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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Evacuee Property Department

January 7, 1943

Mr. C. W. Linville
War Relocation Authority
5566 Stuart Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Linville:

Attached is a letter received by us from Rose M. Miguma. We have taken no action on the matter covered by the letter other than to inform its writer that we have referred the matter to your agency.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

Enclosure

Answered
Sent by Routine Advice
No Answer Required
Returned to File

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PORTLAND BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department

January 7, 1943

Rose N. Niguma
39-7-D
Hunt Branch
Twin Falls, Idaho

Dear Miss Niguma:

Your letter of January 4, 1943 has been turned over to the Seattle office of the War Relocation Authority, since we are no longer authorized to act for you in matters of this kind. No doubt you will hear promptly from the War Relocation Agency.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department

December 31, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. EARHART
TO MR. T
JAN - 4 1943

RECEIVED JAN 4 1943

Mr. C. W. Linville
War Relocation Authority
5566 Stuart Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Linville:

Enclosed is a letter from Tokei Ozaki, regarding a trunk which was stored in the Portland warehouse. We have taken no action regarding the inquiry other than to advise the writer that it has been turned over to your office.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

Answered
Reply by Routine Advice
No Answer Required
Returned to Files
by
Secretary

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REFERRED BY MR. H. D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Wilkie - E.P.D. Branch
DEC 28 1942

PORTLAND December 28, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Your letter December 24, 1942.

We have endorsed the Certificate of Title covering the 1934 Chevrolet truck, motor number T4101698, described in the communication accompanying your letter, and are returning it for delivery to Mr. Duffy.

Enclosure
HDArmstrong:em

Herbert D. Armstrong,
Acting Assistant Cashier.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

REFERRED BY W. R. BARNARD
TO MR. [illegible]
DEC 28 1942

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TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE December 24, 1942

SUBJECT: Foreign Funds Control

REFERENCE:

REFERRED BY H. D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated December 24, 1942, addressed to us by Walter A. Duffy, regional director of the Farm Security Administration. Enclosed also is a Certificate of Title for the motor vehicle mentioned in the letter. We have no knowledge of this transaction other than from the letter itself and from the conversation which we had with Mr. Duffy.

The certificate and letter are referred to you since the certificate is issued in the name of the United States Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, California.

REFERRED BY H. D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR.

12-28 Encl.

.....Answered
.....Ansd. by Routine Advice
.....No Answer Required

Directed to file
by [signature] (Surname)

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MacCochran
Assistant Manager

LH 1A (6-38)

COPY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Terminal Sales Building
Portland, Oregon
12/24/42

In reply refer to
R11-WFA:CGW

U. S. Federal Reserve Bank
Porter Building
Portland, Oregon

Subject: U. A. Menard
Certificate of Title

Attention: E. N. Crouch

Gentlemen:

At the time the Japanese were evacuated from the coastal defense area, a loan was made to the above individual to purchase the chattels belonging to a certain Japanese. A mortgage was taken on the acquired chattels and as security, title was supposed to have been taken in favor of the United States, as represented by the Farm Security Administration, on a 1934 Chevrolet truck, motor number T4101698, serial number 6PD3203, but inadvertently the name of the Federal Reserve Bank appears as legal owner on the title certificate issued.

The registered owner, Mr. Menard, has now paid his loan in full and requests that the Farm Security Administration, who is handling the collection of the loans made to purchasers of Japanese property under the WCCA program, release the above truck to him.

Since the United States Federal Reserve Bank was shown as legal owner in error and since the Federal Reserve Bank has no interest in the above truck, we hereby request that you release the certificate of title number D362615, herewith enclosed, by endorsing it on line 2 on the back and returning it to us.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Duffy (signed)
Walter A. Duffy
Regional Director

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

File EPD.

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE December 23, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERRED BY MR. ARMSTRONG TO MR. H. Gathmann DEC 26 1942

REFERENCE: Your letter November 16 and December 19, 1942

Pursuant to the instructions in the above letters we have today delivered the 1936 Dodge Sedan, Serial No. 4131933, Engine No. D2-120015, State License No. 251701 to Lt. W. K. Ostlund, Q.M.C., Vancouver Barracks.

Attached are two copies of EPM 10 on which Lt. Ostlund receipted for the motor vehicle.

REFERRED BY N. D. ARMSTRONG TO MR.

Enclosures

Assistant Manager

.....Answered
.....Ansd. by Routine Advice
.....No Answer Required

Directed to file

by (Surname)

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1 copy sent to WCCA - 12-26-42
1 copy in Motor Vehicle File (neg. cars).

LH 1A (6-38) 22M 3-42 (12235)

PORTLAND December 19, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Our letter November 18, your letter November 19, 1942

We are enclosing a copy of a letter dated December 17, 1942 from the local Quartermaster Corps, relating to the pending delivery of the evacuee vehicle, which you are holding, to the Salvage Officer, Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from the local Quartermaster Corps to the Vancouver Salvage Officer dated December 17.

No doubt the Vancouver officer will be in touch with you shortly and it will, of course, be in order to deliver the vehicle to him against receipt, as outlined in our previous letter, providing us with copies of the EPM-10 form as requested.

Herbert D. Armstrong
Acting Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures
HDArmstrong:EM

DIRECTED BY MAIL DEPT.
TO MR. EVERSON

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REFERRED BY MR. BY ... SUN
TO MR. H. D. Armstrong

EPd - file

December 17, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
San Francisco, California

Attn: Mr. H. D. Armstrong

Dear Sir:

Copy of letter forwarded this date to the Salvage Officer, Vancouver Barracks, is inclosed for your information.

It is requested that your office make the necessary arrangements towards the effectuation of this transfer.

Yours very truly,

George L. Olander
GEORGE L. OLANDER
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.
Executive Officer

Incl

GLO/gwm

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C O P Y

451 (QMT) December 17, 1942

Subject: Shipping Ticket CV-201-43

To: Salvage Officer, Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington

1. In compliance with teltype from The Quartermaster General dated May 25, 1942, the former Japanese Evacuee vehicle listed on inclosed shipping ticket is released to your station for junking.

2. This vehicle is located at Covey's Drive-ur-self Garage Inc., 826 S.W. 21st Ave., Portland, Oregon. Request that Mr. MacEachron, Assistant Manager, Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, in whose custody the vehicle is at present, be contacted relative to its release to your station.

3. It is further requested that the inclosed shipping ticket be accomplished and returned to this headquarters at the earliest practicable date.

For the Quartermaster:

GEORGE L. OLANDER
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.
Executive Officer

1 Incl: S/T CV-201-43
Dated 12/17/42
(in dup)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

REFERRED BY MR. BARNHART
TO MR. Bergo
E.P.D. NOV 20 1942

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE November 19, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON
TO MR. Linnette

REFERENCE: Your letter November 18, 1942

Enclosed is a registration card for the 1936 Dodge sedan owned by H. Kuribayashi which we have been unable to deliver to the United States Army because the Certificate of Title is apparently in the possession of the owner in Japan.

It is noted that we are now authorized to deliver the vehicle to the Quartermaster Corps and we shall be prepared to do so when called upon. In accordance with your instructions the vehicle remaining in our care will be delivered against receipt on Form EPM 10.

12-18-42
Answered
Ansd. by Routine Advice
No Answer Required

Directed to file
by Barstow
(Surname)

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Encl.

Assistant Manager

LH 1A (6-38)

PORTLAND BRANCH

HEAD OFFICE

December 5, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Your letter December 2, 1942

The only expense in connection with Evacuee Property Department activities, which we contemplate transferring to you during the current month, consists of storage charges on one (Japanese) Dodge sedan stored with Covey's Drive Yourself & Garage, Inc.

We now have this company's statement for $3.00 covering storage on this automobile for the month of November, 1942. This is the automobile about which we wrote you on November 19, 1942 and it is likely that there will be an additional storage charge to the time this property is taken over by the Quartermaster Corps of the Army.

EZRA L. BOYER /s/
Acting Assistant Manager

copy

COPY OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND

December 2, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

We have received a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated November 21, 1942 advising us of the revocation of the authority delegated by him to this bank in connection with the administration of the evacuation program. As a consequence of the action taken by the Secretary of the Treasury, the War Relocation Authority has succeeded to the authority previously delegated to this bank and holds, among other powers, the freezing power of the character covered by Special Regulation No. 1 issued by this bank under Treasury authority on March 18, 1942.

Under these circumstances, it is believed that our activities relating to the evacuation program should now be confined to the reference of matters to the War Relocation Authority offices, and we suggest that in such references you deal directly with the Seattle office of that agency. Inquiries pertaining to goods stored in the evacuee warehouses should be referred to that office, as should all other problems.

We would be interested in learning of the expenses you anticipate incurring in connection with Evacuee Property Department operations during the month of December, 1942. While any further activities will be definitely restricted, it is possible that some expenses may continue during the current month and the information requested will be helpful to us in any formal step we may take in connection with the Wartime Civil Control Administration in terminating our relationship.

(Signed) W. M. Hale

Vice President.

LH 1B (10-32) 15.500 5-34 (8002)

AIR MAIL

PORTLAND

November 18, 1942

Evacuee Property Department (Delivery to Military Authorities of Vehicle of Japanese Evacuee Remaining in Your Custody)

The Army, through the local office of Wartime Civil Control Administration, is making arrangements to reappraise the one vehicle which remains in your custody, preliminary to taking delivery of the automobile.

We have received instructions from the Wartime Civil Control Administration to permit the Quartermaster Corps to take delivery of the vehicles remaining in our care, against receipt on Form WPM 10.

We are uncertain when the Quartermaster Corps will be prepared to receive the vehicle which you are holding but when the delivery is effected please prepare the receipt from in accordance with the sample enclosed, preparing a sufficient number of copies so that two conformed copies may be forwarded to this office. We will retain one copy and forward the other one to the office of the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

You will observe that the enclosed sample shows the amount of the original appraisal made under our direction and the date of that appraisal.

Should your local Quartermaster Corps liaison officer request you to take delivery of the vehicle, it will be in order for you to do so, making the necessary receipt, the original of which should undoubtedly be retained in your own files.

If, by chance, you have occasion to use Form WP 6 in connection with the vehicle, kindly provide us with two conformed copies of that Form. Also, please forward any registration and ownership certificates which you may be holding with respect to that vehicle so that they may be transmitted to the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure

R D ARMSTRONG:krf

SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLES DELIVERED
TO
UNITED STATES WAR DEP'T, FOURTH ARMY AND WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND, QM
EPM 10 (4-42)

ARTICLES OR SERVICES	Quantity	Unit Price Cost	Unit Price Per	Amount Dollars	Amount Cents
Stake Type Truck, Dodge 4, 1931, Serial No. 92426626, Engine No. T U 60590, State License No. ¶ 4373. Deposited by Harry K. Hamai, Family No. 24382		Original Federal Reserve Bank Appraisal 3/20/42		165.00	
			TOTAL		

Received from Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Fiscal Agent of the United States, the motor vehicles above described.

(Date of Delivery)

EXHIBIT 71a

E P d. Brand file

PORTLAND

November 17, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Interchange of Wires November 5, 1942

After some consideration, War Relocation Authority has informed us that it will not be necessary that your Evacuee Property Department files be forwarded either to the Seattle office of War Relocation Authority, or to our Seattle branch.

The matter has been left on the following basis:

If an inquiry relating to operations in your zone comes to the Seattle office of War Relocation Authority, time permitting, they will write you for any information you may have. If the matter is more urgent we have suggested that they communicate with our Seattle branch which can pass the inquiry along to you over the wire and that you could respond to the Seattle branch in the same manner.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to Seattle, requesting that office to render assistance along these lines as the occasion arises, and are enclosing a copy of our today's letter to Seattle, for your information.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure
cc: Seattle

K D ARMSTRONG:krf

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

REFERRED BY MR. EARHART
TO MR. Tolman
NOV 17 1942

TO Head Office

DATE November 16, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE:

Attached is a letter from Sadaichi Kuwahara, together with a copy of our reply thereto.

The file indicates that the warehouse receipt dated June 4, 1942, listing the items mentioned in the letter, was turned over to the War Relocation Authority. A copy of the receipt in our files indicates that the receipt covered three trunks and two boxes.

Enclosure

Answered
Ansd. by Routine Advice
No Answer Required
Directed to file
by ..... (Surname)

File only when signed

Assistant Manager

LH 1A (6-38) 22M 3-42 (12233)

COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM PORTLAND

Nov. 5/42

Clyde Linville, representing War Relocation Authority, asks that we ship to his Seattle Office all of our Evacuee Property Department files, the files to be returned to us after he has obtained from them what information he needs. If direct shipment to War Relocation Authority Seattle Office is not advisable, Linville indicates that it will answer his purpose to have the files shipped to Seattle Branch. Please instruct.

Armstrong-EPD

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

PORTLAND November 5, 1942

Reurtel date. We would hesitate to authorize release of files direct to Mr. Linville at Seattle even for limited period and would only be prepared to authorize their transmittal to Seattle branch for that purpose under direction of Wartime Civil Control Administration. Have discussed situation with local headquarters War Relocation Authority who expect Mr. Joyce of Seattle office today or tomorrow. After checking with him on need for Linville's request they will communicate with us. Will advise you further as to results.

EVERSON

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HDArmstrong:krf

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: 1 HEAD OFFICE

DATE October 30, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(K. Otani)

REFERRED BY MR. KANNARD
TO MR. Carson
NOV 2 1942

REFERENCE:

Attached is an inquiry received from the subject and a copy of our reply thereto.

Enclosures

L. G. Davis
Managing Director

.....Answered
.....Ansd. by Routine Advice
.....No Answer Required
Directed to file
by ..... (Surname)

File only when signed

LH 1A (5-38)

PORTLAND

October 27, 1942

Evacuee Property Department -
Appraisers of Automobiles

We believe the Army will desire to reappraise the automobile which remains in your care and will probably want to use the same appraisers which you used. They will, of course, be hired directly by the Army for the purpose and we will appreciate your giving us their names, addresses, and if possible, telephone numbers, in order that we may inform the Army, who can contact them direct.

Assistant Cashier

H D ARMSTRONG:kpf

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

REFERRED BY MR. KARRAKER
TO MR. Burgess
OCT 21 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE October 19, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Anderson
OCT 21 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Mrs. Take Uyesugi)

REFERENCE:

Attached is a letter from the subject referring to her former letter which was sent to you through this office under date of July 9, 1942.

Enclosure

E. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

10/21 Answered
..... Ansd. by Routine Advice
..... No Answer Required

Directed to file
by Anderson
(Surname)

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LH 1A (8-38)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE October 13, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Mrs. Isa Yumibe and Mr. Dainy Day)

REFERENCE:

REFERRED BY MR. EARHART
TO MR. Everson
OCT 14 1942

Attached are two inquiries received this morning regarding matters pertaining to Japanese Evacuation Problems. We assume that you will wish to refer these inquiries to the San Francisco office of the War Relocation Authority.

REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON
TO MR.

Enclosures

J. Davis
Managing Director

10/15 Answered
Ansd. by Routine Advice
No Answer Required

Directed to file
by
(Surname)

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LH 1A (6-38)

October 15, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Property of evacuee in storage.

We are enclosing a letter received from our Portland Branch dated October 9, 1942 written by an evacuee now resident at Tule Lake War Relocation Project, requesting the forwarding of certain property stored in the Portland warehouse.

The evacuee has been informed that her inquiry has been submitted to your agency for consideration.

Enclosure
EM

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Portland Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

REFERRED BY MR. ARMSTRONG
TO MR.
OCT 14 1942

REFERRED BY MR. PRICE
TO MR. N D
OCT 13 1942

PORTLAND October 13, 1942

Deposit payment - Warehouse 723 N. W. Everett Street.

E. P. L. Portland Branch file

As a result of recent correspondence with the local office of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, it is our understanding that it will now be in order to claim reimbursement to cover advance rentals totaling $2,000.00 which were paid by your office with the understanding that $1,000.00 would apply as part payment on each of the last two months of the lease covering use of the warehouse at 723 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon.

We have been informed that the War Relocation Authority has provided cancellation notice on this property; therefore, the rental guarantee held by the lessor should apply on the September - October and October - November rentals. That such has been done is indicated by the fact that the lessor's statement to the War Relocation Authority for September - October rent shows a $1,000.00 credit has been applied against the $1,500.00 rental bill for that period.

Accordingly, in each of your October and November transfers covering expenditures incident to Evacuee Property Department operations, please include $1,000.00 as rental paid on the Everett Street property. This should clear the amount now carried in "Deferred Charges" on your books.

(SIGNED) H. N. MANGEL

Assistant Cashier

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PORTLAND BRANCH

October 12, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - K. Matsui

Your letter of October 10, 1942

It will not be necessary at this time to make further inquiry as to the above named evacuee. Should it become desirable at some future time to address any of the banks in Klamath Falls in this connection, we will of course, advise you.

Assistant Cashier

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON

PORTLAND BRANCH

OCT 12 1942

REFERRED BY MR. EARHART

TO MR. Everson

OCT 14 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE October 10, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - K. Matsui

REFERENCE:

Reference is made to your letter of October 8, 1942, requesting us to supply you with any information we may have in our files regarding the subject. We have searched the file and find that the writer of the letter is not mentioned therein. We have had no contact with him nor do we have any information regarding his property.

Perhaps an inquiry addressed to one of the Klamath Falls banks might bring some results and we shall be pleased to make such further inquiry if you wish to have us do so.

10-12

Answered

Ansd. by Routine Advice

No Answer Required

Directed to file

by (Surname)

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Assistant Manager

OCT 13 1942

LH 1A (6-38)

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE October 9, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Mrs. Take Uyesugi)

Attached is an inquiry received rom the subject and a copy of our reply thereto.

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

~~AIR MAIL~~

PORTLAND

October 8, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - K. Matsui

We are enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to us by the above-named internee under date of October 5, 1942 from Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Inasmuch as reference is made in his communication to property situated in Klamath Falls, we are wondering whether your files would contain any information regarding this person or the transaction he refers to.

Kindly give us your advice promptly, in order that we may submit the matter to the War Relocation Authority, within whose jurisdiction we believe it should fall. We are forwarding a copy of the letter to our Los Angeles Branch along with a similar request.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure

HDArmstrong:EM

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Portland Branch

CROSS INDEX

Sept. 30, 1942

Description of Document Cross-Indexed:

Memo. to Karl R. Bendetsen, W.C.C.A.
Signed R. E. Everson

Re Supplemental Payments on
Portland warehouse Property

Filed W. C. C. A. Memos
Sept. 30, 1942

FB (6-22) 3M 5-42 620

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

REFERRED BY MR. PARMLEY
TO MR. Brown
SEP 28 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE September 26, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Marian Tazawa)

REFERENCE: Your letter September 23, 1942

Filed: Field Interview Reports "Tazawa, Marian"

Attached is the original of an inquiry received this morning, regarding items stored in the WCCA warehouse, Portland.

Enclosure

E. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

.....Answered
5-28 Ansd. by Routine Advice
.....No Answer Required

Directed to file
by A Bentley
(Surname)

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LH 1A (6-38)

PORTLAND BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Evacuee Property Department

COPY

September 24, 1942

Thomas Tanaka
Minidoka War Relocation Project
W.R.A. Block 39-11-A
Eden, Idaho

Filed: Field Interview Reports "Tanaka Thomas"

Dear Mr. Tanaka:

Your inquiry regarding household goods stored in the Oregon Transfer Company's warehouse in Portland has been referred to the War Relocation Authority, San Francisco, California, since the warehouse is no longer under our control.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

PORTLAND BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Evacuee Property Department

COPY

September 24, 1942

Rose Niguma,
Minidoka War Relocation Project
Blk. 39, Bldg. 7, Apt. D
Hunt Branch
Twin Falls, Idaho

Filed: Field Interview Reports "Niguma Rose"

Dear Miss Niguma:

Your inquiry regarding household goods stored in the Oregon Transfer Company's warehouse in Portland has been referred to the War Relocation Authority, San Francisco, California, since the warehouse is no longer under our control.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

Portland

EXTRA COPY

September 25, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Information for final report.)

In preparing a final report on the operations of the Evacuee Property Department, we wish to show some data on the volume of property stored with us, the number of interviews granted, the number of individual cases handled, the volume of motor vehicles coming into our hands and the expenses incurred.

We propose to compute the number of family units of property and the number of individual units of property stored with us from the schedules submitted in connection with the transfer of warehouses to the War Relocation Authority, although it is realized that this would not give effect to such items as may have been received by us and released before transfer of the warehouses involved to the War Relocation Authority. It will be necessary to request further information from you as to the other matters.

Kindly provide us with the following information:

1. Number of interviews granted, exclusive of Assembly Centers.
2. *Number of interviews at Assembly Centers.
3. Number of individual cases handled (exclusive of Assembly Centers).
4. *Number of cases handled at Assembly Centers.

*If such data is available.

5. Number of motor vehicles taken into custody.
6. Number of motor vehicles sold to Army.
7. Number of motor vehicles released to owners for private disposition (EPM-8).
8. Number of motor vehicles submitted to Army for requisitioning. This item should be the net figure after giving effect to those withdrawn after the proposals were submitted.
9. Expenses on a monthly basis from and including March through September, 1942 according to the following classifications:

   a. Salaries
   b. Traveling expenses
   c. Rent
   d. Postage
   e. Printing, stationery and supplies
   f. Telephone and telegraph
   g. Expressage
   h. Guard service
   i. Miscellaneous

Please provide the information requested at your earliest convenience.

(Signed) C. E. [illegible]

CASHIER

PORTLAND September 23, 1942

Evacuee Property Department-(Inquiries relating to evacuees in relocation areas).

Our letter July 29, 1942.

We are now informed by the War Relocation Authority that they are maintaining representatives at Seattle to handle problems involving property located in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Following are the names of the representatives and their Seattle address:

Mr. Edward M. Joyce,
Agricultural Property Supervisor,

Mr. Clyde W. Linville,
Commercial Property Supervisor,

Room 5566 Stewart Building
4th and University Streets,
Telephone: Elliot 0200 (Ext. 365-366).

While inquiries relating to the household goods and stored personal property of evacuees in relocation areas should continue to be forwarded to this office for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority headquarters at San Francisco, inquiries on general property problems arising in your zone may be forwarded direct to the Seattle representatives of the War Relocation Authority. We presume they have already been in touch with your office.

HDArmstrong:EM

Cashier.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE September 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Hideo Hamamura)

Filed Field Interview Reports Hamamura Hideo

Attached is a copy of an inquiry dated September 17, 1942 which we received from the subject with reference to obtaining some of the personal effects which he stored at the Portland WCCA warehouse. This inquiry is forwarded to you in response to your letter of July 29, 1942.

Enclosure

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

OFFICIAL COPY TO GENERAL FILES

Portland

September 17, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Prospective program of forwarding household goods, etc. stored privately by Japanese evacuees.)

The following excerpt is taken from a memorandum dated September 9, 1942 directed by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army to all Wartime Civil Control Administration Civilian Agencies concerned, which indicates that a program is being developed to make available to evacuees their household and personal effects which they stored privately at the time of evacuation:

" a. War Relocation Authority will, under the conditions set forth below, move the household and personal effects of those evacuees now in Assembly Centers to Relocation Projects.

(1) Evacuees whose household and personal effects are stored in Federal Reserve warehouses, under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority, and such other private warehouses as the War Relocation Authority designates.

(2) For those evacuees whose household and personal effects are in storage places not designated in (1) above, the War Relocation Authority will move such household and personal effects to Relocation Projects provided the evacuee, at his OWN expense, makes arrangements to have his household and personal effects moved from their present place of storage to a central receiving warehouse, the location of such warehouses to be designated by the War Relocation Authority. The name, address and location of such central receiving warehouses will be supplied at a later date by the War Relocation Authority.

(3) The privilege of moving such household and personal effects from places of storage to authorized warehouses will be limited to a period as jointly prescribed by the War Relocation Authority and the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

(4) Shipment of household and personal effects, except clothing of immediate need, of evacuees from any source pursuant to any arrangements made by evacuees, their agents, any agency, or any other person or persons, to Assembly Centers is prohibited.

(5) The Wartime Civil Control Administration will not grant passes or transfers to evacuees for the purpose of permitting evacuees now in Assembly Centers to travel within Military Area No. 1 or No. 2 for the purpose of making arrangements or preparing household and personal effects for removal to the warehouses designated or to be designated.

(6) The Wartime Civil Control administration will not allow evacuees now in Relocation Projects to re-enter Military Area No. 1 or No. 2 for the purpose of making arrangements or preparing household and personal effects for shipment to warehouses as designated or to be designated later, or to Relocation Projects.

(7) Instructions pertaining to shipment of household and personal effects for those evacuees in War Relocation Projects will be issued by the War Relocation Authority.

(8) For the purpose of clarification, household and personal effects which may be shipped (as provided above) are defined as such articles of household furniture, kitchen equipment, and utensils, and clothing normally used in connection with daily life at places of previous residence.

(9) (a) In order that the War Relocation Authority will be kept fully acquainted with the volume of household and personal effects which are to be shipped from private storage to central receiving warehouses, it is desired that evacuees now in Assembly Centers whose household and personal effects are in private storage make an application in writing to the Center Manager on forms provided, setting forth their desire to take advantage of the privilege as set forth in Paragraph 8.a.(2) above.

(b) This application will only apply to evacuees whose household and personal effects are not now in warehouses provided by the Federal Reserve Bank at the time of the evacuation.

(c) Application forms will be provided by the Operations Branch, Wartime Civil Control Administration, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

(d) These forms are self-explanatory and will be filled out completely in triplicate. The original and duplicate are to be sent daily to the Operations Branch, Wartime Civil Control Administration, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California; the third copy to be retained by the evacuee. Upon receipt of the original and duplicate, the Operations Branch will send the original copy of the application to the War Relocation Authority, transmitting same through the Chief, Temporary Settlement Operations Division. The Operations Branch will maintain a file for the duplicate copy.

b. All costs pertaining to such shipments, except as provided in Paragraph 8.a.(2), this bulletin, will be for the account of the War Relocation Authority.

c. Private automobiles of evacuees will not be included.

By Command of Lieutenant General DeWITT:

While this memorandum primarily relates to evacuees in assembly centers, we are informed that the War Relocation Authority is issuing instructions on the subject to its Project Directors and, in due course, residents of the relocation centers will be informed on the subject. It is probable that the information will not be generally circulated in the relocation areas for a week or two.

So far as we can determine, no consolidation points have been designated as yet, although we are advised by the War Relocation Authority that the matter is receiving consideration.

This memorandum requires no action on the part of this bank but is provided for your general information.

(SIGNED) W. M. WALE

Vice President

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

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Retel date. Seven Japanese Evacuee motor vehicles delivered to Army against receipt on form EPM-10.

Davis

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: September 9, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Requisitioning of automobiles owned by Japanese evacuees)

REFERENCE: Our letter August 15, 1942 and your letter September 4, 1942

In accordance with your request, we are submitting seven copies of answers to questions one to four of Proposal for Requisitioning and Disposal of Property - 1941 Act, as amended.

As previously advised, this motor vehicle has been tendered for sale to the United States Army, the legal ownership being registered in the name of H. Kuribayashi, Route 11, Box 975, Milwaukie, Oregon, a Japanese alien residing in Japan. WCCA forms FRB 3 and FRB 4 have been signed "H. Kuribayashi by Kujokazu Kuribayashi". Details of this transaction, of course, were referred to you in our letter of May 16, 1942.

This motor vehicle was appraised on June 9, 1942 by two independent appraisers and the appraised valuation was set at $163. Signed copy of EPM 6, covering the appraisal is held in our files.

We assume from the memorandum of August 29, 1942 attached to your letter that payment for this motor vehicle will not be made by Evacuee Property Department check, but will apparently be made direct to evacuee Kujokazu Kuribayashi by the department named in Paragraph 13 of the memorandum.

Enclosures

(Signed) D. L. Davis

Managing Director

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PORTLAND

August 31, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Frances Kurnashi)

Filed Field Interview Reports "Kurnashi, Frances"

Enclosed find a copy of a letter dated August 28, 1942 received from the Jack Whiting Agency, Weiser, Idaho; a copy of our reply thereto and a copy of a memorandum relating thereto addressed to the War Relocation Authority, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, California.

Our records here do not definitely disclose that all of the evacuees in the Portland Assembly Center have been transferred, which may leave the possibility that the evacuee in question may still be located therein and available for contact from your office.

Enclosure

Assistant Cashier

[redacted]:krf

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PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE

August 29, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Data on farm equipment)

Since receiving your letter of August 21, 1942, we have been endeavoring to obtain some reliable information regarding the extent to which Japanese Evacuees have stored their farm machinery in such a way as to make it unavailable for production

While time has not permitted a complete check of the district, we have followed up a great many rumors and so called "tips". However, the only case which investigation has so far authenticated is that a tractor (description unknown) belonging to Mr. Kendo Yasuda is stored with the Matsen Motor Company at Wapato, Washington. Perhaps inquiry at the motor company will indicate that even this information is not reliable. We have not yet made such an inquiry.

E. A. MACEACHRON /s/

Assistant Manager

PORTLAND August 28, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

For completion of your records we enclose copies of a letter dated August 14, 1942 and memoranda dated August 19, 1942 and August 21, 1942 respectively, from Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, G.S.C., Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Wartime Civil Control Administration, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

These advices clearly set forth the agencies to whom we are authorized to furnish information relative to the evacuee program as contained in our files.

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Assistant Cashier

PORTLAND

August 24, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

It is our understanding that Mr. Clyde Linville, representing the Division of Evacuee Property, War Relocation Authority, will shortly call upon you in connection with property problems of evacuees that have come to your attention in the course of the evacuation program.

It is our further understanding that Mr. Linville's activities will cover both Washington and Oregon, but he will maintain headquarters in Seattle.

We enclose a copy of a memorandum dated August 19, 1942 from the Wartime Civil Control Administration authorizing this bank to disclose information in our Evacuee Property Department files to the War Relocation Authority.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure

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August 21, 1942

Syracuse Property Department
(Data on Farm Equipment)

We are endeavoring to develop information for the Treasury Department as to the quantity of agricultural equipment, including tractors, which may have been taken out of production by the evacuation of Japanese from the military areas on the Pacific Coast established by the military authorities. There are some indications, by way of rumor, that some evacuees did not turn over their equipment to substitute farm operators or otherwise dispose of the equipment either by sale or some other manner in such a way that it would continue to be available for use, but rather stored the property privately, actually taking it out of production.

While we believe investigation will show that no substantial amount of equipment is so held, we are making an investigation of the situation and request that information on this matter be provided us with respect to your zone.

We are sending our representatives into the field to obtain local information in the head office zone and believe it would be desirable if a similar procedure were followed in your area.

We are enclosing a letter which we are forwarding to our representatives who remain in the field, further discussing the problem.

We will appreciate your report on the subject as soon as it is available.

(Signed) C. E.EARHART

Cashier

Enclosure

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. [signature]
AUG 18 1942

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. [signature]
AUG 19 1942

PORTLAND

August 17, 1942

Evacuee Property Department -
Transfer of evacuees from Portland Assembly Center.

We are enclosing a copy of Transfer Order No. 13 dated August 14, 1942, released by the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

We understand that this information has not yet been made public and that a press release on the general subject will be issued about the 19th of this month.

[signature]
Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure
HDArmstrong:MS

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From Portland Branch

To

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Reurtel date re Oregon Transfer Company. Notice of cancellation of warehousing agreement has been received by Oregon Transfer Company and billing for August 21st instalment has been made. Theller says if he has assurance War Relocation authority will remit promptly he will refund the $2,000 deposit but fears rental payments may be held up thereby causing his company to be out of pocket for the entire amount due under its lease for an indefinite period.

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REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Lucia Cutler
AUG 21 1942

PORTLAND

August 17, 1942

Reyourlet August 5. Please advise Oregon Transfer Company's conclusion as to refund of $2,000 rental guarantee. We understand next rental payment will be due August 21 and if lessor will not make refund it may be necessary to discuss the subject further with War Relocation Authority.

EVERSON

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ARMSTRONG:ER

PORTLAND BRANCH

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TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: August 15, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. H. D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Mum Matteson
AUG 17 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - motor vehicles

REFERENCE: Your letter August 6, 1942

Since receiving your letter of August 6, 1942, three of the evacuee motor vehicles which were held by us in storage have been sold on the outside by the evacuees. Signed copies of Form EPM-8, authorizing the disposition of these motor vehicles, are held in our files.

At the present time, only one motor vehicle is being held by us for sale to the United States Army, that being the 1936 Dodge Sedan, the legal ownership being registered in the name of H. Kuribayashi, a Japanese alien residing in Japan, referred to in our letter of May 16, 1942 to you.

S. A. Mac Eachron (signed)
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND

August 12, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Your letter August 11, 1942

We believe that the procedure to be followed, with respect to the possibility that the Japanese mentioned in your letter may wish to ask the Government to provide storage for his restaurant fixtures, would be to submit the matter to the War Relocation Authority for consideration

The Portland warehouse has, of course, been transferred to the War Relocation Authority, and while the evacuee is still in an Assembly Center, it is our feeling that matters pertaining to the treatment of property of of evacuees, particularly in a case where the storage request is subsequent to the date of evacuation, is one requiring a policy of determination by that agency.

If the evacuee concludes to present such a request, please provide us with his name, and such other details as may be pertinent, in order that we can forward it to the War Relocation Authority. The Japanese, should, of course, be advised that the matter is being so handled.

EVERSON /s/

Assistant Cashier

HDArmstrong:ER

To: Head Office

PORTLAND BRANCH

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

August 11, 1942

One of the Japanese evacuees now at the W. C. C. A. Assembly Center, North Portland, Oregon, formerly operated a small restaurant in Portland. At the time of evacuation, he gave power of attorney to a local individual to dispose of his business and fixtures. Up to the present time, the evacuee's representative has not been able to make any suitable disposition of the fixtures or business, and it now develops that there may be a possibility that the fixtures must be stored.

The evacuee has intimated that it would be quite probable that he would not arrange for private storage, but would want the fixtures placed in Government storage. Should he request that Government storage be provided, please inform us if we should arrange for drayage and storage in the Everett Street Warehouse, for the account of the War Relocation Authority.

Information as to the execution and disposition of Personal Property Forms WCCA FRB-2 will also be appreciated, should we be authorized to place such fixtures and equipment in storage.

S. A. MACEACHRON

Assistant Manager

PORTLAND BRANCH
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

c o p y

Evacuee Property Department

August 6, 1942

Mr. Sawata Yoshii
Bldg. 5413, Apt. C
Tule Lake Project
War Relocation Authority
Newell, California

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 31, 1942, which has been referred to us by our Head Office in San Francisco for reply.

We are returning the copy of WCCA Form FRB-2 enclosed with your letter, describing personal property placed in storage for your account, since we believe that it is the memorandum copy which was retained by you at the time you reported at the Civil Control Station in Hood River, Oregon. Our records indicate that on May 18, 1942, we forwarded to you a signed copy of the personal property form which was dated May 14, 1942, such form indicating that the property described therein was placed in storage at Oregon Transfer Company Warehouse No. 5, 733 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon. Your signed acknowledgement dated May 22, 1942 for this form is held in our files.

May we suggest that you again look through your records to see if this copy is not held by you.

Very truly yours,

S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

Enclosure

cc: Head Office

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1 Portland

LOS ANGELES

August 6, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Weekly Report of Operations)

Our wire March 20, 1942

We are advising the Treasury Department that our weekly report of operations of the Evacuee Property department is being discontinued. It will not be necessary, therefore, to provide us with a report for the current week or subsequent periods.

EVERSON /s/

Assistant Cashier

HDArmstrong:ER

Same letter sent to Portland and Seattle

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

REFERRED BY MR. H. D. ARMSTRONG
TO Miss Mattson
AUG - 6 1942

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: August 5, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Transfer of warehouse

Reference: Your letter July 31, 1942

The original letter dated July 23, 1942 addressed to the Oregon Transfer Company, together with the three copies of the assignment referred to in the letter, has been delivered to the Company as requested. Two executed copies of the assignment have been returned to us and are enclosed herewith; one copy for your files, and the other for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority. Mr. P. R. Theller, President of the Transfer Company, intimated that he would be inclined to refund the $2,000 rental guaranty previously advanced by us, but before making any final decision, he prefers to take the matter under consideration and also he would refer it to his attorneys. We shall, of course, keep you informed as to any additional information that we may receive.

The four evacuee automobiles have been removed from the Everett Street warehouse, and are now placed in commercial dead storage in Covey's Driveyourself and Garage, Inc., 826 S. W. 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, at the rate of $3 per month per car.

(signed) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

Enclosures

PORTLAND

August 4, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Sawota Yoshii, Bldg. 5413, Apt. C, Tule Lake Project, W. R. A., Newell, California

Enclosed is letter and copy of WCCA Form FHB-2, contents of which are self-explanatory.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

JDooley/eln

Original letter and form forwarded. No copy retained at this office

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Portland Branch

TO: HEAD OFFICE

Date: August 1, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period July 25 to July 31, 1942, inclusive.

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week:

None

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives:

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Branch:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
17	26	13

4. Powers of Attorney accepted:

None.

D. L. DAVIS (signed)
Managing Director

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Portland Branch

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

TO: HEAD OFFICE July 25, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period July 18 to July 24, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week:

None

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives:

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Branch:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not) included in other figures)
17	21	8

4. Powers of Attorney accepted:

None.

S. A. MacEachron /s/
Assistant Manager

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

July 24,1942

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Jackson
JUL 25 1942

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Reurtel date. We have paid warehousing charges to Oregon Transfer Company for monthly period ending August 21, 1942.

MacEachron

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To be handled by Mr.

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(For information only)

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG

TO MR. [signature]

JUL 25 1942

PORTLAND

July 24, 1942

PROMPTO. Presume you have paid rental due July 21 for period ending August 21 on Oregon Transfer Company warehouse but would appreciate confirmation of this fact.

MYERSON

(Armstrong/eln)

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE July 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Transfer of Warehouse

REFERENCE: Your letter dated July 16, 1942

As requested in your telegram of today's date, we are enclosing 153 non-negotiable warehouse arrival notices issued by the Oregon Transfer Company, covering evacuee property stored in warehouse at Portland, Oregon.

Details as to family number and name are included on list which accompanied our letter dated July 20, 1942.

/s/ S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO ME. JUL 23 1942

July 21, 1942

Mayourlet July 20 on Oregon Transfer Co. warehouse. From the terms of the Agreement with the lessor we understand that warehouse receipts were issued by Oregon Transfer Co. No doubt the receipts should be duly transferred to the War Relocation Authority when the lease is assigned. Please forward the receipts to us for appropriate disposition.

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(Armstrong:ER)

PORTLAND BRANCH

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TO: Head Office

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department DATE: July 21, 1942

We are informed by our Evacuee Property Department representative that Mr. N. L. Bican, Manager of the WCCA Assembly Center, North Portland, Oregon, has received several inquiries as to the amount in cash that may be taken by each adult and minor that may be repatriated. If this information is available through this bank, we shall appreciate your informing us so that we may advise Mr. Bican accordingly.

S. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE July 20, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Transfer of Warehouse

REFERENCE:

As requested in your letter of July 16, 1942, we are enclosing five (5) copies of the schedule of receipts covering evacuee property stored in warehouse #5 of the Oregon Transfer Company, 733 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon.

In view of the fact that services such as telephone, electricity, water, and watchman are provided by the Oregon Transfer Company, no schedule of such services maintained is submitted.

At the present time, four evacuee automobiles are stored in the warehouse. It occurs to us that at the time the warehouse agreement is assigned to the War Relocation Authority, these automobiles should be removed therefrom and placed in "dead storage". Upon being informed as to the date of transfer, we shall proceed on this basis, unless otherwise instructed by you.

/s/ S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: July 18, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period July 11 to July 17, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week:

None

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives:

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Branch:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
21 + 9 = 30	25 + 9 = 34	9

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

S. Mac Eachron (signed)
Assistant Manager

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Seattle Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

WEEKLY REPORT OF EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Period ending Friday, July 17, 1942

1. (a) NUMBER OF OFFICES OPERATING 1

(b) LOCATION OF OFFICE

Seattle Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Seattle, Washington.

2. COMMUNITIES VISITED BY FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

None

3. PERSONS INTERVIEWED

Office or Community	Number Contacted	Number Represented
Seattle	37	37

4. POWERS OF ATTORNEY ACCEPTED

None

Ronald T. Symms (signed)
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND BRANCH

July 17, 1942

Evacues Property Department

see interview sheet.

We are enclosing a copy of a letter received by us, which we have not acknowledged. Presumably it is a matter with which you are familiar and we suggest that you acknowledge the receipt of same to Goldstein, Galton & Galton.

Enclosure

Assistant Cashier

R W BOWDEN:krf

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PORTLAND July 16, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - Transfer of Warehouse

Our Letter June 22, 1942

The War Relocation Authority has indicated its readiness to accept the transfer of the Portland warehouse at our convenience.

It is our thought that we may now proceed with the assignment of the lease and the transfer of the warehouse receipts, which we understand you are holding, establishing an assignment date far enough in the future to permit the War Relocation Authority to do any spot checking of the warehouse which they may desire prior to the date of effectiveness of the assignment.

We will be pleased to proceed with the preparation of documents at this office but request that you provide us with five copies of the Schedule of Inventory Receipts (Exhibit C) of the Agreement forwarded with our letter of June 22, 1942, as well as a Schedule of Services maintained in connection with the warehouse (Exhibit D), if any such services are provided. We should also be provided with the addresses of the parties rendering any such services for the purpose of providing them with any necessary notices of the assumption of responsibility by the War Relocation Authority.

(Signed)

ARMSTRONG:ER

EVERSON
Assistant Cashier.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

TELEGRAM

LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND
SEATTLE

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July 14, 1942

Re our letter of May 18, 1942 relating to maximum price limitation of $750.00 for light cars:

1. How many 1942 automobiles are you now holding for sale to Army or for storage where the appraised value is in excess of this price limitation?

2. Do you have any cases of earlier model light cars being appraised in excess of this price limitation?

3. How many cases do you have where the amount due legal owner is in excess of the $750.00 price limitation but less than the appraised value?

EVERSON

ARMSTRONG:krf

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July 14, 1942

Reurtel date. Evacuee automobiles.

1. None
2. None
3. None

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE

Date: July 11, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period July 6 to July 10, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week:

None

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives:

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Branch:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
15	28	13

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None.

(Signed)

S. A. MacEACHRON
Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH
DATE: July 3, 1942

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period June 27 to July 3, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week.

Number	Location
None	None

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Branch.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquires (not included in other figures)
16	19	8

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

FORTLAND BRANCH

July 1, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Enclosed you will find copies of a letter addressed to us, together with a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and our reply, which are self-explanatory.

You will note that we have suggested that the Farm Security Administration might have some knowledge of this problem.

Enclosures

Assistant Cashier.

R W Gorden:krf

July 1, 1942

Mrs. Beatrice E. McIntyre
916 Oliver Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of June 26, 1942 inquiring as to the disposition of certain property in Portland, Oregon.

We have forwarded a copy of your letter to our Portland branch with the request that they correspond directly with you concerning this property.

We shall also see that the Farm Security Administration is informed of your interest in the event that such property should fall within their jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Cashier

R W [redacted]:krf

COPY

San Pedro, California
June 28, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a letter recently received from the F.B.I. of Portland, Oregon in reply to my inquiry regarding acreage on East 82nd Street.

A Mr. Miller called on my mother, Mrs. J. R. Ensminger of 2209 - E - Street, Vancouver, Wash - stating he was from the F. B. I. and suggesting we attempt to rent the property, inasmuch as Mr. Yamada, the tenant had moved and the crop of lettuce ready to be harvested.

The next report came from the neighbors that the lettuce had been taken out by workers.

I am trying to locate the parties who were authorized to take care of the matter and to find out why the owner was not notified as is customary in business matters.

If this letter is directed to the wrong bureau will you please advise me as to whom I should contact.

Very truly yours,

MRS. BEATRICE E. MCINTYRE /s/

916 Oliver Street
San Pedro, California

COPY

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

June 27, 1942

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period June 20 to June 26, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

This office was discontinued as at the close of business June 23, 1942, and any activity which may arise is being handled in our own office.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

None.

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
6	11	19

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None.

(s) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

ALL BRANCHES

June 29, 19[illegible]

Evacuee Property Department

Instruction Letter No. 9

In view of the completion of Japanese evacuation operations in your zone, it will no longer be necessary to submit the report requested in Instruction Letter No. 9.

Assistant Cashier.

PORTLAND BRANCH

COPY

June 27, 1942

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9

Please be advised that for the period June 20, 1942, to June 26, 1942, inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

In view of the fact that the Evacuee Property office at 317 S. W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, was discontinued as at the close of business June 23, 1942, and it appears that we will have no further activity on this subject, please inform us if it will be necessary to continue the rendition of this report.

(s) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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PORTLAND BRANCH

June 26, 1942

Rent - Evacuee Property Department

Your letter June 19, 1942.

We concur in your conclusion that no effort should be made to obtain a refund of the rent on your Evacuee Property Department premises from June 23 to the end of the month.

Assistant Cashier.

MANGELS:MH

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GENERAL FILE

PORTLAND June 26, 1942

Reurtel June 25. We have had no further instructions from Army regarding automobile of H. Kuribayashi although we are advised the disposition of automobiles with title situations such as this is still receiving consideration.

HALE

(ARMSTRONG:JM)

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

June 25, 1942
Translated:
Checked:

Copy routed to Mr.

Army anticipates taking delivery on June 29 Evacuee Automobiles offered for sale. Have you had any further instructions from Army regarding the disposition of the automobile of H. Kuribayashi referred to in our letter of May 16 and your reply of May 20?

MacEachron

Everson

Copy delivered to Mr.

R 316p
F 310p
SF22

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

To be handled by Mr.

Armstrong-2 EPD

Function and Unit Number

(For information only)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mis. 73 (4-41) 3

PORTLAND

June 24, 1942

Reurtel date. Telephone bills have been located through Mr. Park. They are being returned to Mr. Leonetti for delivery to you.

EVERSON

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GENERAL FILE

(ARMSTRONG:JM)

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TRANSLATION OR TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Portland Branch

June 24, 1942

Copied and Translated:

To FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Checked:

Copy routed to Mr.

Everson

Copy delivered to Mr.

Local office Wartime Civil Control Administration inadvertently mailed telephone bills for $164.75 and $235.25 to San Francisco for payment. At the request of Ernest Leonetti please contact Mr. Ford Park, U. S. Employment Service, Whitcomb Hotel, and if bills have not yet been paid have them air mailed to us for payment. Telegraph results.

Boyer

R 1027a
F 1020a
SF 5

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

Function and Unit Number

To be handled by Mr.
Armstrong-2
E.P.D.

Mis. 73 (4-41)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

(For information only)

COPY

June 23, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: War Relocation Authority

SUBJECT: Property of evacuees held in storage at Portland, Oregon

1. We are enclosing a copy of a letter dated June 11, 1942, from Miyako Nakamura, which has been received by our Portland Branch under the circumstances outlined in a communication received from our Branch under date of June 22, 1942, which is quoted in part, as follows:

"A letter dated June 11, 1942, written by Miyako Nakamura, now at Tulelake, California, and addressed to Mr. M. K. Conway at Chehalis, Washington, came to this office after being sent by Mr. Conway of the Washington State Employment Service to Mr. Tom G. Rathbone of the United States Employment Service at Olympia, Washington, and referred by that office to the Seattle Branch, Federal Reserve Bank, reaching us from that source on June 20. We are enclosing a copy of the letter inquiring about the location of the evacuee's property and the steps necessary to return the property to the owners now at Tulelake, California.

Our records indicate that we did accept for storage in Portland, one trunk as described in the letter, from Yasaku Nakamura, under family No. 19883, and received at Warehouse No. 5, Oregon Transfer Company, 733 N. W. Everett Street on June 4, 1942. We hold also an acknowledgement dated June 12, 1942, signed by Yasaku Namamura for a copy of the WCCA Form FRB-2, sent to him as his official receipt for the stored property. The family registration and all of our storage forms are in the name of Yasaku Nakamura, while the inquiry letter is signed by Miyako Nakamura. Former identical address and all other details indicate they are apparently in the same family."

2. This matter is submitted for your consideration.

Vice President

cc: Karl R. Bendetsen
Colonel, G. S. C.

cc: Major Bryant Wells

cc: Portland

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: Head Office Date: June 22, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

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Since the original copy of WCCA Form FRB-2 has been forwarded to you for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority, we presume that you will desire to forward evacuee's request for the release of the trunk to that office for handling.

Yours very truly,

S. A. MacEachron,
Assistant Manager.

CIRCULAR

ALL BRANCHES June 22, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - Transfers of warehouses to War Relocation Authority.

An agreement has been reached between this bank and the War Relocation Authority, covering the transfer of warehouses and the custody of the goods stored therein, to that agency. We have effected the transfer of our Oakland warehouse to the War Relocation Authority, pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

In order that you may be familiar with the terms of the agreement and the general procedure to be followed in transferring the warehouses, we are enclosing a set of documents prepared in connection with the Oakland warehouse transfer, for your information. While it may, of course, be necessary to vary the procedure in special cases, we believe that this will be appropriate for most of the transactions.

The dates upon which the various warehouses will be acquired by the War Relocation Authority, will depend upon future developments. We will provide you with additional information in each case relating to your zone and more specific instructions with respect to each such transaction, as it occurs.

The papers enclosed for your information are as follows:

1. Copy of memorandum to the War Relocation Authority, dated June 19, 1942.
2. Copy of acquisition agreement, dated June 22, 1942.
3. Copy of standard form of lease.
4. Copy of cancellation notice, dated June 18, 1942.
5. Copy of assignment of lease, dated June 22, 1942.
6. Copy of schedule of inventory receipts.
7. Copy of schedule of services maintained with respect to warehouse premises.
8. Copy of notice to lessor, of assignment.
9. Copies of letters to Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, Burns detective Agency, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, advising them of the substitution of the War Relocation Authority for this bank, with respect to the services rendered by those addressed.

Enclosures

(SIGNED) W M DALE

Vice President.

COPY

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

June 20, 1942

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period June 13, 1942 to June 19, 1942, inclusive.

1. Number and location of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by field representatives.

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone inquiries (not included in other figures)
9	10	20

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(s) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager.

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch

June 20, 1942

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department
Instruction Letter No. 9

Please be advised that for the period June 13, 1942 to June 19, 1942 inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

(s) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager.

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PORTLAND BRANCH Y

TO: HEAD OFFICE June 19, 1942

We recently received from Ernest Leonetti, Team Manager, Wartime Civil Control Administration, Portland, a letter which we quote for your information:

> "Our team setup looks as though it has completed its activity in this area and all of us will soon be back with the former struggle. It has been stated by our superiors and others that we here in Portland have done a good job, and for this we should all feel justly proud.
>
> ' The success of our effort was due to the constant display of courtesy and cooperation which was prevalent through the whole activity on the part of your agency.
>
> ' In closing permit me to thank you and your staff for your very important assistance."

Incidentally, the tentative plans now are to close the office Tuesday evening, June 23. In view of the fact that the rent has been paid until the end of June and because the rent charged was really on a donation basis since it merely covered the overhead, we hesitate to request a refund from the Porter Building Company.

Unless you feel differently about it we will make no claim for the week's rent.

(Signed) S. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

PORTLAND BRANCH

COPY

TO: HEAD OFFICE

Date: June 13, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9

Please be advised that for the period June 6, 1942 to June 12, 1942, inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

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Assistant Manager

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch

To: Head Office

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

June 13, 1942

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period June 6, 1942 to June 12, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week:

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives:

None.

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland Office:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
14	28	29

4. Powers of Attorney accepted:

None.

(s) S. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

June 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Everson
Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Mayer
Mr. Dooley
Mr. Borden

FROM: Mr. Tyler

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
Civil Control Station Operations

As complete information is made available, similar reports to the one attached (Portland Branch Office Zone) will be distributed, covering San Francisco Head Office Zone and Seattle Branch Zone.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF CIVIL CONTROL STATIONS
IN PORTLAND BRANCH OFFICE ZONE ONLY

DATED June 12, 1942

Exclusion Order	Estimated Evacuees	Actual Evacuees	Heads of Families	Interviews	Family Units	Cars For Army	Cars For Storage	Storage Space Cu.Ft.
25	950	875	330	143	57	2	1	12,500
26	950	846	241	38	38	1	3	10,950
36	700	832	237	31	11	2	1	600
49	600	561	138	22	12	0	0	1,150
74	400	281	114	18	9	1	0	460
87	50	42	18	3	0	0	0	0
91	250	262	86	8	1	2	0	60
TOTAL	3,900	3,699	1,164	263	128	8	5	25,720

PORTLAND OFFICE

June 13, 1942.

EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

CLOSED CASE.

filed field report Board

We are enclosing copy of a communication received by us from an evacuee now at Pinedale, one R. Kiyokawa.

We have no record of this in our files, but assume that a follow-up letter was sent from one of your offices in connection with this case.

This letter appears to satisfactorily dispose of the problem.

ASSISTANT CASHIER

Enclosure
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REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG
TO MR. Jackson
JUL 1 1942 E P S - 3rd

Portland WCCA Office

June 12, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. William Chenghossy,
U. S. Employment Service,
Whitcomb Hotel,
San Francisco, California.

SUBJECT: Closing of Portland WCCA office.

In communicating with our Portland Branch, it has been ascertained that in so far as our operations in Portland are concerned, the WCCA office located there can be discontinued at any time and operations continued in our Portland Branch office. We also understand that the WCCA people are prepared to discontinue operations at any time it is decided to close the office.

However, we are informed by our Portland office that neither the Bureau of Public Assistance nor the Farm Security Administration have received any instructions from their offices as to the withdrawal of their representatives from the office in question.

It seems apparent that there is no longer any reason to maintain an office of this character in Portland, and in the interests of economy, we believe it would be desirable to close the office as promptly as possible.

This matter is submitted to you with the thought that you may desire to take it up with the Bureau of Public Assistance and the Farm Security Administration, and inform us as to the date when the office may be conveniently closed.

We are enclosing three extra copies of this memorandum for any disposition you may wish to make.

D. Everson
Assistant Cashier.

Everson/jm
Enclosures
cc: Karl H. Bendetsen,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Civil Affairs Division,
Western Civil Control Administration.

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Closed June 23

PORTLAND June 12, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Closing of WCCA office in Portland)
Your telegram June 11, 1942.

The subject of closing the WCCA office in Portland has been taken up with the proper authorities in San Francisco and you will no doubt learn of the final disposition in the near future.

Assistant Cashier.

Iverson/jm

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From Portland Erenall

To

June 11/42
(Date)

Wire No. 17 Time Filed 345p Time Received 3.51p

Original and Copies to Mr. Armstrong-EPS

Copies Delivered to Mr. Hale

Copies Routed to Mr. Everson

Reurtel 8 ours 9. USES and ourselves are prepared to close WCCA Office at any time. However Public Assistance, Division of Federal Security Agency and Farm Credit Administration group have not yet received definite instructions from their regional offices regarding closing. Possibly by contacting Phoebe Bannister Regional Supervisor of the Public Assistance Division and W. C. Helvey Chief WFA program of the Federal Security Adminstration you might expedite date of closing Portland Office. We hesitate to terminate the lease until such time as these agencies have made the necessary arrangements for carrying on and finishing up their work.

MacEachron

Misc. 731. (11-40) (6M) 3-42 (12192) 3

(For information only)

Function or Unit Number

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From Portland Branch

To

June 9/42

Copied and Translated:

Checked:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.

Everson ✓

Copy delivered to Mr.

Hale

To be handled by Mr.

Armstrong-EPD ✓

Reurtel 8. So far as we are concerned local WCCA office can be closed any time. However, U.S.E.S. group and Farm Security group are awaiting instructions from their respective San Francisco headquarters. Leonetti of U.S.E.S. has talked to Shaughnessy and if no definite word is received by Thursday he will telephone again. We hesitate to fix definite date until other agencies are ready to move. Will wire you again or phone Thursday.

MacEachron

Function and Unit Number

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. 78 (4-41) 135M
4-41 (11306) 3

(For information only)

COPY

Blk. 17, Bldg. 1705 A
W.R.A.
Tule Lake, Calif.
June 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Conway:

Gee, its unbelievable, but we've been here a week already. I'm still not used to the Japanese people and it certainly seems like a nightmare. I know very little of their language, and that's where my trouble comes in.

Mr. Conway, what did they do with our trunk? Did they send it to Portland for storage until we get relocated? You see, this is our permanent place - at least for the duration, and so we would like to have it sent to us as soon as possible. We really should have brought it with us, but we were afraid we had too much. We didn't though, because we had the least luggage of all. Some of them even brought sewing machines and linoleums. I surely wish we could have brought it with us.

I'm looking forward to the time when we could go home again to our farm. I miss Chehalis very much.

At the present I am working as a waitress in the mess hall. It's quite easy work. I write more next time, but I think I better close now. I have to go to the kitchen.

Could you tell me what I should do about the trunk, please? Goodbye.

Sincerely,

Miyako Nakamura (signed)

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch

To: Head Office

June 10, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property WCCA Form FRB-2

We are enclosing for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority office in San Francisco, copies of WCCA Form FRB-2 together with list in duplicate indicating the family number and name.

(s) S. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM PORTLAND BRANCH

June 9, 1942

Routed to
Mr. Everson

Copy delivered
to Mr. Hale

To be handled
by Mr. Armstrong

Reurtel 8. So far as we are concerned local WCCA office can be closed any time. However, U.S.E.S. group and Farm Security group are awaiting instructions from their respective San Francisco headquarters. Leonetti of U.S.E.S. has talked to Shaughnessy and if no definite word is received by Thursday he will telephone again. We hesitate to fix definite date until other agencies are ready to move. Will wire you again or phone Thursday.

MacEachron

PORTLAND BRANCH

June 6, 1942

We understand you intend closing your principal Evacuee Property Department office shortly and returning to the bank premises and continuing Evacuee Property Department operations from there. We also understand that the representatives of other agencies now in the office will make arrangements for other quarters for their further operations. Please advise us when you propose to close that office in order that we may notify W.C.C.A. Headquarters here.

EVERSON

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COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE June 6, 1942.

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period May 30, 1942 to June 5, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week:

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

None

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
22	53	47

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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COPY

TO: PORTLAND

June 6, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Warehouses

REFER: Your letter June 1, 1942

In the above mentioned letter, you state that in addition to Personal Property Form WCCA Form FRB-2, you are holding non-negotiable warehouse arrival notices, issued by the Oregon Transfer Company to Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and request information as to the disposition to be made of the arrival notices.

Similar forms received in this office are being held by us and it is not our intention at this time to surrender them to the War Relocation Authority when the warehouses are turned over to them.

R. E. EVERSON (signed)

Assistant Cashier.

Everson/jm

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

June 8/42

Copied and Translated:

Checked:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.

Copy delivered to Mr.

Earhart

To be handled by Mr.

Mangels-2

Retel date. Everett Street Warehouse does not have 24 hour daily guard service. However, President Theller of Oregon Transfer Company informs us that they maintain a warehouse foreman on premises during day and that regular night watchman making rounds at other of company's warehouses in vicinity makes hourly check at Everett Street warehouse during night and on Sundays and holidays.

MacEachron

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R 11.49a

Function and Unit Number

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

(For information only)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy of Leased Wire Telegram
(Reimbursable Fiscal Agency Business)

PORTLAND

June 4, 1942

Relet 1 Evacuee Warehouses Please advise whether Everett Street warehouse has 24 hour daily guard service. If not what guard service is provided.

MANGELS

(Mangels)

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Mis. 18 E (5-37) 32,500 5-40 (10015)

June 6, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Disposition of Trailers)

The following is quoted from a memorandum dated June 1, 1942, from the Western Civil Control Administration, signed by Karl R. Bendetsen, Colonel, G.S.C. Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division:

1. In response to subject matter of your letter of May 29, 1942, regarding trailers taken in for storage or sale to the Army, you are hereby advised that these trailers will be considered as accessories to their pertinent cars.

2. The Quartermaster, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, will honor for payment the price paid by the Federal Reserve Bank for the car and its accessories.

The above authority to include trailers as accessories to motor vehicles, includes the type of trailer commonly termed "carry-all etc." and would not apply to house trailers. Should any trailers be purchased as accessories to automobiles, it will, of course, be necessary to obtain the Registration and Ownership Certificates, in the same manner as those covering the motor vehicle itself were obtained.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

EXTRA COPY

June 6, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Storage of Motor Vehicles)

The following is quoted from a memorandum dated June 3, 1942, from the Wartime Civil Control Administration, signed by Karl R. Bendetsen, Colonel, G. S. C., Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division:

1. Due to the relatively few cars offered for storage in connection with the evacuation program, the original plan for guarding them in various locations is proving unreasonably costly.

2. This office therefore authorizes deviation from the original plan and authorizes placing cars in such warehouses (already guarded by Federal Reserve Bank) as are conveniently located to the cars in question and where such arrangement is satisfactory to the lessor.

3. This office authorizes further deviation from the original plan and directs that commercial "dead storage" space be procured and cars be stored therein, without Federal Reserve Bank guards, in all cases where in the opinion of the Federal Reserve Bank reasonable economy can be effected thereby.

While the authority granted in the above memorandum may or may not apply to your particular zone, the information is given you in order that you might know of the existence of the authority should such conditions exist.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From: Portland Branch

To

June 5, 1942 (12noon)

Wire No. SF 20 Time Filed 350p Time Received 400p

Original and 1 Copies to Mr. Armstrong EPD

Copies Delivered to Mr.

Copies Routed to Mr. Everson

Report Covering Japanese Evacuation Operations, Civilian Exclusion Order No. 88

1. The Court House, 12th and Franklin Streets, Vancouver, Washington
2. 143
3. 44
4. 1
5. None
6. Family Units - 1 Approximate cubic feet - 60

1. Mess Hall, Japanese Settlement, Long Bell Lumber Company, Longview, Washington
2. 113
3. 45
4. 18
5. None
6. Family Unites - 16 Approximate cubic feet - 900

1. 804 Market Street, Chehalis, Washington
2. 53
3. 19
4. 6
5. None
6. Family Units - 5 Approximate cubic feet - 300

1. United States Employment Service, 406 First Street, Raymond, Washington
2. 44
3. 13
4. 2
5. None
6. Family Units - 1 Approximate cubic feet - 350.

MacEachron

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Function or Unit Number

(For information only)

PORTLAND June 2, 1942

Reurlet May 29. Report shows number of interviews but does not appear to set forth the number of individual cases handled as requested in our letter of May 25. Please give us the number of cases handled, the number of cases closed, and the number pending, as of May 22.

EVERSON

Armstrong:gh 5046

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

Portland Branch June 2, 1942

Retel date. At the request of Leonetti, Sue Williams was employed by us on April 2, 1942 as a stenographer at $3.50 per day. She was paid to and including April 23, 1942 and on April 24, 1942 she was placed on the W. C. C. A. payroll as a receptionist at an increased salary since she was hired at Mr. Leonetti's request and because he informed us that he arranged to put her on his own payroll, we merely followed his instructions and terminated her employment as of the close of business April 23, Leonetti will write or wire Shaughnessy tonight confirming these facts. Apparently Mrs. Williams has not received her checks and is in need of money.

MacEachron

COPY

PORTLAND

June 2, 1942

Mr. Locnetti, Field Supervisor for U.S. Employment Service at Portland regarding a Miss Williams whom they believes to be on the payroll of this bank at your office and who has complained about non payment of salary. We believe that some confusion may exist in the mind of the U.S. Employment Service as to whose employee Miss Williams is. Please look into the situation. It might be well to contact Mr. Locnetti.

EVENSON

(ARMSTRONG:JM)

5026

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Portland Branch

TO: HEAD OFFICE

Date: June 1, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Warehouses

In response to your letter of May 29, 1942, may we inform you that no warehouses are rented in the Portland zone by the Evacuee Property Department. However, as you know, we have entered into an agreement with the Oregon Transfer Company under date of April 21, 1942 whereby the Transfer Company has agreed to warehouse at their warehouse No. 5, 733 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon, articles for evacuees. The lease from Grace J. Burnett, owner of the property to the Oregon Transfer Company, of course, provides that services such as telephone, electricity and water be furnished by the lessee, consequently such services are being furnished by the Oregon Transfer Company. However, no guard service is maintained in the warehouse. The telephone number is At. 6794.

In addition to the personal property form WCCA Form FRB-2 copies of which have been forwarded to you for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority, we are holding non-negotiable warehouse arrival notices issued by the Oregon Transfer Company to Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, covering the goods stored in the warehouse, indicating thereon the family number and name of the evacuee. The Transfer Company has informed us that it will not be necessary to surrender these forms at the time authorized releases are made from the warehouse. A blank copy of this form is forwarded for your information.

In view of this information, we shall be pleased to have you inform us as to the disposition to be made of the warehouse arrival notices.

S MacEachron (signed)
Assistant Manager

COPY

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE June 1, 1942

SUBJECT: Private Storage of Automobiles of Evacuees.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated May 19, 1942.

It has come to the attention of one of our Evacuee Property Department Representatives that seventeen automobiles and one trailer of evacuees from the Portland area are privately stored by the Pacific Storage and Delivery Company, 1605 S. E. Water Street, Portland, Oregon.

This information is being forwarded to you for transmittal to the Army.

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

May 29, 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period May 23, 1942 to May 29, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week:

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

None

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
34	56	55

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

In addition to the above, we have representatives of this bank in six Civil Control Stations located as follows:

The Court House,
12th and Franklin Streets,
Vancouver, Washington.

Mess Hall, Japanese Settlement
Long Bell Lumber Company,
Longview, Washington.

American Legion Hall,
North Cottage and Chemeketa Streets
Salem, Oregon.

357 Jefferson Street,
Corvallis, Oregon.

45 North Fir Street,
Medford, Oregon.

34 West Sixth Avenue,
Eugene, Oregon.

Detailed reports of the operations of these stations will be forwarded upon completion of the projects.

(Signed) MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE May 29, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9

REFERENCE:

Please be advised that for the period May 23, 1942 to May 29, 1942, inclusive no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

Assistant Manager

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

May 29, 1942

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Retel date. Letters May 22 and May 25 received.

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PORTLAND
SEATTLE

May 29, 1942

Please confirm receipt of our letters of May 22 and May 25 relating to report of activities in connection with Japanese evacuation.

EVERSON

(Armstrong:gh)

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Patterson

May 25, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - Report of Activities in Connection with Japanese Evacuation

Our Letter May 22, 1942

Enclosed is a tentative outline of the information to be submitted to Colonel Bendetsen as requested in his memorandum of May 19, 1942 forwarded with our letter referred to above.

It will not be necessary for you to provide any information regarding Section I of the enclosure concerning the authority of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. We will desire the information called for in the other sections, however.

With respect to paragraph B-6 of Section III, it is our thought that in addition to the submission of particular cases we should be in a position to provide a general picture of the work accomplished, which will show the number of cases handled, the number of cases closed, the types of businesses involved and such other data as may be pertinent. We are enclosing an office form through which we have compiled reports on a weekly basis for Head Office zone, which shows, among other things, a breakdown of the types of business involved in interviews. This form is enclosed with the thought that you may have maintained some similar records by which it would be possible to show the total volume of cases handled during the period of operations and some breakdown as to the type of interviews. Naturally only the total volume figures will be necessary so far as our report is concerned, rather than the detailed weekly volume data that is called for in the enclosed report.

We should, of course, be informed as to the total cases closed on a numerical or a percentage basis, as well as the cases pending.

The enclosed outline is somewhat tentative and it may be that when the mechanical work of compiling the information suggested is undertaken, changes in the subject matter, or additions to it, might be desirable. If the advisability of making such changes or additions should become apparent, we will be pleased to advise you. At the same time, if desirable changes or additions should occur to you, we would be pleased to have you communicate your thoughts to us.

We believe our report should be as of the close of business Friday, May 22, 1942. Inasmuch as we must have our information in the hands of Colonel Bendetsen by June 5, 1942, we will appreciate your providing us with the desired information by June 1, 1942.

Enclosures

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF SECTION ON "EVACUEE PROPERTY PROTECTION" TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT FROM COMMANDING GENERAL, WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY TO SECRETARY OF WAR ON JAPANESE EVACUATION

I AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

- A Executive Order No. 9066, February 19, 1942
- B Letter of Authority from Commanding General, Western Defense Command, March 11, 1942
- C Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, Approved March 21, 1942
- D Confirmatory Letter from Commanding General, Western Defense Command, April 5, 1942, made necessary by enactment of Public Law No. 503
- E Delegation of Authority by War Relocation Authority to Secretary of the Treasury, March 25, 1942
- F Delegation of Authority from President to Secretary of the Treasury under Trading With The Enemy Act, February 12, 1942
- G Delegation of Authority by Secretary of the Treasury to Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, March 7, 1942
- H Confirmation of Authority from Secretary of the Treasury to Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, March 16, 1942
- I Delegation of Authority from Alien Property Custodian to Secretary of the Treasury, March 11, 1942

(Short references to the foregoing sources of authority without extensive quotation are all that will be necessary.)

II INITIAL STEPS TAKEN BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

- A Organization of Evacuee Property Department, March 9, 1942
- B Establishment of Functions at 4 Branch Offices of Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- C Employment of Personnel
- D Implementing Functions at Offices of United States Employment Service
- E Publicity as to Functions
- F Promulgation of Special Regulation No. 1, March 18, 1942

(State that freezing control under this regulation has not been exercised and why.)

III FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAM

- A Functions During Period of Voluntary Evacuation Up to March 29, 1942
- B Functions Performed After Voluntary Evacuation Was Prohibited
  - 1 General interviews with evacuees
  - 2 Disposition of household furniture and effects

3 Handling of automobiles

(a) Storage
(b) Sale to Army

4 Adjustment of leaseholds and possessory rights, including ownership
5 Work at assembly centers and Civil Control Stations
6 Special illustrative cases:

Hagawara family
Shigazumi - Home Cleaners and Dyers
Hayward Nursery - First National of San Leandro

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IV PUBLIC AND EVACUEE REACTIONS TO WORK PERFORMED

A General Comment
B Illustrative Sample Letters from Evacuees (Exhibits)
C Attitude of American Citizens Affected
D Cooperation of Banks and Other Corporate Entities Contacted

V STATISTICAL DATA

A Assembly Centers and Civil Control Stations Contacted
B Number of Interviews Segregated Between Head Office, Branches, Assembly Centers and Civil Control Stations
C Total Number of Persons Contacted
D Automobiles Stored
E Automobiles Sold to War Department (Dollar Value)
F Warehouses Leased
G Total Volume of Personal Effects Stored
H
I
J

VI EXPENSES INCURRED

A Salary Charges Reimbursable
B Hauling
C Storage Warehouse Rental
D Other Charges Reimbursable

VII CONCLUSION

A Future Functions and Contacts Contemplated
B General Comments

EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT
FIELD DIVISION
IN CHARGE

_____ UNIT MR. _____

INTERVIEW DATA FOR WEEK ENDING _____ 1942

FIELD OFFICE								WEEKLY TOTAL	TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD	GRAND TOTAL
Date Opened										
Day of Week										
No. of Cases										
No. of Persons Interviewed										
No. of Persons Represented										
Residences										
Flats & Apts.										
*Business										
Equipment & Merchandise										
Furniture & Fixtures										
Farms & Orchards										
General										

*Breakdown of Major Business Classification:

Bakeries										
Beauticians										
Canneries										
Churches										
Cleaners										
Dry Goods										
Fertilizers										
Florists										
Garages										
Hotels										
Laundries										
Liquors										
Markets										
Newspapers										
Novelties										
Nurseries										
Packers										
Professions										
Restaurants										
Sports Goods										
All Others										

Submitted and approved:
Signed: _____

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PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE Date: May 23, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9

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(Signed) MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Portland Branch

To: HEAD OFFICE Date: May 23, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period May 16 to May 22, 1942 inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
54	74	64

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(Signed) MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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May 22, 1942

Evacuee Property Department -
Report of Activities in Connection
with Japanese Evacuation

We have been asked to submit a comprehensive report of our operations in connection with the evacuation program.

A copy of a memorandum dated May 19, 1942 from Colonel Bendetsen regarding this matter is enclosed for your information.

We are preparing an outline to be followed in the preparation of this data and will communicate with you further, but meanwhile are forwarding the enclosure in order that you may be giving consideration to the subject matter.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
Wartime Civil Control Administration
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, California

May 19, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: William H. Hale Federal Reserve Bank

SUBJECT: Report of Activity in Connection with Japanese Evacuation

1. It is proposed to submit a complete report concerning Japanese evacuation to the Secretary of War not later than June 30, 1942. As now contemplated the report will consist of a general over all statement followed by sections treating particularly, in narrative fashion (chronologically supported by exhibits) of the various aspects and subjects involved.

2. It is requested that your organization prepare the section on Evacuee Property Protection (exclusive of that phase handled by Agriculture Department). In preparing the report it would be desirable to develop data on the number of cases handled, the number of persons involved, the percentage of successful completion of problems presented, the amount of money expended. It would also be desirable to include as a part of the supporting exhibits a rather broad selection of letters of appreciation received from evacuees as a result of your follow-up. In this connection the means pursued to accomplish follow-up should be described. Report of expenditures also.

3. It is requested that your preliminary draft be submitted to this office not later than June 5, 1942.

(signed) Karl R. Bendetsen

Karl R. Bendetsen
Colonel, G. S. C.
Assistant Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Division

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From Portland Branch

To

May 22, 1942

Wire No. 17 Date Filed 340p Time Received 358p

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Copies Routed to Mr. Everson

Report covering Japanese evacuation operations, Civilian Exclusion Order No. 74.

1. American Legion Hall, First Avenue and Main Street North, Forest Grove, Oregon
2. 221
3. 80
4. 10
5. None
6. Family Units 6 approximate cubic feet 350
1. 599 Duane Street Astoria, Oregon
2. 60
3. 34
4. 8
5. Sale 1
6. Family Units 3 approximate cubic feet 110

All storage Oregon Transfer Company, warehouse No. 5, 733 NW Everett Street, Portland, Oregon.

MacMachron.

(For information only)

Function or Unit Number

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE May 20, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property WCCA Form FRB-2

REFERENCE:

We are enclosing for transmittal to the War Relocation Authority office in San Francisco, copies of WCCA Form FRB-2 together with list in duplicate indicating the family number and name.

(Signed)
S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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PORTLAND May 20, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Your letter May 16, 1942 - H. Kuribayashi

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Under the circumstances related in your letter we question whether we could complete the sale of the automobile in question to the Army at the present time.

The legal owner of the automobile is abroad and even if it were possible to obtain a duplicate ownership certificate, the legal owner would not be in a position to effect the necessary endorsement to qualify the automobile for sale, nor to place the legal ownership in his son for the purpose of permitting him to make the necessary arrangements.

While if the son of the legal owner could arrange to obtain a duplicate ownership certificate showing himself as legal owner we might be able to disregard any technicality involved, we question whether the Motor Vehicle Department would be willing to take such a step.

We are presenting this matter to the Army for its consideration as it is typical of a number of similar cases which present serious problems so far as the automobile purchase program is concerned.

Pending further developments or instructions, our only course of action will be to hold the car in storage and to proceed with the appraisal. When the matter has received the consideration of the military authorities we will again communicate with you.

Assistant Cashier.

Armstrong:gh

COPY OF TELEGRAM TO PORTLAND May 20, 1942

We forwarded to you air mail yesterday copy of project memorandum on Exclusion Order No. 88 covering several Washington Counties and providing for four Control Stations, two of which, namely Vancouver and Longview, are in your zone and two in Seattle Branch zone. Areas will be posted May 23 looking toward registration May 27 and exclusion on several dates ending June 3.

We note that both you and Seattle Branch have other projects starting on May 23 and feel that practical method of handling Exclusion Order 88 will be for your Branch to staff the Vancouver and Longview Control Stations and Seattle Branch to staff the Raymond and Chehalis Stations.

Believe all personal property coming out of the counties covered by this project should be warehoused at your Portland warehouse.

We are transmitting substance of this wire to Seattle Branch so that it may be informed.

Suggest you contact Seattle Branch in order that any necessary coordination plans ban be made. If you are faced with any serious staff problem, please advise us by telephone.

EVERSON

(Armstrong:gh) 5046

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EVERSON

(Armstrong:gh) 5046

File Bonds
Motor Veh

DESTRUCTION

May 19, 1942

Private Storage of Automobiles of Evacuees

The military authorities have asked us to advise them of any cases coming to our attention where Japanese in any given area have arranged for storage of their automobiles on a group basis. In other words, if there are any cases where a number of Japanese have gotten together and stored their automobiles in a garage or some other place, we would be interested in having such information to pass along to the Army.

For your information, the Army is apparently not interested in the property protection aspects of the problem, but rather in its military aspects.

In obtaining this information we have avoided contacting the Japanese, but rather have limited our survey to information coming into the hands of our representatives without going back to the Japanese on the specific point.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

PORTLAND BRANCH

May 19, 1942

KELLEY BLUE BOOK, MAY-JUNE, 1942 EDITION

We are forwarding to you under separate cover, one copy of the Kelley Blue Book, May-June, 1942, edition.

Assistant Cashier

MAY:krf

PORTLAND May 19, 1942

Major Easton of War Relocation Authority will be in Portland May 20 and will contact you. He will be particularly interested in warehousing of evacuee's personal property. Kindly extend every courtesy.

EVERSON

5046

(ARMSTRONG:JM)

Portland

May 18, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Motor Vehicles delivered to us under Alternative No. 2)

In instances where appraisals exceed the Army price limitations, namely $750 for light cars and $1200 for medium cars, further consideration as to the disposition of the motor vehicle must be given in each instance prior to selling to the Army at their maximum figure.

It is therefore suggested that as such conditions arise, the subject be immediately taken up with the evacuee to determine whether or not he is satisfied with the maximum price which the Army is permitted to pay, or if he desires further assistance from us in an endeavor to obtain a better price in the open market.

Obviously, in the case of 1942 automobiles, with the fixed market condition which exists, the opportunities of obtaining buyers other than the Army will be most limited; hence, in many cases the evacuee's only alternative, other than substantial loss through depreciation, may be to sell to the Army.

It is quite possible, in such instances, that he will wish us to deliver the car to a friend or a dealer, and if this is the case, Form EPMS should be used for this purpose, as outlined in our letter of April 21, 1942.

In instances where the appraised value does not exceed the amount which will be acceptable as final payment by the legal owner, we should not arbitrarily deliver the car to such owner. We should inform the evacuee of the circumstances and if he concludes that the car be delivered to the legal owner, which should be the case in most instances, his instructions should be obtained on Form EPMS. If however, he still feels that he has an equity to protect, every attempt should be made to bring him and his creditor together or to assist him in realizing a fair value for his car from some other source. Delivery to the creditor or to a third person should be made only after we have received Form EPMS properly signed.

WCCA Form FRB-4 indicates that where the evacuee has no equity, the right of any creditor to repossess or recapture, as provided by law, would not be resisted by the custodian of the motor vehicle; therefore, it is felt that if we can not bring the evacuee and the legal owner together on agreeable terms, we should permit the legal owner to recover possession in accordance with such rights as he may possess in any given case. We do feel, however, that the burden should be placed upon the legal owner to establish the propriety of the repossession method he desires to pursue. Such cases should be few and our file should be complete showing all efforts made in the evacuee's behalf.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

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From Portland Branch May 18, 1942

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Retel date. We confirm figure 143 Item No.4

MacEachron

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May 18, 1942

Reurtel May 16 on Civil Exclusion Order No. 25.

Please confirm figure 143, being item No. 4, number of interviews.

EVERSON

(Armstrong:gh)

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REFERRED BY MR. TIBBALS
TO MR. [illegible]
MAY 18 1942

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON
TO MR. [illegible]

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: May 16, 1942

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None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland office.

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53	66	90

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

E. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

_____ Answered
_____ Ansd. by Routine Advice
✓ No Answer Required

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BY [signature] SURNAME

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

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May 16, 1942

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Reourtel May 8. Revised report covering Civilian Exclusion Order No. 26.

1. The Navy Post, American Legion Hall, 128 Northeast Russell Street, Portland, Oregon.

2. 846

3. 241

4. 38

5. Sale 1
Storage 3

6. Family units 38

Approximate cubic feet 10,950

Storage including automobiles in Oregon Transfer Company

Warehouse No. 5

733 N. W. Everett Street,

Portland, Oregon.

MacEachron.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE Date: May 16, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

We have had tendered and are holding for sale to the United States Army a 1936 Dodge sedan, the legal ownership being registered in the name of H. Kuribayashi, Rt. 11, Box 975, Milwaukie, Oregon, a Japanese alien residing in Japan.

WCCA Forms FRB-3 and FRB-4 have been signed "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi". Evacuee Kiyokazu Kuribayashi is the son of the legal owner and has registered at the Civil Control Station as head of the family. He informs us that the certificate of title covering the motor vehicle has been either lost or destroyed. In view of the fact that legal ownership is in the name of an alien in Japan and that a properly endorsed ownership certificate cannot be delivered, it occurs to us that the problem of disposition of this motor vehicle may be for the Alien Property Custodian to determine.

Your instructions will be appreciated.

(signed)

S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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EVERSON (2)

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REPORT COVERING JAPANESE EVACUATION OPERATIONS,

CIVILIAN EXCLUSION ORDER No.49.

1. AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 11TH & JUNE STREETS,
   HOOD RIVER, OREGON

2. 561

3. 138

4. 22

5. NONE

6. FAMILY UNITS 12
   SPACE OCCUPIED 1,150 CUBIC FEET
   OREGON TRANSFER COMPANY
   WAREHOUSE No.5
   733 NW EVERETT STREET
   PORTLAND, OREGON

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From Portland Branch

May 16, 1942

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Report covering Japanese Evacuation operations, Civilian Exclusion Order No. 25.

1. Salvation Army Headquarters Building N. 20 S.W. Sixth Ave., Portland
2. 875
3. 330
4. 143
5. Sale to Army 2 Storage 1
6. Family Units 57, approximate cubic feet 12,500, all storage including motor vehicles in Oregon Transfer Company, warehouse No. 5, 733, N.W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon.

MacEachron

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Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE May 16, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No.9

REFERENCE:

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(Signed) S. A. MacEachron
S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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Armstrong-EPD

Report covering Japanese Evacuation operations,
Civilian Exclusion order 46.

1. Administration Building, Gresham Fair Grounds
   Gresham, Oregon.
2. 832
3. 237
4. 31
5. Sale 2 storage 1
6. Family units 11
   approximate cubic feet 600
   Storage, including motor vehicles in Oregon Transfer
   Company, warehouse No. 5 - 733 NW Everett Street,
   Portland, Oregon.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

(For information only)

Portland

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May 15, 1942.

Evacuee Property Department.
(Purchase of Evacuee Cars)

We are enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated May 10, 1942, directed to this bank by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, signed by Lt. Col. Martin F. Hass, concerning a new program to be launched in an attempt to encourage evacuees to sell their motor vehicles to the Army in instances where they have delivered them to us for storage under Alternative No. 1.

In the interests of uniformity, we are outlining the steps contemplated in this office, after the close of each Civil Control Station, and the acceptance by us of motor vehicles at the place designated:

1. Every car accepted by us under Alternative No. 1 and Alternative No. 2, will be appraised as quickly as convenient.

2. Simultaneous with the appraising operation, Forms EP6 will be mailed to the legal owner if he is other than the registered owner, regardless of the Alternative selected by the evacuee.

3. On the return of Forms EP6 from the legal owner, they will immediately be forwarded to the Assembly Center for confirmation of balance owed by the evacuee.

4. On receipt of the forms, properly confirmed by the evacuee, they will be compared with the appraised amount and determination made as to whether the motor vehicles are eligible for purchase by the Army.

5. If the appraised value exceeds the settlement balance (amount which will be accepted as final payment), motor vehicles delivered to us under Alternative No. 2 will be delivered to the Army (Form EPM10) as quickly as convenient.

6. A letter will be addressed to the evacuee who has chosen Alternative No. 1, making a definite offer, which will include the amount for which the car was appraised, the amount that the legal owner will accept as final payment, and will indicate the balance which will be paid to the registered owner. If the evacuee is convinced that he should sell his car to the Army, rather than continue to have it held for storage, he will so indicate in the space provided on the letter. A suggested form of this letter is attached.

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The Army price limitations ($750 for light cars and $1200 for medium) must be kept in mind at all times in considering Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 above.

7. If the letter is returned properly signed, and the evacuee has indicated that he wishes to sell his car under Alternative No. 2, the car should be delivered to the Army on Form WRM10, as provided.

8. The letters should be given to our representative at the Assembly Center, with instructions to determine that in each individual case the evacuee understands that he will not be permitted to take his motor vehicle to a Reception Center and that no assurances whatever can be given that he will be enabled at some future time, to have the motor vehicle returned for his individual use. Also, that he understands the highly undesirable effect that open-air storage will have on his motor vehicle.

Obviously, the use of Form WP6 will not apply in instances where the registered owner and the legal owner are one and the same person, and letters to evacuees, indicating the amount which they will be given for their motor vehicle, may be handed to our representative at the Assembly Center immediately upon completion of the appraisals.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures.

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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
1201 Market Street
San Francisco, California

May 10, 1942

SUBJECT: Purchase of Evacuees' Cars

MEMORANDUM FOR: Federal Reserve Bank

1. It is imperative that evacuees' cars be put to some economic use. The steel, rubber and lead involved is standing idle and deteriorating at a time when these items and transportation in general are needed for national defense.

2. It is desired that these cars be acquired by the Army through purchase if possible, so as to obviate the necessity of using other means of acquisition.

3. At the present time the evacuee has the opportunity of selling his car to the Army, but he has been in the position of making a "blind deal", the result of which has been unsatisfactory from the standpoint of number of cars acquired.

4. It is desired that the present procedure be continued and that in addition thereto the program be augmented as follows:

(a) After the appraisal is made and

(b) After the amount of indebtedness has been obtained and

(c) After the indebtedness has been confirmed by the evacuee

(d) Then the evacuee be immediately contacted with a definite offer (less incidental refunds, etc.) for the purchase of his car.

It is desired also that the evacuees be informed as tactfully as possible, but without over-emphasis, that no assurance whatever can be given that they will be enabled at some future time to have the motor vehicles now owned by them returned for their individual use. The news items appearing in the daily press about the prospective requisitioning of all civilian-owned cars, if nothing more, should be sufficient warrant for a further urging that the evacuees accept the offer to be made.

5. Early reports as to the progress of this plan are desired so that if it does not appear to be meeting with success other measures can be adopted.

MARTIN F. HAAS
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Acting A. C. of S. C.A.D.

cc: Colonel Humphries

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

At the time the Exclusion Order, affecting the area in which you previously resided, was being carried out, you delivered your motor vehicle to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, for storage at your own risk and without insurance, with the understanding that such storage would be in an open area which would subject it to more or less rapid deterioration.

With the thought in mind that you might have been hesitant to offer your motor vehicle for sale to the United States Army at that time, because you had no assurance of the amount which you would receive for it, we have had it appraised by two independent appraisers.

The Army, through this Bank, is now ready to make a definite offer, based on this appraisal, as follows:

Amount offered . . . . . $
Less amount which will be acceptable
as final payment by legal owner . . . . . $_____
Balance to be remitted to registered owner . $_____

Should you now feel that because of the rapid deterioration to which your car is subjected, you are willing to accept payment as indicated above, please so indicate in the space provided below.

Please give this matter your immediate consideration, as the appraised value, as mentioned, is based upon an immediate sale to the Army and cannot be held open for an indefinite period of time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier.

To the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Fiscal Agent of the United States

I wish to sell my car to the Army under Alternative No. 2 on WCCA Form FRB-4 on the above basis instead of having it held for storage. This will constitute your authority to effect such sale.

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COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE Date May 13, 1942.

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department (Warehouse Arrangement)

REFERENCE: Our letter April 21, 1942 and your reply April 25, 1942.

The executed and sealed copy of the agreement with the Oregon Transfer Company which was attached to your letter of April 25, 1942 has been turned over to that company in exchange for its copy on which the seal of the Federal Reserve Bank has not as yet been impressed. As requested we are sending you this unsealed copy for your files and we assume you will wish to complete it by impressing the bank's seal thereon. Also attached is a copy of the lease between Grace J. Burnett and the Oregon Transfer Company.

The initial payment of $3,500 will be billed as suggested in your letter.

(Signed) S. Mac Eachron

Assistant Manager.

Incl.

SEATTLE
PORTLAND

May 13, 1942

Captain L. J. Bishop from WCCA Headquarters here representing the Property Protection Division of the Civil Affairs Division is expected to call at your office within the next two days. Please extend all courtesies to him.

EVERSON

ARE:THOMSON

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: Head Office Date: May 12, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

Reference is made to our telegraphic report of May 8, 1942 covering Japanese evacuation operations under Civilian Exclusion Order No. 26.

Due to the fact that mixed marriage exemptions have been cancelled, figures on this report will be subject to change within the next few days. Accordingly, revised figures will be forwarded to you upon completion of this project.

Detailed report covering Civilian Exclusion Order No. 25 will also be delayed several days for this reason but will be forwarded as soon as the information is available.

S. MacEachron
ASSISTANT MANAGER

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy of Leased Wire Telegram
(Reimbursable Fiscal Agency Business)

Translation of Telegram Received

From Portland Branch May 11, 1942

Retel date. Since automobiles are now stored in basement of our fireproof warehouse, we are maintaining no guard service there. We do not feel that fire extinguishers are necessary unless army regulations or orders require them.

MacEachron

Referred by Mr. H.D.Armstrong
to Mr. Everson

#21 F-420p r-435p

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

Mis. 16 E (5-37) 29,500 5-40 (10915)

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: May 11, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Legal Expense

REFERENCE: Your letter May 7, 1942 (Jolted Gen'l Files)

This office verbally told Mr. Warner that Mr. Henderson would be satisfactory, so far as this office was concerned, to succeed to the legal work previously handled by Mr. Warner.

D. L. DAVIS (signed)
Managing Director

COPY

LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND
SEATTLE

May 11, 1942

Army is prepared to furnish Pyrene hand fire extinguishers for use of guards to carry on their rounds at warehouses and places where automobiles are stored under our care. Army will ship direct to destination.

Please advise by wire number required and furnish a detailed list of addresses by mail for Army shipping information.

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GENERAL FILE

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PORTLAND BRANCH

May 9, 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE
SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period May 2, 1942 to May 8, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

   Number 1 Location 317 S.W.Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
5-5-42	U.S.Employment Service, 242 Main St.,Klamath Falls, Oregon
5-7-42	U.S.Employment Service,Hood River Hotel Bldg.,Hood River, Ore.

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland office.

   Individual Interviews 97 Number Represented 169
   Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures) 169

   Number of persons interviewed at Klamath Falls, Oregon

   Individual Interviews 1 Number Represented 1

   Number of persons interviewed at Hood River, Oregon

   Individual Interviews 5 Number Represented 5

4. Powers of Attorney accepted None

In addition to the above, we have representatives of this bank in two Civil Control stations located as follows:

Administration Building	American Legion Hall
Gresham Fair Grounds	Eleventh & June Streets
Gresham, Oregon	Hood River, Oregon

Detailed reports of the operations of these stations will be forwarded upon completion of the projects.

(Signed) S. MacEachron
Assistant Manager.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy of Leased Wire Telegram
(Reimbursable Fiscal Agency Business)

PORTLAND

May 9, 1942

Relet 8 no objection to storing automobiles in warehouse.

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Mis. 19 E (3-37) 23,800 8-49 (10615)

C O P Y

TELEGRAM

FROM: PORTLAND BRANCH

May 9, 1942

RETEL MAY 8 JAPANESE EVACUATION OPERATIONS.

ITEM 4 SHOULD BE 37 INTERVIEWS.

MACRACHRON.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

CROSS INDEX

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Description of Document Cross-Indexed:

Letter from Portland forwarding copies of letters

Re J. Kiichiro Kawaji, alien of Tokyo, Japan

Forwarded to A.P.C. 5/10/42

Filed Foreign Funds Control Files

C O P Y

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: May 8, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Rentals

As requested in your letter dated May 6, 1942 there is enclosed statement showing rental data for Evacuee Property Department activities.

The Pacific International Livestock Exposition 1 acre month to month agreement has been eliminated from the statement since this proposed parking area is not used by us and no rent has been paid. However, for your information, evacuee motor vehicles are stored in the open on the Pacific International Livestock Exposition grounds adjacent to the Wartime Civil Control Administration Assembly Center, North Portland, Oregon with no rental charge.

Continuous guard service of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency commenced at 6 P.M. on May 2, 1942. At the present time only six motor vehicles are stored by us for evacuees and it appears that only a small number will be tendered either for storage or sale to the United States Army.

In view of the fact that ample storage space is available in the warehouse it appears advisable that we store the motor vehicles at 733 N. W. Everett St., Portland Oregon. This, of course, would result in considerable saving as the Burns guard service could then be cancelled.

Your instructions will be appreciated.

(signed) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND May 8, 1942

Reyourtel May 8 Item 4 shown as 507 Please confirm number referring to our telegram April 9 on items which should be included. In future include in telegram only item number and information desired for example:

2 - 507
5 - 508, etc.

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C O P Y

INCOMING TELEGRAM

FROM: PORTLAND BRANCH May 8, 1942

REPORT COVERING JAPANESE EVACUATION OPERATIONS CIVILIAN EXCLUSION ORDER NO. 26

1. Location of Civil Control Station used in operation The Navy Post, American Legion Hall 128 Northeast Russell Street, Portland, Oregon
2. Number of evacuees in project 837
3. Number of heads of families in project 238
4. Number of interviews referred to our representative at Civil Control Station including any interviews forming the basis for Provost Marshal permits for property disposition arrangements as well as consultation on property problems including storage 507
5. Number of motor vehicles taken into custody for sale to Army none, number of motor vehicles taken into custody for storage - 3; where stored - On Pacific International Livestock Exposition grounds adjacent to Wartime Civil Control Administration Assembly Center North, Portland, Oregon.
6. Number of family units of property stored - 37
   approximate cubic feet occupied - 10,250
   Location of warehouse - Oregon Transfer Company, warehouse No. 5, 733 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon

Davis

VIA AIRMAIL

PORTLAND

May 8, 1942

PRELIMINARY EVACUATION PLAN

Enclosed is a memorandum covering Preliminary Evacuation Plan No. 91 which, while purely tentative, is forwarded for your information.

We understand that the Plan as now conceived contemplates two Civil Control Stations, one of which may be in Forest Grove and the other perhaps in Astoria.

Enclosures

ASSISTANT CASHIER

ARMSTRONG:krf

Retained

EXTRA COPY

May 4, 1942

WCCA Form FRB-2

Our letter April 28, 1942.

At the time the War Relocation Authority's copies of WCCA Form FRB-2 are forwarded to Head Office to be transmitted to the War Relocation Authority's office in San Francisco, please enclose a list in duplicate indicating the family number and the name of the family head from whom we accepted the furniture for storage.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

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C O P Y

Portland Branch

May 2, 1942

TO: HEAD OFFICE

Subject: Evacuee Property Department and Instruction Letter No.9

Please be advised that for the period April 25, 1942 to May 1, 1942 inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

(Signed) D. L. Davis

Managing Director

C O P Y

LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND
SEATTLE

May 2, 1942

(Copy mailed to Salt Lake for information only)

It is to be understood that recent instructions from local Army Quartermaster Corps to liaison officers in branch zones have no bearing on the execution of the Army Motor Vehicle Purchase Plan outlined in our previous letters. The Army classification of cars by age or model pertains to the disposition of cars after they have been purchased, rather than controlling the purchase arrangement. The Army classification of vehicles as to whether usable or junk likewise is a problem arising after purchase and will have no bearing on our appraisal or purchase methods.

We are guided only by the price limitations and equity situations previously outlined in determining whether a particular automobile qualifies for purchase by us in behalf of the military authorities.

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Armstrong:gh

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Copy routed to Mr.

Everson

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To be handled by Mr.

Armstrong-Ellis

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mis. 73 (4-41)

DUPLICATE AND CORRECTED COPY

Refer your letter April 7, 1942 and paragraph I page 3, memorandum attached to instruction letter No. 22 re data controlled evacuation. Is it contemplated that we forward report to Head Office covering each project when completed?

Davis

(For information only)

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE Date: May 2, 1942

SUBJECT: EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period April 25, 1942, to May 1, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and location of Evacuee Property offices operated during week:

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Avenue Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by field representatives:

None

3. Number of persons interviewed at Portland office:

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in other figures)
130	194	157

4. Powers of attorney accepted:

None

In addition to the above, we have representatives of this bank in two Civil Control stations located as follows:

Salvation Army Headquarters Building
20 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland, Oregon

The Navy Post
American Legion Hall
128 N. E. Russell Street
Portland, Oregon

Detailed reports of the operations of these stations will be forwarded upon completion of the projects.

(Signed) D. L. Davis
Managing Director

PORTLAND
SEATTLE

May 1, 1942

Local distributor mailing you copy Kelley Wholesale Blue Book, March-April 1942 issue, today. As of May 1 official wholesale prices are 3% lower than book. This book contains prices on 1942 models.

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COPY

AIR MAIL

March 31, 1942

Evacuee Property Department.

We are enclosing 10 copies of "Motor Vehicle Registration Form" (WCCA Form FRB-3) and 10 copies of "Personal Property Form" (WCCA Form FRB-2).

These are forwarded for your information as they are the two forms which have been prepared for use in connection with the storage of household furniture, personal property and automobiles. These are the forms which will be used in the manner outlined in our memorandum forwarded with our previous communications, particularly our letter dated March 29, 1942, and our letter dated March 30, 1942.

The forms were prepared by the Wartime Civil Control Administration for our use and adequate supplies will be available as each controlled evacuation occurs.

(Signed) Everson

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure
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COPY

Copy of letter sent to
Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle Branches
To Salt Lake City Branch for information only. March 30, 1942

Buyers and Sellers List

We are enclosing four copies of a list of Businesses and Properties for Sale, Lease, Rent, and Management and Opportunities Wanted, which we are distributing among our Field Representatives. It is suggested that you may wish to prepare a similar list for your own zone.

(Signed) R.E.Everson

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures
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Portland

EXTRA COPY

March 30, 1942

Parking of Motor Vehicles

We are enclosing a memorandum dated March 29, 1942, which was prepared for the benefit of the Army at its request, relating to the procedure for handling motor vehicles in connection with the controlled evacuation operations in the Long Beach and San Pedro areas.

We have indicated by asterisks and footnotes those things which the Army has decided will be undertaken by us and those phases which will be undertaken by the Federal Security Agency for the present, subject, of course, to any changes which have to be made in the light of experience.

The Federal Security Agency is preparing the necessary form for registration of the vehicles and the identification tag, but the problem of taking custody of the vehicles will presumably be our own.

We expect to receive specific instructions from the Army carrying out this procedure.

(signed) R. E. Everson

Assistent Cashier.

Enclosure

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March 9th, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: COLONEL HAAS

SUBJECT: PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

I. We understand that it is the present intention that evacuees will be permitted to drive to travel centers in the controlled evacuation program in their own motor vehicles, at which centers the vehicles will be parked.

II. We further understand that suggestions have been solicited as to the manner of handling the identification and disposition of such vehicles; accordingly we respectfully submit the following suggestions as to procedure:

*a. That upon his first call at the reception center the evacuee be provided by the Agency selected for that purpose with a tag in the nature of that used in connection with household furniture storage which will provide for the evacuee's identification number and name.

*b. The evacuee should present the identification tag provided, together with the registration certificate of the vehicle, to the person designated for that purpose at the reception center who will prepare a suitable form in triplicate from the identification tag and registration certificate to show the following:

1. Name of evacuee
2. Identification number of evacuee
3. Name of registered owner
4. Address of registered owner
5. Make of vehicle
6. Year model
7. Type of vehicle
8. Engine number
9. Serial number
10. License number
11. Name of legal owner

*To be done by Federal Security Agency.

*c. Two copies of the form, together with the registration certificate, will be handed to the evacuee for his retention until arrival at the travel center. The third copy shall be retained by the Agency completing the form.

**d. On arrival at the travel center the evacuee will deliver to the person designated for such purpose the two copies of the form, the registration certificate, and keys to the vehicle.

**e. The person designated will check all numbers on the form and if found to be correct will receipt on one copy of the form to be delivered to the evacuee; the remaining copy, together with the registration certificate and the keys to the vehicle will be placed in an envelope provided for that purpose. The tag will be placed on the vehicle.

**f. The envelope will be held in the custody of the Agency selected for that purpose until its responsibility in connection with the vehicle is terminated.

(Signed) R. E. Everson

Assistant Cashier.

*To be done by Federal Security Agency.
**To be done by Federal Reserve Bank.

March 29, 1942.

Register Forms

We are forwarding you today the following register forms, all but one of which have been mentioned in correspondence:

EPR-1 Register of Petitions to Designate Special Blocked Property
EPR-2 Register of Posting Notices Designating Special Blocked Property
EPR-3 Register of Mail Notices Designating Special Blocked Property
EPR-4 Register of Powers of Attorney Accepted
EPR-5 Register of Schedules of Evacuee Property Held in Storage.

The latter form will serve as a record of the various lists or schedules of property which you may have occasion to place in storage.

We are also forwarding in the same package the supply of EP-5, Instructions of Evacuee for Disposition of Property, referred to in a separate letter of today.

Assistant Cashier.

All Portland

March 20, 1942.

Instructions regarding use of Powers of Attorney
(Forms Mis. 233 and Mis. 234)

In dealing with evacuees relative to problems involving their property interests, there will be encountered certain cases where the evacuee will not desire to appoint anyone other than the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as his attorney-in-fact. Forms Mis. 233 and Mis. 234 are designed to cover such situations.

Generally speaking this bank will not accept powers of attorney to act for evacuees unless and until the powers to be exercised and the general situation surrounding the transaction have been examined and it is felt that this bank can perform a useful function in accepting the power. The acceptance of a power of attorney carries with it the obligation to exercise reasonable diligence in the performance of the duties undertaken. The obligations thus involved should only be assumed in those cases where it appears reasonably certain that no one else can be found to accept the responsibility and where it also appears that the evacuee has a clear equity or other property rights which cannot be adequately protected except through the acceptance of the power. This bank should not undertake to act as attorney-in-fact in any case which involves the carrying on of a going business concern, such as the conduct of a mercantile business, the management and operation of a hotel or rooming house, or other such active business. Powers of attorney should be accepted in cases involving the care and harvesting of growing crops only in those instances where arrangements have been made in advance with the local agency of the Department of Agriculture, a reliable agriculturist or other competent channel through which the work can be performed.

In each instance where after investigation it seems necessary for the Federal Reserve Bank to accept a power of attorney, the power should be accompanied by written instructions signed by the grantor of the power, setting forth the duties which the bank is called upon to perform, the disposition to be made of the property, and any other necessary details in relation thereto. These instructions must, of course, be in form and substance satisfactory to this bank. Cases involving the assumption by this bank of important or onerous duties should be referred to head office for consideration, accompanied by a statement of all necessary details, before the power of attorney is accepted.

Since the exercise of power under the authority granted may involve dealing in real property or in personal property in connection with which mortgages or other encumbrances exist, both forms of power of attorney must be acknowledged before a notary public.

Form Mis. 233

This form is intended for execution by individuals or co-partnerships. If executed by a co-partnership, the signatures of all co-partners should be obtained wherever possible. Names, addresses and dates should be carefully filled in. The evacuee should not be encouraged to execute a power of attorney until after a

sufficient investigation has been made to determine that the duties to be performed thereunder are such as reasonably can be accepted by this bank.

As stated above, when the power of attorney is executed, it should be accompanied by written instructions signed by the same persons who execute the power of attorney, setting forth in general terms the disposition to be made of the property involved, a description of the property, its location, and such guaranties as may seem necessary with regard to the payment of rent, storage charges, taxes, or other obligations going with the property.

The grantor of the power of attorney should be furnished a duplicate copy. It will be noted that the power of attorney is not valid for any purpose until accepted in writing by this bank. Such acceptances properly dated and signed by an authorized agent of this bank should not be executed until after the investigation above referred to has been made.

Form Mis. 234

This form is intended for execution only by corporations. The general observations applicable to form Mis. 233 above set forth apply to this form. The same investigation should be made and the same form of written instructions should be obtained. Greater care, however, is necessary in connection with the execution of corporate powers of attorney.

The correct name of the corporation should be inserted on the first line and at the place for signature. It should be signed by the president or vice president, attested by the secretary or assistant secretary, and the corporate seal must be affixed. Powers of attorney should not be accepted from corporations unless accompanied by a certified copy of resolution of the directors specifically authorizing the issuance of the power of attorney.

Any power of attorney which you find it advisable to accept should be executed in triplicate; the original should be filed in your vault, one copy retained for the files of the operating department, and one copy given to the evacuee.

The instructions which should accompany the Power of Attorney should be executed on Form EP 5, Instructions of Evacuee for Disposition of Property, a copy of which is attached and a supply of which will be forwarded under separate cover. If additional pages are necessary for listing the property concerned, plain sheets should be used. Forms EP 5 should be executed in triplicate, one copy for your files, one for the evacuee, and one copy forwarded to Head Office.

Each power of attorney accepted should be assigned a number in sequence with prefix letter(s) for your branch and recorded on register form EPM-4, a supply of which is being forwarded to you.

(Signed) R. E. Everson

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure

EPD file

PORTLAND

March 28, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

We are enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated March 27, 1942, to this office from Mr. Gilchrist, our liason with the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.

As you will note in the memorandum, there appears to be 22,600 square feet of storage space available for household goods, on the site referred to therein, and the information is given, for what assistance it might be to you in choosing a warehouse site at a later date.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure
Everson/jm

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, California
Telephone KLondike 2-2611

March 27, 1942

Copy

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Armstrong

FROM: Mr. Gilchrist, Evacuee Property Dept.

This is a copy of a tele-type message dated as of today from Col. Haas with the following notation: "Inform Federal Reserve through Mr. Gilchrist of the storage space available so they will not overlook this in making storage rentals in Portland."

Mar 25 1942 9 06 a.m.
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HQ NWS & IX ARMY CORPS FTLEWIS WN MARCH 25 852A
COMMANDING GENERAL
WDC & 4TH ARMY PSF

RESTRICTED PROPOSED SITE FOR TEMPORARY CAMP FOR EVACUEES AT PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION IN PORTLAND, OREGON, INSPECTED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OFFICE. WILL HOUSE 6500 PEOPLE IN BUILDINGS. LARGE PARKING AREA AVAILABLE FOR IMPOUNDING VEHICLES OR WILL HOLD 1000 TENTS. 22600 SQ FT STORAGE---SPACE FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AVAILABLE ON SITE. TO HOUSE 6000 PEOPLE WOULD NEED ABOUT 200 OUTSIDE WASH RACKS, 30 EACH 5 SEAT PIT LATRINES WITH ROOFS, AND 100 SHOWER HEADS. SPACE AND DRAINS FOR SHOWERS EXIST IN BUILDING. FACILITIES FOR HEATING MUST BE SUPPLIED. WATER ADEQUATE. SEWAGE PERHAPS INADEQUATE, BUT---REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER STATES THIS CAN BE REMEDIED. 2 MILES 8 STRAND BARBED WIRE FENCE NEEDED TO ENCLOSE. RECOMMEND DISTRICT ENGINEER BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED AT ONCE WITH CAMP FOR 6500 PEOPLE AT THIS SITE. ALTHOUGH THIS EXCEEDS BY 2000 THE NUMBER EXPECTED FROM OREGON, THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES ARE RECOMMENDED TO CARE FOR POSSIBLE INABILITY OF WASHINGTON SITES TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS. INSPECTION OF PROPOSED SITE AT LYNDEN, WASHINGTON BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS HEADQUARTERS AND REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER CONFIRMS USABILITY OF THAT SITE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED IN TELETYPE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS ON MARCH 22

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

TO: SEATTLE
LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND

March28, 1942

Copy mailed to Salt Lake City for its information.

Sent by mail started

MR. NEUSTADT OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY HAS REQUESTED THAT WE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TO YOU FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY EMPLOYEES IN YOUR OFFICE. THE FIELD OFFICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVISED DIRECT BY THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY.

(FORWARD)

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(ARMSTRONG:JM)

(Signed) R.E.Everson

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PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE March 28, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period March 21, 1942 to March 27, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property Offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S.W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
3-27-42	U.S.Employment Service, 1436 Commerce Avenue, Longview, Washington.

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone inquiries (not included in Other figures)
139	178	148

Number of Persons Interviewed at Longview, Washington.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
5	6

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

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(Signed) MacEachron
Assistant Manager.

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WESTERN UNION - PREPAID

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Portland Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department
Portland, Oregon

March 28, 1942

Army requests that we wire our branch offices following Special Instructions No. 1 on the subject of Contraband dated March 28, 1942:

"In Paragraph 6, Proclamation No. 3, this headquarters, dated March 24, 1942, it was ordered that from and after March 31, 1942, no person of Japanese ancestry shall have in his possession or use or operate at any time or place within any of Military Areas 1 to 6 inclusive as established and defined in Public Proclamation Nos. 1 and 2, any of the items enumerated in said paragraph.

All persons affected by the said order and who have not heretofore complied therewith, are instructed that they shall deliver any of the items enumerated in said paragraph into

Portland Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department

the custody of the nearest office of the United States Employment Service for disposition.

By the command of Lieutenant General DeWitt

Henry B. Lewis
Colonel A. G. D.
Adjutant General
Western Defense Command and Fourth Army"

This is for particular attention of U. S. Employment Service Representatives in your office inasmuch as the contraband items are to be accepted at U. S. Employment Service offices and the Federal Security Agency is understood to have received the responsibility of their accepting such items. We do not understand that such items will be accepted at your office but rather at the U. S. Employment Service office in your city.

We are forwarding air mail special delivery a copy of a memorandum from Colonel Bendetsen setting forth in some detail the method of handling contraband.

We understand Federal Security Agency is advising U. S. Employment Service offices on this subject.

We are informed that publicity will be forthcoming tomorrow advising evacuees that storage facilities will be made available for household goods, etc. under controlled evacuation program to overcome panic among evacuees causing them to dispose of even their household furniture at any sacrifice.

Everson

PORTLAND March 28, 1942

Contraband

Our wire March 28, 1942

Air Mail - Special Delivery

We are enclosing a copy of Special Instructions No. 1 dated March 28, 1942 which was wired to you at the request of Colonel Bendetsen with the request that this information be made available to the staff in your Evacuee Property Department office and particularly to the representatives of the U. S. Employment Service.

We are also enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated March 28, 1942 addressed to the Alien Property Custodian by Colonel Bendetsen which sets forth the manner in which Japanese contraband is to be handled.

It will be observed that the responsibility for arranging for the storage of these items has been placed on the Federal Security Agency with deliveries to be accepted at U. S. Employment Service offices pending the making of warehouse arrangements.

As our wire indicated, we believe that it is not the intention to use our Evacuee Property Department offices for the purpose of receiving contraband items but rather that any such items in your city would be delivered to the regular U. S. Employment Service offices. If we receive any information to the contrary we will advise you.

R. E. Edison
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Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

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Special Instructions No. 1 March 28, 1942

Contraband

In Paragraph 6, Proclamation No. 3, this headquarters, dated March 24, 1942, it was ordered that from and after March 31, 1942, no person of Japanese ancestry shall have in his possession or use or operate at any time or place within any of Military Areas 1 to 6 inclusive as established and defined in Public Proclamation Nos. 1 and 2, any of the items enumerated in said paragraph.

All persons affected by the said order and who have not heretofore complied therewith, are instructed that they shall deliver any of the items enumerated in said paragraph into the custody of the nearest office of the United States Employment Service for disposition.

By the command of Lieutenant General DeWitt

Henry B. Lewis
Colonel A. G. D.
Adjutant General
Western Defense Command and Fourth Army

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March 28, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: Alien Property Custodian

SUBJECT: Japanese Contraband

1. At a conference held this morning, attended by:

Mr. Tom Clark, Department of Justice
Mr. Richard Neustadt, Federal Security Agency
Mr. Pearce Davies, Federal Security Agency
Mr. J. P. Gilchrist, Federal Reserve Bank

in connection with the disposition of Japanese contraband, it was agreed tentatively as follows:

(a) Federal Security Agency will instruct its representatives at every U. S. Employment Service office in the Western Defense Command of the contents of Proclamation No. 3 and of the contents of a proclamation to be issued directing Japanese as to the method of contraband disposition.

(b) Federal Security Agency will instruct its employment service office representatives to accept contraband from Japanese and to prepare receipts in duplicate, delivering one to the owner, retaining one. The Agency will further instruct these representatives to arrange with local warehouse companies to pick up the contraband, store it, and issue a covering warehouse receipt for the items stored.

(c) Mr. Tom Clark has agreed to arrange for constructive possession to be taken by the appropriate United States Marshalls. These Marshalls would take possession of receipts, including warehouse receipts; probably U. S. Employment Service office representatives should be instructed to mail these receipts to the nearest United States Marshall.

2. As I understand it the Alien Property Custodian will be responsible for absorbing the cost of warehousing and other incidentals involved in storage and at the proper time will vest title to the property described in the several warehouse receipts in the name of the United States.

3. I am delivering a copy of this memorandum to all of the persons described above. It is understood that no enforcement responsibility will be imposed by this arrangement upon the U. S. Employment Service officers. A proclamation will be prepared this date and copies will be supplied all concerned at the first opportunity.

Karl R. Bendetsen
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff,
Civil Affairs Division

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Translation of Telegram received from the Portland Branch

March 28, 1942

PRONTO

Information in our hands indicates voluntary evacuation deadline has been extended to midnight Sunday. Can you affirm. Also are permits dated prior to deadline sufficient to allow departure Monday or thereafter. Have several urgent cases awaiting answer.

DAVIS

Copy routed to Armstrong-WPD

Copy delivered to Mr. Hale

To be handled by Mr. Everson-2

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Copy of Telegram to Portland Branch March 28, 1942

Ketel voluntary evacuation deadline is midnight Sunday, March 29, All travel permits issued before deadline expire midnight Sunday.

MANGELS

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE

Date: March 27, 1942

Subject: Contraband Items

Reference is made to your letter of March 25, 1942 commenting on instruction letter No. 7.

Since we are not at the present time maintaining field offices in this zone other than the one in Portland, we have not been able in the short time at our disposal to obtain information regarding the situation outside of this city except such information as was obtained from the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the United States Marshall's Office. Neither the Portland Police nor the two other offices just mentioned would comment as to whether or not the contraband held by them represents substantially all of such contraband which should have been turned in under the previous order. However, from the volume reported it would be our opinion that the items collected might represent a substantial portion of such items.

Listed below is a list of such items now in the hands of the law enforcement officers whom we have contacted.

The United States Marshall's Office

Rifles and Shotguns -	38
Pistols -	24
Swords -	6
Radios -	18
Kodaks -	30

Also miscellaneous assortment of ammunition and small articles.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Guns of all kinds -	108
Cameras -	130
Radios -	55

City of Portland Police as of January 1, 1942

People depositing contraband

Japanese -	293	
German -	70	
Italian -	80	
Austrian -	11	
Poland -	2	Total 456

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Items Deposited

Rifles -	76)	
Shotguns -	56)	169
Small Arms -	37)	
Knives -	6	
Swords -	3	
Binoculars -	1	
Cameras -	511	
Projectors -	1	
Misc. Equipment -	17	
Radios -	145	
Short wave parts Statements -	41	
Radio Coils, etc.-	99	Total 993

Since January 1, 1942 additional items numbering perhaps 100 or 150 have been turned in. The Chief of Portland Police estimates that about 10% of the total of the items turned in were obtained from German aliens; about 10% from Italian aliens, and about 80% by Japanese.

(Signed) Davis
Managing Director.

COPY

PORTLAND

March 26, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

We are enclosing three copies each of the following for your information:

1. Bulletin No. 2 - March 16, 1942
   Japanese Population and Number of Japanese Family Heads in Arizona by Minor Civil Divisions: 1940

2. Bulletin No. 3 - March 16, 1942
   Japanese Population and Number of Japanese Family Heads in California by Minor Civil Divisions: 1940

3. Bulletin No. 4 - March 16, 1942
   Japanese Population and Number of Japanese Family Heads in Washington by Minor Civil Divisions: 1940

4. Bulletin No. 5 - March 16, 1942
   Japanese Population and Number of Japanese Family Heads in Oregon by Minor Civil Divisions: 1940

Bulletin No. 1 is being revised by the Wartime Civil Control Administration and will be forwarded to you later, upon its receipt.

(Signed) R.E.Everson
Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures
ARMSTRONG:GH

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

Copied March 26/42

Translated by

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Everson

Copy delivered to Mr.

Hale

To be handled by Mr.

Armstrong-EPD
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Retel, we have no field representatives but have written U.S. Employment Service officers at Astoria Marshfield, Oregon City, Salem, in Oregon and Longview Washington offering to send representatives whenever occasion warrants. Similar message was left at the Hood River Oregon office and our representative recently visited there. Employees in Portland office of Evacuee Property Department follow: M. N. Crouch, Manager, E. V. Risberg, Assistant Manager, D.P. Hemingway, H. G. Nieman, Virginia Farnsworth, MacMachron

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PORTLAND

March 25, 1942

Please provide us with names of your Field Representatives in various U. S. Employment Service offices and in your own office. We are requested by Federal Security Agency here to obtain this information.

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TO ALL BRANCHES

March 25, 1942

Contraband Items

Our Instruction Letter No. 7

The subject of Contraband Items, as mentioned in our Instruction Letter No. 7, dated March 25, is one that has not as yet come to a definite conclusion. However, as the possibility exists that we might be called upon to take custody of such items, we are anxious to receive the information requested in the above mentioned letter as early as possible.

reply 3/27/42

We therefore ask that as soon as the reports are received from the Field Representatives in your zone, a recapitulation be made and forwarded to this office.

(Signed) W. M. HALE

Vice-President

3/24/42

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Portland Branch

TO: HEAD OFFICE

SUBJECT: EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period March 13, 1942 to March 20, 1942 inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
3-17-42 to 3-18-42	Hood River Hotel Building Hood River, Oregon.

3. Number of Persons Interviewed in Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in Other Figures)
114	292	152

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None.

S. A. MAC EACHRON
Assistant Manager

COPY OF TELEGRAM

TO: PORTLAND

March 23, 1942

Reurtel 23. You should include interviews held in offices outside of Portland even though you do not maintain a representative. You should not include interviews in Portland office unless handled by Evacuee Property Department.

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COPY OF INCOMING TELEGRAM

FROM: PORTLAND BRANCH March 23, 1942

Copy routed to
Mr. Everson

Retel March 20 re report for Treasury Department. Shall we include interviews held in offices outside of Portland where we do not maintain a representative? Data can be readily obtained. Also shall we include all interviews in Portland office whether or not referred to Evacuee Department.

MacEachron

Handled by:
Armstrong

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PORTLAND

March 21, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

RET' ... R.H.B. ARMSTRONG

MAR 22 1942

For your information we are enclosing a copy of a letter dated March 18, 1942 received from Mr. Ray Sato, Parkdale, Oregon, and a copy of our today's reply.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

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Copy to Salt Lake City for their information.

PORTLAND

March 21, 1942

Evacuee Property Department.
Special Blocked Property.

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 4, dated March 20, on this subject. In this letter we have attempted to emphasize that Field Representatives should not assume the responsibility of designating "Special Blocked Property". However, this power should be exercised by you when in your discretion it is necessary. The exceptional complicated cases should be referred to Head Office in instances where time will permit.

The Instruction Letter indicates the number of copies that should be made of each form. However, it is requested that, if necessary, additional copies be made in order that you might furnish Head Office with one copy of Forms EP 1, EP 2 and EP 4, and two copies of EP 3. TFE-1 (Revised) should be submitted to Head Office, in triplicate, in the usual manner. You will observe that Forms EP 1 and EP 2 come in sets of three and the blue forms should be used for any extra copies necessary.

Special Instruction March 20/42

For your information, we are enclosing a copy of a memorandum from the Army, covering the proposed procedure to be followed in the evacuation of Bainbridge Island, in order that you might anticipate problems which will occur at the time areas in your zone are evacuated.

Registers for Forms EP 4, Petition for Blocking under Special Regulation No. 1, EP 1, Posting Notice No... Special Blocked Property, and EP 2, Mail Notice, designating Special Blocked Property, are being prepared by us and will be forwarded to you as quickly as possible. In the interim, however, a temporary Register should be maintained.

It is our intention to include on the Register, for Form EP 4, Petition for Blocking under Special Regulation No. 1., columns which will indicate the date that EP 3, Memorandum of Agreement and Settlement, and Form TFE-1 (Revised), are received by the Federal Reserve Bank.

A separate series of numbers should be used for each of the forms on which a Register will be kept, and you should use "P" as a prefix for all numbers assigned in your office.

Vice-President.

Adj. File Reports

Telegram to Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland

Copy to Salt Lake City for information only

March 20, 1942

Treasury Department requests we provide wire report each Monday as follows:
1. Number and locations of Evacuee Property Offices operating during week.
2. List of communities visited by Field Representatives of Department and dates of visits, including those to "secondary" field offices.
3. Number of persons interviewed at each office or contacted in each community (where one person represents a group, record as one person, but also indicate number represented).
4. Total of powers of attorney accepted at each office and each visit during week, giving general description of type of property covered.

Please provide us with such report for your zone to reach us early each Monday for compilation of similar report for entire District. Your report should be as of close of business each Friday. First report to be received here Monday March 23, 1942 or as soon thereafter as possible should cover period from beginning of operation.

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PORTLAND

MARCH 19 1942

Re letter March 17 1942 believe Federal Security Agency representatives available to you and field offices can answer questions regarding availability of other areas to evacuees and arrange for employment and similar questions

Everson

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Portland

March 1[illegible], 1942

Evacuee Property Department

For your information, we are forwarding by mail to each field office in Head Office zone, for the attention of the representative selected there, a supply of stationery, sample interview forms, etc., together with information now available consisting of the following materials:

1. Letter to branches dated March 11, 1942, together with enclosures comprising:
   a. Suggested Program of Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Other Agencies,
   b. Memorandum of General Principles as between the Federal Reserve Bank and Treasury Department,
   c. Press Release dated March 10, 1942,
   d. General Questions and Answers,
   e. Interview Memorandum Form,
   f. Printed Memorandum of Functions and Operations of Evacuee Property Department.
2. General License No. 42.
3. General License No. 68A with Paragraph 6 deleted.
4. Mr. Day's letter of March 14, 1942, addressed to certain banks in Military Areas.
5. List of banks receiving such letters from Mr. Day.
6. Memorandum of field offices established in Head Office zone.
7. Memorandum showing representation of the Federal Security Agency, Farm Security Administration, and ourselves in field offices and offices in Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle.

As additional pertinent circulars, press releases, and similar material, are released, we will send copies to Head Office field offices and, likewise, forward a supply to you, so that you may make distribution to your representatives.

All correspondence originating in field offices should be signed over the title "Field Representative".

Cashier.

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Portland

March 19, 1942

ALL BRANCHES

Evacuee Property Department

We are forwarding to you, under separate cover, a supply of "Power of Attorney" forms, Numbers Mis. 233, 234, 235 and 236. You will observe that the two former numbers are to be used in appointing the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco attorney-in-fact for the evacuee, one form being for the use of individuals and partnerships and the other for a corporation. These forms should not be distributed and no power of attorney appointing the Federal Reserve Bank should be accepted pending further instructions from this office.

The other two forms, namely, Mis. 235 and 236, have been prepared and are for the use of evacuees in appointing attorneys-in-fact other than the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. These forms have been prepared merely for convenience of the evacuee, and are, therefore, suggested forms to be used at his option. These latter forms may be distributed to anyone requesting a supply. They are being distributed to field representatives in Head Office zone with our Instruction Letter No. 1, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

A supply of the instruction letter is being sent you, so that you may place it, together with the Power of Attorney forms Nos. 235 and 236, in the hands of the field representatives in your zone.

It is planned to handle in a similar manner instructions which must be given all field agents in the future.

C a s h i e r

Enclosure

PORTLAND

March 18, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

We are enclosing two copies of a letter from Miss Alberta Hall dated March 16, 1942, and our today's reply, both being self-explanatory.

It is our thought that you may desire to transmit one copy of each to the Field Representative of the Evacuee Property Department at Medford, Oregon.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

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March 18, 1942

Miss Alberta Hall,
519 South Central Avenue,
Medford, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 15, 1942 calling attention to the possible need of K. Yamashita and his wife and granddaughter for some special consideration in connection with the evacuation program.

We understand that there may be set up some procedure for considering special hardship cases, but are not informed as to what the policy will be in that respect.

It is suggested that you contact the representative of the Bureau of Public Assistance of the Federal Security Agency, who, we believe, may be found at 45 North Fir Street, Medford, in the office of the U.S. Employment Service. Should it happen that there is no representative there at the present time, and you have an opportunity to communicate with a similar representative at Portland, such a representative may be located at the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank in the Porter Building, Portland, Oregon.

Copies of your letter and of our reply are being forwarded to both of those offices for their information.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Evacuee Property Dept. ✓
Portland Branch

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dept.
Medford, Oregon.

Armstrong:gh

COPY

Medford, Oregon
March 16, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank,
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

We are asking you what steps may be taken in the case of K. Yamashita, wife and granddaughter of twelve years. Their address is 516 South Central, Medford, Oregon.

The man and wife were both born in Japan, the granddaughter in Seattle.

The Yamashitas have lived here for thirty years or more.

The husband has been employed as janitor. For years he worked for Farmers and Fruit Growers Bank until it was taken into the branch of U. S. National and also worked for the U. S. National when it was known as The Medford National. He has always been well respected and liked by his employers. Too, he has contributed generously to the Red Cross, Community Chests and other charities. Not just recently but through many years.

He is past seventy three years and his wife in the late sixties.

His wife is and has been quite ill. She has been almost an invalid for years and the husband has paid thousands of dollars for operations and medical care for her. She suffers from asthma, stomach and other ills.

We know two reliable doctors here who will gladly sign affidavits to her condition and that she should not be moved.

We do not know if it has been definitely decided to move all nationals from this area, but we would like to know just what steps can be taken to permit this family of three to remain in their home?

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For a man who has labored hard all these years, taken excellent care of his family and never, throughout his life, been in any kind of trouble there should be some consideration, even though his wife were not ill.

With us this is purely a humanitarian effort in their behalf. As to this fact, also as to our reliability I can refer you to Mr. George Fray, manager of Medford Branch of the U. S. National Bank. He also knows this family and I am sure would gladly help them in any way he could.

Should you be unable to give us the desired advice we will greatly appreciate the favor if you will put this communication in the hands of persons who may let us know just what steps should be taken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ (Miss) Alberta Hall
E. B. Hall
519 South Central Ave.
Medford, Oregon

March 18, 1942

ALL BRANCHES
Evacuee Property Department

Enclosed is a letter which we have directed today to all of our Field Representatives, together with the enclosure described. It will be noted that we have instructed our Field Representatives operating out of this zone to sign correspondence as such.

Additional supplies of the enclosure are going forward to you for your Field Representatives.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosures

March 18, 1942

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a memorandum showing the various offices within the States of Washington, Oregon and California, of the U. S. Employment Service, staffed or to be staffed with Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

It is requested that all of your correspondence be signed with your signature over the title "Field Representative".

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure

COPY OF INCOMING TELEGRAM

from: PORTLAND BRANCH March 17, 1942

Routed to

Armstrong

Copy to:

Clerk
Hale
Earhart

Handled by

Everson

U. S. National requests copies for branches of your Evacuee Property Department memorandum of functions, etc., dated March 11. Their branches being instructed from Head Office but it occurs to us that if you have already sent the banks and branches in this zone the memorandum referred to it should be sufficient.

Davis

Dept 35
3/17/42
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COPY OF TELEGRAM

TO: PORTLAND

March 16, 1942

Retel March 13. Office Price Administration states aliens owning 1942 passenger automobiles may sell under Regulation Order A-2 effective March 2, 1942 without restriction to a dealer; also to any individual provided last named holds certificate of eligibility.

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Translation of Telegram Received

FROM: Portland Branch March 13, 1942

State Tire Rationing Board states it has no authority to permit sale of 1942 authomobile owned by person included in Public Proclamation No. 1 and suggests you confer with Rationing Control Headquarters in San Francisco to determine whether special order covering such cases can be issued. Undue hardship will result unless sale is permitted. Please advise decision.

MacEachron

Routed to Mr. Everson
Copy to Mr. Hale
Handled by Mr. Armstrong

3/16/42 answered

directed to file
Armstrong /s/

GF

COPY OF TELEGRAM

To: PORTLAND

March 16, 1942

Present evacuation program contemplates establishingfollowing field offices at present locations of U. S. Employment Service:

Astoria	14th & Duane Streets
Hood River	Hood River Hotel Building
Marshfield	156 Curtis Avenue
Oregon City	Room 8, Courthouse
Salem	710 Ferry Street

Staff will consist of:

1. Federal Security Agency representative to interview all evacuees in first instance disposing of problems such as transportation evacuee permits, and approval of areas selected by evacuees for new residence, and refer evacuee to other representatives, if necessary.

2. Farm Security Administration representative to confer on and dispose of agricultural problems and possibly to extend necessary financing to evacuee or his agent for current needs where not otherwise available.

3. F.R.B. Evacuee Property Department representative.

Representative of each of the other two organizations will be established in your office in Portland. Walter Cline of Farm Security Administration at Portland will contact you for that agency.

Will telephone concerning this later today.

HALE

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

To: PORTLAND

March 16, 1942

Under present plans it will not be necessary to staff Astoria, Medford, Oregon City, or Salem immediately for Evacuee Property Department service as they can subsequently be handled from other offices. This likewise holds true of Longview which will be serviced from your zone and of Camp Sherman where periodical service will be needed. Marshfield has been eliminated.

HALE

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

TO: PORTLAND

March 16, 1942

Federal Security Agency advises that Lee Stoll, Oregon State Director U. S. Employment Service, 1135 Washington Street, Portland, will be instructed to contact your office in behalf Federal Security Agency regarding problems in your zone.

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PORTLAND ✓

March 16, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Ltr Day Later

We are enclosing a copy of a letter which was sent to certain banks in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. The banks in question are set forth on the accompanying list which is segregated by zone and by county.

The enclosures are being forwarded to our Seattle and Los Angeles Branches. Copies are also going forward to Salt Lake City., for its information.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure

HDA/bl

List enclosed in Banks Folder

PORTLAND March 14, 1942

Retel March 13, 1942 regarding status of Germans and Italians who have applied for second papers and also those who are awaiting final papers.

Army informs us that these classifications of persons remain aliens under Public Proclamation No. 1 until naturalization proceedings have actually been completed. While they are aliens we should perhaps be cautious about advising immediate disposition of their properties in connection with evacuation proceedings because as practical matter forced evacuation of German and Italian aliens may not be imminent.

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From PORTLAND BRANCH

To

March 13,1942

Received and Translated

Checked

REFERRED BY MR. H.D. ARMSTRONG TO MR. Morgan MAR 14 1942

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Slade

Copy delivered to Mr.

To be handled by Mr.

Morrill-2

Are following Germans and Italians classified as aliens under Public Proclamation No. 1.

1- Those who have applied for second papers.

2- Those who are awaiting final papers.

MacEachron

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Subject file -
Who are aliens.

Function and Unit Number

(For information only)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mim. 75-5-41 (3)

Portland

March 14, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Inquiry by L. G. Dawson, Chemult, Oregon.

We enclose copy of inquiry together with our reply thereto.

R. E. E.

Tyler:JM

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures Letter dated 3-9 Dawson

COPY

Chemult, Oregon.
12, March 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

In the final round up of alien farms for sale I would be interested in a small garden or fruit ranch, I doubt very much if the Japanese will ever be allowed by the people to settle back on the coast again, they have been too much a thorn in the side of California farmers and working men.

Its probably too early now to know what will be up but you could keep me on your prospective list.

Respectfully yours.

(signed - L. G. Dawson)

I have had several years experience farming irrigated ranches in California.

L.G.D.

COPY

March 14, 1942

Mr. L. G. Dawson,
Chemult, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 12, 1942, relating to your interest in the purchase of a small garden or fruit ranch.

For the purpose of clarifying your understanding of our position, we might say that we are not acting in the capacity of Alien Property Custodian, which office has otherwise been filled, but are endeavoring to lend full assistance to the evacuees in advising and assisting them in matters relating to the equitable disposition of their properties in connection with the evacuation program.

We are forwarding to the Portland, Oregon Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank a copy of your inquiry and our reply thereto, so that they may be conversant with your interest in the event you should find it more convenient to communicate with them in the future.

We will be pleased to hold available in our files the fact of your interest and will communicate with you should occasion present itself.

Yours very truly,

(signed - R.E.E.)

Assistant Cashier

Tyler:JM

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

CROSS INDEX

3/12 1942

Description of Document Cross-Indexed:

Letter to all Branches

Re Documents for R.P. Department

Filed General Files (See mimeographed letter in circular file -)

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Description of Document Cross-Indexed:

Letter to all Branches

Re. Title Cards of Foreclosed Property
Dept'l organization

Filed Organization, H.O. & Branches

PORTLAND

April 30, 1942

Local Quartermaster Corps is purchasing Japanese food stocks including those of Japanese origin for Assembly Centers, having obtained Washington approval of purchase of goods of foreign origin. We understand that they are prepared to purchase odd retail stocks as well as wholesale stocks of needed items on negotiated basis.

Purchases for both Oregon and Washington are made by Commander Seattle Quartermaster Depot, Colonel C. O. Thrasher. If you have Japanese food stocks to move, suggest you either contact him direct or through Seattle Branch.

EVERSON

Armstrong:gh

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EXTRA COPY

Portland

April 29, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
(Parking Facilities at Assembly Centers)

The Wartime Civil Control Administration has expressed considerable concern in the problem of parking motor vehicles at the Assembly Centers, for the reason that in some instances it would use up the only recreation areas available for the evacuees of the camp.

In a telephone conversation with Colonel Evans of the local headquarters of the WCCA, he informed us that the number of motor vehicles which might be stored at each Assembly Center without seriously reducing recreation space, are as follows:

Assembly Centers	Number of Cars
Pomona	450
Santa Anita	2400
Puyallup	300
Portland	1000
Turlock	525
Merced	1000
Fresno	1500
Pinedale	2000
Salinas	150
Marysville	500
Sacramento	1500
Stockton	200
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Tanforan	200
Tulare	1000

In view of the above, it will be necessary to be in constant touch with representatives at Assembly Centers, and as soon as it appears that the number of motor vehicles to be parked will exceed those listed above, it will be necessary for the offices of this bank to make some arrangements for further parking. While it would seem that in some instances, such facilities might be obtained in the vicinity of the Assembly Centers, in other instances discretion might dictate that it would be more desirable to use space available in the vicinity of the Civil Control Stations.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

All Branches Portland

April 28, 1942.

EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

WCCA FORM FRB-2

In our letter dated April 9, 1942 which superseded that portion of our letter of March 29, 1942 relating to the surrender of the original of the above form to the War Relocation Authority, we requested that the copy of the form be forwarded to us for transmission to the War Relocation Authority, requesting that the copy forwarded be conformed with that which was forwarded to the evacuee.

In our wire dated April 25, 1942 we requested that the War Relocation Authority's copy of the form be held in your office pending further clarification of the procedure in the hope that we would be able to make arrangements for you to transmit your copies to the representative of the War Relocation Authority in your zone without the necessity of forwarding through this office.

Final details have not yet been worked out with the War Relocation Authority but they are requesting that, pending final determination, copies of WCCA Form FRB-2 be transmitted to the War Relocation Authority's office in San Francisco as each Evacuation Project is completed.

It will therefore be appreciated if, pending further developments, you will forward to us the copies of this form intended for War Relocation Authority as soon as available after the conclusion of each Evacuation Project. We will in turn transmit them to the local office of War Relocation Authority.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

COPY

TO: PORTLAND April 25, 1942

Evacuee Property Department (Warehousing arrangement)

Your letter April 21, 1942

We are enclosing executed copy of agreement with the Oregon Transfer Company, which has now been impressed with the seal of this bank, to be exchanged for the executed copy now held by the Oregon Transfer Company, which will be forwarded for the completion of our files.

There is also enclosed a copy of the agreement for your files and two copies of the lease between Grace J. Burnett and Oregon Transfer Company, one of which will be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

The initial payment on the contract of $3,500.00 should be included in your billings for the current month. Accordingly, the entire payment should be charged to Current Expense at this time for inclusion in your monthly transfer of reimbursable expenses.

(s) M

Assistant Cashier

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GENERAL FILE

COPY

LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND
SEATTLE

April 25, 1942

The War Relocation Authority copy of WCCA Form FRB-2 should be held in your office pending further clarification of procedure now under consideration with that agency. As the last known address of the evacuee will ordinarily be the Assembly Center the receipted copy intended for him may be forwarded as soon as convenient.

EVERSON

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EXTRA COPIES Portland

April 25, 1942

PROCURING PAYMENT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD TO THE ARMY

We are enclosing a specimen copy of Form EPM 10, Schedule of Motor Vehicles Delivered, which should be prepared and attached to Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than Personal, Form 1034. A supply of Forms EPM 10 should be mimeographed by you as required, the enclosed copy being intended only as a guide in preparing the schedules.

Voucher Form 1034 should be prepared in quadruplicate, one white and three yellow copies, of which the original (white) and two yellow copies should be submitted and one yellow copy retained for your files. The voucher should be filled in as follows: on the first line following the initials "U. S.", insert the single word "War"; on the next line, the name of your city and date. As (Payee) show the name of your branch as Fiscal Agent of the United States and on the next line, your address. In the body of the form under "No. and Date of Order", insert "Ex. Order No. 9066, February 19, 1942". As "Date of Delivery" in the second column, insert the date shown on the schedule. Under "Articles or Services", insert "_____ Motor Vehicles as per Schedule Attached" and enter the amount of all supporting schedules following the word "Total". However, if schedules covering deliveries made on more than one date are covered by one voucher, they should be listed separately on the voucher, showing each date of delivery and the number of vehicles and amount of each such schedule. The certificate in the left center of the form should, of course, be signed in the name of your branch on the original copy only.

The schedule, Form EPM 10, should also be prepared in quadruplicate, one copy to be attached to each of the copies of Form 1034 submitted and one copy retained for your files. The receipt of the Quartermaster Corps representative who takes delivery of the motor vehicles need be obtained only on your file copy of the schedule.

Voucher Forms 1034, with supporting schedules, should be delivered to the local liaison officer of the Quartermaster Corps, who will forward them through the regular channels for payment. Payment will be made by check forwarded direct to you which should be credited to "Sundry Items Receivable -- Advances Account Evacuee Property Department", as outlined in our letter of April 24, 1942.

Enclosure

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

AIR MAIL

PORTLAND

April 24, 1942

Proposed Evacuation Operations

C.E. Order #25 + 26

We are enclosing two copies of memorandums covering two proposed evacuation operations in your zone for your information. These projects are still in a confidential stage and under the usual procedure the Exclusion Orders will not be forthcoming until a later date. However, undoubtedly you should stay in close contact with the U.S. Employment Service people whose responsibility it will be to establish the Civil Control Stations, in order to keep informed on future developments.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

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April 24, 1942

Disposition of Motor Vehicles Eligible
For Purchase by the Army

In our letter of April 22nd, 1942 and other communications previous thereto, we have outlined the procedure for the appraisal of motor vehicles and the execution of Form EP 6, where the legal owner is other than the evacuee.

When these steps have been completed and a car has been designated for sale to the Army, the car may be released to the Quartermaster Corps representative and a charge should be made to "Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" for the sale price and the amount credited to the account of the evacuee in accordance with the accounting procedure outlined in a separate letter today.

If the legal owner is other than the evacuee, necessitating the liquidation of the indebtedness against the vehicle, an Evacuee Property Department check should be drawn to the legal owner for the amount of the settlement balance and the ownership certificate, properly endorsed by the legal owner, acquired. You should endorse the certificate in the evacuee's name and countersign as agent in the place provided for registered owner.

If the evacuee is the legal owner, the ownership certificate will previously have been acquired and the above entries should be functioned upon designation of the car for sale. If the certificate was not properly endorsed at the time of surrender you should supply the necessary endorsement as above outlined.

The ownership certificate, registration certificate, and the license plates should be delivered to the nearest office of the Division of Motor Vehicles for cancellation, accompanied by conformed copies of WCCA Form FRE-3 and WCCA Form FRE-4. The Department of Motor Vehicles will issue a receipt for the documents and plates surrendered.

The balance due the evacuee should be disbursed by Evacuee Property Department check as provided in the accounting procedure.

We were hopeful that we would be in a position to inform you at this time of the procedure to be followed in procuring reimbursement for cars sold. However, we have not yet been informed by the Quartermaster Corps as to voucher forms and other details required in obtaining reimbursement, or as to what form of receipt will be given us for the cars. We will advise you in these respects as soon as possible.

(signed) C. E. Earhart

Cashier

ALL April 24, 1942

Receipts and Disbursements of Funds Account Evacuees

The following procedure should be observed in accounting for receipts and disbursements of funds handled by this bank for account of evacuees.

The following new subsidiary accounts should be opened by the Accounting Department of the office concerned:

"Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds"
"Officers' and Certified Checks - Evacuee Property Department Checks"
"Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" (9013)

The Accounting Department should maintain only a control sheet for "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds." "Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" should be carried in the subsidiary ledger in the usual manner. The central office of the Evacuee Property Department in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle should maintain a subsidiary ledger for "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds" made up of the individual evacuee accounts and a control sheet, and a ledger record for the "Sundry Items Receivable" account. This latter record, if confined to purchases of automobiles by the War Department and no further segregation is required, need consist only of a ledger sheet in the name of the War Department reflecting details of all transactions therein. A commercial ledger sheet form has been provided for the subsidiary ledger of "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds" and a supply has been forwarded to you. If you do not have or cannot procure locally a suitable binder for these ledger sheets, please inform us. In entering the name and address of the evacuee, the family number should also be shown in the upper right corner of the ledger sheet. A new form of officers' check, known as Evacuee Property Department checks, has been provided for disbursements of evacuee funds and a supply of these checks also has been forwarded to you.

All entries in connection with evacuee accounts should originate with the Evacuee Property Department. Individual entries to "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds" should be prepared for any funds received for evacuee accounts. Should cash be received, it should be deposited with the appropriate office of this bank against receipt on a teller's cash entry. The entries for funds received and credited would be as follows:

Debit - "Appropriate Account"

Credit - "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds"
(List on blotter as "Credits to Banks")

If necessary to advance funds for the account of an evacuee, such as payment for an automobile which is being purchased by the War Department, the following entries should be prepared on Interior Office Entry Form AC90:

Debit - "Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" (9013)
(List on blotter as "Items on Us")

Credit - "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds"
(List on blotter as "Credits to Banks")

Disbursements should be made by the new check form, copies 2 and 3 of which should be used for the following entries:

Debit - "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds"
(List on blotter as "Debits to Banks")

Credit - "Officers' and Certified Checks - Evacuee Property Department Checks"
(List on blotter as "Items on Us")

Upon receipt of payment from the War Department, the following entries should be functioned:

Debit - "Appropriate Account"

Credit - "Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" (9013)
(List on blotter as "Items on Us")

All entries, checks, etc. should be listed on a blotter by the Evacuee Property Department. This may be a separate EPD blotter to be recapitulated and included in the sign-off at the end of the day or, if desired, it may be run by the Evacuee Property Department but delivered to and included in one of the regular bank blotters.

Individual entries to the "Sundry Items Receivable" and the "Other Deposits" accounts, including copies 2 of the check form, should be recapitulated in each case on the reverse of a single entry which should be completed for the total of each group and such recapitulation entries listed on the blotter. The controls in the Evacuee Property Department should be posted from these recapitulation entries before they are routed. This will

permit the retention of the individual entries in the Evacuee Property Department for subsequent posting to the subsidiary records. All entries and other items listed on the blotter should be routed in the usual manner. Recapitulation entries to "Other Deposits - Evacuee Funds" should be posted to the Accounting Department control sheet and recapitulation entries to "Sundry Items Receivable - Advances Account Evacuee Property Department" should be posted to that account in the subsidiary ledger. Credits to "Officers' and Certified Checks - Evacuee Property Department Checks", copies 3 of the check form, received by the Items on Us Register keeper should be listed on the proof sheet, Mis. 206B, and the total included in the total credit to "Officers' and Certified Checks." The credit copies should then be filed and subsequently attached to the checks when paid.

A memorandum should be prepared by the Evacuee Property Department of the balances shown by its controls at the close of each day and delivered to the Accounting Department for verification to the accounts maintained by the latter department. The individual entries may be posted to the evacuees' accounts the following morning and the ledger proved to the balance shown by the control.

The accounting instructions outlined above have been prepared without having available complete information as to the way in which settlements may be necessary. Should you have cases or circumstances for which the accounting seems inadequate, please inform us.

(Signed) C. E. Earhart

Cashier.

COPY

Wire to PORTLAND April 24, 1942

Liaison officer for Army in connection with Motor Vehicle Purchase Plan representing Army in your zone is Lt. Col. Edward O. Wolfe, Automotive Officer, 44th Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. He will receive his orders from headquarters at San Francisco. Suggest you contact him in connection with appraisals and subsequent transactions with Army relating to motor vehicles.

EVERSON

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EXTRA COPY Portland

April 24, 1942.

Storage of property not fitted for use in resettlement areas.

Following is the substance of a memorandum from Mr. Hale to Colonel Bendetsen dated April 14, 1942, and the substance of Colonel Bendetsen's reply memorandum dated April 22, 1942, regarding the foregoing:

Mr. Hale's Memorandum:

"1. From time to time this bank is requested by Japanese evacuees to accept for storage special types of property which might not be appropriate for use in areas where evacuees are finally resettled.

2. Typically, we have received a request from the North American Shinto Temple, Los Angeles, to arrange for the storage of a memorial shrine to President Washington and President Lincoln, which is presently installed in the temple itself. The shrine is fourteen feet square and was built at a cost of approximately $3,000.00. The temple and, of course, the shrine within it are situated on land owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The temple building has been sold to the Catholic church and will be moved, but the shrine was not included in the sale.

3. Other avenues for the disposition of this property have been and are continuing to be explored by our representatives.

4. This situation, while unique as to the specific type of property involved, is nevertheless typical of many cases coming before this bank.

5. It would be appreciated if we were given some guide as to the wishes of the Military Authorities on the question whether it is felt that the storage of such types of property should be permitted at government expense."

Colonel Bendetsen's Memorandum:

"1. Reference is made to your memorandum of April 14, 1942, with respect to the above subject, which arrived during my absence in Washington.

2. Responsive to the questions presented by you, you are advised that storage of property not fitted for use in connection with relocation is desired and authorized wherever provision can be reasonably made therefor. The case in reference cited by you is one falling within the authorization for storage."

We believe the foregoing will be self-explanatory.

Assistant Cashier.

COPY

Referred by Mr. Earhart to Mr. Everson, April 24, 1942.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE Date: April 23, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE: WCCA Form FRB-2

The instructions contained in your letter of March 29, 1942 provide that the Federal Reserve Bank will deliver the original copy of the personal property form (WCCA Form FRB-2) to the War Relocation Authority present in the Civil Control Office.

Paragraph three of your letter dated April 9, 1942 provides that this office transmit to you copies of this form to which will be added the following clause; "The above items consist of _____ individual units", in order that this form may in turn be forwarded by you to the War Relocation Authority.

Please inform us if it is intended that the original copy of this form referred to in your letter of March 29th should be transmitted to your office for this purpose, or is it intended that we retain the original copy in this office for transmittal by us to the War Relocation Authority and that an extra copy be prepared by us and forwarded to you for your purpose.

/s/ S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

4/25- Answered by wire

Directed to File

by Everson

PORTLAND

April 23, 1942

Memo from [illegible] Federal Sec Agency 4/23/42

Federal Security Agency advises us of the establishment of two Civil Control Stations in Portland as follows:

1. Salvation Army Headquarters Building, 20 So. West 6th Ave., Manager, Roy Stuart

2. Navy Post American Legion Hall, 128 No. East Russell Street, Manager, Cletus McDonough.

We have been provided no further information on any prospective evacuation operations in your zone but are merely passing this on for your information and so that you may contact Federal Security Agency people there in order to keep in touch with the situation.

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: APRIL 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department (Warehousing arrangements)

Attached is a signed copy of the agreement executed today in connection with the warehousing of Japanese goods.

We have today issued our expense check in the amount of $3,500.00 covering the initial payment as provided for in the above contract. Inasmuch as we prefer your advice as to the proper accounting procedure with respect to this payment, we have charged the entire amount to Deferred Charges. Of course, $1,500.00 of the amount should be charged to current rent and included in our Mis. 190 representing recoverable expenses for the current month. We should, however, like your instructions as to whether or not the remaining $2,000.00 should be charged currently direct to the rental account.

Since we do not have a seal in this office, neither the enclosed copy nor the one held by the Oregon Transfer Company have been impressed with the seal of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. The warehouse company would like to have the seal on its copy of the agreement. We suggest therefore, that the enclosed agreement form be completed in this respect and returned to us after which it will be exchanged for the copy now held by the Oregon Transfer Company which copy, will in turn, be forwarded to you.

Incidentally we do not have a copy of either this agreement nor the one between Oregon Transfer Company and the building owner in our file. Therefore, will you please conform one of the copies of the warehouse agreement how held by you and send it to us. Also if you will mail both copies of the lease agreement to us we will have them conformed to the original and thereafter return one copy to you for your files.

(s) G.A.MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE April 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Permit to Evacuees to leave Military Area No. 1

Reference is made to your letter of April 16, 1942, and to recent telephone conversations regarding Mr. Shigeno and family. This family was also the subject of our wire of April 4, 1942.

Please be advised that permits were today issued to Mr. Shigeno, his mother and two sisters to proceed to the ranch in Malheur County.

Needless to say, the Shigeno family were very happy and they all expressed their appreciation to us for assistance rendered in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 21, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Motor Vehicle Forms EPM 8 and EP 6

We are forwarding under separate cover a supply of Form EPM 8 "Instructions as to disposition of Motor Vehicle". This form was prepared for use in instances where the registered owner of a motor vehicle has requested that disposition be made contrary to that requested in the original instance on WCCA Form FRB-4 and consequently it is believed that the form will not be widely used. It will be observed that the form provides for the return of the original receipt given the Evacuee.

The form should be prepared in triplicate. The original and one copy should be retained by us and one copy given to the registered owner. Only one copy need be signed by the person receiving the car.

We are also enclosing under separate cover a supply of Form EP 6 "Statement of Indebtedness Owing to Legal Owner of Motor Vehicle". This form is intended for use in each case where the Evacuee has elected Alternative No. 2 for carrying out the Army purchase plan instructions. The confirmation by the Evacuee of the balance owing on the contract will eliminate the possibility of error in the statement submitted by the legal owner.

The upper portion of the form, which is prepared in triplicate, will be completed by this Bank and the original and duplicate forwarded to the legal owner for completion of the center portion of the form. The legal owner will retain the second copy and return the original to the office of this Bank concerned.

The Evacuee's confirmation will be obtained on the original. The yellow file copy will be retained by us at all times and no copy has been prepared for retention by the Evacuee.

We intend to have a representative of this Bank at each Assembly Center to whom the statement may be forwarded for the purpose of obtaining the Evacuee's confirmation.

An appraisal form is in the course of preparation and instructions regarding appraisers will be forwarded to you in the near future.

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: April 18, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period April 11, 1942 to April 17, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
4-15-42	U. S. Employment Service, 710 Ferry St., Salem, Oregon. (Also Community of Brooks, Oregon)

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in Other Figures)
188	307	302

Number of Persons Interviewed at Salem and Brooks, Oregon.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
9	15

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(signed) S. A. MacEachron
Assistant Manager

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE April 18, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department, Instruction Letter No.9

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

Please be advised that for the period April 11 to 17th, inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

(Signed) S. MacEACHRON

Assistant Manager

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TO: HEAD OFFICE

April 18, 1942.

SUBJECT: Adequacy of WCCA Form FRB-4 for Title Transfer Purposes

REFERENCE: Your letter April 14, 1942.

In response to our inquiry of April 15, 1942, Mr. Earl Snell, Secretary of State, informs us that the authority conveyed to us by WCCA Form FRB 3 and 4 will be adequate so far as his office is concerned.

A copy of Mr. Snell's letter is enclosed for the completion of your files.

(Signed) S. A. Eachron

Assistant Manager.

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EARL SNELL
Secretary of State
Salem, Oregon

April 16, 1942.

Mr. S. A. MacEachron, Ass't. Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. MacEachron:

This department will be pleased to accept forms WCCA FRB 4 as your authority to perform all functions necessary in connection with the transfer of ownership of or equity in motor vehicles now registered in the name of evacuees coming under the terms of Public Proclamation No. 1 issued by the Western Defense Command, as outlined in your letter of April 15th and accompenying document.

If convenient, we should appreciate receiving a few extra copies of your forms WCCA FRB 3 and 4 in order that they may be used to acquaint personnel of the motor vehicles division in the correct procedure in handling such transactions.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EARL SNELL

Secretary of State

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PORTLAND BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Portland, Oregon

April 18, 1942

REFERRED BY THE SECRETARY
TO ...

Hon. Earl Snell
Secretary of State
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Snell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 15, 1942, in reference to transfer of ownership of vehicles to or from Japanese aliens.

Your letter infers that Mr. Campbell of your Portland office was informed by us that there are no longer any restrictions on such transactions. Both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Peterson discussed the above matter with us, and we are sure they understand that in the event they are satisfied that a Japanese national is entitled to the privileges of Treasury Department General License No. 68A, such national is authorized to carry on normal business transactions, and it is in order to allow transfer of title to an automobile to or from such national. In the event that a Japanese national is not entitled to the privileges of General License No. 68A or has had his assets blocked by the Treasury Department, it is, of course, necessary that a specific license be obtained from the Treasury Department covering any transaction involving the blocked assets.

No doubt you have the above matters in mind, but we feel that it is desirable to state our position clearly so that there will not be any possibility of misunderstanding.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

cc: Head Office

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EARL SNELL
Secretary of State
Salem, Oregon

April 15, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank
Portland, Oregon

Attention: Mr. Crouse

Gentlemen:

Mr. Campbell of our Portland office informed us of your telephone call to him concerning the matter of transfers of ownership of vehicles either to or from Japanese aliens, and indicates there is no longer any restrictions on such transactions.

We were informed just yesterday by your Mr. Getz that such was the case and immediately proceeded to complete transactions where such issues were involved.

Thank you very much for supplying this information and assuring you of our full cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) Earl Snell

S:RH

Secretary of State

AIR MAIL

PORTLAND

April 17, 1942

Evacuee Property Department. Instruction Letter No. 9.

Your letter April 16, 1942

X to 7

As pointed out in our letter of April 7, we understand that the Farm Security Administration is reporting direct property transfers which have been handled by it. Obviously the transactions listed in the memorandum accompanying your letter of April 16 were handled by the Farm Security Administration and, no doubt, have been or will be passed on to Military Intelligence by that Agency.

We believe we should avoid duplicating such data, hence, do not believe that it will be necessary for you to continue providing reports on farm property transfer matters.

Assistant Cashier.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE April 16, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department, Instruction letter No. 9 and your letter April 7, 1942.

We are enclosing for transmittal to the Military Intelligence Division copy of report received from the Farm Security Administration for the period ending April 10, 1942.

S. MacEachron (signed)
Assistant Manager

COPY

LIST OF W.F.A. LOANS SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO AND DATE SENT

April 7, 1942

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April 8, 1942

N O N E

April 9, 1942

N O N E

April 10, 1942

_____ John J. Bushnell and Maudie L. Bushnell, Rte. 1, Tigard, Oregon. Taking over farm of Cheyoko Yoshihara. $8650.00

_____ Jesse and Myrtle Laws, Rte. 2, Ridgefield, Washington. Taking over farm of Ben Ishidia. $6500.00

_____ Frank and Helen Fay Lewis, Rte. 3, Hillsboro, Oregon. Taking over farm of Yoshio Usui. $5200.00

_____ Warren, Wahner, 433 Baseline St., Hillsboro, Oregon. Taking over farm of George Tsugawa. $1050.00

_____ Roy L. and Mina E. Renner, R.F.D., Cornelius, Oregon. Taking over farm of Maniro Wakasugi. $8150.00

_____ Leonard Spada, Rte. 4, Box 1071-A, Portland, Oregon. Taking over farm of T. Okazaki. $2625.00

_____ Fred & Velma E. Baker, Rte. 1, Box 1940, Portland, Oregon. Taking over farm of Yuike Kato. $3254.00

_____ Henry Wah Chin, 109 S.W. Pine St., Portland, Oregon. Taking over farm of Geo. Takoa. $3525.00

_____ Ray S. Kennear, Box 344, Gresham, Oregon. Taking over farm of T. Kato. $10,110.00

_____ Wayne T. Glover and Helen R. Glover, Rte. #1, Hillsboro, Oregon. Taking over farm of Inahara. $4710.00

_____ Willard R. & Geneva B. Wilson, 4216 N. E. Simpson St., Taking over Kosher farm. $3300.00

_____ Chas. B. Fitzgerald, Rte. #2, Troutdale, Oregon, Loan for $1300.00.

C O P Y

April 4, 1942 W.F.A. Loans sent to S. F.

17. Robert A. O'Connor & Lillian Mc. O'Connor, Rte. #1, Box 131-A, Hillsboro, Oregon. Took over strawberry crop of Mrs. Nobuko Yoshido $6285.00

18. Paul Paz, Rte. #4, 1278P - Portland, Oregon. Took over farm of Aye E. Nayaki. $ 500.00

19. Chris, Salvador of Rte. #4, Box 1269, Columbia Blvd., Portland, Oregon. Took over Hajum Okagaki farm of 43 A. Place belongs to Mrs. Ethel Pullen Kosher.. $4500.00

April 6, 1942

N O N E

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Elton Watkins Portland, Ore. April 17/42

Copied and Translated:

To Mr. R. L. Everson, Asst. Cashier FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO Checked:

Copy routed to Mr.

WU 5 50/49 paid
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Everson

Copy delivered to Mr.

Hale

To be handled by Mr.

Armstrong-SFD-2

Please confer with Major W. P. McGill Jr., Presidio, concerning permit granted Shigano family to leave military area #1, application for which made by me of Captain Graves, Western Defense Command. Please wire to A. M. McDonald, Wartime Civilian Control Administration, Portland, Oregon to issue permit. Letter follows. Thanks.

Elton Watkins

Function and Unit Number

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mis. 73 (4-41) (2)

(For information only)

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Mis. 73 (4-41) (3

(For information only)

ELTON WATKINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FAILING BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

April 17, 1942

Higuera Farmer

Mr. R. E. Everson
Assistant Cashier
Federal Reserve Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Everson:

Following my wire yesterday, I am inclosing for your benefit a copy of my letter to Captain Graves, after verbal conferences with Mr. A. N. McDonald of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration. These Japanese are ready to go and Mr. Crow has been holding himself in readiness to leave with them.

If you will rush the permit, I would appreciate it very much, I am

~~Very truly yours,~~

Elton Watkins

Elton Watkins

EW:el
Enc.

By phone to Crowe 4-18-42

Answered
Answ. by Routine Advice
No Answer Required
Directed to File
By Surname
FILE ONLY WHEN SIGNED

Told Crouch to show permit Marshall letter & W.R.A.S. Man + accomp for issuance of permit. This action based on phone discussion with Col Bonesteel ~~Valid~~ letter is basis for permit issuance. 4-18-42 H.L.Brumbaugh

ELTON WATKINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
FAILING BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

Captain Graves
Headquarters Western Defense Command
Fourth Army of the United States
Fort Lewis, Washington

Sir:

I respectfully request that you issue a permit in the following matter, to-wit:

(1) John K. Crowe, attorney at law, 825 Failing Building, At 8291, Portland, Oregon to act as escort from Portland, Oregon to Weiser, Idaho, escorting and having in charge the following Japanese:

Tadao Shigano, Dorothy Shigano, Beulah Shigano, all American citizens and Mrs. Ishi Shigano, a national of Japan.

These Japanese have lived at Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon for ten years where they have been engaged in raising onions and like garden produce. That recently these Japanese went into Weiser, Idaho and made arrangements for the rental of a farm and expended thereon over $1,000, but before they could move the Army issued its order prohibiting Japanese from going anywhere without special authority.

Before writing you, I contacted Mr. Svenson of the F. B. I., Portland, Oregon, as well as Major Kelly of the U. S. Army, who referred me to Lt. Dannard of the U. S. Army, who in turn referred me to Mr. A. M. McDonald, who was gracious enough to telephone you by long distance Monday, April 13th and then relayed to me the substance of his conversation with you.

To identify myself let me say that during the World War, I was in the F. B. I., thereafter Assistant U. S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, thereafter a member of the 68th Congress representing Portland, Oregon. At all other times since 1912 I have been practicing law in Oregon, having been admitted to practice in the U. S. Supreme Court and other lesser federal courts and all state courts of Oregon.

If you desire to reach me by telephone, do so collect at At 8291, and if you want to confer further with Mr. McDonald, telephone Re 2786.

I am giving a copy of this letter to Mr. McDonald, so that he will be conversant of what I have written you. I am attaching too, the affidavit of Mr. John K. Crowe, who is intimately acquainted with these Japanese, and whose standing in Portland and at the Bar of Oregon is of the highest.

Your immediate granting of this permit will be appreciated, and I feel that it will not only be doing the right thing for these Oregon born Japanese, but at the same time will eliminate such expense of the government all of which will be born by these Japanese.

Thanking you for your cooperation and courtesy, I beg to remain,

Very cordially yours,

MT:el
Enc.

DOS MAR 18 AM 11 11

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
) SS.
District of Oregon.)

I, John K. Crowe, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say that I am a resident of Portland, Oregon, a practicing attorney admitted to the Bar of Oregon and have my law office at 825 Failing Bldg., phone AT 4291; that I have read the letter to Captain Graves signed by Elton Watkins; that I know the contents of said letter to be true and so assert the fact to be, and by this reference incorporate the same in this affidavit; that I am acquainted with the Japanese in question and have visited them and will abide by any instructions that are issued in escorting these people to Idaho.

JOHN K. CROWE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of April, 1942.

ELTON WATKINS
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires April 9, 1943

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PORTLAND

April 16, 1942

Permit to evacuees to leave Military Area No. 1 where unusual hardship results on account of change in position before the xxxxxxxx effective date of Proclamation No. 4.

Reference: Your wire April 4, 1942

AIR MAIL

We are enclosing a copy of a letter dated April 14, 1942 from Colonel W. F. Magill, Jr., Provost Marshal, Headquarters Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, in which he states that a permit would be granted to Mr. Shigeno for the reasons indicated, and that exceptions would be available in other like cases.

We assume that the Provost Marshal has passed this policy on to his representatives in our Branch cities; however, the enclosure should be helpful in arranging for permits where the facts appear to warrant such action.

Vice President.

Enclosure

Armstrong:gh

(We previously forwarded copy of our letter to the Provost Marshal dated April 6, relating to above.)

Copy of this letter and enclosure sent to All Branches.

Accompanying letter to other Branches

COPY

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Office of The Provost Marshal
Presidio of San Francisco, California

April 14, 1942

Mr. R. E. Everson
Assistant Cashier
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of April 6, 1942 in which you call attention to certain hardships caused by Public Proclamation No. 4.

Please be advised that each case, of the type you mention, must be settled on its own merits.

Mr. Shigeno and his family will be granted a permit to leave Military Area No. 1 because they had actually changed their position, by spending money and making concret arrangements, prior to the time of the "freezing order". Exceptions will also be available in other like cases.

Yours very truly,

(signed) W. F. Magill Jr.

W. F. Magill, Jr.,
Colonel, Infantry,
Provost Marshal.

Portland

To all branches

April 16, 1942

List of German and Italian Evacuees.

The following paragraph is quoted from a memorandum, dated April 14, 1942, from the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, signed by Hugh T. Fullerton, Captain A.G.D. Assistant Adjutant General, in reply to a memorandum forwarded to that office:

"Answering your memorandum of April 8th, apparently there are no lists of German and Italian aliens living within the effected military areas. The information obtained in the 1942 enemy alien registration has not been classified as yet."

(SIGNED) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: Head Office

Date: April 15, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

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Attached is a copy of a proposed agreement between ourselves and Oregon Transfer Company drawn in connection with the agreement discussed in our wire of today's date.

It will be noted that it does not differ in important respects from the one used in connection with the Bekin's transaction.

Sam MacEachron (signed)

Assistant Manager

COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 15, 1942

Your wire dated approve entering into agreement with Oregon Transfer Company on basis outlined. When agreement in final form please forward for our inspection.

HALE

MMHirb

OFFICIAL COPY IN
GENERAL FILE

REFERRED BY MR. AGNEW

TO MR. [illegible]

APR 15 1942

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Portland Branch

From

To

April 15,1942

Wire No. 7 Time Filed 1255p Time Received 103p

1 Original and Copies to Mr. Hale

Copies Delivered to Mr.	Copies Routed to Mr.
Clerk	Armstrong-
Earhart	HPD
Agnew	Everson

Reference proposed warehousing arrangements. Bekins refuses to enter into agreement without protecting clause included in paragraph five of agreement as amended. We dislike the phraseology of this amendment. Oregon Transfer Company a responsible bonded warehousing concern this city with excellent reputation offers us same proposal for storing and removal of goods that is $1.50 per hour for each employee. Also new proposal acc covers same building as Bekins deal with similar terms as to period of lease and cancellation clause. New proposal is for Federal Reserve Bank to pay Oregon Transfer Company $1,500 per month which will make entire building available to us. If all of the space is not required transfer company will endeavor to use excess space and will pay to Federal Reserve Bank therefor 1-1/2 cents per square foot per month for all space so used by transfer company. Transfer company feels sure that it can use at least 20,000 square feet but we have been unable to induce it to enter into more definite commitment. We are assured that Commonwealth will accept Oregon Transfer Company as tenant for the building. In fact Moores of Commonwealth spoke highly of Oregon Transfer management and would be pleased to see the change become effective. We recommend offer Oregon Transfer Company be accepted. Please advise.

MacEachron

SPECIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

Sh. 781 (11-40) 16M 2-42 (12192)

Function or Unit Number

(For information only)

(copy)

April 15, 1942

MEMORANDUM:

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH WILBUR HENDERSON OF PORTLAND.

Mr. Henderson called in behalf of Mr. Warner who has been handling warehouse negotiations with Bekins Van and Storage Company in Portland.

Mr. Henderson stated that they have been unable to prevail upon Bekins to withdraw the indemnity requirement as set forth in Paragraph V of the lease recently submitted.

Mr. Crouch of our Portland Branch has entered into negotiations with the Oregon Transfer Company who have agreed to take over the premises in question on the same deal as Bekins at a charge of $1,500 per month with the understanding that they will rebate at the rate of 1½¢ a square foot for unused space. While the monthly rate of $1,500 exceeds the Bekins figure by $200, Henderson expects that the rebate provision will more than offset this difference.

Portland Branch would like our authority to conclude negotiations with the Oregon Transfer Company on this basis which will not involve any indemnity clause.

(Signed) ARMSTRONG

PORTLAND April 14, 1942

Adequacy of WCCA Form FRB-4 for Title Transfer Purposes

The California Department of Motor Vehicles informs us that this form will give us authority satisfactory to the Department to do all things necessary as evacuee's agent in the endorsement of certificates of registration and ownership to transfer motor vehicle titles. Thus, if it is not possible to procure all necessary endorsements from evacuees in the first instance, we will be in a position to complete technical details. We should, of course, obtain all necessary endorsements wherever possible at the outset, and naturally our agreement will not enable us to complete endorsements on behalf of legal owners other than evacuees, such as finance companies, etc.

It might be well to check with the proper Oregon authorities to obtain their reaction as to the adequacy of this form for the purpose indicated, advising us in this respect.

Vice President.

Armstrong:gh

Cal Portland

File
Portland

INSPECTION AND FISCAL BRANCH
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Date 4/13 1942

INSPECTION REPORT ON INFORMATION CENTER

AT Portland, Oregon 317 S.W. 6th Ave. will stay here when Control Station is opened.

1. Location in reference to Control Station 20 S.W. Sixth - Control Station preliminary arranged for at Salvation Army Bldg. - centrally in town, parking lots available.

2. Name of manager E.N. Crouch who is releasing control to Mr. Lionetti of U.S.E.S.

3. Is representative present for U. S. Employment Service Ernest Lionetti

For Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Board Vera McCord

For Federal Reserve Bank_____ Farm Security Administration Chas. Ross

E. N. Crouch, E. V. Rieberg

Mr. Lionetti and Mrs. McCord have just returned from San Francisco conference and are well informed.

4. Is information office suitably located with reference to accessability to people affected? Yes - but in center of town, parking facilities scarce; near Information center at 317 S.W. 6th Ave.

5. Is office properly manned and equipped? Yes

6. Does office manager keep himself and his agency representative posted on developments of evacuation activities? Yes

Insp. Form 1 (4-10-42)

7. Is pertinent Army information available to office? G-2 office in town.

a. Do they know where to contact Provost Marshal's representative? Yes

b. Transportation officer's representative? Yes

8. Is the office open seven days a week? Yes What hours? Up to curfew hour - 8 p.m.
9. Is personnel properly trained? Yes

10. Are they functioning efficiently? Yes

11. Is the office plainly marked for ease at locating from the street? Yes
12. Is there an interpreter available? Yes
13. Remarks: F.S.A. in Portland reports that surrounding area has 225 farms, all but 60 of which have been transferred to other operators. Astoria area taken care of.

(F.B.I.) using 6 Japanese interpreters; Mr. Crouch under impression that exemption will be claimed for these men.
Mr. Lionetti will be Control Station Manager. Approximately 2500 people to be processed.
Establishment of Control Center pending receipt of further instructions. Proposed location of Control Station, 1½ blocks from present location of Information Center, is at 20 S.W. Sixth St., Salvation Army Bldg. City police being requested to block street for parking of Japanese cars while registration is taking place.

Attended meeting of Department heads discussing function of Control Station. Mr. Lionetti is in favor of mobile Control Center to serve other areas; does not seem to properly appreciate urgency of speed when evacuation date is set. However he is doing good job of coordinating activities in Portland. All civilian agencies involved in registration and evacuation were represented at meeting tonight.

F.S.A. - Mr. Chas. Ross and others have covered agricultural areas very thoroughly and have specific data on all families not now provided for and ready for registration. Approximately 60 families have not been contacted except by mail. These people expected in by Wednesday.

Axel V. Boldt, Inspector
Major, Cav.

Distribution - 4 cc to Col. Bendetsen

Insp. Form 1 (4-10-42)

Col. Hunter

INSPECTION AND FISCAL BRANCH
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Date April 13, 1942

INSPECTION REPORT ON INFORMATION CENTER

AT Salem, Oregon--710 Ferry Street

1. Location in reference to Control Station

2. Name of manager W. H. Baillie

3. Is representative present for U. S. Employment Service Yes
For Bureau of Public Assistance, Marian Bowen / Social Security Board Richard Stillwell
For Federal Reserve Bank / Ernest Risberg Farm Security Administration Frank Bartos

4. Is information office suitably located with reference to accessability to people affected? Same location as control office.

5. Is office properly manned and equipped? Yes

6. Does office manager keep himself and his agency representative posted on developments of evacuation activities? Yes

Insp. Form 1 (4-10-42)

7. Is pertinent Army information available to office? Yes. Through Portland office---long distance phone.
   a. Do they know where to contact Provost Marshal's representative? Yes

   b. Transportation officer's representative? Not yet

8. Is the office open seven days a week? Yes What hours? 8:30-5:00
9. Is personnel properly trained? Yes 7:30-9:00
   in emergency

10. Are they functioning efficiently? Yes

11. Is the office plainly marked for ease at locating from the street? Yes
12. Is there an interpreter available? Rev. Andrew Kurada
13. Remarks:
    34 families -- 153 people -- North of town

    4 families -- 16 people -- in town

    10 families -- 50 people -- Independence (12 miles)

Axel V. Boldt Inspector

Major, Cavalry

Col Pendleton

INSPECTION AND FISCAL BRANCH
CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Date 4-13- 1942

INSPECTION REPORT ON INFORMATION CENTER

AT Oregon City, Clackamas Co., Room 8, Court House

1. Location in reference to Control Station - Room 8, Court House

2. Name of manager - R. A. Blyth, Asst. D. L. Ream

3. Is representative present for U. S. Employment Service Yes
Yes, in Bldg.-
For Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Board Mr. Blyth

For Federal Reserve Bank / Farm Security Administration Clyve W. Cook
no representative in town. Refers all cases to Portland Office.

4. Is information office suitably located with reference to accessability to people affected? - Yes

5. Is office properly manned and equipped? - Yes, Volunteer Womens Organization

6. Does office manager keep himself and his agency representative posted on developments of evacuation activities? - Yes

Insp. Form 1 (4-10-42)

7. Is pertinent Army information available to office? - Yes

a. Do they know where to contact Provost Marshal's representative? - Portland Office

b. Transportation officer's representative? - Yes

8. Is the office open seven days a week? - Yes What hours? 8-8
9. Is personnel properly trained? - Now being trained

10. Are they functioning efficiently? - No contacts have been made with this office by Japanese people. Portland office has been handling all but (2) cases.

11. Is the office plainly marked for ease at locating from the street? - Yes
12. Is there an interpreter available? - Yes
13. Remarks:

Approximately 40 Families - Approximately 163 people
90 Males
73 Females

Office just being set up. Forms being received and communications opened. Sherrif and a female (white) missionary working with Control Office on distribution of information. Representatives of all offices met this P.M. for conference on office function.

Distribution:
4 copies to Col. Bendetsen

AXEL V. BOLDT Inspector
Major, CAV.

Insp. Form 1 (4-10-42)

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

April 13/42

Copy Sent
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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.
Everson

Armstrong-EPD

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F 415p
R 419p

Copy delivered to Mr.
Clark
Earhart

Agnew

Copy handled by Mr.
Mills-2

Retel date re storage arrangements. Warner is now discussing details with Dekins' attorneys. Will advise when and if definite understanding is reached on points brought up by Agnew. Our wire was based on fact that we are informed 118 Japanese will be assigned to Assembly Center, Portland, Wednesday, April 15th to form basic service crew on voluntary basis. Are we to understand that no goods should be accepted for storage from such evacuees unless and until definite evacuation order is issued. Please confirm.

MacEachron

Function and Unit Number

(For information only)

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 13, 1942

Your wire re. agreement with Eakins for storage of evacuee property: you may conclude these arrangements when agreement has been revised in accordance with Mr. Agnew's discussion with Mr. Warner. When signing you should sign "Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Fiscal Agent of the United States." Do not understand your reference to storage this week as we have not had notice of evacuation in your area. It is our understanding we should not provide storage until controlled evacuation has been started and a civil control office established. Please advise.

mh:rb

HALE

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From Portland Branch

To

April 13,1942
(Date)

Wire No. 4 Time Filed 940a Time Received 950a

1 Original and Hale Copies to Mr.

Copies Delivered to Mr.: Clark, Earhart

Copies Routed to Mr.: Everson, Armstrong-RFD

Reference warehousing arrangements Evacuee Property Department. Agreement form between Bekins and FRB amended as to paragraph five as mailed you Saturday is best deal we have been able to make for complete warehousing. Alternate arrangements will require us to lease another building, conduct the warehousing ourselves and furnish guards. Other suitable buildings are available with 30,000 to 50,000 square feet of floor space at monthly rental of $500 to $700. Two twenty-four hour guards will be needed for such locations at cost of about $1,200 per month. We recommend acceptance of Bekins' proposition. Speedy action is imperative as we may be asked to store some property Wednesday, and twenty-four hours are needed to remove goods now stored in building Bekins will acquire for our use. If proposal is acceptable to you, can we be authorized to sign contract with Bekins?

MacEachron

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(For information only)

Possession or Unit Number

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO - PORTLAND BRANCH

Apr 11 1942

To: HEAD OFFICE

Subject: Evacuee Property Department, Instruction Letter No. 9 and your letter April 4, 1942.

Please be advised that for the period April 4, 1942 inclusive, no substitute farmers have been procured by representatives of the Evacuee Property Department.

Copy of the Farm Security Administration report for the current period is not yet available, but as soon as it is received, we shall forward a copy to you for transmittal to the Military Intelligence Division.

S. MacEachron (signed)
Assistant Manager

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE DATE: April 11, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period April 4, 1942 to April 10, 1942, inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S. W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
4-10-42	U.S. Employment Service, Hood River Hotel Bldg. Hood River, Ore.
4-10-42	U.S. Employment Service, 118 East Second St., The Dalles, Ore.

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone Inquiries (not included in Other Figures)
127	213	293

Number of Persons Interviewed at Hood River, Oregon.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
7	8

Number of Persons Interviewed at The Dalles, Oregon.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
8	17

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(s) S. A. MacEachron

Assistant Manager

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Letter to acc Branches

Re Guards for Warehouses

File Portland

Filed Los Angeles

F8 (6-22) 513-10-O

Telegram

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 11, 1942

Re. exchange of wires with reference insurance of evacuees' real and personal property: investigation indicates that there is no general program looking towards cancellation of such insurance by all companies. It would appear policy varies with companies but that generally all companies are scrutinizing such risks carefully. It is appreciated that the vacating of property and the unusual hazards surrounding personal property warrant exercise of caution by companies. In endeavoring to be of assistance believe you will have to take each case up on its own merits and discuss with local insurance agencies. (Forward) HALE

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WHL:rh

Should any particular situation develop in which it appears desirable for us to discuss the question with the Pacific Coast manager of any particular insurance company please advise us.

HALE

HH:rh

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April 11, 1942

Compilation of Information Relative to Re-examination of Military Areas and Zones

Enclosed is a copy of Instruction letter No. 20 relating to the above subject.

Such data as may now be in your hands or which may come to your attention in the future should be forwarded to this office for transmittal to the proper Military authorities.

Additional copies of the Instruction letter are going forward in the usual course.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure

COPY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 11, 1942

Field Representatives
Evacuee Property Department

Instruction letter No.20

SUBJECT: COMPILATION OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO RE-EXAMINATION OF MILITARY AREAS AND ZONES.

Following is the text of a memorandum dated April 8, 1942, from Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, relating to the above subject:

"1. On the assumption that the matter of designating military areas and zones is one for continuing study and that there will be necessity for the future clarification, correction and extension of Military Areas, and particularly Prohibited Zones A, as already set forth in Public Proclamations No. 1 and No. 2, it is desired that all communications, data, files and information bearing upon this subject be assembled for the purpose of study and the determination of a general policy in this regard.

2. The major part of the information available in this connection will appear in the correspondence and written recommendations that have reached this Division, either direct or by transmittal from Headquarters Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. In addition to the material that has already been assembled, it is assumed that there are also communications scattered throughout the Division which have been retained by various Sections for lack of information as to where they should be forwarded or for the purpose of handling additional matters referred to therein not related to the subject matter of this memorandum.

3. It is directed that all such communications, data, files and information referred to heretofore received, be forwarded to Captain Truman R. Young, Room 420, to reach him not later than Friday, April 10, 1942, and that similar disposition be made of such material received in the future.

4. Any suggestions or ideas that WCCA personnel may have on the matter of the readjustment of military areas, prohibited and restricted zones, which may have occurred to him by reason of participation in activities of the Division, or that may have been communicated to him orally from outside sources, will be placed in the form of a written memorandum and referred to Captain Young within the time specified in the foregoing."

Any information of the character referred to which is now in your hands or which may come to your attention in the future should be forwarded to the office of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco with which you are affiliated for transmission to the proper authorities.

Assistant Cashier

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

COPY

GUNTHER F. KRAUSE
1012 Spalding Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon

April 10, 1942

Portland

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs: Attention: Mr. Evenson

I refer you to the proposed contract with Bekins Moving & Storage Company of this city for the warehousing of goods belonging to Japanese. At Bekins' request I have re-written paragraph V and added several provisions that the warehouse company feels must be inserted in the contract. These provisions appear in every warehouse contract for the purpose of defining and limiting the liability of the warehouseman.

I am enclosing the paragraph as re-written and am sending a copy to you at Mr. Crouch's request.

Very truly yours,

Gunther F. Krause (signed)

cc: Fed. Res. Bank, Portland
cc: Bekins

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Portland Branch

AIR MAIL

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE: April 10, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE: Refer your letter April 7, 1942

Will you please increase the number of forms WCCA FRB-4 ordered in our wire of April 6, 1942, from 500 to 1,000 forms.

Thank you for calling the matter to our attention.

(signed) MacEachron
Assistant Manager

OFFICIAL COPY IN GENERAL FILE

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 10, 1942

For your information Colonel Bendetsen's office advises us that wording in instructions to Japanese which appears in connection with Project 6 reading in part "provide facilities for the management" will be eliminated and wording as used in connection with previous orders restored which read in part "provide services with respect to the management."

DALE

WHD:rh

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Letter to L A - copies to Seattle
Portland & S S C

Re Motor Vehicle Purchase Plan

Filed Los Angeles

FB (6-22) 513-10-O

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Portland Branch April 9, 1942

Refer recent exchange wires re Warehousing arrangement. Apparently misunderstanding between Bekin's and Commonwealth on rent which is $1,000 per month instead of $900.00 as reported. This increases our monthly payment to Bekin's to $1,300. Even on revised basis believe deal is to best interests of evacuees and Government and we recommend approval. To protect us on occupancy, it is intended that both Bekin's Commonwealth lease and Bekin's FRB agreement will be for six months after termination of war with 90-day cancellation clauses without penalty. Both documents are now being prepared and will be air mailed you today if possible, otherwise tomorrow.

MacEachron

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED COPY

From .....Portland.Branch.....April.9,.1942

Retel 8 insurance. typical examples are Phil Grossmayer Company and Jewett Leavy Barton and Kern two of principal agencies this city who state insurance can be placed with most companies for Japanese goods stored our warehouse but otherwise insurance coverage refused by all companies these agencies represent. Companies represented include Hartford, U. S. Fire, St. Paul, Glenn Falls, Travelers, and New Hampshire. Springfield Fire and Marine also reported as cancelling policy previously written.

r931a f923 #3 (s) MacEachron

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Portland
Seattle
Los Angeles
Salt Lake City (For information only.)

April 9, 1942

Storage of Personal Property

We are enclosing the following:

1. Suggested form of letter returning keys to persons designated by the evacuees to receive them. It is intended that letters be forwarded by registered mail.

2. Suggested forms of letters to be sent to each evacuee, returning one copy of WCCA Form FRB-2 bearing our receipt. Two types of letters are enclosed in this connection; one form being intended for use where the property received into storage conforms to the completed form as submitted by the evacuee, and the other for use when there appears to be a variance between the list as submitted by the evacuee and the property actually received by us.

   It is observed that in this latter case, provision is made for any comments which the evacuee may care to make upon receipt of our letter, in order that he may have an opportunity to call to our attention promptly any dissatisfaction.

3. A copy of WCCA Form FRB-2, to which has been added the clause "The above items consist of _____ individual units", under the Inventory List.

Inasmuch as we have been requested by the War Relocation Authority to forward a copy of WCCA Form FRB-2 to it in each case where an evacuee's property is stored by us, we would appreciate your transmitting to us, copies for that purpose, in order that we may in turn forward them to the War Relocation Authority. The copy which is to be forwarded to this Authority should conform to the copy which is to be forwarded to the evacuee.

The inclusion of the above phrase on the form is so that the War Relocation Authority will be informed as to the total number of units of property in each case, which may not be disclosed by the item described by the evacuee. It is, however, not intended that the War Relocation Authority will have a detailed description of the number of units comprising each item, such as will be shown on the copy of the form which is retained for the files of this bank.

Vice President.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

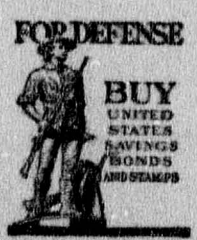
REGISTERED MAIL

Family Number _____

Enclosed is the door key for premises located at _____ formerly occupied by _____ now evacuated, who has instructed us to forward the key to you.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Family Number _____.

Enclosed is a copy of form WCCA-FRB-2 covering your property placed in storage at the place indicated on the form. The property received agrees with the list submitted by you.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosure by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier.

Receipt of the enclosure is acknowledged

_____ _____

Date Signature

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Family Number _____.

Enclosed is a copy of Form SOCAL-FMS-2 covering your property placed in storage at the place indicated on the form. The property received agrees with the list submitted by you with the following exceptions:

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the enclosure by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier.

Receipt of the enclosure is acknowledged

_____ _____

Date Signature

Comments: _____

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PERSONAL PROPERTY INVENTORY LIST

LIVING ROOM

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED
	Bookcase		
	Book shelves		
	Chair, arm		
	Chair, Occasional		
	Chair, overstuffed		
	Chair, straight		
	Davenport		
	Desk		
	Lamp, floor		
	Music cabinet		
	Piano, Grand		
	Piano upright		
	Piano bench		
	Phonograph		
	Radio, cabinet		
	Radio, table model		
	Rocker		
	Rug, large		
	Rug, small		
	Rug, pad—large		
	Smoking Stand		
	Stool, foot		
	Studio couch		
	Table, coffee		
	Table, dropleaf		
	Table, end		
	Table, gateleg		
	Table, library		
	Table, nest		
	Table, occasional		
	Telephone stand & chair		

DINING ROOM

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED
	Buffet		
	Chair, arm		
	Chair, straight		
	China closet		
	Dinette table		
	Rug, large		
	Rug, small		
	Table, extension		

BEDROOM

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED
	Bassinette		
	Beds, incl. spring & matt.		
	Double		
	Single		
	Box springs for double bed		
	Box springs for single bed		
	Carton, clothes		
	Chair, boudoir		
	Chair, straight		
	Chair, rocker		
	Chest, cedar		
	Chest of drawers		
	Child's bed		
	Child's rocker		
	Child's table and chairs		
	Chiffonier		
	Dresser		
	Dresser, vanity		
	Dresser, vanity bench		
	Hamper, clothes		
	Lamp, floor		
	Lamp, table (no shade) box		
	Night table		
	Rug, large		
	Rug, small		
	Suitcase		
	Trunk		

KITCHEN

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED
	Brooms & Mops, bundle		
	Chair		
	Highchair		
	Ironing board		
	Kitchen cabinet		
	Linoleum		
	Range		
	Refrigerator, electric		
	Refrigerator, ice		
	Stool		
	Table		
	Utility cabinet		

KITCHEN — (Con't)

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED

MISCELLANEOUS

OWNER'S REPORT — NUMBER OF PCS.	ARTICLE	ITEM CHECK REC'D	ITEM CHECK SHIPPED
	Barrel		
	Basket		
	Bicycle		
	Boxes		
	Buggy		
	Cartons		
	Card table		
	Cot, folding		
	Day bed		
	Folding chair		
	Heater		
	Lawn mower		
	Mangle		
	Play pen		
	Porch chair (wicker)		
	Porch rocker		
	Porch davenport		
	Porch rug, large		
	Porch table		
	Sewing cabinet		
	Sewing machine		
	Step Ladder		
	Tool chest		
	Tub		
	Vacuum cleaner		
	Wash boiler		
	Washing machine		
	Work bench		

If the property herein claimed to have been delivered, and which actually was delivered is lost, damaged, or destroyed as the result of negligence while it is in the possession or custody of the United States, or of any agency acting for it, the Congress of the United States will be asked to take ap propriate action for the benefit of the owners.

WCCA—FORM PPF—3

PERSONAL PROPERTY FORM

NAME OF OWNER_____ FAMILY NO._____

ADDRESS AT WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:_____
(NUMBER) (STREET) (FLOOR, OR APT. NO.)

_____
(CITY) (STATE)

The property described on the reverse side of this form located at the address given above is delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, at the sole risk of the undersigned. It is agreed that no liability or responsibility shall be assumed by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for any act or omission in connection with its disposition. It is understood that no insurance will be provided on this property.

WITNESSES_____

FOR SIGNATURE OF OWNER_____

ILLITERATES_____

Note to Owner: **DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

STORAGE NOTICE

The list of items appearing on the reverse side of this form have been placed in storage at the place indicated below with the exception of those items specifically indicated on the reverse side of this form as not found, or not delivered to the undersigned representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, or as not being of the proper type for storage. The stored items are identified only as to the number of items, crates, or boxes, and not as to the contents thereof.

SIGNED_____

DATE_____ *Representing the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States.*

PLACED IN STORAGE AT_____

_____

INSTRUCTIONS TO OWNER

Before any property will be accepted for storage by the United States Government four (4) copies of this form must be filled in and returned to the Civil Control Station at which you registered for evacuation. On the back of each copy the items to be left for storage must be carefully listed. Items not on the printed list should be written in the blank spaces provided on this form.

Small articles must be securely packed in crates or boxes of not less than two (2) cubic feet capacity and will be indicated simply as to number of boxes, no attempt being made to itemize on this form the articles therein. All crates and boxes must be securely packed and fastened. Each box, crate, or article must be identified with tags obtained from the Civil Control Station.

No loose bundles of clothes, linens, utensils, or other small or unsubstantial household items will be accepted for storage. Farm products, farm machinery, automobiles, land, livestock, or pets must not be listed as personal property on this form.

After all copies of the form have been filled in and returned to the Civil Control Station, one copy, checked for conformity with the other three, will be given to the owner of the property. The copy delivered to the owner will be evidence merely that other copies of the form have been delivered. At this time the owner must leave the keys to the place where the property is to be found, or make arrangements to deliver the keys to the representative of the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco before leaving the area of his residence.

The copy delivered to the owner merely shows the number of items, boxes, and crates which the owner claims he has prepared for storage. It does not constitute an agreed inventory. It does not constitute a verified list. It does not constitute any evidence of the number of items actually stored or of the contents of boxes, crates or packages. Verification of the inventory list of items actually stored will be made as storage is accomplished. A verified list will then be forwarded to the owner.

The copy of the list mailed to the owner will serve as a permanent record and should be carefully preserved by him.

COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO

LOS ANGELES
PORTLAND
SEATTLE
(Copy mailed to Salt Lake City for information only)

April 9, 1942

Referring to our wire of April 7 regarding reports on Civil Control Station operations, the term "interviews" referred to in item No. 4 is intended to cover only interviews of a character ordinarily handled at WCCA offices in which assistance is provided the evacuee and on which interview reports should ordinarily be made.

Routine discussions of property storage and motor vehicle disposition need not be included in item 4 as the only data in which we are interested will appear in items 5 and 6.

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PORTLAND BRANCH

April 6, 1942

Approve arrangements outlined your wire April 6 with reference storage facilities for evacuee's furniture. Suggest Garner draw necessary agreement and forward to us for approval

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO COPY OF TELEGRAM

PORTLAND APRIL 7, 1942

REYOURTEL SEVENTH RE CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE PLEASE GIVE US NAMES OF COMPANIES AND AGENTS IN A FEW SPECIFIC CASES

HALE

original for file

C/F

AUTHORIZED: S

/s/ Everson

Function and Unit Number

5046

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From PORTLAND BRANCH APRIL 7, 1942

Copy routed to Mr.

ARMSTRONG
EPD

AN IMMEDIATE PROPERTY PROBLEM IS CAUSED BY GENERAL CANCELLATION OF FIRE INSURANCE ON JAPANESE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BY LOCAL AGENCIES. WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS BECAUSE OF ORDERS RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS MANY OF WHICH ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR SUGGESTIONS? HOW ARE YOU HANDLING THE PROBLEM?

Copy delivered to Mr.

CLERK
HALE
EARHART

MACEACHRON

To be handled by Mr. EVERSON (2)

#13 F-1253P R-1258P

4/7 Answered

Directed to File By Everson

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO COPY OF TELEGRAM

PORTLAND APRIL 7, 1942

RETEL APRIL 7 ENV. 12C SATISFACTORY 500 BEING SHIPPED TODAY

EVERSON

KVM:JM

AUTHORIZED:

/s/ Everson

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From PORTLAND BRANCH APRIL 7, 1942

Copy routed to Mr.

Everson
Morrison
Hardy

Will special envelope be provided for WCCA forms FRB-3 and FRB-4 registration certificates, tags, etc. If not we propose to use envelope 12C. If this meets with your approval please ship us 500 additional 12C envelopes.

MacEachron

SF 17
f 240p
r 3.02p

To be handled by
Mr. Armstrong-EPD-2

4/7 Answered

Directed to File
By Everson

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PORTLAND

April 7, 1942

Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9.

Your letter April 4, 1942

See Substitute Form and for incoming letter enclosure 223

We understand that the Farm Security Administration has been requested to provide information with respect to property matters coming to its attention and that, therefore, our reports should be limited to those matters in which property transfers have resulted from or have been related to activities of our own representatives. Therefore, we question whether it would be desirable to submit the reports forwarded with your letter unless these transfers fall within the classification discussed above.

It is our further understanding that information of the character discussed in our Instruction Letter No. 9 should be provided locally to the F.B.I. One copy of the report may be forwarded to us for transmittal to the Military Intelligence Division.

Assistant Cashier.

Armstrong:gh

PORTLAND BRANCH

April 7, 1942

FORMS

VIA AIRMAIL

YOUR WIRE APRIL 6, 1942

A supply of Forms requested by you is going forward direct to you from the Wartime Civil Control Administration. We understand additional Forms will be provided for each Civil Control Station as the Control Evacuation appears in each area and presumably the additionaly supplies will be provided by the Federal Security Agency as each office is set up.

We note that while your wire requests 1,000 Forms WCCA FRB-3, you are only requesting 500 Forms WCCA FRB-4. We are wondering whether any confusion exists as to the manner in which these Forms are to be used, it being recalled that it is contemplated that both Forms will be used in each automobile transaction, being stapled together in the manner outlined in the Instruction Letter No. 14.

ARMSTRONG:krf

Assistant Cashier

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From Portland Branch

To

April 6,1942

Copied and Translated

Checked

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.

Hardy

Copy delivered to Mr.

To be handled by Mr.

Morrison-2

Impossible to determine accurately what our need for forms will be but best guess is as follows:

FRB 1 30,000 FRB 2 2,000 FRB 3 1,000

FRB 4 500

We have no supply of any of the forms but have received samples of the last three.

MacEachron

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

(For information only)

PORTLAND

April 7, 1942

Enclosed is a copy of a wire to our Los Angeles Branch setting forth the data which we are requesting regarding controlled evacuation operations as they occur.

We are forwarding this to you in order that you will be informed as to the type of information desired when operations occur in your own zone.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosure

Armstrong:gh

LOS ANGELES

April 7, 1942

As controlled evacuation occurs in each area please provide us with the following data by wire relating to each such operation:

1. Location of Civil Control Station used in operation.
2. Number of evacuees in project.
3. Number of heads of families in project.
4. Number of interviews referred to our representatives at Civil Control Station, including any interviews forming the basis for Provost Marshal permits for property disposition arrangements if that function is performed, as well as consultation on property problems including storage.
5. Number of motor vehicles taken into custody for sale to Army and number for storage. Where stored.

Forward

6. Number of family units of property warehoused and space occupied (approximate cubic feet) and where stored.

We propose to pass on information regarding property accepted to War Relocation Authority pursuant to their previous request. The information requested will be in addition to your regular weekly report and should not be contained therein in the future. It will likewise be transmitted to the Treasury Department.

Please furnish this information on previously completed projects as early as possible.

HALE

Armstrong:gh 3946

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FORTLAND April 7, 1942

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Assistant Cashier.

Armstrong:gh

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From Portland Branch

To

April 6/42
(Date)

Wire No. 3722 Time Filed 350p Time Received 4:03 p

Original and Copies to Mr. Everson

Copies Delivered to Mr.
- Clark
- Bale
- Earhart

Copies Routed to Mr.
- Armstrong-SFD
- Mangels

Reference our letter 3rd and telephone conversation this morning re Warehouse arrangements. Bekin has agreed subject to definite agreement by building owner and confirmation from us to operate building described our letter as a part of Company's present warehouse accepting usual warehouseman's liability for all articles stored. Warehouse receipt to be issued to us by Bekins and individual receipts to be issued by us on FRB 2 per current instructions. Agreement contemplates that Bekin will rent building and pay all operating costs including rent on payment by us of $1,200 per month. This will entitle us to 40,000 square feet of floor space without additional payment and includes option on additional 10,000 feet at 2 cents per square foot. Loading and storing arrangements unchanged. If satisfactory we anticipate having attorney Warner draw up necessary agreement form. Please instruct.

Davis

Mim. 711. (11-40) 1550 10-41 (11765) 3

(For information only)

Expenditure or U.S. Number

April 6, 1942

Lieutenant Colonel Wm. A. Boekel,
Assistant Provost Marshal,
Wartime Civil Control Administration,
Hotel Whitcomb,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your today's telephone conversation with Mr. Armstrong.

As stated, we have received the following wire from our Portland Branch:

> "Several cases indicating unusual hardship caused by recent blanket order issued by Public Proclamation No. 4 prohibiting removal of Japanese from area 1 have been reported to us. Typical is the case of F. Shigeno and family consisting of himself, mother and two sisters. About March 15 this family made arrangements to operate a fifty acre ranch in Malheur County just across the line from Weiser. $500 was paid on the land, $500 was spent to purchase seed, and contract to start cultivation was let. Shigeno returned to his ranch near Hillsboro to wind up his affairs to move to new location and was caught by the above proclamation before he could get moved. He assures us that other Japanese are operating in the vicinity of the new property and that he is satisfied he will not be disturbed there. Is it possible to obtain new ruling which will permit relief in this and similar cases."

Obviously, cases have occurred in which Japanese have made preparations to leave Military Area No. 1 before the area was frozen, and in pursuance of those plans have made investments in respect to removal operations outside of the area but are now unable to proceed to the site of the new operations.

It will be appreciated if you will give the instant case your consideration and advise us accordingly. At the same time it would undoubtedly be helpful if you could advise your representatives in the various localities as to the general policy regarding such matters.

Yours very truly,

E. E. Brown

Assistant Cashier.

All Branches

Incoming Telegram

From: Portland Branch April 4/42

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Davis

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Referred to Colonel Bicknell

COPY

TO: PORTLAND BRANCH April 4, 1942

Your letter 3. Guard and furniture hauling arrangements satisfactory as outlined. In San Francisco and Los Angeles Army had made arrangements to store cars at race track reception centers. We furnish guard but pay no rent. If similar arrangements cannot be made by you your proposal approved. Your proposals for building storage areas might be too liberal. With over 5,000 Japanese in San Francisco we have estimated that between 35 and 40 thousand square feet would be adequate to store all items which might be offered. Believe desirable that Bekins store items but doubt necessity of having superintendent on job after items have been placed in warehouse.

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Guard service on 24 hour basis will however be required. Can you negotiate for less space at present time with option to take more if necessary.

HALE

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE Date: April 4, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department.

As requested in your telegram dated March 20, 1942, we submit the following information for the period March 28, 1942 to April 3, 1942 inclusive:

1. Number and Locations of Evacuee Property offices operated during week.

Number	Location
1	317 S.W. Sixth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

2. Communities visited by Field Representatives.

Date	Office
3-30-42	U.S.Employment Service, 710 Ferry St., Salem, Ore.
4-1-42	U.S.Employment Service, 14th & Duane Sts., Astoria, Ore. Also Communities of Clatskanie, Westport and Seaside, Ore.

3. Number of Persons Interviewed at Portland Office.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented	Telephone inquiries (not included in Other Figures)
145	232	350

Number of Persons Interviewed at Salem, Oregon

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
5	7

Number of Persons Interviewed at Clatskanie, Westport, Astoria, and Seaside, Oregon.

Individual Interviews	Number Represented
6	10

4. Powers of Attorney accepted.

None

(Signed) MacEachron
Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

April 4

TO: HEAD OFFICE Portland Branch

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department Instruction Letter No. 9

In accordance with the provisions of the above numbered instruction letter we are enclosing triplicate copies of a report showing all transfers of farm property from Japanese to other owners for the period ending April 3, 1942.

The instruction letter does not indicate clearly that this report should be forwarded to Head Office and if it is intended that we should distribute the copies from this office please wire us and additional copies of the report will be used to make the distribution.

Assistant Manager

March 21, 1942

U.F.A. Loans Mailed

1. Albert M. and Mary S. Morrison, 2726N. Gantenbein Ave., Portland, Ore. To ~~k~~ over Ed and Utako Houma 21 A., vegetable farm at Rt. 7, Box 1453, Portland, Oregon. $2980.00.

March 30, 1942

F.S.A. Loans Mailed

2. Herbert and Anne Dow of 8206 S. E. 82 Portland, Oregon.
Took over Fugu Toshio 51 A. farm, S. W. of Troutdale, $11,690.00.

3. John Lewis Hartwick, Joseph Ford Hartwick of Star Route, Banks, Oregon.
Took over Wakasugi Marmaro 129 Acre Farm, 1½ Miles W. of Banks. $4570.00.

4. J. B. Graham Cooper and Grace G., Rt. 2, Troutdale, Oregon.
Took over Mitoshi Takoa farm of 50 A. near Troutdale. $5370.00.

5. David W. Tillstrom and Viola R. of Gresham, Oregon.
Took over Henry Kato farm. $6500.00.

6. Lee and Freda Sanders, Rt. 2, Hillsboro, Oregon.
Took over 20 A. farm of Lois Sato, Rt. 2, Box 398, Portland. $1700.00.

March 31, 1942 — WFA Loans Mailed to S.F.

7. Wilhelm and Margaret Wold and Charles H. and Ruth E. Werner, Dayton, Oregon. Took over 93 A. farm of Geo. T. Matsumura of Sherwood, Oregon. $5398.00.

April 1, 1942. W.P.A. Loans Mailed

8. Clayton and Ruth Vance of Rt. 5, Box 59, Hillsboror, Oregon.
Took over 20 A. farm of Akira Iwasaki of Rt. 5, Hillsboro, Oregon. $2745.00.

9. J. E. Byers, Rt. 2, Cornelius, Oregon.
Took over John Achiyama farm of 80 A. at Cornelius, Oregon. $2100.00

10. Val R. Morgan and Grace L. Morgan, Boring.
Took over 20 A. farm of Glen Akai of Columbia Blvd. $2988.00

11. Morgan H. Green and Cora M. Green, Dayton.
Took over 20 A. farm of Y. Mishima of Troutdale. $3664.00

April 2, 1942 — WFA Loans Mailed to S.F.

12. Earl R. Johnson and Fannie R. Johnson, Rt. 1, Cornelius, Oregon.
Took over Mr. Becker's place on a 3 year lease. 31 A. Strawberry farm.
$3500.00.

13. Henry J. Keenon and Alice A., Rt. 1, Cornelius, Oregon.
Took over 40 A. with 11 A. berries of Henry and Geo. Tsugawa. $1,250.00.

14. James Sharp, single, 4038 S.E. 74th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.
Took over nursery of Chiosla Shioshi, 7826 S.E. Powell Ave., Portland, Oregon.
$1200.00.

April 3, 1942 — L.F.A. Loans Mailed to S. F.

15. John and Alvin Gabrts , Box 7, Washington, Oregon.
Took over 15 acr s of Henry Tsugawa Crop. $1461.0[illegible].

16. Ben Layton, Rte. #1, Box 95, Cornelius, Oregon.
Took over 20 acres of strawberries and is borrowing $[illegible]90 for operating expenses. He is taking over the lease of Mr. Nojima. $[illegible]100.00

17. Trygve M. Bergan and Opal G. Bergan, [illegible]867 N. Minnesota St. Portland, Ore.
Took over 8.615 of Kenco Suguki. $445.[illegible]0.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

COPY

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE April 3, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

Reference is made to our recent telephone conversation regarding the carrying out of the duties assigned to us in connection with the evacuation program, and to other correspondence and instructions on the subject.

In order to carry out our part of the program, we have made the following arrangements:

1. Guards are to be furnished by the William J. Burns International Detective Agency at 85 cents per hour for each guard. We are assured that all of the guards are responsible men and properly deputized, and that the agency is in a position to furnish us with any reasonable number of men which we may need on short notice.

2. Hauling and cartage will be under the supervision of George G. Cadwell, Sr., of Portland-Seattle Auto Freight, Inc. Cadwell has had many years of experience in this line and is, we believe, trustworthy and reliable. The name is already a familiar one in your files.

   Cadwell will furnish his own company's trucks and vans so far as they are available and thereafter make outside arrangements to obtain whatever number of additional vehicles are needed. The charge will be $4.75 per hour for each van - this to include the services of two men. If more than two men are needed, the charge will be $1.30 per hour for each additional man.

3. Parking space has been arranged for on a six-acre tract directly adjoining the Portland assembly center (Pacific International Livestock Exposition building).

   The owner is to complete fencing the property with barbed wire, gravel the grounds where necessary, and make any other improvements which are needed to place the tract in suitable form.

   Rental is on a basis of $100 per month with six-months' guaranty, the guaranty being principally for the purpose of assuring the return of funds used to place the grounds in shape.

4. Tentative arrangements have been made toward renting on a month-to-month basis a four-story reinforced concrete (so-called "fireproof") building in the center of the warehouse district of Portland. The building has two entrances and a large freight elevator. Experienced warehousemen assure us that the construction of the building is suitable for storage purposes, and that continuous storage operations can be carried on on two floors at the same time.

The monthly rental is $900, and the usable floor space in the building is 68,000 square feet.

All of the details and personnel in connection with the actual movement of the stored goods from the trucks to their proper places in the warehouse will be under the supervision of the Bekins Moving and Storage Company, experienced warehousemen of this city, under the following arrangements:

5. Bekins will operate this building as a branch of its present warehouse system. This will include complete supervision of the building, the furnishing of necessary sidewalk, liability, and other miscellaneous forms of insurance, not including fire, and the employment of a superintendent at a salary of $200.00 per month. This superintendent will be present at the building for eight hours of each working day, and since, during this period, he will replace a guard who would otherwise cost us approximately $150.00 per month for the same time, the net cost to us is about $50.00 per month. We believe this arrangement is well worthwhile.

The costs of storing the goods in the first instance are to borne by us - that is, Bekins will supply all of the supervision and men necessary at $1.50 per hour for each man so needed. The only additional expense will be $200.00 per month, and this will include such items as miscellaneous liability insurance, electricity, and other similar items, as well as Bekins' spread on the deal. We believe that by the use of an experienced warehouseman enough space can be saved to not only justify the expense but possibly to effect an economy.

Incidentally, it seems impossible to determine with any degree of accuracy the amount of space which will be required, since certain articles of merchandise, as well as business equipment, are under present arrangements to be warehoused in addition to the household furniture as was contemplated at first. We believe, however, that the 68,000 square feet of this building will be ample for all purposes, and there may be some unused space remaining after all of the goods have been stored. Bekins agrees to take such space from us on a reasonable basis to be arranged later if any substantial portion of the building remains unused.

April 3, 1942

Since time is an important factor and we wish to arrange all of the necessary details as soon as possible, will you please wire us your re-action to the proposals herein contained as soon as you have had an opportunity to consider them?

D. L. Davis (signed)
Managing Director

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To: PORTLAND BRANCH

April 2, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Your letter of March 30, 1942

In response to your request of March 30, we are enclosing three copies only of Bulletin No. 5 re "Japanese population and number of Japanese family heads in Oregon by minor civil divisions: 1940", since we have only a limited supply of these bulletsin on hand at present.

(Signed) R.E.E.

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures
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PORTLAND BRANCH

To: HEAD OFFICE March 30, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

Please forward if possible six or seven copies of Custodian Bulletin No. 5 re "Japanese population and number of Japanese family heads in Oregon by minor civil divisions: 1940"

("igned) MacEachron
Asistant Manager

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From Portland Branch

June 2/42 (Date)

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To FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Retel date re Evacuee Property Department report.

Number of employees on opening date: men 2, women 1

Number as of May 22, 1942 which is also maximum: men 8 women 4

MacEachron

Everson

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Armstrong-SPD

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From Portland Branch

To June 3, 1942 (Date)

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Reurtel June 2 re Evacuee Property Department report number of cases as of May 22.

	Handled	Closed	Pending
Grocery Stores	18	18	0
Markets	12	12	0
Hotels	46	45	1
Restaurants	13	11	2
Greenhouses	6	6	0
Residences	14	13	1
Jewelry Stores	1	1	0
Dry Cleaners & Laundrys	15	15	0
Baths	1	1	0
Newspapers	1	1	0
Manufacturing Concerns	1	1	0
Drugstores	2	2	0
Curio Stores	2	2	0
Miscellaneous	53	53	0
Totals	185	181	4

MacEachron

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE: September 30, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. [illegible] TO MR. [illegible]

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department
(Information for final report)

The data requested in your letter of September 25, 1942 is submitted herewith:

1. Number of interviews granted, exclusive of Assembly Centers
   1,691 (excludes 2,218 telephone calls) } 1856
2. Number of interviews at Assembly Centers
   165 (partly estimated)
3. Number of individual cases handled
   193 } 207
4. Number of cases handled at Assembly Centers
   14 (partly estimated)
5. Number of motor vehicles taken into custody
   13
6. Number of motor vehicles sold to Army
   7
7. Number of motor vehicles released to owners
   5
8. Number of motor vehicles submitted to Army for requisitioning
   1
9. Expenses on a monthly basis from and including March through September, 1942
   Attached hereto.

Exp schedule handed to Price 10-2-42 HRL

Assistant Manager

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

PORTLAND BRANCH

DIRECTED BY MAIL DEPT, TO MR. EVERSON

TO: HEAD OFFICE

DATE May 29, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON TO MR.

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Report of Activities in Connection with Japanese Evacuation

REFERENCE: Your letters May 22 and May 25, 1942

As requested in your letter dated May 25, 1942, we are enclosing report of activities in connection with Japanese evacuation as of the close of business Friday, May 22, 1942.

Assistant Manager

Enclosure

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II. INITIAL STEPS TAKEN BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

A Preliminary work was mostly done at Head Office.

B The Evacuee Property Department of the Portland Branch, Federal Reserve Bank was opened on March 13, 1942, at 317 S. W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The Department was prepared upon its establishment to perform such functions as were outlined in Head Office letter dated March 11, 1942 addressed to Portland Branch.

C Two regular employees of the Portland Branch were assigned to the Evacuee Property Department on the opening day. In addition to these, four stenographers and seven consultants were employed on a temporary basis to assist in the performance of such duties as were required.

D It was not necessary for this branch to maintain permanent field representatives at the various offices of the United States Employment Service. As questions arose involving problems coming within the scope of those handled by the Evacuee Property Department, information was transmitted to the main office at Portland and, when required, field representatives were sent to the localities which requested information or assistance. In other cases problems were settled either by telephone or by correspondence.

E The Portland newspapers were generous with their publicity regarding activities and duties of the Evacuee Property Department. Out of town newspapers in the Portland zone also gave such publicity as was requested.

F It was not necessary to exercise freezing control under this Regulation since we had no problems requiring such action.

III. FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAM

A Those functions incidental to property and business problems (exclusive of farming) were handled by the Evacuee Property Department up to March 29, 1942. Many problems, of course, such as farming, travel permits, curfew regulations, public assistance information, etc., came to the attention of the Evacuee Property Department in the first instance but were referred to the appropriate agency for handling, as all agencies maintained a staff in the W.C.C.A. office at 317 S. W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, in which office the Evacuee Property Department is located.

B 1. After voluntary evacuation was prohibited the Evacuee Property Department continued to advise and assist evacuees with their property and business problems with the thought in mind that, when controlled evacuation took place, the evacuees would have been given an opportunity to make an orderly and equitable disposition of their property.

2. Prior to evacuation, evacuees were informed that household furniture and effects could be disposed of on any reasonable basis that they saw fit. Evacuees were informed that should they desire not to dispose of their household furniture and effects, they could arrange for private storage and, if they did not care to pursue this course, storage would be provided for them at governmental expense at the owner's risk as controlled evacuation occured. A large number of evacuees stored their effects with American friends or left them in locked rooms on the premises or in the basement. Most of the Japanese churches, both Christian and Buddhist, also offered their premises for storage purposes and it is our understanding that these facilities were quite generally used. This procedure cut down, to a

large extent, the volume stored by the Government.

3. (a) In view of the fact that the first exclusion orders, evacuating areas in the Portland zone, were not issued until some time after this office was established, evacuees had ample time to make arrangements for the disposition of their motor vehicles. Consequently, evacuees, in most instances, disposed of their motor vehicles by selling them and a very limited number was placed in private storage. Five motor vehicles are held in storage by the Government for evacuees. Victor W. Thomsen of Rt. #1, Hood River, Oregon informed the W.C.C.A. office at Portland, Oregon by letter, that he had approximately 50 evacuee automobiles listed with him for the purpose of sale, such automobiles being stored with him and other dealers.

(b) Six motor vehicles have been tendered for sale to the Army.

4. Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department were helpful in the negotiation and settlement of problems falling within this category and coming to their attention.

5. A representative of the Evacuee Property Department was stationed at the Wartime Civil Control Administration Assembly Center, North Portland, Oregon for the purpose of impounding automobiles which were delivered for that purpose. He also delivered personal property inventory forms to the evacuees covering household furniture stored by us and was able to reconcile any discrepancies that appeared on such forms. Likewise, he was very helpful in acting as liaison to aid in the completion of unfinished problems. Representatives were, of course, also maintained at each Civil Control Station, as controlled evacuation occured, for the purpose of performing such duties as came within the scope of problems being handled by the Evacuee Property Department.

6. Shasta Hotel, 320 N. W. Glisan St., Portland, Oregon. K. Nitta, owner of the furnishings of this hotel had a prospective buyer in mind

but was unable to negotiate the transaction due to the fact that the owner of the building was demanding a substantial increase in rent from the prospective buyer. However, as the result of a conference attended by evacuee K. Nitta, the owner of the building, and a representative of the Evacuee Property Department, the building owner agreed to rent to the prospective buyer on a reasonable basis and the sale was consummated to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Mikado Baths, 310 N. W. Everett Street, Portland, Oregon. In a round table discussion with Somaji Hara, owner of the Mikado Baths, his attorney, Paul Harrowitz, landlord, and Evacuee Property Department representatives, a reasonable and agreeable settlement was reached regarding some fixtures which had been removed and sold by Hara against the wishes and without the permission of the landlord.

Fuji Grocery, 2037 N. Williams Ave., Portland, Oregon. George Azumano, owner had considerable difficulty in finding a purchaser for his store. He finally started negotiations with two Chinese purchasers, partners, whom he brought to the Evacuee Property Department office to discuss terms. At the suggestion of the Department's representative, the purchasers borrowed sufficient funds to pay cash for the inventory. The fixtures and a delivery truck were handled on a sales contract deposited in the seller's bank for collection. Later a tax problem arose which was successfully adjusted with the new purchaser.

Hotels and Apartment Houses - Out of a total of 96 hotels and apartment houses, 73 changed ownerships and 23 were left in the hands of managers who, in most cases, function under a signed agreement with the owner. Of

the 23 remaining under Japanese ownership two are for sale in the hope of obtaining better prices than could have been received earlier.

Grocery and Produce Stores - Under this classification there were 63 such places of business in existence in the City of Portland prior to the evacuation order. Although some of the transactions did not clear through this office, our records show that 34 were sold and 22 liquidated, the fixtures being disposed of or stored. In one instance, the Lombard Center Market, the Japanese owner, Tom Okazaki purchased the property for $6,200 cash and leased it to an American for three years at $80 per month thereby assuring him of a definite income during his absence. Much satisfaction was expressed by evacuees. As far as we know there are no cases in this classification which will require further attention.

Restaurants - Of 18 restaurants in operation prior to the evacuation, only about 4 were sold outright, the balance vacating the property and either storing or selling the fixtures. One large one, the Burnside Restaurant is still unsold due to the inability of the owner, Frank Toyota, and the prospective purchaser, to get together on a price. Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department are still attempting to assist Toyota to make disposition of his business.

Tailors, Laundries and Cleaning Establishments - There were 39 businesses of this classification in existence prior to the evacuation. Our reports indicate 15 were sold intact and the balance of 24 liquidated either by selling their equipment or making some provision for storage.

Greenhouses - Disposition of about 6 greenhouses was not entirely satisfactory from a monetary standpoint. In each instance ownership was retained and the residence of the owner rented or leased for the duration, the new occupant agreeing to act as an informal custodian of the

greenhouses. In one case, that of a large establishment, the greenhouses were rented outright.

Residences - Due to housing conditions in this community no difficulty was experienced in renting, leasing or disposing of residences by evacuees. In many instances, the American occupant permitted the storage of the Japanese owner's personal effects in a room or basement of the home.

The balance of the 325 Japanese owned businesses not included in the above and consisting of barber shops, beauty parlors, jewelry stores, general merchandise stores, newspapers, garages, baths, etc. were, with a very few exceptions, closed after making some disposition of their fixtures either by sale or storage. One large drug store was disposed of through a professional liquidator and the fixtures and inventory of another was packed and shipped to Spokane, Washington, where the owner will reopen the business, having first obtained an exemption and travel permit.

IV. PUBLIC AND EVACUEE REACTIONS TO WORK PERFORMED

A No unfavorable criticism regarding the work performed by the Evacuee Property Department has come to our attention. Many oral expressions of approval were offered by those who took the trouble to learn how the problems were being handled.

B In view of the fact that the bulk of the business and property problems were in Portland and its immediate vicinity and because most of our negotiations were in the form of personal interviews by our representatives, very few letters of appreciation were received.

Evacuees, however, were generous with oral praise of and thankfulness for the many services rendered and advice given by our representatives.

Attached are a few typical letters designated as Exhibits A,B,C,D,E, and F.

C (We have assumed that this heading referred to American citizens of Japanese ancestry)

"Exhibit G" appearing in Morning Oregon, Portland, Oregon, May 4, 1942 attached.

"Exhibit H" appearing in Hood River County Sun of May 15, 1942, Hood River, Oregon attached.

D The banks and other corporate entities have cooperated to the fullest extent in the furtherance of the evacuation program.

V. STATISTICAL DATA

A Assembly Centers -1

Civil Control Stations Contacted - 6

B Portland Office Evacuee Property Department - 1,242

Field Representatives - 46

Assembly Center -80

Civil Control Stations - 252

C Total Number of Persons Contacted - 1,620

D Five automobiles are stored in Oregon Transfer Co., Warehouse No. 5, 733 N. W. Everett St., Portland, Oregon.

E Six automobiles are stored in the warehouse pending sale to the U. S. Army. However, these have not, as yet, been appraised; consequently, the dollar value is not available.

F Instead of leasing a warehouse we have entered into an agreement with the Oregon Transfer Co. for the warehousing, at their Warehouse No. 5, 733 N. W. Everett St., Portland, Oregon, of such articles as may be offered for storage.

G 127 Family units occupying approximately 25,660 cubic feet.

VI. Expenses Incurred

To be completed by Head Office per their wire dated May 28, 1942.

VII. CONCLUSION

A Because of our satisfactory ~~service rendered~~ relations with both evacuees and Americans alike and also because of the good will engendered, it appears obvious that should questions arise in the future concerning business properties, those concerned will undoubtedly turn to the Evacuee Property Department for assistance and advice. Business properties being sold under contract may fail to return the income expected, due to inability of the American owners to operate as cheaply as did the Japanese. Default in payment may then occur and necessitate a change of ownership. The weakness in some of the hotel management arrangements will, in some cases, develop a need for a replacement of personnel or even force a sale of the hotel itself.

Creditors are calling on the Department for information from time to time as to the means of collecting overdue accounts undisclosed by the evacuee at the time of his departure. It will be difficult to cut off abruptly the "clearing house" and advisory functions of the bank developed during the past three months.

Automobiles in storage or for sale to the government will, until the final disposition is determined, be the cause of some responsibility on the part of this institution.

B Care was used in handling all business cases not to involve the Department in any detail that would require supervision after the evacuation is completed. No escrow agreements were made, no powers of attorney taken and no collection arrangements entered into. We were often urged to perform these functions but satisfactory disposition was made of them in each case through banks, attorneys, and others who solved the problems for all parties concerned. In a few instances the evacuees attempted to

draw earnest money receipts, bills of sale, or other legal papers but we suggested that they consult their attorney and in each case this was done. The firm of Collier, Collier and Bernard of this city, according to problems coming to our attention, handled more individual evacuee cases than any other local firm of attorneys and were always most cooperative.

Exhibit A

WCCA Assembly Center
North Portland, Oregon
May 28, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Portland Branch
Porter Building
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the services, concerning my personal business transactions, you gentlemen have kindly rendered me.

Please accept my deepest apology for not writing sooner.

Thanking Mr. Niemen for his services, I remain

Sincerely,

(Signed)
Arthur Fujiwara

Exhibit B

May 29, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank, Portland Branch
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Sometime ago I had the extreme pleasure of utilizing the services of your staff and Bank to dispose of my hotel.

I wish at this time to extend my appreciation for the courtesies shown me by Mr. Hemingway, Mr. Smear, Mr. Roe, and Mr. Crouch, who are connected with your staff. They were more than anxious to help me in every way possible in this transaction.

As you undoubtedly know, I had little time to dispose of my property. Naturally, any customers interested in buying the property were not too anxious for a quick deal knowing delay would cost me money. This is why I am anxious to thank the Bank and the staff again and again for their courtesy and prompt service shown me.

I shall gladly recommend the Federal Reserve Bank and its staff to anyone desiring to dispose of any property, banking or business transaction of any kind.

I wish to thank each and every member of the staff of the Federal Reserve Bank again who had any connection with this transaction.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)
Mary Masami Yamaguchi

Exhibit C

OFFICERS:
Thomas Iseri, Chairman
Box 156 Auburn, Wn.
Newton K. Uyesugi, Executive Secy.
214 S.W. 6th Ave., Portland, Oregon
Charles Toshi, Treasurer
Box 215 Kent, Wn.

Chapters:
Hood River
Portland
Puyallup
Seattle
Tacoma
Valley Civic Leag
Yakima

Northwest District Board
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Portland Chapter

May 28, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank
Portland Branch
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Portland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League I wish to thank the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Ever since the time that the Federal Reserve Bank was designated as the agency through which the business matters of the evacuees would be handled, we have received every consideration from the Portland office.

The personnel of the Portland office has also been above reproach for they have listened to all the problems of the evacuees and tried to the best of their ability to do what was considered fair with the interest of the evacuee at heart. I sincerely appreciate the work that the personnel has done, and I am sure the people they have helped have also expressed their appreciation.

I am also writing to our national office, which is at the present time located in Salt Lake City, Utah, expressing our appreciation for the work that the Portland office of the Federal Reserve Bank has done.

"A job well done" would aptly describe the work of the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed
Newton K. Uyesugi
President Portland JACL

Exhibit D

Japanese Assembly Center
North Portland, Oregon
May 28, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank
Portland Branch
Porter Building
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation of your very courteous efforts in aiding us to solve the many property problems with which we were confronted in conjunction with the evacuation order.

My particular problem involved the disposition of business and storage of furniture of the Hotels Stewart and S. P. The members of your staff Mr. Crouch, Mr. Roe, Mr. Hemingway, Mr. Nieman, Mr. Alger and others were very helpful in every way possible. The keen individual interest with which they attacked each particular problem as it came up cannot be measured fully in a material way.

So I thank you

Sincerely,

(Signed)
Hiroshi Sumida

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Exhibit E

Dear Mr. Crouch,

Thank you for your help. I long distant to her and she came out and received it (the permit) the same day. I meant to tell you sooner, but just didn't.

Thank you again

Asako Matsubu

COPY

Exhibit F

Portland, Oregon

May 4, 1942

Dear Mr. Hemingway,

Before we go, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for everything you did for us. We certainly do appreciate your taking the time and trouble to get us out of our many difficulties. Now that everything is cleared up, we can go to camp with no worries.

Once again, may we say thank you so much.

Sincerely,

The Komachi family

Exhibit G

The Morning Oregonian, Portland, Oregon May 4, 1942

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND THE NORTHWEST

Today our country, the United States of America, is at war. War is cruel and hard. We have been ordered by the Military Commander of the Western Defense Command to evacuate Military Area Number One in the four Western states. The Japanese American Citizens League, made up of American citizens, pledged itself to co-operate with the government; therefore, in spite of the fact that we are citizens, we have agreed to evacuate provided that our government wishes us to do so. We look upon this as our contribution to the national defense effort, and we do it voluntarily.

We American citizens of Japanese extraction have been pioneers in America, just as were the men and women who crossed the plains in covered wagons. We have been pioneers, as many of them have been for the particular racial stock which they represent. As each of them has contributed to the growth of the United States, so we, too, have contributed a part; we will continue to do so no matter where we may go. That is our solemn promise. No racial group has ever in the history of America let the United States down, and we are certain that our group will not do so. The hundreds of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry will attest to that.

We have lived among you for many years peacefully and happily. Unless you were one of us you could not realize how much we appreciate the fact that we have been able to live in America. We love this city and the country in which it is located--- this city which we so fondly call "home." As the eve of evacuation approaches we have found the many simple things mean more to us than ever.

In time of war, prejudices creep in; none feared this more than we. Since we live on the Pacific Coase, this was inevitable. Even though we may move from this area we will do so without bitterness or rancor. Any sacrifice which we make is none too great if it is for the good of the United States. We have tried to show you

where our hearts lie; many of us have joined the armed forces of the United States; we have participated in civic affairs, in the buying of defense bonds, and in civilian defense, as many of you have done.

Our youngsters have gone to school and learned the democratic way of life. We, as citizens, have learned the value of the democratic form of life, perhaps more so than many of you because we are so much closer to the practical aspects of it. We know that as American ideals triumph through the winning of this war, the whole world will learn the real meaning of the words, "regardless of race, color, or creed."

We do not know what the future holds for us, but we will conduct ourselves as Americans. Many of us will leave with tears in our eyes, but in our hearts we will have faith in the government of the United States and in the people from whom the just powers of the government are derived. God willing---may we meet again.

THE PORTLAND CHAPTER OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Statement by Departing J-A Citizens

Hood River County Sun, May 15, 1942, Hood River, Oregon.

Just before leaving Hood River members of the Japanese-American Citizens League made public the following statement:

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE HOOD RIVER COUNTY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHWEST

"The fateful day for us to go into exile for the duration, has arrived for all the Japanese, aliens and non-aliens alike. We leave with tears in our eyes, not because we dread the unknown ordeal before us, but because we regret leaving this peaceful valley that has been our home for these long years. As we go with heavy hearts, we leave with hopeful expectation that some day soon we'll return once again to this land where the rain and the sunshine meet.

"We regret that the unprovoked attack of Japan upon our country - The United States of America - has made it a military necessity to evacuate all Japanese, irregardless of whether citizen or non-citizen.

"We are glad to cooperate with the orders of the government even with curtailment of our constitutional rights, if our cooperation will enable our nation to be better unified to prosecute this war against the Axis aggression. It is the least that we can do to reveal that our protestation of loyalty is sincere.

"The national policy of our orgainzation, the Japanese American Citizens League, has been and will continue to be, "the greatest good for the greatest number of Americans. To this end, this organization is dedicated.

"Our primary consideration as good Americans is the total war effort. Individuals and groups are not important when the life of the nation is at stake. We have been asked to evacuate from the Pacific coast as a military measure designed to strengthen national defense. We will cooperate in this war program.

"As a rational organization and as individuals, we have pledged our whole-hearted cooperation to the President without qualification or reservations in the winning of this war. We will not violate our pledge.

"We have continually cooperated with the Federal government on all regulations and orders in the hope that our cooperation would inspire a reciprocal cooperation on their part. Our hope has been justified. We will continue to cooperate.

"Gracious acceptance of all army regulations and orders and cooperating with them to the fullest extent is our contribution to the national defense effort. It is the sacrifice which we have been called upon to make. Although our contribution may seem greater than most, it still remains that it must be our share in the program. We will make this contribution to our nation graciously and unequivocatingly.

"We are able to leave with smiling faces and courageous minds, for we know we leave many staunch friends who will guard, while we are gone, all that we hold dear and sacred of the things we leave behind. We are grateful to these friends who remained true to us when we needed them the most, even in our darkest hour. They have furnished us the courage to continue to have faith in the noble ideals upon which this country has been founded.

"Because we believe in America, and we trust she believes in us, we pledge ourselves to do honor to her at all times in all places; to support her constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies; foreign or domestic; to actively assume our duties and obligations as citizens, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that we may become better Americans in a greater America.

"So we bid you adieu as we intrust our fate in the hands of destiny and we pray that victory will bring peace to our nation and we further pray that we shall soon be able to return to this peaceful valley and to meet you all again. Until then, we, the members of the Mid-Columbia Japanese American Citizens League bid you all farewell."

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

Portland Branch Zone

_____ Unit

Date Office Opened _____ 1942

Date Office Closed _____ 1942

Weekly Operating Summaries

	Week ending:											
	3-20	3-27	4-3	4-10	4-17	4-24	5-1	5-8	5-15	5-22	5-29	Totals
No. of Cases												
No. of Persons Interviewed												
No. of Persons Represented												
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Flats & Apts.												
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Furniture & Fixtures												
Farms & Orchards												
General												

*Breakdown of Major Business Classification:

Bakeries												
Beauticians												
Canneries												
Churches												
Cleaners												
Dry Goods												
Fertilizers												
Florists												
Garages												
Hotels + Apts												96
Laundries Tailors + Cleaners												39
Liquors												
Markets												52
Newspapers												
Novelties												
Nurseries												
Packers												
Professions												
Restaurants												18
Sport Goods												
All Others												325

Green houses 6

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