a great many by one of three things. Face, name, present occupation. He also tried to know a little personal something about each one, such as who grew good sweet peas so he could mention it when he talked with them. He felt that this paid big dividends and that he was a popular director. In the office he spends his time on the following. Checking and signing Requisitions-(which doesn't take much time), signing leave clearance (this used to take a lot of time because he liked to look up ^{and} all the facts he could about each person so he could

give them a good recommendation if they deserved it.), reviewing reports (every day he has reports sent in from all divisions and work projects. Also block manager logs. Much of this is compiled and analyzed by his secretary and he sees only final figures, but all special or unusual items she brings to his attention and he makes it a point to read the complaint section of the block manager's ^{best} log. By the study of these reports, he can make/use of his time when out and around. He can understand better what he sees.) Straightening matters out between his Division heads and the Caucasian staff of the branch offices and divisions. For example if his block manager's supervisor tells him they have screens in 3 and in 1, but none in 2, how come? JC calls 1 and 3 to find out if they have,--if they do he calls Mr. Popkins to find out how come and then lets the block managers know. I said, "Can't an executive assistant do that?" He said, yes, as a matter of fact he did most of it. I asked did he have trouble getting things done because evacuees got the brush off from Caucasians in the administration and other offices, and he said, no, he never had trouble that way.

He mentioned he had preached two times to the Buddhists on Sunday. He thinks most of the bad eggs are Buddhists, but not all the Buddhists are bad.

He said that the only vacation he had had since coming here were two Saturday mornings . (2 weekends including Saturday A.M.) He feels very much in need of a vacation now.

He is at home nearly every evening and up to 10 P.M. there is a steady stream of callers coming with various questions.

On 4-25 while talking with WH I asked him if he could work well

with JC. He said, "Oh, yes." I asked if JC would go through with something after they had talked it over and reached an agreement. WH said, yes, he certainly would. In fact he was too conscientious about following out orders.

JC was very proud of the Boy Scout troop in 2.

In his office at 3:30 P.M. He was very busy, but promptly made time to see me and we talked for an hour. He talked at length and very willingly with few questions from me.

Police Department - operates under joint orders from JC and Miller (whom JC said again he can never find when he wants him.) Take orders from either one division of authority not clear. Judicial Commission-- Judges to try cases that is all. There is also a Law and Order Committee of the Council which is composed of most of same members. They investigate and decide on policy, make recommendations to Council which makes recommendations to JC who sets same in motion via police department with or without Miller.

There is a Police Commission. An Issei who is supposed to direct the department. He seems to do what we have been thinking it would be good to have a committee doing. JC was very receptive to ideas of a council appointed committee which would run the police department. Says police department is 90% made up of "No-no" Kibeis.

Fire Department--Very bad shape. Same kind of people as in Police. Fien has little control over them. They take all the orders directly from Fien. Fien is very strong on this. Doesn't like any interference. Fire Chief isn't a bad guy, but he is only there half of the time and the rest of the time the boys go wild. Card playing, stealing tractors and joy riding on them, running through the community at 3:00 A.M. on the fire engine just for the hell of it.

Agriculture--80 acres being farmed at Indian School. He showed me the reports he gets every week from each department head. Most of the agriculture work is being done outside, but by IImen. Just now

beginning to start work on fire breaks and in boundary of the town. All technical advice and planning done by the agriculture committee (council) and department head (Sharp). However, Crawford is kept informed of each move and has power of veto if he doesn't like their plans. Also arbitrators between department head and agriculture committee (of the agriculture department) if need be. Actually, all is very harmonious. It works well.

Civic Planning Board-- A group who have a say so on all projects which affect the camp within its boundaries, but outside of blocks. All things within blocks are left to block councils. This board has about 11 members on it--one from each of the principal organizations or associations in the community.

Industries--Operates under about the same system as agriculture. Very closely under Crawford with technical advice from Department Heads. JC gets regular reports from them. They have charge of all food processing including the slaughter house and hogs, etc. which are not under agriculture, but under industries.

These meat producers are fine, but there are a lot of people in industries, old men, especially, who don't want to do much--"Work three hours a day and that sort of thing."

He said he didn't think they cared much about having charcoal industry shut down. It was done because of WRA ruling against outside trade.

Engineering--Only member of that outfit is the watermaster, (Japanese) who looks after irrigation ditches. He gets his orders from engineers.

Maintenance--Originally there was a department in II called Division of Operators. The head of this was Sid Shiratsuki. Then as camp de-

developed, this was broken down into Construction & Maintenance.

Maintenance is under Sid and takes care of pumps, sewage, stoves, electric wiring, plumbing, transmitting, water, etc. It is under Bowman. Sid is very unusual person who is alert, smart, full of ideas, and will stand up to anyone to get them carried out. One of those outstanding personalities that live forever in your memory. (JC got a little emotional about it.) In spite of his aggressiveness, Sid gets along well with everybody. He works very closely with JC and with the block managers.

Construction is under Bob Kitaji who used to assist Sid in days of Division of Operators. Bob is under Peuterbaugh who lives and spends all his time at II. Peuterbaugh is an old time Indian Service man who has had responsible jobs before. Roy Anderson is a carpenter from Oklahoma who is a friend of Popkins and on that account was put in charge. He has never had such a big job before. P has taken this hard. He gets along well with his Japanese and with JC but it is a constant fight with Roy whom Popkin always believes. They order hinges for II and when they come I used them up and then says, "What are you going to do about it?" Any new tools come in--I gets them all and II doesn't even know about it until it comes by the grapevine. Very bad situation making for much inefficiency. JC likes P, but thinks he is no good to the project because of way Roy treats him.

Cooks--Are a very independent bunch and all bad or nearly all. They run their kitchens as they please and pay no attention to the Steward's Department, block people, or JC. They take 10 lbs. out of the rice sack to make sake. They take eggs, avocados, all kinds

of things delivered to the blocks which the people never see or see in very small amounts. Or some blocks will serve the things and the people from the other blocks will rush in to JC and demand to know why they don't get avocados, too. JC will have to tell them they were delivered to the kitchen of every block. There are two supervising chefs (he pronounced "ch" as in "chops") who are supposed to go about and regulate things. They have no control at all. Some kitchens won't let them in. They are never invited to cook's meetings. JC thinks cooks are all organized and tied in with the police, fire, and the disloyal. He caught two police and a cook lifting coffee and sugar out of a kitchen a few days ago. He went up and charged them with it when they came out of the building and they admitted it.

Summing up JC talked about how his father used to raise hogs and just a few. He spoke with an enthusiasm that is almost vicious about the killings, told me how coffee grounds will kill a hog very quickly.

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Interview w. Dr. Pomeroy.

He called me into his room to listen to Dallon Meyer on radio.

Later I asked him abt Mrs. Sandoz + abortionist. He sd a statement had been got from a pt, b none from Mrs. S. She had been allowed to lv + project. I asked how many unmarried mothers to yr. He didnt know exctly but tho + v few - or low average for size of community. He tho + v ltl prominently among + N. I asked if he had kept any track of + no. of women who came in preg. + tho later reported a miscarriage. He had seemed a ban idea to him.

[see interview w. hills to date.] He sd no, b he wnt get + records together + see. He tho + most women who wanted to be abortd wd ~~not~~ not come to + hosp'tl even for initial diagnosis.

~~Police~~
Note by A.H.H.
Police

Judicial Commission has no control--if they were under Judicial Commission they would have backing of people instead of being Government stooges.

Fire

Under Fien--doesn't know.

Judicial Commission

Elected by Council.

Members: Dave Imahara-208
Dr. Frank Ito-220
Mr. Sakashita-207
K. Kuroiwa-216
T. Miura-222
Y. Sakimoto-221 (Has gone to Michigan)
Chihara Iwamoto-219

Agriculture Dept.

Charles Onye--local head. Nisei from Block 214. One crew goes to Parker Indian School where they have 70 acres of vegetables. About 16 mostly Isseis. Group of Niseis who stay here and supervise nursery, tractor, planting flowers, spreading fertilizer. Building Cotton Bowl. Landscaping. This Cotton Bowl part is under Mr. Masuda, I. ? Swimming pool under agriculture department? Lawn and gardening around Ad. Bldg. done by them. Chicken farm. ?Hogs and slaughter house. Fire break planting.

Community attitude favorable. No party split over it. They estimate seeds and acreage need in terms of population.

(They were source of rumor of closing camp because they weren't planting beyond six months, etc.)

Line of authority not clear.

Industries

Headed by Sakagouchi (Kibei). Very poor English. 222. Make

tofu, bean sprouts, pickles. Arts and crafts has ^{stopped} ~~to/and~~ four months ago since they couldn't get lathes, etc. Make charcoal in winter. Headed by experienced Isseis. Had gotten to point of selling to outside and had good contacts, but WRA wouldn't let them so they disbanded. Plans for making ice cream --no machines yet. Can't get sugar either so stopped.

Seem to get orders from Mathiesen.

Community attitude is indifferent. Don't seem to know much about it.

Maintenance

Sid Shiratsuki--Head. Nisei. Block 215. Seem to do good job. Hot tempered man. Fights with Caucasians to get what he wants. About six workers.

Council attitude favorable.

Takes orders from head of department.

Community Activities

Recreation and Adult Education.

Recreation leader--Jimmy Hirokawa. Nisei. Boy Scout leader. 216. Favorite with Dr. Powell. Very sincere about his job.

Adult Education--Mrs. Kozeni

Orders from Powell.

Community attitudes--was against them, but not since Dr. Powell's speech at St. Louis.

Health

Under Dr. Kazato. Orders from Dr. Pressman.

Community attitude--shortage of doctors and aids. Can't handle all the patients.

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Interview w Bud Miller - Chf of Nat Security

I asked Flo ^{Michie} yesterday to make apartment
for me to see B M today either at his place
or here. When I walked into my office at
1:50 to p.m. he is sitting to waiting for
me.

When I walked into my office he
came + ~~sat down~~ sat down in a
man to suggest throwing himself down.
+ asked me what I had on my mind.

He has a fairly large round chin,
fairly boyish face, fair hair +
he spoke volubly for about an hour +
a gets w. v. little promptly for me.
Then he left by Mr. Scott came for him.

I said I wanted to find out how +
place dept of organized + how it should
be organized. He said to 1st he ot to
give me a ltl of + basic history +
then give his opinion. "I've told of body
else so I write avel tel u."
as he wanted to his topic to man

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acordg to WRA 83 th shd be in each
 camp 3 ~~case~~^{appointed} plie chiefs, so th
 w 8 hr shifts th wd always be 1
 on duty. One tm th shd be a chief of
 int security. In a place like th w
 3 camps, th shd be 3 sets of
 apntd. plie chiefs. Al othr projects
 6 to 1 hr. to set up. Trn to
 one s dif s bez + classificator
 fficr of + Ind Serv in Chicago decidd
 th ~~plie~~ apntd plie w unvcr hr.
 + shd wa Mr. Hd. zabl to get Nels +
 Scott z to cal tm assistant ~~so~~ Facial
 welfare officrs. In fr we be trnd to
 get mo ty told tm he hd already too
 many welfare officrs. So can't get
 mo.

And now Mr Scott s log next week
 to go into Army to train flyers.
 He s too heavy to be accepted as a cadet

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so he is going to be trained as an instructor
for the ~~train~~ give 1st training or go into
transport ferry command, etc etc.
He + Nulr used to fly in at Parker
before it ~~was~~ school closed. [perhaps
to a part of room J. climbed ed room
find the wire she wanted then.]

asked if al + a part of security
files call for in 23 we were. Nulr
that perhaps not. after + me would come
in he plans to set up a police command
in each of + three camps, a part of
+ command who will give + police room
budget. Nulr tried to do 80 police
in I + 40 in each of + others.
don't really need too many if they will
put in real amount of work. Now
we are more less. abt 25 in
camp I and 16 in II.

+ get fault w + whole set up +
+ unfair position to + police a placed.

be quite used v position + somewhat emotional.
The folks are expected to take a terrific wrap
for + community for no pay + no future.
Folks in ag + industries to go out of
jobs, be into other jobs w real pay in
+ same field + for we to work he has
prepared time. not so + police. he
never has been given police ~~the~~ ^{in US.} + we
has no indicators to ever will be.
+ important to see what whether 3 cases
a needd or not - as a matter of fact
a prob ednt get gd ones. But +
place shd be given a good wage accordg to
the position. To try wld do a job. But as
it is it is not fair to give time +
responsibility for millions of dollars of
Govt property, for + health + welfare of +
community + get expect time to assume
to be \$19 or \$16 ^{with no bond} in no future + no status
in + job he. will hangd his ^{at first}
down on + other hand as he spoke
"it burns me up". Q time any

papers + police get blamed.

Then for all 3 camps used to
work in 38 hr shifts w a Capt over
each. Now beg of reduced staff by work
in 2 12 hr shifts.

I asked what incentive brot men to
join + force. Sd to me two types those
who blood it z a fine wa to help
+ community, preserve its integrity +
reputation, + thus help to sell - those
who hd responded to ~~the~~ "my
preaching" in to ~~the~~ too who
take it beg to try it s a soft job,
~~but~~ he lie ~~about~~ around + status
pla cards + he w + fellow. Trust
force s camp II. Tgs of fine men
z + small staff by his beg to
no gd. Dick, + pres chief, at the
s a nice boy, honest + true heart,
b he cant control + boys. They
dont obey him as they did f power
chief. Had got it personally.

most of the good men left with the old chief left
too. He volunteered + then wanted a few
who to fix up his private affairs so
he got. They were ago + he hasn't
been called yet.

III us + best few + chief. They do dog
pretty well.
It is not bad now either. Looking out at
under your Ota.

Dashed water lead to Shig's removal.
He said he thought Shig was crucified by political
enemies. Notices were posted in + latrines
+ council got all hot + bothered about
gambling + being of + heavy criticism
Shig resigned. Men few + council asked
Ota first if he could stop + gambling + he
said he could, so they + put + press on Shig.
Ota has done it. Shig's pride has been
a little hurt, yet it seems to be
friendly feelings between him + + rest of
+ place + Ota. * Mulu doesn't try
Ota manouard for + job - says he
didn't particularly want to be chief.

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It came to a hd on gambly. BM know to
 be more - wa more ~~the~~ last yr ta
 gambly y go on, to be know to if
 he sud arrests + community wd at
 once be sympathy fr + gambles
 + it wd be "down w rules" so he
 hidd his true tel public open wd
 be wroght up aginst + gambles + the
 he know he cd go into + clear it
 up at once. + to a just + wa it
 wd out. It came to a hd when

he arrested a boy of 16 on suspicion of
 being stolen \$300. fr a man by slipping
 it out of his pocket, as his clothes
 hung up + he y asleep. men dd find
 out whether he stole + money or not,
 to dd find he had a lot of money
 - sev'l hundred - we he claimd he

got gambly. To put + word +
 public up in + air. by ddnt mind
 men gets together + gambly if ty wantd
 to, to be 16 yr old boy y derry to play
 fr 100's of \$, ta y a dif mate + ty

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would surely done fact. So ship went
out + jumbo came in + + place was
closed up. Jumbo as he has been
around uptown + there is no sign
of any gambling now. I had wait plans
+ he said blues 3, 4, and 5, when +
gamblers n.

I asked if he that + men went into +
place free for any reasons other than too
be mentioned. So he supposed I refused to
summons to ship + taking protection money.
BM doubted to + me. "not to ship
quite not do it if he had a chance"
to get out enough money in + gambling he
to make it worth while. To play
\$5.00 per rite in his to "turn over +
figures" regularly every rite in order
to absorb in losses, make a profit
+ pay protection. To pay even 1 dollar
a rite in his to turn over ~~at~~ nearly
\$1000. Well, I begot soon ~~the~~
noble ever saw in a raid of \$115.00
in but pay protection on to.

Furthermore, I sat with + gambler's
w/ him to pay my protection by Shig
didn't guarantee to "Mr. Evans, Scott
or J" wouldn't come in + said that at
any time.

Shig's about - he had a v bad
approach to Paul - it's all wrong.
He had been a bully on + water front
at Terminal Island too long + he
didn't get over it.

Said w/ + police force of dog day
+ strike - He sd he knew to use
stones abt ten too to Shig's mind up
in + start of it, he didn't do so.
He told Shig was he sd to as law
enforcement officer his duty is to try to
keep + peace + he tried to do it.
He is a friend of Redda's ~~for~~ before + strike.

Said if he thought Redda is guilty -
He sd he knew he is + had had four
reliable witnesses to Redda sd he is
mixed up in + matter - tho + exact
extent is not stated. I suppose to

"reliable witness refers to Boston Edmunds
 who sd includes "as gd as admitted it"
 to him. Edmunds has been going around
 w ^{Paul} since he has been here.]

Under Paul's to w paid police
 abt 25 in each case wd be enough
 150 fr camp 1?

Dashed abt west lands of crime we
 big committed. He sd gambly had been
 bad, b 3 now over in 1. Traffic
 violator in v bad he. Stealy of +
 worst fall - to s of govt property.
 He closed his eyes + shook his head as
 he mentid it. It gets worse.

"My talk of ty to out trail down +
 lots to s" ~~He~~ Dashed if me
 private property had been stolen. He
 sd no, v the tr has been a wave
 of breaky + tel's rope antennas off
 autos [? fr fishing poles?] +
 somebody lost + chromium caps off his
 wheels vount. Stealy v bad in

in all 3 camps. Misuse + free use of joint
trucks + cars - bad in II.

Dashed abt beats. Sad more since
Kudo + he + prompt action + arrest
to dd + truck + he prevented any mis.
H + only are since + stable. One of
+ felos who y sent to prison for 9 yrs
for the beats he left a girl in camp II
pregnant. Community is v sore abt
the. They don't blame him so much for getting
her preg as they do for getting mixed up
in something to get him sent away
so he had to do that for her.

~~He had~~ I asked if he had any
idea how many unmarried mothers
there were in the community + he sd he
didn't know, b to us lots + to wd
be no. now the Mrs. Sarto had
~~been sent~~ gone. [This is the woman
mentioned to me last Sunday -

5-15 by W.H.] She lived in 46

+ dd abortions. Statement y record for

a woman in + hospital who came in a
 post-abortion infection. "I want you taken
 out of my hands + I'm glad to be rid
 of it." It's evident he's displeas'd,
 however, because he said she had been
 let go out of + community - Mrs. Sando-
 he didn't know where, I got to +
 Sheriff at Juma house abt it + to
 write be an investigator at any time
 on + matter. Ppl he dont realize
 how many ppl there on + outside part
 try to get county on + press her -
 just looking for anything (he will
 squint his eyes down + raise his
 voice in emphasis)

He said he had known for a long time
 for somebody of dog abortions. Dr.
 Pressman of July care records up
 on + hospital of women who came in,
 or diagnosed pregnant, was cancer bac,
 yet we caught out + got rid abt it

late wd sa "Oh, I had a nice change"

I asked if to g me prostitution
n + community. Mike became v
interested in the subject + talked at
some length w armaker + a slt
smile on his face.

To g no prostitute he buy it
3rd flr. a tremendous amt of
promiscuous sex life go on. He
had lots of girls he had "made
half the block." "ty ty noty of it"
many of the girls had told him al abt
it "ty seem to like to talk abt it
+ ty go al + details." ty has been
long relatns w many of + concious
feloos too + to seem a part of
pride + competition among them "to make"
as many of + cases as possible.
"If ty only knew how easy it is to
do"

He wanted to know if I ever wanted

abt + camp between 11.30 and 3 a.m.?
Ta + we re really see tps - see wat
a place + lobe. "I guess it's an
old habit w me for radio car
work." "I go out + stand in + shadows
in + middle of a block. U see lots
of tps to evd surprise u" men +
women sleep into call other apts,
some clothed, some un clothed, many
in + latrines + so on. U see
men w men + women w women
too - "al sorts of nut cups."

He wanted a v vivid pict of
wide spread ~~sex~~ promiscuous sex
activity at our camp. Sel itz
at furd espel in any district
+ he gave + impress ta it's
not confined to any class or type of
girl. It's ten of almost al
guels + felos.

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At dinner tonight, talking with Ralph Gelvin and Dr. Sol Kimbal who is here for a few days, Dr. Gary came along and told of General DeWitt being moved and said that General Emmons was coming to take his place. We were all very pleased. R. Gelvin said that as long as evacuation was going on, DeWitt was fine. Nobody could have been nicer than he was when he was here last summer and he wanted to see that the people were made as comfortable as possible. Then after evacuation was over, he began to show a different attitude which culminated in his "Jap is a Jap" statement to the press and Naval Affairs Committee. R. Gelvin thinks that during evacuation he was afraid that his attitude might get transmitted down to the men and they would mishandle the people and cause trouble, so he hid his real feelings and after evacuation was over, he let them show.

I said what about all this business of sending people in here and to Gila before the place was ready. He said that was not the Army's fault. That was due to the U. S. Engineers sending in glowing accounts of the work they had accomplished which were untrue. At Gila, the Project Director made a report which the Army compared with the engineers and it was very different. This led to investigation and the firing of the Chief of the Engineers at Gila.

The same thing happened here to a lesser extent. In the beginning, Ellis Georgia was very helpful. Through him the project got lots of extra things such as the 8th Ward on the

hospital. There was thought then of eventually giving him the job Mr. Popkins has now and he knew it. After the railroad wreck in June, Ellis Georgia turned sour and became more and more troublesome and was also turning in false reports to the Army. W. Head called him in one day and reminded him of what happened at Gila and said "I am going after you now". Ellis asked W. Head to give him just one week. So W. Head did and in three days Mr. Georgia had himself transferred and Bill Wagner came."

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The meeting which W. Head went to attend in Washington is for all project directors and is to discuss the budget.

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Interview with Head, Gelvin, and Henrietta Johnson

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(About 11:30 on the 1st of July -- day following interview -- EHS, AHL, and EG had meeting in which these notes were set down, EG taking notes, AHL dictating most of them, and EHS corroborating, making additions and corrections as came along, as did EG.)

A long time ago, before the trip to Window Rock, perhaps before the strike, I (AHL) said to Wade that I'd like to have him sit down and tell me the history of Pecten as he saw it and about a week go he stepped me one morning and reminded me of that request, said he would like to do that sometime right soon. As he talked, he seemed to be thinking it out and said he would like to bring in Ralph and Henrietta. Of course I (AHL) encouraged him very much. I think I reminded him of it once, and day before yesterday he reminded me of it and said "let's do it tonight." Then later changed it to following evening. So last night we assembled in his apartment in Ward B.

EHS: I saw Ralph at supper last night and he said, "I hope you guys aren't going to psychanalyze us!"

AHL: We met Ralph in the hall on his way there. When we knocked Wade was in bed sleeping, something he does quite often. You go in there about 2:00 or about 3:00 and there he is in bed. I haven't observed him closely enough to know but I think it's something that happens when he's more or less depressed. He takes refuge in sleep. -- So he took a shower while we sat and visited. The conversation started on Superman and his visit to the Relocation Center, and we were talking about it when Wade came in.

EHS: ~~Wade said that~~ We were talking about how it might develop with the strip showing paratroops landing in a couple days. Ralph said, I remember, that he wished some of them would land here, it would be good sport taking pot shots at them.

EG: Head said that there couldn't be any place where they could do less harm.

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Then Gelvin said something about wondering how it would come out.

AHL: I suggested that it might be written under the direction of the war department and in that case it should be all right. That some of the comic strips, I have heard, are being written under the War Department instructions.

EHS: Head said something about in the next few days might bring in the heroic nissei.

EG: And Gelvin said, "If they don't, then it's pretty bad. When you sink to poisoning the minds of children against these people, it's pretty low."

He was very serious about it.

EG: The seating arrangement was -- RG in big chair on southside of room, EHS in big chair on north side. AHL and EG on the sofa. WH brings in straight chair, but AHL suggests he sit on the sofa. He does so until Henrietta Johnson comes in with her dog. He then moves back to the straight chair across a low coffee table from the sofa, and Mrs. Johnson sits down between AHL and EG. WH smokes constantly, lighting one cigarette as soon as he has finished the last, shaking the ashes off with a nervous flick so that they rarely come within reasonable distance of the ashtray. About the middle of the evening, he runs out of cigarettes and then finds his pipe which is either in mouth or hand the rest of the evening. RG also smoking but spasmodically. HJ refuses cigarettes. EHS has pipe in his mouth. The cooler was going all the time and made considerable noise -- so much so that at times AHL could not hear what WH said and asked him to repeat his statements. WH spoke in low voice as a rule. As evening grew later, room darkened, but only when very little light left did WH make any move to put on light. This was just shortly before AHL brought out the TATA cards.

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AHL: Then the question I introduced the theme with was, "What were you doing when you first heard of Posten?" He (WH) said, "I was on a park bench in Tucson drinking a bottle of beer and Mr. Collier was feeding the pigeons. I wish I was back there now. It was the last quiet moment I've had." He cackles as he says this.

I asked Ralph the same question. He rather imitated Wade and said, "I was over a bottle of beer in a bar in Kingman." Then he said no, he was ~~not~~ not really in a bar but got a card from Wade written when he was either on his way to or from San Francisco, asking him to come. Then he laughs and says he must have been worried because he (RG) could hardly read Wade's writing when he got it. This was some day early in April when this scene on a Tucson park bench took place.

EC: Head we nt into this thing on the 9th, and went to San Francisco immediately.

He came back and came to Parker the 11th or 12th. Gelvin said he came in either the 11th or 12th of April. Mrs. Johnson said she came in the 9th.

AHL: Then Wade went on to talk about the actual origin of Posten. The army decided to use this valley here and even moved their materials in and sent Dell Webb a wire to come and start in building the place -- no contract was signed with Webb until much later. While that was going on the President was trying to get some of the old line agencies to take up this problem of administering the Japanese -- agencies like Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Farm Security. It came up in several cabinet meetings, and all the cabinet members refused to handle it. Ralph said that the original plan was to have one old line government agency run the whole thing. Then when this reluctance came in, there was an effort to farm out each project to a different agency. When that didn't work, the President set-up the WRA. While that was going on, Collier when he saw that the center was going onto the Parker Valley and one over in Gila wrote a memorandum to Ichkes suggesting that the Interior

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run the whole thing. Mr. Cellier had in mind developing the Indian land as well as giving the Japanese the opportunity to use the land and resources here during the war. Then after WRA was set up and the various lands allocated to the different relocation centers, it turned out that a good many of these lands was Department of Interior land. Then Mr. Ickes got sore at Mr. Cellier and wanted to know why in hell he hadn't brought this matter to his attention. Mr. Cellier said he had. After searching around among his papers, Mr. Ickes found the memorandum and then he was all the madder because Cellier hadn't insisted. Cellier got very angry and had his resignation written out, and apparently they had quite a scene. Then it all cooled off again.

The original plan was for WH to go to Gila. Fryor was to take Pecten. WH was to have Gila, Sells and maybe San Carlos too. He snickers and says "We didn't have any idea of what we were getting into in these days."

Then he said what he expected to have here to develop were villages and people living and farming, having their own industries and developing their land, using it during the war and after the war leaving it as an asset to the Indian Service. At the time he came in, the policy on wages and a number of other things was not announced or worked out yet, so they thought it would be much more of a normal community than it is. He expected the people to be more like the Japanese he had known in the Philippines. I (AHL) said, "What are the differences?" He said, "Well, I don't think there really are differences, considering the economic set-up, the economic loss, the lack of opportunity to develop things here." AHL kept pressing him with, "Well, accepting that". "Well, a willingness to work and pitch in, and to take responsibility." Then Ralph said, "You didn't have so many smart nisseis there, did you?" WH laughs and says no. (EG and AHL think RG means this as crack at nissei probably. EHS disagrees.)

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The army started building Poston before Joe McKaskill's visit out here to try to negotiate a contract with the Tribal Council on the land. The stuff was already being shipped in. The Council said, "What's the use of talking about it. They've already started." There never has been a contract made with the Indians for the use of the land for that reason.

When Wade came in, he went into the Irrigation quarters and took over Rupkey's office and staff. And into the Indian Agency, filled the garage with people as well as all available space. Henrietta was the only paid employee of WRA at the time, and the only properly appointed person. She was appointed by the Indian service, but paid by WRA. Here came some byplay in connection with this. AHL asked, "Are you appointed by WRA?" WH said hurriedly, "She was Indian Service but paid by WRA." HJ, "Do I look like WRA!" (EG -- tone that of, "When you call me that, smile.")

At that time, they had no road in here, no electric line, no water, and no money. Carloads of stuff were coming in but they didn't even have sidings on which to put the cars, so they had stuff scattered all over Arizona. They had no warehouses down here or at Parker, and so when the stuff did come in they just piled it in every available space in Parker, and then had it scattered all along the way from here to Parker. They had no trucks at first, but finally managed to borrow 15 or 20 trucks from the WPA in Phoenix and 4 or 5 more from some other place. They had no money and no idea how much money they would get, and they just turned in requisitions where were passed by the army and other agencies. The army approved 85 tractors, 140 trucks and some other equipment, but they never got it. (EHS -- a year later, Wade can still quote you the figures on that stuff. ---- - EG which is something the BSR can't do the next day.) They get something like 50 of the tractors altogether and none of the trucks from that lot.

Then one of the big problems in the early days besides getting material in, was getting in personnel. Apparently they would get together and

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one would say, "I know a fellow over in San Carlos reservation," and they would send word to him. Wade got permission from Mr. Cellier to send directly to the men on the reservations.

But first, Fryer and Ned Campbell came down to Poston before Wade arrived. Campbell stayed and Fryer went on to San Francisco where Eisenhower persuaded him to take the job as head of the San Francisco regional office. That's when Wade became head of the Poston Project and gave up Gila. When Wade came in, he went to San Francisco and made many contacts with the army officers in San Francisco -- Bendetsen, Evans, Dewitt and others. They were the only ones who knew what the whole thing was about. Throughout the interview, Wade kept returning to the help that they had gotten from the army. The army helped with material and the feed supply and even attended to little things. At that time the civilians were buying milk from the dairy in Parker. The army heard about it and sent an inspector down here to the dairy and then told them to stop buying from it. It tried to get them what they wanted in the way of materials and supplies, and they had no trouble in this line until the break came with the army.

Meanwhile Fryer was going about at this time writing directly to people on the reservations, not writing through Cellier, trying to get them into WRA. AHL asks what caused the break between the two men. WH said that there had been several things up on the Navaho Reservation, and as soon as Fryer got out of the Indian Service that just broke loose. Also he wanted them to save the Navaho Superintendency for him, and when he found that Stewart had been appointed, he was pretty disappointed. WH says that as soon as Fryer got out of the Indian Service, he turned on Cellier rather viciously.

Lucy Addams did the same thing. She was sent out to San Francisco to do several things for Poston. But she went wandering around the country to

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Tule Lake, etc. and never did the things she was sent out to do. Mr. Collier couldn't find her and he sent her a wire that set her on fire. Both of them after that were always picking on the Indian Service, making picayunish cracks, sniping at Mr. Collier.

Then WH said, he got a message from Fryer to come up to San Francisco again, early in April, when Eisenhower was out there. As he was on the way to the station going up to Parker he began to think about what Fryer was up to. So he telephoned to Fryer and had his suspicions confirmed that Fryer was trying to freeze out the Indian Service and wanted him to help do it. So Wade didn't go. He laughs and says that he thinks it would have been a damned good thing for the Indian Service if he had. Then both he and Ralph said that prior to that they had been very friendly with Fryer. (Calling him Sy) Then they began to realize that he was disloyal.

Some of the personnel were gotten because somebody happened to know his name and where he could be found, others were sent in by the Indian Service. They took on a number of men at that time that they never intended to keep but just had for a few weeks. Five of these are still working here. If a man got 15 minutes attention from the administrators here in which his duties were explained to him, he was lucky. WH was seeing them in the garage for a few minutes. There was no chance to explain to them what this thing was all about. He did however reject some people, especially those WRA sent. The turn over was something like 10 to 1, especially the people the WRA sent in. WRA wanted them to have schools to teach people maintenance. This at a time when they didn't have any time and didn't want to deal with people. One man sent in to them, Ralph put to counting electric light bulbs in the warehouse. Then forget about him, and he counted for about a week.

In the early days, the work wasn't very well organized. The group would just talk together in the morning and decide what had to be done

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that day. AHL asks how the work was assigned. WH said, well whatever work had to be done that day, that's what a man did.

AHL starts to ask about how different people were picked up. Mahn came in from the USIS Employment office, recommended by Lucy Addams. These employment offices were closing, and Addams thought Mahn would be great stuff for this place. They put her in charge of employment and housing but soon found that that wouldn't work. They all laugh about this. WH says that she was used to interviewing about three Indians in a week, getting jobs for one, and that didn't turn out. When she came here, she arranged quite a program of interview for people to see her to get themselves a house. At a time when people were coming in at the rate of 500 a day, she got 10 housed in half a day. Henrietta says that at a time when they needed all kinds of evacuees for all sorts of different jobs, after spending half a day Mahn sent up about 7 girls. (EG -- Remember now that WH said that how they finally worked it was to take the jobs that had to be done, and as the evacuees came in, they told them "you go here, you go there.")

Before the people came in, she was supposed to be in charge of recruiting volunteer evacuees to come in here and help set the place up. They got the permission of Colonel Bendtsen to recruit these people. Mahn went over to Los Angeles and rounded these people up, and Best and other people interviewed them. These were cooks and other people needed to start the project. But Bendtsen refused to send them in after all because they decided not to send the Santa Anita people here, but those from inland so they would not have to move them toward the coast into Santa Anita. So the volunteer group that did come in was composed by Y workers and ministers and recreation people. Best said later that he ran into the cooks he interviewed that time up in Heart Mountain. (WH says that at that time, not even decided which people to come in. Original plans were to send 20,000 people in here by June 30, at a time when Camp 3 was just started. Then they

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realized that couldn't possibly put them in here as camp not finished, so sent more to Santa Anita than had intended and opened additional assembly centers -- such as the one at Salinas.)

They left Miss Mahn on housing three days, and then John Evans came in and took over. He had no experience in this either, but he was willing to learn and could meet the situation as it was. Mahn had to have her little routine that she was accustomed to. They heard about John in a letter from Mr. Collier. Mr. Collier started out the letter by saying what a good friend of his John was and how he'd known him since boyhood, but ended up saying that John had never done any work in his life. They laugh about this and what a recommendation it was. So for a long time Ralph and Wade were suspicious of him. But it turned out that he was willing to work all the time. They expected him to fold after the first day or so. But time didn't mean anything to him. He'd work 20 hours a day without any kick. One time, he drove out to the coast and picked up Senator Ford, drove him back to Pecten without any rest. They never had a squeak out of him about conditions and he worked all day out here and then would go into Parker and work most of the night, and be ready to get up again immediately and start in again.

Then WH says that Henrietta was working all day in Parker and would come out here at night to help the evacuees get settled. Wade says that at that time everybody worked 20 hours a day.

When the evacuees started coming in, they had Ralph, Wade, Henrietta and a pretty good Steward's department with Steward and Assistant Steward -- Best and Stults. Luther Stults came from the Harvey House in Gallup. They got a man to help him who had also worked there at the Harvey House warehouse. Best was from the quartermasters corps. They say little more about these two men.

Then there was Ned Campbell. They didn't like him, but they don't

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exactly open up on why other than that he talked too much and had promised the evacuees a good many things before it got back to them. Then all he thought about was how many good Japanese servants he was going to get out of this -- houseboy, chef, chauffeur. He had it all planned out. Wade said he had some good points -- his feet were so big he didn't sink into the dust, and other things like that. All laugh at this. AHL asks "Why did he leave?" WH says, "Because there happened to be a vacant seat on a train going out of here." Then more laughter. HJ saying, "I sure hated to see him go." (In a tone that meant the opposite). They don't say what he was doing around here, except that he drew up some organization charts, the kind you dream about. Wade says they might have worked if they could have figured out what they meant. They say he came from the Navaho where he was working for Sy Fryer canning bull sheep at Many Farms. Fryer brought him down here. When Wade fired him, Fryer had to find someplace for him, so he put him up at Manzanar as Assistant Project Director and fired Hicks who was a pretty good fellow. Hicks had worked down here for a couple months and then went up to Manzanar as Assistant Director. Sy was sore when Campbell was fired here, and that was really the beginning of the difficulties between the San Francisco office and this project. Wade said people reported to him from San Francisco that Fryer had told them to see to it that Poston get nothing. There were actually trucks loaded in Texas ready to come up here, and they were sent to Utah instead. Some of their requests were just pigeon-holed. The result was a great delay in getting supplies. WH says he thinks that was the only affect it had on the project. RG corrects him and said he thought it was more, "No Wade, there's more to it than that." (BSH can't remember what else RG thought it affected.)

Then the Regional Office in San Francisco began to try to amass power to itself and fight with the army, and the army began to get sore at WRA and that was reflected in it's attitude toward Poston. The real break didn't

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come until August, but by June 30th they were getting very little from the army. In the early days the relations with the army were good due to the fact that Eisenhower's brother was a general and ~~Wade~~, Wade says, that sort of thing is important. They sort of accepted him as one of themselves and the army liked him. ~~Wade says~~ The reason for the split, Wade says, was a struggle for power and petty jealousy about prerogatives and prestige. Somebody even had a plan for taking feeding away from the army, not realizing that they had no set-up for buying for these projects. That was mentioned in the August meeting. That plan came from Washington. Fryer worked against it -- by then he must have had some idea of what the score was. But Barrows and Myers were for it. Wade says they had no conception of what this thing was.

The reason they didn't get lumber for schools and for chicken ranches and other developments was because the army turned ~~sour~~ sour. Then they couldn't get the things because of priorities. That was the reason these kids who worked so hard on these things to get them set up -- like the chicken ranch -- get disgruntled. Some of these things had been ordered already, but the army cancelled the orders. WH says that about the biggest headache has been priorities. The people came in with enthusiasm to work -- then came the long standstill from about August until just a couple months ago, when they couldn't get any materials, and people lost enthusiasm and interest in work and sat around griping.

Dewitt was particularly cooperative at first about making changes in the construction here. He and Bendtsen both visited the project while it was being built. When he saw the kind of houses for the Japanese, he raised hell, and then more hell when he saw the housing for the personnel. That was when plans were made to build personnel quarters. But the area engineer got sore about having the plans changed and getting these orders from Dewitt, and let Washington know about it. The result was that Colonel Grove came out

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to San Francisco and put the heat on DeWitt. Then George got cracked down on here and after that he was afraid to do anything for the project. RG says -- still they held to their contract pretty good, and WH agrees that they did. George became very anti-Japanese too. He was OK at first until the time of the train wreck in June. And they say, he shouldn't have been sore at that since he got \$400 for a scratched head. But he was always sure the Japanese were responsible for the wreck.

They couldn't have set this thing up without the army -- in the early days they couldn't find out from anybody where to get things and the army stepped in. If it hadn't, they couldn't have gotten beds or anything they needed. The army even arranged to send in 200,000 emergency rations when they found that the people were going to start arriving and nothing to feed them with was here yet. WH says very seriously that the WRA never seems to realize how important the army was in the early days when all WRA had was an organization and nothing else.

AHL asks when the MPs came in. At first they can't remember, but finally decide that they were here before the evacuees started to come in. A bunch of them were stationed down around block 22 until their quarters were built. There were two outfits in those days -- one at II and one up here. When the evacuees came in, they were afraid there would be trouble, but the MPs were very sympathetic and gave them a hand. When the MPs came, they had no orders except to report to WH and do what he said and he had no idea what they were supposed to do. The only thing any of them can remember about that first order, was that the MPs were to see to it that civilians did not use their canteen.

Go back to gathering of personnel -- they said Dr. Peters came down here and lasted about 2 days. He was from the Navaho. He wanted to have this hospital and the one at Gila both. Wade said he refused him after the first

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half hour, but refuses to say why. They get Schmurr from the Navaho. AHL asked why they took him. They laughed and said that Navaho was the only place that could spare a physician and Schmurr was the only one they could spare. They didn't say much about Schmurr beyond this, only laughing.

Nell Findley, Wade said, he had heard of before. Then the woman who was assistant in the Division of Islands and Territories in Washington said something about her to Mr. Cellier and recommended her, and Cellier and Wade decided to get her. That was during Cellier's first visit out here when Wade was so busy he hardly had a chance to see him -- he can only remember talking to him twice: once out here and once in Parker. Mr. Cellier saw that he was very busy with trying to get the houses built, and while he'd planned to stay several days, he only stayed a day and a half. But they talked over a number of people at that time. That was when Wade first heard about AHL. Mr. Cellier talked to him about his coming out here and WH said, "I don't know what it is, but sounds like it's all right." They also talked about Miss Findley, but WH says he can remember very little of anything said during that visit.

Dr. Cary he heard of through Miss Findley. He thought Miss Findley first recommended him. John Powell was hired by WRA. He came down here on a visit. They offered him a job and he didn't say yes, and he didn't say no. He went away and was gone about a month or six weeks. When he came back again and this time he agreed to stay. He was sick most of the time during his first visit -- that was at the time when they were just moving down here from Parker and everybody was getting sick. JP came back in July and that time stayed.

Then there was Felix Cohen who was here a few days in the early part and it was then arranged that Ted Haas would come. It was in the agreement between Indian Service and WRA that the attorney would be a

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WRA employee, so Cohen fixed it up with WRA that Haas would be the man that they would hire.

When Mr. Collier went away that visit, he sent Skidmore down here. He spent a few days here and had some pretty good ideas, though WH and RG don't say definitely what these were. He suggested several positions they hadn't thought of and suggested some people. He worked on the organization of personnel -- but did not draw the organization charts. WH said that he already had some of these. Skidmore only stayed a few days.

Gus Empe was sent out here, spent a few days here and then went on to San Francisco where he was going to be head of the Fiscal Department in the Regional Office. He suggested that they put Henry Smith in here. Wade said that he couldn't do that, shook his head over it. ~~Wade~~

Talking about the personnel, Wade said that the people who were here during the early days and helped with intake never had a bad attitude toward the Japanese. They saw them coming in here tired, frightened, and with the few possessions left to them, and still trying to smile. AHL asked how about Henry Smith. They said, "Oh yes. Henry Smith. He didn't go out. He stayed in the office." Most of the men in that department stayed in the office. Meedy Palmer did go out but he mostly helped down at the warehouse. One day he started to help with intake, but got sick in about half an hour and spent the rest of the day in the car. Lyle Warneck and his boys who are doing a nice job of getting along with the evacuees helped with the intake. AHL says, "He turned pretty sour during the strike." WH said, "He got pretty sore at them" but seemed to think Warneck had gotten over it since then.

Empe -- when they resisted the Henry Smith idea, Gus came down again and they discussed the matter. WH said, "We asked Gus to stay." AHL asked who hired the people in GE's department. WH said Gus himself did. GE was sent out here by Greenwood.

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McKaskill sent a statistician out near the beginning to work out statistics on this place. WH threw him out. He used this as an example of how people meaning alright had no conception of the problems here. He said he was pretty sore at the time, but he realized afterwards that Joe McKaskill meant all right and hadn't meant the fellow to approach him in the way he did. Then he went on to say from that, and mentioned Greenwood particularly, that the old time Indian Service people couldn't see the difference between this and Indian reservations. They'd ask for three warehouse men, when not a reservation in the country had more than one. They couldn't understand why this place needed them and just wouldn't send the men. They had a lot of trouble that way. Then he said another trouble was that they dealt from here directly with the Indian office, and actually the person who was most interested and knew the most about the project was Mr. Collier, but instead of dealing directly with him they would deal with people like Greenwood and Wilkie. And Mr. Collier hadn't make it clear to them what the situation was here, and not only that, they were rather against the whole thing. Particularly Wilkie who thought it was a bad idea to ever get mixed up in the Japanese problem.

AHL asks how they picked Burge and Crawford. He and Ralph said they knew Morris. He'd been down at Selles when they were both there a few weeks before. They think they got in touch with him through Mr. Collier and offered him the job. Crawford they got because Sophie (Aberley) made a very fine gesture and told them they could have any of her people they wanted. Actually she was trying to unload somebody on them. They wouldn't take him, but out of the deal they got Crawford. They didn't know anything about him except that he had been in the Rockefeller training course. WH indicated that they thought that a good recommendation.

Before Posten started, apparently there was a big plan to develop the Parker Valley, which reached its peak in 1939. RG made a report on it at the time. They were having a big controversy as to whether the reservation was for

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the Parker Indians or for a number of other tribes as well since the Act of Congress setting up the reservation gave it to the tribes of the Colorado River drainage. An informal decision by the Attorney General was given that it belonged to the Parker Indians. However the Indian Service went ahead and planned to develop it for all the Indians. They thought they had 100,000 acres here, but when they got it surveyed it turned out to be 65,000 or 70,000 acres. Then the thing fell through. There wasn't enough appropriation made. It petered out until this Japanese relocation came along. The possibility became a reality again.

That was another thing. They thought they were going to have 20 draglines to dig the canals for Pecten. They only got one.

In June they began to realize what they had gotten into here. Collier came out again, and then RG and WH told him what they were beginning to suspect about the job. By then the wage policy was announced and a number of other things were becoming clear.

Then AHL asked WH if he thought the division and confusion of authority between the two agencies had any influence. He said it had none except that it delayed requisitions. Then he said "of course the division wasn't what did it, but it's the WRA policy that has wrecked the project. We've followed that policy." When the split became really evident was in that meeting in August when WH went to San Francisco. It became clear to him then. And it also was evident to him then that Fryer had ever reached himself and that the Washington people had perceived that and were going to knock him down to his size. Barrows and Myers were aware of it. (AHL makes comment when putting notes together that this important. Up to that trip to San Francisco, WH was very anti-WRA and against its policies. After that he went into a WRA period when he thought the Indian Service had little to do with the project. That lasted until about the time of the strike when he swung back again at the time of the clash between Collier and Myers.)

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Actually the Indian Service didn't know much about the Project. Last time WH was in Chicago, the people in the office there thought that WH and RG were the only Indian Service people here -- they thought the other people who had been on the Indian Service payroll were on loan to WRA and worked directly under WRA -- when actually they are still Indian Service people working under Indian Service direction but paid by WRA.

AAA AHL asks what they will remember of the Project 20 years from now. RG says, "Well I don't know." Then, "I guess that coked strike." Then didn't say anything much about it. Then he said, "Seeing some of these young people, how they have taken hold and done good jobs trying to work for their people." Then W began the other line of thought, about intake and told of the woman with a 4 days old baby sent in here and standing in line for 15 minutes before anybody spotted her. Then he carried her down to his room and put her on the bed down there. Then R gave the picture of the old invalid woman who was sitting prepped up on a couch while her two daughters fanned her and her son rushed around trying to get a hospital bed fixed up for her. She has died since then. WH statement was that he would remember the way they came in, lost and not knowing what to do or what to think and still trying to smile. He told about how one bunch came in on the train and sat on the siding for two hours before anybody was notified they were here -- the railroad crew just switched the car to the siding and left them. He also talked about how all the people were shipped in here from local jails and hospitals in California -- except that Los Angeles general hospital kept their people. Old men and women, bedridden for years were sent. They brought some in in hospitals, so ill they couldn't be sent by train. WCCA went around and got a lot of WPA employees and let them handle things the way they saw fit. Their orders were to get the people out and they got them out. He told about the

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crazy man from Bakersfield jail sent in here, who disappeared almost at once. They hunted for him for days and W had visions of him dead in the desert or over in California blowing up bridges. Nobody had bothered to tell them that he was crazy or had come from the jail. Finally they found him a week later at the other end of town where he had set up house keeping in a barracks by himself. He said there were too many Japs around. It was the local jails that sent their people in -- the federal penitentiaries kept their people.

AHL asked if they were ever able to get any understanding with the FBI. W said no, he had tried several times to come to an understanding with Duffy at Phoenix but never could get him to play ball. That was another big headache. They would come in here and pick up a few people. People were afraid -- they knew that many had been picked up before who were innocent and they were standing around wondering who would be next. And he turns to AHL and says, you saw it as well as I did, how afraid they were.

EHS asks them about how Shigekawa was picked out. They said that he was picked up by John Evans and Sel Kimball. They spotted him the moment he stepped off the bus. He was one of the very early ones to come in. W thinks that John and Sel had a couple of talks with him and then put him in the police department.

Sel Kimball was quite a help. They sent ~~for~~ for him themselves. They got him because Navajo was taking a general cut in staff right then.

EHS asked about Mitani and various other evacuees. WH and RG showed a great lack of interest in talking about early evacuee contacts. W mentioned that Mitani was about the same man as he is now. He went out a lot of shoe leather walking around trying to meet everybody and put himself in the middle of things. The interesting thing was that they did respond so poorly, showing such lack of interest in the evacuee contacts. Apparently W left most of them up to John Evans and Sel Kimball and concerned himself with WRA regulations and equipment and such.

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They did say however that among the first volunteers were Shig
Nakashim and Betsy Nakashima, who later became ~~his~~ his private secretary.
Maedas came with that group. Two days later the Bakersfield group came in
headed by Reverend Mitani and including Florence Mehri.

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TAT Notes

I (AHL) produced the cards and explained the principles of the cards with one sample card. I said we'd been giving this test to various evacuees and wanted some Caucasian controls. I said we had taken it ourselves and Lerner had brought it in. W. seemed interested. H went after it like somebody playing poker games, laughing and joking. R~~y~~ was uneasy from the start. First he wouldn't move from his chair. When he did and got pencil and paper out, as soon as I said "What leads up to it", R made some comment like "Oh phoeeey" and threw down pencil and paper as though to say, "This is too much." My own impression was that his reaction was due to a fear of not doing well in some intellectual exercise, that his reason for quitting at that point was fear of not being able to follow all the instructions. I think he sort of found himself out on a limb then when the others did not follow his lead but went right on with the test.

For notes on replies on test and interpretation see TAT folder. W. while cooperative through the test kept making comments, "Does it show you're dumb" "Does it show how crazy you are". Showing an uneasiness which I interpreted as different from Ralph's as though W was uneasy not on the score of his intelligence at all but as if he has some emotional quirks in his nature that he was afraid would show up in the test. Immediately after the test, he was demanding what the right answers were and what we did. First said he wouldn't give me the paper with his answers on, giving it to me, taking it right back and then giving it to me again. Then I told him that they show much greater insecurity than the evacuees on the same test. W. spotted spontaneously that the test might tell something about whether optimistic or pessimistic. He said, "It will probably show that I am depressed." Answers did not show any depression, so my conclusion is that he covered it up.