

COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. DAY REQUESTING COOPERATION  
IN EVACUEE PROPERTY PROGRAM

March 14, 1942

TO OFFICER ADDRESSED, AS PER ATTACHED LIST

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, has been delegated the duty of assisting German, Italian and Japanese aliens, as well as persons of Japanese ancestry, in making arrangements for equitable disposition of their properties in connection with their evacuation from the areas recently designated as "military areas" by the military authorities who maintain general supervision and direction of the entire program.

The property-disposal-phase of the plan envisions voluntary action on the part of each evacuee, but its fulfillment in accordance with the guiding principles of American democracy will require the thoughtful and wholehearted cooperation of all who are in a position to lend their support.

It must be recognized that the problems which will confront the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in these additional duties, with the pressure of time foremost in our minds, dictate that all agencies, including the banks in the military areas, be called upon to render their unselfish help in their solution. We must, therefore, ask you and your organization to join with us in an effort to assure speedy, proper, and complete execution of the program. Governmental agencies (Federal, state, and local) will also be called upon for assistance.

We are enclosing a copy of a press release which has been submitted to the office of Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, for general publication. A memorandum is also enclosed which outlines certain guiding principles for performance of the plan, and which emphasizes our hope and expectation that each bank will do its part in the acceptance of responsibilities delegated to it by evacuees, as well as in the dissemination of information and extension of assistance.

We shall be anxious to assist you at all times in solving the mutual problems confronting us in the execution of the program.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. A. Day

President

Enclosures