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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

March 6, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer  
Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Our registration is practically complete at Heart Mountain and in many ways it has been very discouraging. To date we have had 36 voluntary enlistments. In addition to this, we have had 286 citizens ask for repatriation since the enlistment started. We had approximately 127 citizens who had not registered last night.

For the past 30 days I have been trying, through the group leaders in the camp, to work up an enthusiastic response to the combat unit. I have felt, and I still feel, that there has been an undercurrent of resistance. We have looked for it every place we suspected it might be found and have never been able to uncover any definite evidence that any individual has been obstructing the program. However, the results speak pretty plainly. I met with several groups yesterday but could not get any enthusiastic support in any program to try to increase the number of volunteers.

Yesterday I wrote the enclosed letter to the people of Heart Mountain and presented it to the Block Managers and Block Chairmen. I gave a copy of it to the newspaper and requested them to build up a headline that might jar the people of Heart Mountain into some action. I am enclosing a copy of the letter and the front page of the paper showing how the matter was handled. About the only response I got was a lot of resentment and two indignation meetings. There is another meeting going on this afternoon and I am expecting them to call me to this meeting some time before the afternoon is over.

I am being ably assisted in this work by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Todd, a number of the evacuees, and the entire newspaper staff, but we do not seem to be able to jar loose.

Please note Dr. Kinoshita's banner in the Sentinel. I think it was an excellent statement and I am glad to say that the doctor is giving us some wonderful support in our campaign to arouse the people to some action.

Sincerely,  
s/

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

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Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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March 5, 1943

TO PEOPLE OF HEART MOUNTAIN

Attention: Block Managers and Block Chairmen

I feel that it is my duty to point out a number of facts which have either been overlooked or intentionally disregarded by the leaders at Heart Mountain.

Heart Mountain has generally been regarded as a model relocation center. This has been accomplished through the close cooperation between the administration and the community leaders.

Current registration for voluntary enlistment in the all-nisei combat team has cast a new reflection on Heart Mountain as a community and upon the nisei now in Heart Mountain as individuals. Heart Mountain no longer can claim favorable recognition in the eyes of other relocation centers or outside communities or official Washington, including the President of the United States, the War Department, or the War Relocation Authority. I would further like to point out that it is not the responsibility of the United States or the War Relocation Authority to induce nisei to volunteer. It is the obligation of the community leaders to see that Heart Mountain maintains at least a comparable position with other centers.

I would like to ask if the parents realize that a life-long stigma may be borne by their children who fail to recognize and live up to their responsibility in a democratic government and this may reflect upon your oft-mentioned desire to continue to live as good citizens.

The administration has made every effort to help both the issei and nisei to get an understanding of the broad principles which confront them in the registration, to show them the effect that their cooperation or non-cooperation will have on the whole future of American-Japanese people who wish to make their future home in America. No pains have been spared to get this problem thoroughly before the people in its full significance.

We believe that the great majority of the people of this center are either loyal United States citizens or friendly aliens, and if left to their own thinking, would come up to the high standards expected of them. We believe, however, that small minority group have injected confused ideas in the minds of the people and have turned them from expressing their loyal sentiments in this registration

Your government has asked outright that you express your loyalty. They have asked the alien to indicate his friendship. Question 28 in Form 304A and 126 Revised gives everyone an opportunity to make a definite statement regarding his loyalty or friendship. Your government has offered the citizen an opportunity to volunteer in the armed forces of the United States. They have asked point blank whether or not you are willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States, to uphold the principle of democracy and freedom to which this country is committed.

The response to these sentiments at Heart Mountain has been very, very disappointing. May I ask the citizen group how they expect to approach their government in asking concessions, whether it is restitution, reparation, or whatever you may ask, when you have more or less repudiated your government by failing to indicate a fair average of enlistment comparable to other relocation centers.

The Minidoka Center for instance is sending 240 volunteers to the army out of a possible 1540 qualified and they expect to have at least 300 by March 10th. This is a center that has a smaller population than Heart Mountain. Granada with much smaller population than Heart Mountain has already passed the 100 mark, and Poston has passed the 200 mark and climbing rapidly. Even Manzanar has three times as many volunteers as Heart Mountain. I would like to point out that you cannot bargain with your government. They are offering you an opportunity. The way you handle the opportunity is, of course, your own business.

In view of the fact that you have not offered your wholehearted support to your government's program, you will be judged by the answer you have made and the attitude expressed. If you have reacted favorably, you will be considered favorably. If you have reacted unfavorably, you will, in all probability, have unfavorable consideration. Surely you understand that you cannot hope to force any issue with the government of the United States.

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

It is not too late for Heart Mountain to change this picture. We have not advised Washington that this condition exists. It is going to be necessary for us to advise them very soon. I appeal to you to adopt every means at your command to see that this report is not as unfavorable as today indicates.

Second attachment

Front page Heart Mountain Sentinel, Saturday March 6, 1943

## ARMY REGISTRATION

January 30.

Editorial, Sentinel: War Department plan is in strong measure vindication of nisei and a milestone in the uphill battle to re-establish positions as Americans.

February 6.

Teletype: Informal poll indicated that about 200 had shown their intention of volunteering. Reactions diverse. Feeling that confidence in nisei still lacking. Question feasibility of all-nisei unit. Enlistees visiting projects have related discrimination against them even in Army. Feel all branches of armed forces should be opened. Want guarantee of protection from anti-Japanese legislation in post-war era for themselves and parents. Majority of parents passive or apathetic as result of evacuation. Farsighted evacuees favor enlistment because of post-war era.

Weekly report: Highly successful meeting of recruiting team, block managers, and temporary block chairmen.

Editorial, Sentinel: Mentioned combat team among other things as a giant stride in hastening the return of evacuees to normal lives.

News story, Sentinel: "Prominent Heart Mountain citizens with or eligible for U. S. Army reserve commissions greeted (announcement) with enthusiasm."

February 13.

Weekly report: Feeling toward registration improved and it will begin on February 16.

Letter to Myer from Robertson: Nisei in almost continual session since the 10th. Not as boisterous as they were, but apparently want statement from somebody that would enable them to volunteer under different conditions. Do not want any stigma of ever having been under suspicion of being subversive.

Registration to begin not later than the 16th. Nine volunteers at this point.

February 16.

Registration began.

February 20.

Registration of all males of four blocks completed.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

March 18, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer  
Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to me by the Block Managers and a copy of my reply to them. This is a rehash of registration.

I wrote the Block Managers and Block Chairmen a letter on March 5 and sent you a copy of this letter. Their letter to me of March 13 is an answer to that letter and I consider it very weak. I have replied as per the attached which really has no point other than I thought I might reply to them and close the matter.

I am very sorry that I was not able to develop any favorable leadership in either the Issei or Nisei group during the progress of registration. We have wired you the results and are compiling the complete file and expect to have it ready to send to Washington very shortly.

The last count I had, we had 72 people, men and women, who had not registered, and a great many of these were people who are confined to their apartments and, in some instances, people who have just recently been issued leaves. We will have a very small number to contact and the Block Chairmen and the Block Managers have taken that responsibility and should report any delinquencies within the next day or so.

Sincerely,

s/

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Heart Mountain Relocation Project

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

March 13, 1943

Mr. Guy Robertson  
Project Director  
Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Because of the grave implications involved in this issue, which can so easily be misunderstood and misinterpreted, by the outside people who do not have the remotest idea of our present predicament, we, as Block Managers desire to answer your letter of March 5, 1943, addressed to the Block Managers and Block Chairmen, and your article published in the Sentinel of March 6, 1943.

It is indeed regrettable that the results of our registration for voluntary enlistment in the all nisei combat team did not measure up to the standard of a generally accepted model relocation center.

The following therefore, is presented in a cooperative spirit to assist in any possible, to clear this situation, in a manner consistent with the dignity of American Citizens. It certainly is not intended to becloud the issue with excuses and evasions.

However, some of the seemingly impertinent issues, are of necessity herein set forth in a constructive sense, and, to clear the atmosphere of this Center; so that a continued recalling of the past intended or unintentional, imaginary or founded, mistakes or oversights may be thrashed out once and for all, and, in the future, we may be able to work together on a sound basis of mutual understanding for the welfare of the entire residents.

As you are now aware, from the beginning of a temporary community government in the Center, the Administration has not followed the WRA instruction; namely #34, which stipulates that "each Block Representative shall be a citizen of the United States, over 21 years of age."

Until March 1, 1943, we had a temporary community Council, composed of all non-citizens. The present temporary Community Council, still is composed of all non-citizens, except for one.

If the citizens had been the temporary council from the start, in accordance with the Administrative instruction, the leadership of the community, in the formulation of policies, would naturally have been in our hands; and, with the rights as citizens, could have taken a more definite stand pertaining to these matters. As it is now, only one citizen is in the policy making body. The Block Managers are confined only to the material welfare of the residents and are the administrative representatives. This being our position, and, because some of the issues were not fully clarified, we feel that we have

been handicapped in fulfilling the responsibilities as you infer in your letter of March 5, 1943.

The original Citizens' Congress formed here was for the purpose of clearing all misunderstandings and misinterpretations of the statements issued by the Administration and the representatives of the War Department. Unfortunately, even though it requested a further postponement of registration, our Government's order to proceed with the registration had to be complied with; thus creating some of the confusion among the citizens of this Center.

If the particular part of Administrative Instruction #22, (revised) Supplement 3, dated January 30, 1943, (which was discovered through our own initiative after the registration for male citizens was completed) with reference to questions 27 and 28 of Form 304A, was answered by the resident citizens before an Army representative, instead of having given them blank forms, (one to two days' prior time) to ponder over the same, and perhaps be influenced mainly by their parents, a better result in this registration could perhaps have been attained.

It is also recalled that if the authorization to cross out the identification mark, "Selective Service System" on Form 304A, was further cleared with a statement that these will be reviewed by the Army and the FBI, and the same was not solely for the WRA use for Leave Clearance, a better result perhaps could also have been attained.

However, the greatest confusion or misunderstanding was created by the following statements:

"those persons wishing to expatriate and/or repatriate may state their wishes at this time and will not be required to register"--was a statement made by Mr. Carroll on February 15. On March 1, the Sentinel Supplement carried an item reading: "A recent instruction from the WRA Director Dillon Myer, states that all persons who have not as yet registered but who have expressed desire to either repatriate or expatriate are required to register if they have not made application to repatriate or expatriate prior to January 28."

From the above, we believe, you can readily see the implication of the resultant effects of the registration. It seems that the uninformed parents and minor children, whose parents' influence, no doubt had a lot to do in this result, took the course of least resistance by just declaring their desire to repatriate or expatriate and thus avoid registration and the surmised inevitable draft, without knowingly regarding the implications created. On the other hand, without clearer explanations by the WRA Washington office, the order to those who have not expatriated or repatriated prior to January 28, 1943, must register, has created further confusion.

Be it any problem or problems in the center, after having been uprooted from our former social and economic status, and confined under Government surveillance, for ten long months, we find that the following has a great deal to do on the reaction of the people:

(a) The amount of freedom in this Center is not the same as in other Centers.

(b) The residents as a whole in the Center are not allowed to shop in nearby towns.

(c) A law was passed recently by the State of Wyoming regarding our franchise.

(d) The barbed wire fence is in the immediate border of our barracks which is not true in all centers.

(e) Unfavorable reaction through the placement of children in the military guardhouse, for having lingered only 50 to 100 feet away from the barracks, sliding on the snow.

Your statement published in the Sentinel of March 6, 1943, states in effect that the Block Managers and Block Chairman, who are the community leaders, individually and collectively are morally responsible for the poor showing in this registration. Your implications are clear; and, while we have endeavored to clear the several misunderstandings and misinterpretations to the best of our abilities, perhaps we have too strongly stressed and relied in the individual's inviolate freedom and conscience in answering the questionnaires.

Even to date, the implications and effects of the repatriation and theexpatriation issue is not clear to all. The question arises as to whether or not our Government, at this date, has devised a definite ~~clear~~ procedure in the clearance of this matter. Therefore, we deem it advisable to bring to light, to those who still may be misinformed, the reflection and significance of their now completed actions, in line with our separate memorandum submitted to you for issuance to the residents.

Naturally, we are concerned because of the poor volunteer showing in this Center. Perhaps we all have been over-confident because of our past good record. We are very mindful and appreciative of the fact that you have shown more concern over the results of this registration than some of the resident citizens have indicated. Our only prayer is that the result of this registration will not be interpreted and defended by our Government that the mass evacuation was justifiable, and that the future of those loyal American citizens will not necessarily undergo further mistreatment.

Rest assured that, as American Citizens, we desire to cooperate with you in every respect. If the foregoing serves the purpose as intended, we will have achieved the goal towards a better understanding between the Administration and the residents.

Yours very truly

BLOCK MANAGERS  
HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

MEMORANDUM

March 18, 1943

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

TO THE BLOCK MANAGERS:

On March 5 I addressed a memorandum to the people of Heart Mountain for the attention of the Block Managers and Block Chairmen. In this memorandum I attempted to state my disappointment that Heart Mountain had not responded to the opportunity of volunteer enlistment offered by the United States army in a manner comparable to some of the other relocation centers. I wrote this letter after studying the returns from the registration up to that date.

I tried to convey to you that I was very much disturbed over the fact that we were making a very poor showing. It was my thought that many of the answers to questions 27 and 28 were very thoughtless and did not express the true sentiment of the citizen answering the questionnaire and that these thoughtless answers were jeopardizing the future of not only the citizen involved but of many other good citizens restricted to Relocation Centers.

Your reply of March 13 in which you state what you consider the causes for the poor showing is in itself ample justification for my letter to you of March 5. Administrative Instruction 22 revised, Supplement 3, was covered by explanatory bulletins in English and Japanese on February 8, February 9, February 11, February 12, February 15, February 18, February 25, and March 1, and bulletins were distributed to every apartment in the Center. Lt. McDaniels' speech explaining Instruction 22 revised, Supplement 3, and all phases of registration together with 50 questions and answers, was mimeographed in English and Japanese and distributed in every apartment in the Center. The Sentinel carried explanatory articles on registration on February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27, and March 6. Mr. Carroll, Lt. McDaniels, and the Project Director spoke at numerous open meetings to explain the details of registration. The Block Chairmen and Block Managers were asked to assist and to be at the registration halls with a crew of trained interviewers who knew the questions and answers of registration. All this was done even though all the questions in the registration forms were direct and very simple.

By the above you can see that the administration used every means at hand to impress upon the people their responsibility. We did not get the results we had expected and the Block Chairmen and Block Managers did not come forward and assume any aggressive leadership.

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My letter of March 5 attempted to point out some of the mistakes I thought were being made and was intended as an appeal to the Block Chairmen and Block Managers for more aggressive leadership.

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

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TELETYPE MESSAGE

*Please refer to time  
RPM 27*

January 16, 1943

Guy Robertson  
War Relocation Authority  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Teletype Message No.

Wages and cash clothing allowances paid to employed evacuees are income for income tax purposes. Subsistence furnished evacuees (including food, housing, medical care, and education) is not. Unemployment compensation and cash clothing allowances paid evacuees involuntarily unemployed and public assistance grants are not income for income tax purposes. Reporting no problem since only necessary when \$500 or more is paid to single person and \$1200 or more to married person.

Leland Barrows

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Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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October 20, 1943

*[Handwritten signature]*

Mr. D. S. Myer  
Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

There is enclosed herewith the original and two copies of the Housing Report WRA 244 for the month of September. This report is prepared as of October 3rd instead of September 30th in order to include the housing information on the last entrainment from Tule Lake, arriving on that date.

We now have our basic family card file (Form WRA-95) set up in proper order and do not anticipate any difficulty in getting these monthly reports in on time in the future.

Sincerely yours,

*Guy Robertson*

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

Enclosure-56709  
cc - Denver



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
GENERAL ORDER

REPLY TO: [illegible]  
PROJECT: [illegible]

October 25, 1943

Mr. [illegible]  
Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Washington, D.C.

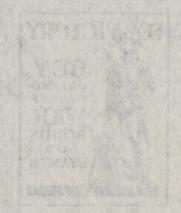
Enclosed is a copy of the original and two copies of the "War Relocation Authority Report" dated October 20, 1943. This report is intended for your information and is not to be used in any other way. It contains information on the status of the project and the progress of the work.

We have our best wishes for the success of the project and hope that you will continue to report on its progress in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. [illegible]  
Project Director

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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May 6, 1944

The May Company  
Denver  
Colorado

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2 inquiring regarding ownership and operation of the Heart Mountain Community Enterprises.

While the local organization has the legal status of a trust, it is operated as a consumers cooperative. Legal title to their assets are in the board of trustees under a trust instrument filed with the county clerk, and this board of trustees manages the enterprises for the benefit and in the interest of all of the residents of Heart Mountain.

The business is operated very much as any other private enterprise, except that the earnings that accumulate from month to month are refunded to the purchasers; in this case the owners of the business. Careful patronage records are maintained, and at the end of each fiscal year when the operating costs have been determined, all net earnings are declared as a refund payable to the people. Since these earnings constitute the only working capital of the enterprises, this refund is not paid immediately to the residents, but they are given Certificates of Indebtedness. @ copy of one of these is enclosed with the letter. As new earnings accumulate during the current year, the certificates of indebtedness are liquidated, usually in four quarterly payments so that by the end of this fiscal year, all of the earnings of the previous year will have been paid back. This revolving fund provides the enterprises at all times with one year's total earnings as working capital; and with their present rates of sales and accumulations, this means approximately \$100,000.00.

You will observe from the enclosed financial statement as of February 29 that Certificates of Indebtedness total \$44,355.95 and the total net worth of \$68,103.35. The total of these two amounts represents their working capital. Half of the total of the certificates of indebtedness was paid back last month, and the net worth was increased by new earnings to approximately \$86,000.00. The remaining certificates of indebtedness will undoubtedly be liquidated in July, as their fiscal year ends July 31.

Sincerely,

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Project Director

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Enclosure 3

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of  
Center Business Enterprises

Headquarters, Executive Secretary

May 27, 1944

Mr. Donald Horn  
c/o Heart Mountain Project Attorney's Office  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Horn:

Officers of the Amache Consumers Enterprises notified me today that they were approached by the Prower County Tax Agent stating that the Amache Consumers Enterprises is subject to Personal Property Tax and requested them to make remittance. This request, however, was too sudden and unexpected by the Amache Consumers Enterprises and consequently they have asked me to investigate.

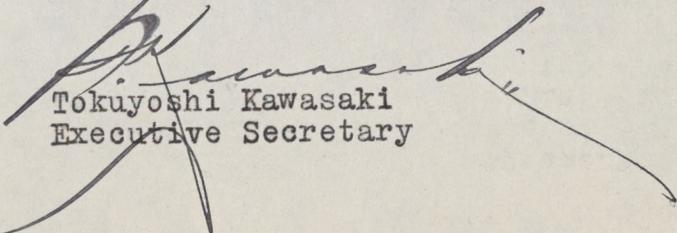
As you are already being aware that the Consumers Cooperatives in each project under the jurisdiction of War Relocation Authority is not a money making organization, in fact, it is owned and operated by the evacuees in the center to supply the goods and services which are vital to the welfare of the evacuees and which are not provided by the government, and as a result of such interpretation it has been exempted from paying Federal Income Tax through application for exemption.

I'm not particularly too familiar with the tax problems in the State of Colorado and I am anxious to have this case investigated as I do not believe the cooperatives within the center is subject to pay tax which will bring the income to the county that is not directly responsible for providing educational facilities or other means of benefit to the evacuees. I would appreciate very much if you will look into this matter and advise us the correct interpretation, and if it should be asked for exemption kindly advise us accordingly.

With anticipation of seeing you within the immediate future,

Cooperatively yours,

FEDERATION OF CENTER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

  
Tokuyoshi Kawasaki  
Executive Secretary

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

MEMORANDUM

June 13, 1944

TO: V. J. Ryan

Attention: Roland Washburn

FROM: M. O. Anderson, Assistant Project Director

SUBJECT: Issuance of coveralls for auto mechanics  
trainees

This is to authorize the issuance of coveralls  
to the high school auto mechanic shop students.

Please refer to Manual Release 50.5.14.

M. O. Anderson  
Assistant Project Director

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JUL 20 1944

Mr. Guy Robertson  
Director  
War Relocation Center  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Attention: Mr. Vaughn Mechau

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Will you please send us a picture and a cut of Private Chizuko Shinagawa which you ran along with a story in the Heart Mountain Sentinel dated Saturday, July 8, 1944?

We intend to get further information concerning the number of Japanese-American WAC's in the service and use it with Miss Shinagawa's picture in an article for the papers here.

Yours sincerely,

Victor L. Furth  
Acting Assistant Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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July 25, 1944

Mr. Victor L. Furth  
Acting Assistant Director  
2nd Fl, Sheldon Building  
461 Market Street  
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Furth:

Under separate cover we are sending you the cut of Private Chizuko Shinagawa which was used in the Sentinel several weeks ago.

We do not have the picture of Pvt. Shinagawa since the cut was made for us in Denver and no photograph was furnished.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

*Guy Robertson*

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

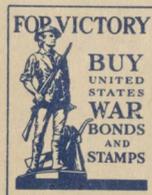
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

August 3, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Barr Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Edwin G. Arnold

Dear Mr. Myer:

Reference is made to your memorandum in connection with the furnishing of bi-lingual relocation information into the homes of evacuees in the center.

Since the first of April this project has been carrying on a program in cooperation with the Reports Division which is practically identical with that outlined in your memoranda. We have two employees in this division, and part of their duties are to assemble data regarding regulations and procedures, news from Relocation Field Offices, special job offers, letters from resettlers, stories of successful resettlements, and other material in which they screen such information, selecting that which is most interesting and instructive and it is then mimeographed in both English and Japanese and distributed to every home in the center. Going a little further with this, we are running a series of ten articles in Japanese, three of which have already been released, and these too go to every home in the center. Each series are dedicated to a certain area and is a compilation of information from the monthly summary and letters from resettlers and the Relocation Officers of the area and the emphasis placed on the resettlement of Isseis and the family groups. This has been very effective as evidenced by the fact that there has been an increased interest displayed by Isseis and the family groups.

Sincerely,

Guy Robertson  
Project Director

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Mr. Guy Robertson  
Project Director  
Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Attention: Joe Carroll  
Relocation Division

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We were glad to read in the monthly report of the Relocation Division for July that 152 family relocation summaries were sent to the field offices. We hope that with the new additions to the staff of the Relocation Division that it will be possible for you shortly to reach the goal of sending out a family relocation summary for every family leaving the center whether under a "Community Invitation Plan" or an "Advance Approval Plan".

We note that the initial interviews for all families at the center have almost been completed. We hope it will be possible now to concentrate on follow-up interviews for those families who have shown an interest in relocation.

Now that the Relocation Planning Commission is moving forward again, we would be interested in the results of their efforts to reach the Issei population.

The recommendations which your center has made regarding the removal of restrictions as they pertain to the leave policy have been discussed with Mr. Myer. For the present, he feels that the basic leave policy should remain as it is presently written.

Sincerely yours,

*Edwin G. Arnold*

Edwin G. Arnold  
Chief, Relocation Division

cc: James H. Curtis

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*W. C. Schlosser*

Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Date: September 8, 1944  
From: W. C. Schlosser, Voc. Training Supervisor  
To: Mr. Anderson  
Subject: Conference with Mr. R. B. Johnson, Vocational Training Supervisor, from Washington, D. C. held September 1, 1944.

A conference was held at the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado September 1, 1944. Mr. Johnson was returning from his visit to various centers of the middle West and West Coast. He planned a meeting of regional supervisors for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the vocational training programs now in operation in relocation centers.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

Dr. Lloyd Garrison, Superintendent of Schools-  
Granada.

Mr. Walter, Vocational Training Supervisor-  
Granada.

Mr. George Young, Superintendent of Schools,  
Gila River.

Mr. W. C. Schlosser, Vocational Training super-  
visor, Heart Mountain.

Mr. Johnson gave a brief account of the various types of vocational training programs now operating in each Center. It was quite interesting to note the variety of courses and become informed about the apparent differences in interests of the evacuees throughout all Centers.

Lengthy discussion was held on the problems now facing each Center. Lack of employable evacuees, shortage of labor and the stagnant, even deteriorating condition, and decided lack of interest in vocational training opportunities. Jobs are plentiful and persons wishing employment can obtain B-rate jobs. Most Centers are now populated by aged family members and youths of high school age and below. The solution of this problem is very difficult at present. What effect relocation, draft, seasonal, short term, trial indefinite, or indefinite leaves will have in perpetuating this condition, remains to be seen. How the program is to be altered and what measures can

be taken to remedy the situation is undecided.

Time was devoted to the explanation of a terminal report which should now be compiled for record purposes. It should include a brief history of the origin and developments of the vocational training program within each center.

The exchange of ideas and methods of promoting various training programs was of considerable value. One individual cannot possess too many ideas to assist in solving the problems now confronting him in the vocational training work of the relocation Centers. This conference made possible a more confidential discussion of problems and a more intimate knowledge of situations elsewhere.

Form 345, a new Vocational Training Report form, and a Course Application Form is soon to be released so as to enable more uniformity and clarity in these forms.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 to enable Mr. Johnson to catch his train for return to Washington.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Guy Robertson  
Project Director  
Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Attention: Mr. Joe Carroll  
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

In reviewing the August monthly report of the center Relocation Division, we are encouraged by the continued development of the Relocation Planning Commission's participation in the planning with evacuees.

Do you not feel that the discussions at the weekly staff meeting on relocation could be further developed if the active staff members were formed into a Staff Relocation Committee as described in Handbook section 130.26.6? Central Utah has had a good deal of success with this method, which helps coordinate the individual efforts of the different divisions and sections.

The recommendations you have made for changes in our leave policy, as given to me on my recent visit to the center and in this report, are being discussed here in Washington and recommendations will be reviewed with the Director on his return.

As indicated in our letter of September 16, we want to urge you to fill the appointed personnel positions of Assistant Relocation Adviser. In light of the work ahead, it seems very important to us that every available staff position should be filled, and the personnel trained in relocation work.

We note that 134 relocation summaries were sent to the field. This indicates good staff work. We hope that this includes a large number of "Community Invitation Plan" relocations. This type of plan should be used to the limit of its possibilities.

We are wondering whether or not the evacuees transferred from

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Jerome are relocating at a greater rate than other residents. Could you let us have a report on this?

Enclosed is a copy of WRA form 341 which is a revision of the monthly report form for the Relocation Division. The statistics from this report should give us a better picture of your center work. We hope that it has arrived in time to be used in your September report.

Mr. Hugo W. Wolter, Head of the Center Liaison Section, is now on a field trip and should be available at your center for consultation somewhere around October 17.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee  
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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Mr. Guy Robertson  
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Attention: Mr. Joe Carroll  
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This will acknowledge the October monthly report of the center Relocation Division.

In your report on the family interviewing and relocation advising program, you indicate that before returning evacuees can definitely decide on concrete plans, that as many as nine to ten follow-ups in a week are required. We would be interested in receiving any data that you may have accumulated on the number of follow-up interviews that are normally required to complete a plan. It is logical to anticipate that family planning with the groups remaining in the center will require much more time and effort than the single individuals, particularly when it will involve the joining up of members now in the center with those of the family who have relocated.

Your experiences with Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorneys on the movement and conduct of aliens in the field, has been referred to the Field Supervision Section. Developing favorable contacts with representatives of these organizations is the responsibility of the Relocation Officers, and reports from the field indicate that these contacts have been established. Whenever you receive letters from the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Attorneys, please send the complaints on to the Area Supervisor or to us in Washington. We will try to give them the necessary information and establish necessary contacts through the field offices. Close contact is maintained with the Washington office of these organizations by the Field Supervision Section and the problems that occur are presented to them for clarification.

The statistics on page 1 under point II, Relocation Advising, appear to be incorrect. This section attempts to account for all forms of relocation advising for that month only. The main figure, therefore, is

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"Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month". Sections A and B are breakdowns of this point and should add up to the main figure. Point 1., 2., and 3., are breakdowns of point A, and should add up to the figure given as point A.

The report is not intended to summarize the whole family interviewing and relocation advising program. Such a summary is provided for in the monthly reports of the Statistics Section, based on WRA 329's and 340's. Point II.A.3 should not be used for summarizing the number of "initial interviews" completed in the center. In the same manner, point II.B is not intended to be a record of families yet to receive initial interviews. Point II.B is the "carry-all" category for those families who have not received "initial interviews", but who came in the course of events during that month to receive some form of relocation advice.

Sincerely yours,



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