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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
WASHINGTON

December 24, 1942

Mr. Edwin C. Morgenroth  
American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Morgenroth:

When I was in Chicago Thursday, Mr. Brown asked me to let him know of any examples that we might have where the Army was employing evacuated people. The best example that we have to offer is that the Ogden Arsenal which is now, after negotiations with us, employing a relatively large number of evacuees for labor work at the Ogden, Utah, Arsenal. This is employment directly by the United States Army of these people in a civilian capacity.

There is also the employment of a large number of civilian instructors and civilian help from among the evacuees at Camp Savage, Minnesota in the Japanese Language School in addition to the enlistment there of a considerable number in the Army.

Another example of employment by the Army is the case of two girls who were recently given indefinite leave to go to Fort Custer, Michigan, to be employed in the Post Exchange. I do not know how many the Army Intelligence employs here in Washington but there are some and recently we were requested to fill an order for a number of people who could help out on map work. This order was given us directly by the Army and we are at work in the various centers trying to fill it at the present time.

Since I saw you in Chicago last Friday, things have been moving quite fast on our projected organization for placement work. Mr. Lee will arrive in Chicago right after the first of the year. I have asked him to look you up. He will start the office going in Chicago and then will return to Salt Lake City and his place will be taken by the present project director at Tule Lake. Miss Prudence Ross will be second in command in the Chicago office. We are planning to have a general round-up of field people meet in Chicago, probably the 14, 15, and 16 of January. George Rundquist was here for a couple of days and he thinks it would be a good idea to have some of the key people from various organizations who are interested in relocation meet in Chicago at the same time. I think this would be an excellent idea as we Government people would then be able to profit by the suggestions made and could at the same time explain our policies and procedures and generally get acquainted with people with whom we will be working across the country.

Inclosed I am sending you copies of a couple of letters which we have received from other Government agencies expressing views on our relocation policies.

Sincerely yours,  
s i g n e d  
Thomas W. Hollan  
Chief, Employment Division



Nebraska Central College  
Central City, Nebraska  
O.W. Carrell, President

Dear Friends of Nebraska Central College,

While this must be a mimeographed letter, yet I want it to be very personal since I am sending it to a selected group of friends. I want those who have been helping in the support of Nebraska Central College to share a letter from one of our former students-- Evelyn Eoff, who is now the wife of Harold Sandall, a prominent minister of the Methodist Church of Nebraska. Evelyn's parents live here at Central City. Her letter is self-explanatory and I felt that all of you who have helped to make the work of our college possible should share in her appreciation for the college and the influence of Friends.

Sincerely,

Ora W. Carrell

Gering, Nebraska  
February 23, 1943

Dear President Carrell,

I feel compelled to say "Thanks" to someone for the influence of Nebraska Central College. "Thanks" for the attitudes and patterns the faculty set in my heart--twelve years ago. Attitudes and patterns which are bringing us such a delightful experience now. For it is you "Friends" the world over, more particularly the "Friends" we know personally who have given us the desire to follow in your footsteps. So on Valentine's Day, Dorothy Ichinaga, an eighteen year old Japanese girl arrived from the Relocation Center in Arkansas to live with us while she attends Junior College in Scottsbluff. We liked her immediately. The children are devoted to her. Already we are definitely on the receiving end of this relationship. May we grow big enough and fast enough to make her proud of us. Her home was in Tulare, California, where her father owned a Cafe. She has nine brothers and sisters--all in the Camp in Arkansas. The letter her father wrote to us this week should be published--he says so much, so well concerning the hopes of his people; I quote: "Kindly pray for us and our race as a whole so that we may in some way be a Blessing instead of Hated Peoples".

We expect to be in Central City for the Methodist Youth Workers Council late in March and shall look forward to seeing you at that time.

The American Friends Service Committee sent us a check for Dorothy for \$100. She gasped and said, "Mrs. Sandall, will you please quick help ~~me~~ send that back so some one else can "go out" because I don't need it". It's true her tuition and train fare were paid by the Methodist Board of Education but when I recalled her scanty wardrobe I was more than ever humbled by her. Of course we wrote the Friends Committee at once explaining that we would not need the money.



Please, then, to those members of the faculty that so patiently nurtured me, extend my affectionate gratitude.

Evelyn Sandall

PRESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
"Community Service"  
Preston, Idaho

March 6, 1943

Mr. George Nakamura  
c/o The American Friends Service  
189 West Madison  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nakamura:

We are in receipt of your recent letter asking for information concerning the American Japanese that were employed during the beet harvest throughout Franklin County. It affords us great pleasure to answer your inquiry and we can truthfully say that the impression left with the people of our county by the Japanese boys was very fine. It has been conceded by our people that had it not been for you and the other American Japanese boys, the beet harvest in Franklin County could not have been accomplished. Therefore, we are grateful for your services and sincerely trust it will be possible to secure the Japanese boys again in the spring to assist in the beet thinning, hoeing, etc., inasmuch as the labor situation is becoming very acute in our county due to the boys being called into the army and defense work.

Again we express our appreciation to you fine fellows, and trust we have answered your inquiry to your complete satisfaction. Hoping to hear from you again in the future, and if we can be of any further assistance, kindly let us know.

Sincerely yours,  
Weldon A. Nash

Weldon A. Nash, Secretary  
Preston Chamber of Commerce

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*Relocation  
Common Affairs  
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Preston Plant  
FRANKLIN COUNTY SUGAR COMPANY  
Preston, Idaho

Factories at: *71. 848 A*  
Preston, Idaho  
Mount Clemens,  
Michigan

George Nakamura  
% American Friends Service Co.  
Chicago, Illinois

March 11, 1943

Dear George:

Glad to hear from you and learn of your new work. You still seem to be quite a distance from welding and mechanic work. This war does bring about strange things.

I just returned from Topaz. I talked there with most of the boys who were out here last fall. They still feel that our beet crop last fall was below normal but feel that the attitude of this community was very good toward them.

We are anxious to get about two hundred again this spring. The farmers are anxious that they come and our merchants seem just as anxious. The boys did a good job last fall and the community appreciates their help. The conduct of the Japanese was commendable and no incidents occurred which would lessen mutual respect.

During the winter about twenty-five Japanese have lived in this community, some working and others attending school. They have added to the friendly feeling that was established by the large group who were here last fall. Space doesn't permit specific insurances but I may assure you there are many by which respect for loyal American Japanese has been demonstrated.

The loyal Japanese should be released from the Relocation Centers just as rapidly as possible. Every effort and consideration should be made to help them adjust themselves in an economic and social way so they can again think and act as full-fledged American citizens. Their ability to produce food is badly needed and should be fully utilized. Their right to "life, liberty, and property" as well as all other rights of American citizens should be fully respected. They should be separated from the pro-Jap Japanese at once.

Sorry I don't have time to write you an essay on democracy but maybe you can gather a little from the above as to what Democracy means to me.

Hope you enjoy your new work and that you will find satisfaction in doing your bit to bring this war to a quick conclusion.

Yours very truly,  
Horland Simmons



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POCATELLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Office in Hotel Bannock Building  
Pocatello, Idaho

March 19, 1943

George Nakamura  
c/o American Friends Service  
189 West Madison  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Answering your recent inquiry for local public reactions concerning the Japanese labor employed in this area.

It is our understanding that such labor as has been employed in the agricultural sections particularly has been on the whole quite satisfactory. Obviously, since all Japanese labor is not experienced farm help, employers have had to make due allowances, but that has not been difficult because the attitude of the individual Japanese laborer has been to do the best sort of work possible.

Very truly yours,  
Paul V. Nash  
Manager

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J.C. PENNEY COMPANY  
Incorporated

Preston, Idaho  
March 23, 1943

Mr. George Nakamura  
c/o American Friends Service  
189 West Madison  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

*h* I have your letter of March 10th asking the public sentiment as to you boys before coming to Preston and after leaving.

I have heard numerous comments from the business men, that you were gentlemen at all times and I can personally make this assertion myself, because I never saw any of you do anything you shouldn't. Many of the farmers, for whom you worked, expressed themselves that your work was perfectly satisfactory and hoped that it would be possible for you to return this year.

As we all know, there is going to be a shortage of labor on the farms and I do not know of a better way for a person to show his patriotism than to assist in the raising of food to supply our armed forces and the thousands of men and women working in defense projects.

Trusting that you boys will see fit to return this spring, I am,  
with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,  
R.E. Strub

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245 Main West

Telephone 976

TWIN FALLS  
Chamber of Commerce  
Twin Falls, Idaho

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April 2, 1943

George Nakamura  
American Friends Service  
189 W. Madison  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nakamura:

Your letter was referred to a meeting of the Board of Directors and we regret was filed with some other papers, thus accounting for our delay in answering.

It is the belief of our group and it is also the general belief of the farmers and the public that a great amount of crops would have gone unharvested in this area last fall if it had not been for the Japanese evacuee labor. You can be assured therefore that the public is grateful. Many farmers have stated that while there was difficulty with slowness etc. at first due to the fact that many of the workers had never done similar work, this difficulty was very soon remedied and the workers were soon doing up-to-standard and very satisfactory work. This is an agricultural town and you can be sure that we keep in close contact with the farmers. When rumor had it this spring that many at Hunt were to leave for various reasons, there was general anxiety about the farm labor. There has, however, since been assurance that there should be no difficulty along this line, which we hope will prove to be the case. The evacuees seem to be a high type of people, sincerely wishing to do their part and eager to assist in this patriotic manner and their efforts are appreciated.

It would not be honest, however, not to state that there was some difficulty with the feeling and talk of some of the people-the city people. In the early winter, as you no doubt know, there were numbers of the Hunt population released from the Camp periodically and from this a situation arose. Some unthinking people felt that the Evacuees were buying all of the town's best merchandise et. etc. The Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Bureau felt that something should be done to counteract this and present the true facts to the public. The Chamber set up a Squelch the Rumor committee composed of some 25 of the leading citizens of the city, with the committee's purpose to sponsor better feeling and understanding. This committee still functions and we feel has done a great deal of good. The city's ministerial association has also assisted and helped materially. We as a group feel that the public sentiment continues to improve, and you can be assured that this group as well as all service clubs and city organizations and the city's merchants have entirely the right viewpoint. There are always a minority which has to be dealt with in any situation. You can understand that the subject has to be approached with diplomacy.



We trust that this is the information which you desired and if it is not inclusive enough, please do not hesitate to write us.

Very truly yours,  
Jean Haag



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THE WHITAKER MANUFACTURING CO.  
5719-29 West 65th Street  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Cable Address  
"Whitseythe" Chicago

Telephone  
PORTSMOUTH 7760

AL. HOWE,  
5640 W. 63rd St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Apr. 2, 1943

Gentlemen:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday, regarding some prospective Japanese employees. The first Japanese we have taken on our pay-roll seems to be working out very satisfactorily. However, since talking to you, I am told that we hired two additional Japanese men, and they did not show up for work.

I think it would be advisable that you get in touch with our Mr. Shulz, and make arrangements to blacklist young men that accept a position and do not report for work.

The writer would be perfectly willing to take a few more of these Japanese young men in our organization, and, if it proves as satisfactory as the first one, we could probably elaborate further than that.

Thanking you for your co-operation, we remain,

Yours very truly,  
THE WHITAKER MANUFACTURING CO.,

s i g n e d

J.E. NOVAK  
PRES. & GEN. MANAGER

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BURRY BISCUIT CORPORATION  
Bakeries at Chicago, Illinois - Elizabeth New Jersey

6555 West 65th Street  
Chicago, Ill.

April 22, 1943

Mr. E. H. Wagner  
Employment & Personnel Div.  
Swift & Company  
Union Stock Yards  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 16th regarding the employment of Japanese American evacuees.

I have personally investigated the problem of these people in finding employment and talked with a large number of individuals who are not only interested but who are devoting a great deal of their time in their behalf. I find that from the background of the entire situation, these people are not only deserving of employment but should make very excellent employees. Of course, there are bound to be exceptions to this the same as you would find in employing anyone from any race or nationality.

At the present time, we have two young lads of Japanese origin working in our plant. Both of these boys are very industrious, highly intelligent, quick to learn and we consider them an asset to our organization. One of these lads works in our maintenance department and the other is in our shipping department.

With regard to the attitude of other employees, we have not had one single complaint or word of adverse criticism. At the time of hiring these boys, I made it a point to be sure that their foremen understood the entire history, and we then placed the boys to work in their regular departments without one word of comment to the other employees. This procedure has been recommended by the various people who are engaged in the work of placing these Japanese American Citizens, and I must say that it worked very well in our case.

If there is any further information you would like to have, I would be very happy to do my best.

Yours very truly,

BURRY BISCUIT CORPORATION

M. Grierson, Personnel Mgr.

MG: bs



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GLIDER TRAILER COMPANY  
Inc.  
General Offices and Factory 1824 West Kinzie Street  
Chicago Illinois  
Telephone HAYmarket 1825

June 2, 1943

American Friends Service Committee  
189 West Madison Avenue  
Chicago - Illinois

Attention - Mr. J. H. Brown

Dear Mr. Brown:

You will be pleased to know that the difficulty we had with some of our employees objecting to the four Japanese-American boys has been cleared up. A general meeting had been called by the Union Steward, and at the meeting one of the boys gave an excellent talk in their defense, and after a general discussion all the employees unanimously agreed the boys should stay, and since then we have had no complaint of any sort, that is my knowledge.

I enquired this morning about their work and behaviour and so far as I can learn they appear to be satisfactory. Thought you would be interested to hear from me on this.

Very truly yours,

GLIDER TRAILER COMPANY, INC.

s i g n e d,

James C. Shaw  
Personnel Manager

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666----- FOLLOW UP NOTE (Tanaka)  
On June 14, 1943 Glider Trailer sent out  
notice with all agencies concerned, offering  
jobs for three additional evacuees in the same  
plant



RONALD MATTOX  
Certified Public Accountant  
920 Gay Building  
Madison, Wisconsin

June 8, 1943

Miss Isabelle M. Gates  
122 State Street  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Miss Gates:

We have been giving further consideration to the possibility of employing a Japanese American. It now appears that one of our Seniors will be drafted not later than September 15, making the third member of our staff to go. As a result, if we are going to consider taking on someone, I believe that we must do it at the present time. I have talked the matter over with various members of my staff and I think that in general they are favorable, provided we can get a person who is competent and who has a good personality. In order that you may know what we need, I believe it advisable to give you some background as to our own organization.

I have been engaged in public accounting in the City of Madison for the past twenty years. At the time the war started our staff was made up of twelve persons in addition to myself. Of these, five were men and seven were women. Of the men, three were senior accountants and two were junior accountants. Most of the women were engaged in bookkeeping and junior accounting work, some being engaged in the typing and checking of reports. During the past fifteen years we have made it a policy to employ persons immediately upon their graduation from business college or the University of Wisconsin. Only since the war we have made our first exception when we employed an experienced typist. We have always preferred to hire persons directly out of school for a number of reasons. It takes a considerable length of time for anyone to become familiar with the methods we are using in our office. By taking persons out of school we have been able to take them on what was practically an apprentice basis. At the present time we have on our staff two Certified Public Accountants, both of whom started on our payroll at a salary of \$100 per month. That our men have been satisfied with their progress is shown by the fact that they have stayed on our staff and that those who are being drafted without exception state that they hope to be able to rejoin our staff after the war.

As you may well realize, our office is being squeezed quite badly by the manpower situation. Most of our employees are under 35 years of age with the result that they have been subject to the draft. In addition, the volume of work to be done has increased. We have been trying to expand our staff of trained girls but it



is difficult to obtain sufficient trained and skilled girls and in addition it is impossible to turn over to these girls all of the work which has been done by our senior accountants.

With the above in mind, I believe we do have an opening for a competent Japanese American. What we should like if possible is a college graduate who has majored in accounting. We should naturally prefer one who has had some experience in a public accounting office who would be capable of doing senior accounting work. Familiarity with the income tax laws would be advisable. We should prefer a person who is married and has children because it is our experience that such a person is much happier. I think this is particularly true where a person would be moving to a new location.

The problem of starting salary may be difficult to work out. As I have previously said we have always started our senior accountants at the bottom. No new member of an organization is worth a great deal for the first six months to one year. I should prefer to get someone who is willing to start at around \$125 per month. In this connection, you will bear in mind that if it should develop that a new member of the staff was being paid out of line with the remaining members it might cause ill-feeling which would make it more difficult for the new member of the staff.

At the start we should plan to place this man on work inside the office but if he proved capable we might eventually use him on jobs outside the office where we were able to obtain the approval of the client. In this connection, I do not anticipate a great deal of difficulty as I believe the people of Madison are far more sympathetic toward the situation of the Japanese Americans than is the country in general. However, this will naturally be a rather slow process. It is the kind of a situation that must be allowed to develop and cannot be pushed. We anticipate no difficulty if the man we get has the ability to sell himself to the community. A number of people who have heard that we are considering employing a Japanese American have already spoken to us and indicated to us their desire to help anyone we employ.

If a Japanese American does join our staff, we can make no post-war commitments. We are giving our old staff members assurance that we will re-employ them and we have no knowledge as to the volume of work we will be doing. It is my guess, however, that if the person we take on proves to be competent and is able to sell himself not only to our clients but to the members of our staff, there is a possibility that this may work out to be a permanent position. We should prefer a person who desires a permanent position if we are able to work one out for him.

With the above in mind, I think it might be well for you to look over your list of prospects and to advise us as to whether or not you have anyone whom you feel is qualified. I am sending you several extra copies of this letter in case you desire to send them on to your associates or to any interested applicants.

Very truly yours,  
R.M. (signed)

CC: Mr. John Putz, 122 State St., Madison, Wis.



PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

1804 CONGRESS STREET  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
SEELEY 7060

JUNE 9, 1943

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
226 WEST JACKSON BLVD.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DEAR FRIENDS:

IT IS IMPORTANT, I THINK, TO REPORT NOT ONLY ON THE GOOD EXPERIENCES WITH OUR RELOCATED PEOPLE, BUT ALSO PASS ALONG ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY AVOID DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE.

WE BROUGHT FROM HUNT, SUSUMU TAGUCHI FOR WORK IN THE KITCHEN. HE STARTED OFF QUITE WELL ALTHOUGH FROM THE BEGINNING HE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN WAKING UP AND GETTING TO WORK ON TIME. FURTHERMORE, HE DID NOT TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY WHEN WE INSISTED THAT THE WORK HAD TO GO FORWARD PROMPTLY BECAUSE THE ARMY WOULD NOT WAIT FOR ITS BREAKFAST. THE RULE IN THE ARMY MESS HALL IS THAT THERE MUST NOT BE ANY SMOKING EITHER IN THE DINING ROOM OR IN THE KITCHEN. THIS RULE HE REPEATEDLY BROKE WITH INDIFFERENCE TO ORDERS. THIS THIS LAST WEEK HIS TIME CARD SHOWED THAT INSTEAD OF ARRIVING AT NINE O'CLOCK HE DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL 1:48 P.M. ANOTHER DAY NOT UNTIL 9:39 A.M. AND ANOTHER DAY NOT UNTIL 9:16 A.M. THEN WITHOUT GIVING US ANY WARNING, HE LEFT ENTIRELY AND HAS NOT COME BACK. SUCH A PERSON IS OF LITTLE USE IN ANY SITUATION AND DOES GREAT HARM TO THE PROGRAM WHICH YOU ARE TRYING TO CARRY FORWARD.

JEFF SATO APPLIED FOR WORK TO US DIRECTLY AND BECAUSE WE NEEDED SOMEONE QUICKLY HE WAS PUT TO WORK ALSO IN THE KITCHEN HANDLING STORE ROOM SUPPLIES. HE WAS TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT HE MIGHT NEED TO DO ANY KIND OF KITCHEN WORK AT ANY TIME THAT THE CHEF OR SUPERVISOR REQUIRED IT. HE TOO DEFIED THE ORDERS OF NO SMOKING IN EITHER THE KITCHEN OR STORE ROOMS AND THEN ONE DAY WHEN AN EMERGENCY AROSE HE WAS ASKED TO REMOVE SOILED TRAYS FROM THE DINING ROOM. HE BECAME VERY ANGRY AND MARCHED OUT OF THE BUILDING AND WE HAVE NOT SEEN HIM SINCE EXCEPT TO COLLECT THE WAGES THAT WERE DUE. IT IS MY GUESS THAT HE MAY HAVE HAD A JOB ELSEWHERE AND ACTED IN THE SAME MANNER DOING HARM TO THE CAUSE OF RELOCATION IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED HIM AND OTHERS OF US HERE WHO ARE TRYING TO HELP HIM OUT OF THE SITUATION.

IF THESE MEN APPLY FOR WORK ELSEWHERE AND YOUR OFFICE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM, I THINK THEY SHOULD BE CHALLENGED AND QUESTIONED WITH GREAT CARE BEFORE THEY ARE SENT OUT ON ANY ASSIGNMENT.

CCS/DW  
CC: FRIENDS SERVICE  
189 W. MADISON STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CORDIALLY YOURS,  
S I G N E D  
CHAS. C. SHEDO,  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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Professional Schools Department

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

1804 Congress Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
SEElley 7060

June 12, 1943

Mr. William W. McKee  
Advisory Committee for Evacuees  
189 West Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. McKee:

Many thanks for your letter of June 12th in response to mine regarding two persons that proved unsatisfactory while working with us.

We have several others that have proven to be more than satisfactory, and we are very happy about their work and their relationships here. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Matsushige have been with us some months and both are excellent in their work and in their fine spirits. We have advanced Mr. Matsushige to a place of larger responsibility and trust. He is our cashier and handles purchasing and banking and some duties in our Business Office. His wife is a valued employee in the food service.

Miss Miho Tomita is secretary to our Progress Office and is very efficient and co-operative and has fitted in to this situation from the very first day she arrived. We would part with her only after armed resistance.

Mr. Shizuo Hori is a student at Armour Tech doing part time work with us in a clerical capacity. He too has been efficient, helpful, and very cooperative, and we hope that we can hold on to him through his school experience.

Susumu Nakazato has been working as a clerk in our laundry and locker room to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a person of culture and friendly personality so that he has shown himself to be helpful with civilians and soldiers alike. We hope we may keep him also throughout his school experience which will begin shortly.

The others we have had have already gone of their own choice and not by any pressure on our part.

Cordially yours,

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Chas. C. Shedd  
Executive Secretary

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
226 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago 6, Illinois

January 11, 1944

Dear Friend:

A national conference of Americans of Japanese ancestry will be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 29, and 30. Two delegates from each relocation center and delegates from each relocation field area will meet with the Director, Mr. Dillon S. Myer; Mr. E. G. Arnold, Chief, Relocation Division; Mr. John Provinse, Chief, Community Services; and others.

The conference agenda will be:

- (1) Problems related to the future of resettlers and others of Japanese ancestry in the United States
- (2) Major problems facing center residents in terms of their future
- (3) Specific plans or proposals for creating better understanding and working relationships between the resettlers and the War Relocation Authority

Two delegates are to be chosen from the Chicago area. They may be Issei or Nisei, and may be former center residents, voluntary evacuees, or Japanese Americans who lived in the community prior to evacuation. We are requesting you to choose the best possible persons from the Chicago area--delegates who will truly represent the community.

Please state the names of the two delegates of your choice on the enclosed postal card and return it to us without delay.

While we are writing this letter, we want to assure you that we are anxious to discuss with you at any time, any matter which concerns the relocation of your family or friends who may still be at one of the projects. A simple hospitality offer from you directed to this office, will enable us to send the necessary invitation so that members of your family, or friends, may be brought to Chicago. This office will be glad to assist in temporary and permanent housing, as well as employment. If you are interested, please come in and see any one of our Staff, who will be delighted to help you with plans for your family.

Sincerely yours,

*Elmer L. Shirrell*

Elmer L. Shirrell  
Relocation Supervisor

Enclosure



NATIONAL TEA

4-23-43 John Kogeyama (Man) apply for prod. mgr.  
 Kay Kogeyama " " "  
 Frank Yasuda " " "  
 M. Yoshii " " "  
 Richard Kanazawa (Man.) " "  
 Richard Matsui " " "  
 4-28-43 Shigeo Hinosawa " " "  
 4-23-43 S. Shiomi (Min.) " "  
 Furuta " " "  
 J. Nakamura " " "  
 5-3-43 Richard Towata (Topaz) interested  
~~5-17-43~~ ~~Ira Arashiro~~  
 5-18-43 Exec. concerned will return next week, all action held in abeyance.  
 5-19-43 Rikio Tomo (Ht. Mt.) offer sent  
 5-20-43 Samuel Kamedo (Gila) apply  
 6-23-43 Carl Kaoru Kawagoe (Gila) left 6-22 with ~~wifex~~ Tamaki and Ryu  
 7-2-43 John Asamoto (Gila) leaving farm job in Ohio  
 9-13-43 Harry Okita (Gila) applies later declines due to low salary lev. 4-12-44  
 10-12-43 Yoshitaka Takayoshi referred to NT (Min)  
~~5-4-43~~ Isao Sakurai (Gila) apply  
 2-28-44 Yoshio Hamasaki (Rohwer) "  
 3-4-44 Roy M. Yamadera (HtMt) "  
 3-7-44 Harry Motonaga (Gila) " left 3-21  
 3-22-44 George Fukuda (Man.) "  
 3-29-44 Masaru Honda (Manz) "  
 3-30-44 Yoshizo Fukui (Min.) "



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# John F. Cuneo Company

**COMPLETE BOOK MANUFACTURERS**

465 WEST CERMAK ROAD

Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani  
Evacuation and Resettlement Study  
12, Social Science Building  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Tom,

Your letter of June 28 addressed to "Mr. Blaine, Cuneo Press" has been forwarded to Mr. N. E. Durand, Personnel Director of the company. You will recall my explanation of a few days ago that the John F. Cuneo Company, of which Mr. Blaine is Vice-president, is an organization separate from the Cuneo Press.

Mr. Blaine asks me to inform you that you and your study group are welcome to our files for any further information you may wish regarding our Nisei employees.

Sincerely yours,

*Midori Sugita*

July 1, 1944



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July 24, 1944

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani  
12, Social Science Bldg.  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

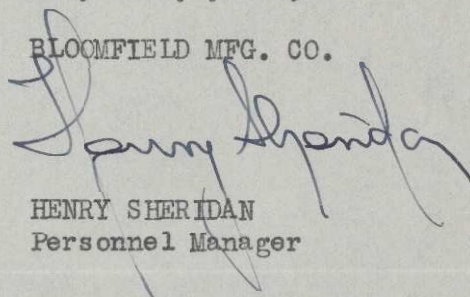
Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of recent date regarding Japanese Americans working for this organization, we wish to state that at this time we cannot give you any information.

We shall be more than glad to give you the information you may desire just as soon as the National Emergency is over.

Very truly yours,

BLOOMFIELD MFG. CO.



HENRY SHERIDAN  
Personnel Manager

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July 25, 1944

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani,  
Research Assistant,  
University of Chicago,  
12 Social Science Building,  
Chicago 37, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of July 20, with reference to the evacuation and study of resettlement. We shall be glad to cooperate with you in this work and shall await a phone call or call from you suggesting how this can best be accomplished.

Very truly yours,

President.

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CHICAGO 10, ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

July 26, 1944

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani,  
Research Assistant  
12 Social Science Bldg.  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We have your recent communication in which you request certain information.

Unfortunately, due to the manpower situation it is practically impossible for us to get out any information at this particular time. Perhaps at some later date when things ease off we will be in a position to comply with your request.

It is noted that you would be willing to furnish such clerical help as would be necessary to secure this information. Here again, though, it would be necessary for us to have some one work with whomever you would send to us. We regret our inability to assist you at this time.

Very truly yours,  
NATIONAL TEA CO.

*L. W. Calkins*

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Director of Labor Relations

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July 28, 1944

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani  
12 Social Science Bldg.  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Shibutani:

Referring to your letter of July 19, we have been employing Japanese persons for over a year and have been very well satisfied with them, although there have been a number of Nisei members of the group who accepted the various job offers but did not stay on the job and a number who failed to report to us after leaving camp. However, we are well satisfied with those who are continuing in our employ.

Under our present working conditions, we cannot see our way clear to compile all the data which you request. We are sorry that we are unable to be of further service to you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Reynolds'.

AUDITOR

EJReynolds:KT



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July 29, 1944

University of Chicago  
12 Social Science Building  
Chicago 37 Ill

Att'n: Mr. T. Shibutani

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter regarding your investigations concerning the resettlement program of persons of Japanese ancestry, we would be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible to obtain the necessary data.

We would appreciate it very much if you would send some one out here to take care of the clerical work and we will turn over the necessary records and furnish all the information possible.

Very truly yours,

SUPERIOR PIPE SPECIALTIES CO

*Alfred Ford*  
Alfred Ford *mf*

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICES

November 10, 1944

Mr. Tamotsu Shibutani  
12 Social Science Bldg.  
University of Chicago  
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Shibutani:

I found your report based on your study of the Japanese-Americans employed here extremely interesting. It appears to me that your conclusions are a hundred per cent correct.

If any further reports or studies are issued, I shall be most happy to receive a copy of each.

The feeling of insecurity which you suggest as being caused by a thought that employers are just using them as a stop gap because of their inability to secure enough Caucasian help is probably true. Here at McClurg's our policy is to treat the Nisei exactly as we treat Caucasian employees. They have the same rights and privileges and the same opportunity for advancement. It is not our intention to dismiss them when the supply of Caucasian help again becomes adequate. It is our intention to let each of them stand on ~~their~~ own merits. If it is necessary to lay off any employees, we expect to lay off the poorest ones regardless of their race.

As a matter of fact, we have discussed this very matter with a number of our Nisei employees and have assured them of the above intentions. All in all we are very well satisfied with the Nisei employees and are very happy we took the step to begin employing them and that we have continued to do so.

Yours very truly,

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

*Ed R. Peterson*  
Vice-President & Treasurer

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