Field Offices

Alhambra Field Office
Virgil J. Morris
27 E. Valley Blvd.

A. D. Holloway - Whittier

Horace V. Thompson - Burbank

Frank D. Baker, Jr. - San Fernando

$5.00 - 2¢ and 3¢ Stamps issued to these gentlemen - 3/19/42

Virgil J. Morris.

5/16/42

Dear Mr. Bold:

I overlooked leaving these with the young lady this AM, when I checked in.

Regards

Virgil J. Morris

Rembrandt

Rec'd of Virgil J Morris

$5.00 in Stamps

for Evidence Property

Dept Reports -

A Thompson

Rec'd from Virgil
J. Morris — of Fed
Reserve Bank —
$5.00 in Postage
Stamps.
3-28-42

Read of Vergil J.
Morris — of Fred Ross
Banks — $5.00
Postage Stamps
3-20-42

Frank A. Baker Jr.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

,, EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPT
27 E. Valley Blvd
Alhambra
Cal

May 15th 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Dept
707 South Spring St
Los Angeles
Calif

Dear Mr. Bold:

Replying to your letter of May 14th I am closing the Evacuee Property Department, at this location as per your instructions, at close of business today.

I am directing Mr. Green, Manager of the United States Employment Service to direct all future inquiries to the Main Office downtown.

Enclosed herewith is my resignation blank properly signed, terminating my services as of this date, because of the completion of the Evacuee Programs.

If the authorities do decide to Evacuate the Italian and German aliens, I should be glad to assist you and your department.

Respectfully

Vergil J. Morris
Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative

May 14, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
27 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

There is enclosed resignation form which we should appreciate your signing and returning to us.

It is our understanding that the Alhambra office of the Evacuee Property Department will be closed at the close of business May 15th.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms
Enclosure

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

27 East Valley Blvd

ALHAMBRA, Cal

May 13th 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Dept
707 South Spring St
Los Angeles, Calif

Dear Mr. Bold:

Now that the Japanese evacuation is nearing completion it would appear that some reduction of the Evacuee Property Dept staff would be apparent.

Personally I have enjoyed the work assigned me very much, and have, I believe, accomplished it satisfactorily to both the Japanese in this locality, and to the Federal Reserve Bank. All of the almost 2000 interviews coming thru my office have been satisfactorily completed. I think this is evidenced by the fact that the boys at the Monterey Park, Covina and Pasadena Control Centers say that there have been no carry over, or complicated transactions come over their desks from my area.

If it is possible for me to be retained in the reorganized arrangement I would appreciate it very much.

Respectfully

Virgil J. Morris
Field Representative

5/14

MEMORANDUM

4/30/42

Kindly send an additional supply of ENVELOPES, Form 4A(3-41) 36680

Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative
ALHAMBRA, OFFICE

RCVD 5-1-42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPT

27 E. Valley Blvd

Alhambra

Cal

April 18th 1942

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Herewith is the revised request for reimbursement schedule omitting the item of 75¢ for refreshments, as you suggested. The reason this was done was to secure the good will of the office staff here.

In every instance where contact is necessary, without exception, I first consult the Telephone Directory, then Telephone Information to ascertain if the indivudal to be contacted has had a phone installed recently. If not, and the case is not urgent, a letter is written.

Only in cases where other means cannot accomplish the desired results, is it necessary to use my auto. And in these cases I usually arrange to make several calls on one trip, or complete several on one circuit.

In the specific case you mentioned, "March 29th, Serving Letter ordering appearance," this was a case where a Japanese claimed a Mexican land owner, J.G.Medina, in El Monte, had refused to accept a new tenant purchaser of the Japanese' lease interest, and had then bought it from the Japanese at a considerable lower figure. In order to get at the bottom of the matter it was necessary to order the Mexican in for a hearing, and since the Mexican had no phone, I had to drive to El Monte, and serve the letter on Mr J.G.Medina personally.

Please be assured that I will keep car trips, and other expenses at a minimum, consistant with the necessity of the task to be done.

Respectfully

Vergil J. Morris

Mr Watkins

MEMORANDUM

Please send out about 12 copies of Form TFR-300J

Also 18 or 20 Envelopes Form 4A

Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative
Alhambra Office

sent 4-18-42

file

MEMORANDUM

Kindly send additional envelopes

Form ENV 4A (3-41) 36680

Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative
Alhambra Office

Sent 4-17-42

MEMORANDUM

Please send me about 25 or 30 Form TFI-1

(Special License for Blocked Ntls)

4-10-42
Phoned
Essick & requested
Supply Dept to
Ship direct.
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Vergil J. Morris
Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative
ALHAMBRA OFFICE

April 11, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris
Field Representative
Alhambra, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
27 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Morris:

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Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

April 8, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
27 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

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You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to [redacted] certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 8, 1942

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Evacuee Property Department
27 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

MILAGE IN CONNECTION WITH
ESTABLISHING AGENCIES AT
SAN FERNANDO, BURBANK & WHITTIER

Tuesday, Mar 17-'42

Pasadena to Burbank - - - - -	15 mi	
Burbank to San Fernando - - -	10 "	
San Fernando to Burbank - - -	10 "	
Burbank to San Fernando - - -	10. "	
San Fernando to Pasadena- - -	25 "	
		70 mi

Wednesday, Mar 18-'42

Pasadena to Whittier - - - -	17 "	
Whittier to San Fernando - - (via Burbank)	43 "	
San Fernando to Pasadena - -	25 "	
		85.mi

Thursday, Mar 19- '42

Pasadena to L.A. - - - - - - - (for supplies)	13 "	
L.A. to Burbank - - - - - - -	16 "	
Burbank to Pasadena - - - - -	15 "	
		44 mi

Friday, Mar 20-'42

Pasadena - Whittier - - - -	17 "	
Whittier to San Fernando- - (via Burbank)	43 "	
San Fernando to Pasadena- -	25 "	
		85 mi

TOTAL MILAGE 284

@ 6¢ per Mile - - - - - - - $17.04

Advised by telephone to send in on E-27

Vergil J Morris
Vergil J Morris

3/29/42

Lindquist.

Please mail me AT ONCE, 24 Envelopes, same size as this is enclosed in. Think it is Form ENC 4A.

Just have two left, so would appreciate them coming out right away.

Vergil J. Morris

Vergil J. Morris
Field Representative
ALHAMBRA OFFICE
27 E. Valley Blvd
Alhambra, Calif

mailed
Feb 6th

March 23, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
27 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

March 21, 1942

Mr. Virgil J. Morris, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
87 East Valley Boulevard
Alhambra, California

Dear Mr. Morris:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Burbank Field Office

Horace V. Thompson

131 E. Magnolia Blvd.

April 11, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson
Field Representative
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Ewing
APR 9 - Rec'd

131 E. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, California
April 8, 1942

Mr. Charles Ewing
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I have received the fifteen large envelopes and believe you are right in using the small ones when I can.

I have only three small envelopes on hand now. Will you please send a supply of them to me.

Yours very truly,

H. V. THOMPSON,
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

HVT:w
Sent April 13, 1942

April 8, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
131 East Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CR:MCP

April 6th, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
131 E. Magnolia Boulevard
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We received the following listing of farm machinery for sale in this office today, and inasmuch as the party is in your immediate territory, thought it might be helpful to you, as well as the seller, if it were also listed in your office.

You might also pass the information along to the Farm Security Department.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

GW:MC

April 3, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
131 East Magnolia Boulevard
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
131 East Magnolia Boulevard
Burbank, California

Dear Sir:

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:gh

April 1st, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
131 E. Magnolia Boulevard
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 31st relative to the inquiries regarding warehouse facilities for storing personal effects of evacuees. This matter will be handled by us at the time evacuation takes place in your area.

We wish to call your attention to a memorandum dated March 30th on the subject of disposition of household effects, storage, etc. which is being forwarded to you today.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CVL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

131 E. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, California
March 31, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

We have many inquiries as to the warehouse where Japanese goods can be stored. I am in need of information as to where this will be and any information that you may be able to give to me so that I may direct my inquiries accordingly.

Yours very truly,

H. V. Thompson

H. V. THOMPSON
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE.

HVT:w

Ans 4/1/42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

131 E. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, California
March 30, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Property Evacuee Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Please send me a supply of envelopes, #10A (10-41) 36479 as I have only one left.

These are the envelopes that I mail my reports in.

Yours very truly,

H. V. Thompson

H. V. THOMPSON

HVT:w

15 envelopes forwarded
Advised to use
smaller envelopes
when possible
Evans
4-6-42

March 24, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
131 East Magnolia Boulevard
Burbank, California

Re: Daily Interviews.

Dear Sir:

We are returning two reports dated March 19th and March 20th, which are incomplete. Will you please record the action taken in both instances and return to us at your earliest convenience.

Will you please sign all reports with your full surname instead of initialing.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms
Enclosures

March 23, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson,
Evacuee Property Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
131 E. Magnolia Boulevard,
Burbank, California.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Yours very truly,

Bold

FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

March 21, 1942

Mr. Horace V. Thompson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
131 E. Magnolia Blvd.,
Burbank, California

Dear Mr. Thompson:

There is enclosed in duplicate copy of our Secrecy Pledge which please sign, both copies, and date as of March 19, 1942, and forward to this office.

Yours very truly,

FCB/MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

Downey

I. H. Keavor

112 S. Paramount Blvd.

April 8, 1942

Mr. T. W. Trevor, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
112 South Paramount Blvd.
Downey, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Trevor:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:MT

El. Centro
Charles H. Small
540 State Street

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

P.O.Box 855,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 28th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our telephone conversation of this afternoon :

Enclosed is a report of interview without the necessary caption and other detail inserted. This closes up the file of one of the files I recently sent in to you marked "incomplete". Not having the file here, I was unable to determine the name of the Japanese involved. If these incomplete files were kept separately from the completed files I sent in, will you please have the necessary data inserted in the enclosed report and transfer this to the completed files, please?

There were a few other incomplete files I sent in in connection with pending automobile transfers. I was assured the certificates would be here this week so they could be completed in accordance with my comments in each file. They haven't shown up yet. The remaining Japanese who were left here account of sickness are expected to be evacuated the beginning of next week. Under the circumstances, it seems unnecessary for me to be retained on the pay roll of the Federal Reserve Bank after the end of May to clean up these odds and ends should they not be out of the way by May 31st. I therefore suggest that, unless there should be other duties you want me to perform either here or elsewhere, that my official connection as Field Representative here in El Centro be terminated as of May 31st. I shall be glad to attend to the minor details indicated after that date if and as they show up, regardless of being "off the payroll". I will have a small expense account for automobile mileage, postage, etc., to send in June 1st - I have the necessary forms.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the others connected with the Evacuation headquarters at 7th & Spring for your cooperation with me personally. It was a pleasure to work with you and if you think well of it and the opportunity offers, I would welcome a reestablishment of our connection.

Yours very truly,

G.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

P.O.Box 855,
El Centro, Calif.
May 26th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

I still have a number of calls for information and assistance in straightening up some odds and ends.

The local office of the Motor Vehicle Department tells me they have had a number of cases reported to them of where a purchaser of an auto or truck from a Japanese has sent in the certificates for reissuing to them and have found that the Japanese has only signed one of the required spaces of either "registered owner" or "legal owner" where he owned the car clear instead of both of them. They have been informed that the Federal Reserve Bank has arranged to clear title on Japanese formerly owned cars.

What can I tell them? If I know the Japanese or had knowledge of him, is it desired that I should sign for the Japanese on the other line when these certificates have been returned to the owner for this correction? (Or rather to the purchaser - the new owner). These are cases where no power-of-attorney has been left with anyone by the Japanese before evacuation.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL.

Advised by telephone - We have nothing to do with these cars EAVenell 6/2



PHONES { OFF. EL CE[redacted]O 108
RES. EL CE[redacted]O 885-R

STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

LIFE – AUTOMOBILE – FIRE

C. H. H. SMALL

BUSINESS ADDRESS
204 REHKOPF BUILDING
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

RESIDENCE ADDRESS
577 LEN REY AVENUE
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.

May 23rd, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

In line with our telephone conversation a day or so ago, I have been doing my "durndest" to wind up this office today but it is getting so late that I know I will not be able to get the completed files, etc., off today. I will get them off by express addressed to you on Monday.

I will put the completed files in one package, the incompleted files in a separate package, and the forms in another one - BUT all in the same cover. As any other developments transpire such as completing the automobile ownership certificates as referred to in the incomplete files, I will send you in reports on the interview blanks (of which I have retained a few).

If you should desire to get in touch with me, address me or telephone me per my enclosed card. I will drop in at this office daily for awhile to see if anything develops that needs attention, or Mr. Finney, the manager of the Federal Employment office here will call me.

By the way, if the suggestion is in order, I suggest that you write Mr. T.N.Finney, Mgr. of the Federal Employment Office here, and Mr. A.V.Schenck, Field Agent of the W.F.A. (or maybe F.S.A.) here at this address with a word of appreciation of their very fine cooperation with us in putting over this program. It was this excellent cooperation in the main which was responsible for our success, and I am still proud of the fact that we had no "freezes" here, nothing to be stored, and for the universal feeling here and also with the Japanese themselves before they left that the program was handled in a just and equitable manner.

File

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

I'll have an expense account to send in one of these days.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

May 19, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Mgr. Federal Reserve Bank of S.F.
707 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

SUBJECT: Special Report - Control Center
No. 72 - El Centro
Lancaster & Johnson.

Dear Mr. Bold:

On arrival at El Centro, May 15, 1942, we conferred with our Field Representative and the U.S.E.S. Manager, relative to forthcoming Control Center activities.

Our Field Representative thence made the statement that he was in charge, to which the Employment Manager took exception and forcefully informed our representative that he, the Employment Manager was the head of the Control Center Office. Our representative then stated that while he had been instructed not to attend at such office, nevertheless, we were responsible to him; that all problems were solved and that he would be surprised if we received any listings of furniture for storage or automobiles for storage or sale; that he had received information from Parker that evacuees should have their necessary household equipment forwarded for their use as none was available there and in all probability evacuees would remain in Parker temporarily for the purpose of developing an Indian Reservation; that at the inception of his work as Field Representative, he conferred with several local attorneys who agreed to and did draft all power-of-attorney forms at a charge of $10.00 each, agreeing not to file suit against an evacuee without first notifying him.

CONTROL CENTER ACTIVITIES

APPROXIMATE REGISTRATION:

Heads of Families 132

Persons --------- 555

Automobiles for storage or sale, NONE

Furniture for storage --------- NONE

Many evacuees had not been informed of our facilities and willingness to store their furniture. Some had stored at their church, some had sold and some had stored privately. Many expressed surprise when our offer of storage was explained.

Two evacuees, both named KAWANAMI -cousins- requested that we store the furniture then at their homes, they having previously stored the bulf thereof with a local warehouse Company, whereupon form FRB 2 was prepared. At our suggestion these evacuees consented to deliver the remaining furniture at their homes to the local warehouse Company for pick-up by our van and in writing authorize delivery. We informed them that at this time we were uncertain just where storage would be - possibly Riverside or Los Angeles. At the time of the second interview, our Field Representative appeared and in our presence and in an angry tone of voice, informed the evacuees that regardless of what we had told them he would send their furniture to Los Angeles if they stored with us; that their furniture would become mixed with that of others and government red-tape would prevent delivery from six months to a year after request therefor. Upon our denial of such malfeasance the evacuees became confused and confounded, whereupon they with their families held a private conference in the Control Center Office for approximately one-half hour, participated in by an employed Japanese floor-man who ~~was~~ seemingly was under the domination of our Field Representative. After such conference, which was in the Japanese language, one evacuee informed us that he and his family decided not to store with us, but privately, notwithstanding storage charges were involved. The other remained undecided, whereupon we suggested that he store with us any furniture refused by Parker authorities and that he and our Field Representative thence change form FRB 2 accordingly. To this suggestion our representative stood mute.

On May 19th the Farm Security Representatives, Messrs Farr and Tarlock, quizzed us relative to the activities of our Field Representative, stating that he was non-cooperative and had interferred in their matters by telling evacuee farmers to abandon their crops and ranches at once and store their farm impliments, which caused monetary loss to evacuees; that the Farm Security Administration policy was to keep all such impliments in use and that our Field Representative had informed them that he had jurisdiction of farm equipment and property.

OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

Our Field Representative was domineering and non-cooperative.
He resented our presence and effort of helpfulness.
He seemed impregnated with the idea we would undo his accomplishments.
He phoned direct to Mr. Watkins critizising our method of interviewing evacuees.

No evidence of collusion or unlawful gain was disclosed.

R E M A R K S

The foregoing is not rendered in spitefulness but is a report of conditions actually encountered. We do not believe that our Field Representative wilfully exceeded the scope of his authority, but rather that he was not fully advised or lacked sufficient qualifications.

The Farm Security Administration Representatives informed us that the District Attorney of Imperial County had summoned farmer evacuees into his office for the purpose of securing evidence of possible violations of the Alien Land Law, thereby causing fear and trembling among such evacuees. However, no prosecutions were instituted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Lancaster

and

Ray D. Johnson

Control Center Representatives.

SAUI S S YAM

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
May 21st, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Well, the party's over as far as Imperial County is concerned. 692 Japanese were evacuated this morning @ 9:30 a.m. to Parker - 292 from El Centro and 400 from Brawley. There remain about 24 individuals here, 12 of them I think under permit from the Health Department for sickness and 12 to take care of them. Most of these were very young children with measles, mumps and/or chicken pox and will be removed within a few days.

As far as automobiles to be stored by the Federal Reserve Bank or/and sold to the Army, and furniture to be stored by the Federal Reserve Bank, I have the pleasure to report that we have drawn a blank at both Brawley and El Centro - there is nothing turned over to us. I say "pleasure" advisedly for while our facilities were available and well-advertised for their benefit, it would have been at some expense to us and consequently to the Federal Government, and this indicates the success of our program of assistance in disposing of their property voluntarily and the excellent degree of co-operation we received from the Japanese people themselves and the local citizens in putting over this cooperative program on a fair basis. It also indicates the high plane of the Japanese line of thought here to take care of their own problems with assistance from Uncle Sam rather than the easier course of just dumping their problems in our lap at the last minute. This attitude was natural in some of them and had to be taught and cultivated in a good many and the result shows that the "teaching" was well-done.

Enclosed are the forms Mr. Slavin gave to Seriguchi for the 1942 Plymouth we thought we were going to have to handle. I assisted Seriguchi and the dealer in getting together and making a satisfactory deal yesterday and Mr. Slavin telephoned to me this morning and asked that I get these forms back and send in for cancelation to be sure they did not get in un-authorized hands. The enclosed reports are the type that I will be working on tomorrow and Saturday to close up my pending files to show those completely closed or just what items remain to be attended to.

Yours very truly,

C. H. H. Small

C. H. H. SMALL, Field Representative

WCCA FORM FRB-4

Agreement Regarding Disposition of Motor Vehicle

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned has read and understands the instructions on the reverse hereof regarding the disposition of the motor vehicle described on WCCA Form FRB-3, [to be attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein if this Agreement is signed] which the undersigned has signed concurrently herewith.

Said instructions and those on the reverse of WCCA Form FRB-3 are a part of this Agreement.

The undersigned desires to dispose of the aforesaid motor vehicle according to Alternative No. 2 set forth on the reverse hereof, and requests the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, to act accordingly. If the accomplishment of the alternative herein selected appears to said Bank, in its sole discretion, impossible or not feasible, said Bank is authorized to make such other disposition of said motor vehicle as it deems proper.

Said motor vehicle is delivered to said Bank at the sole risk of the undersigned, and it is agreed that no liability or responsibility shall attach to said Bank for any act or omission in connection with the handling of said motor vehicle or disposition of the proceeds thereof.

The undersigned further agrees, upon demand, to reimburse the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Fiscal Agent of the United States, in full for all charges and expenses incurred in connection with the disposition of said motor vehicle, and authorizes and instructs said Bank to deduct from the proceeds of the sale of said motor vehicle any of such expenses incurred.

Executed at Brawley Calif this 17th day of May, 1942.

Family No. 33715

WITNESS:

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
San Francisco, California

INSTRUCTIONS TO EVACUEES REGARDING DISPOSITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Evacuees will not be permitted to take their motor vehicles to reception centers. No assurance whatever can be given that evacuees will be enabled at some future time to have the motor vehicles now owned by them returned for their individual use.

The United States Army is authorized, in its discretion, to purchase motor vehicles from evacuees.

Prior to evacuation, motor vehicles may be stored, sold or otherwise disposed of by the owner privately, without governmental interference or assistance.

ALTERNATIVES OF STORAGE OR SALE

The other alternatives presented to the evacuee who owns a motor vehicle are as follows:

Alternative 1. To deliver his motor vehicle to Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, for storage at the owner's risk, without insurance; which storage will, in most instances, be in open areas (at Assembly Centers or other designated places) and must of necessity be of a character which will subject motor vehicles to a more or less rapid deterioration.

Alternative 2. To offer his motor vehicle for sale to the United States on the following basis:

The motor vehicle will be appraised by two disinterested appraisers and, in its discretion and at its option, the Army may buy the motor vehicle at the appraised price which shall not, however, exceed the Blue Book wholesale value in the locality where the purchase is consummated.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE UNITED STATES

A. *If the evacuee is* NOT *the legal owner of the motor vehicle,* in order to arrange for a sale to the Army, he must present to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, at the Civil Control Station, or such other place as may be directed, the following:

1. Registration certificate, duly endorsed.
2. The agreement on the reverse hereof, duly signed and witnessed.
3. Such other authorization and assurance as may be required by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States.

In case the evacuee is not the legal owner, it must be clearly understood that if the indebtedness against the motor vehicle is equal to or greater than the appraised value so that the evacuee has no equity, *no sale to the United States will be consummated.* In such an instance the right of any creditor to repossess or recapture, as provided by law, will not be resisted by the custodian of the motor vehicle.

B. *If the evacuee* IS *the legal owner of the motor vehicle,* he must, in addition to the foregoing, present the ownership certificate, duly endorsed.

DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS

Included in the term "motor vehicle" are the following:

1. Passenger cars, light and medium. Heavy passenger cars in order to come within the purchasable category must be classed as "medium", as the Army is not authorized to purchase any "heavy" passenger cars.
2. Motorcycles.
3. Busses and trucks of all types, including pick-up and delivery trucks; and tractors, including semi-truck tractors.

It is not intended to include within the term "motor vehicle" those self-propelled motor vehicles suited only for farm operation.

In the event that the sale of any motor vehicle is not completed or appears not feasible, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, acting for and as agent of the evacuee, reserves the right to store such motor vehicle at the owner's risk, as above set forth, or to make such other disposition of such motor vehicle as may, in its sole discretion, appear to be just and equitable, including the right to permit the legal owner of such motor vehicle to take his legal recourse for repossession or otherwise.

It is intended that the above procedure will provide a feasible means of protecting the interests of evacuees in their motor vehicles, without prejudice to the interests of others therein, and thus will effect an equitable disposition of such property.

WCCA FORM FRB-3

Control Center (71)
338 N. 7th St
Brawley Calif

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

(See instructions on back of this sheet)

Name of Registered Owner SERIGUCHI T Family Number 33715

Address of Registered Owner Rt 3 Box 89 Holtville Calif

Name of Legal Owner (if different) Bank of America N T & S Assn

Address of Legal Owner El Centro Calif

License Number 4X7655 Serial Number 3135018

Make of Vehicle Plymouth Engine Number P14-10467

Date First Sold 9-24-41 Type of Vehicle 4 Dr Sedan

Accessories *(Indicate number on vehicle)*: Spare Tire(s) one Fog Light(s) none Radio none

Heater none Other

Remarks: Pink Cert held by B of A El Centro Calif
Balance due $615.00

WAIVER

The motor vehicle described in this form 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
Illiterates

Signature of Owner

RECEIPT FOR VEHICLE

Place of Delivery

Receipt of the vehicle described above is hereby acknowledged.

Date

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

Placed in Storage at

Instructions to Owner

To be accepted for storage by the United States Government, the motor vehicle must be in proper running order.

The procedure for registering and storing a motor vehicle is as follows:

(a) The State Motor Vehicle Registration Certificate for this vehicle must be submitted at the Civil Control Station, and three copies of this form (FRB-3) will then be prepared.

(b) Two copies of this form, together with the Registration Certificate, will be handed to the evacuee for his retention until arrival at the designated Assembly Center. The third copy will be retained at the Civil Control Station.

(c) The evacuee will be given an identification tag which he will tie securely to the steering apparatus of the motor vehicle.

(d) On arrival at the Assembly Center the evacuee will deliver to the representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco the two copies of this form, the Registration Certificate, and the keys to the vehicle.

(e) The representative of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will check all numbers on the form and if found to be correct will acknowledge receipt of the motor vehicle by signing one copy of the form and delivering it to the evacuee.

If the motor vehicle described in this form is lost, damaged, or destroyed as the result of negligence while it is in the possession or custody of the United States, or any agency acting for it, the Congress of the United States will be asked to take appropriate action for the benefit of the owner.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 20th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Following our telephone conversation this afternoon, I conveyed your message to Mr. Graham relative to coming up tonight on the train. He called me back that all four of them, he, Slavin, Lancaster and Johnson, were coming up on the train tomorrow.

The S.P.Railroad, due to the shortage of rolling stock, has Imperial Valley on shuttle service now. The night train from here leaves El Centro at 10:30 p.m. and gets up to Niland on the S.P. main line before midnight. Passengers for Los Angeles have to wait around the station there at Niland (which is only a typical rural junction station) until 2 or 3 a.m. for the thru train from the east depending on how near on time it is before they can get into a sleeper. There is no thru sleeper service from here any more. Rather than do that, they decided to wait until the day train tomorrow.

I gave them your message and they made the decision.- As it turned out, they didn't have much to do. I had kept you advised of my impression that everything had been arranged and taken care of but not having had the benefit of experience in other areas in this evacuation I didn't know what was likely to turn up at the last. Nothing has turned up yet.

They will bring back their unused forms.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

540 State Street,
El Centro, California,
May 19th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

I gave you a resume of my activities here in my letter of May 3rd, and some data in my letter of May 16th. Approximately one-half of the remaining Japanese in Imperial County were evacuated this morning to the Parker Reception Camp - some 252 from the El Centro Assembly Center and 394 from the Brawley Center. The remainder, 305 from El Centro and 412 from Brawley, will leave Thursday morning. These folks left on busses and the Army provided 2 large vans for El Centro and 3 for Brawley to move the luggage for those leaving this morning and the vans were "full to overflowing". We understand these busses and vans will deadhead back tomorrow and be utilized Thursday for the further movement. Army military police were provided - one for each vehicle - and a couple of jeeps for extra details; there was also a Dr. and nurse for each contingent.

Mr. Wade Head, Acting Administrator of the Parker camp, is also an official of the U.S. Indian Service - the Parker camp being in an Indian Reservation - has sent word for the Japanese from here to bring or have sent to them practically all of their furniture and furnishings, so as to make their quarters more livable and to keep them better satisfied with their quarters - that he has warehouse space there for excess belongings that cannot be accommodated in their respective quarters. Whether this privilege is being extended to Japanese from other areas being sent there, I do not know - as a matter of fact I rather doubt it. We have, from information I have incidentally received from other sections of the Coastal area, rather an outstanding group of cooperative-minded and willing folks in the Japanese people here. They have not been itinerants - many of them having lived here for 10, 20 and 30 years, and practically all of the young folks under the age of 10 and a good proportion of those age 10 to 20 years, having been born here. Over the past 2 to 3 months, the F.B.I. have taken care of some hundred individuals in concentration camps comprising the troublesome element.

Consequently we have received excellent cooperation from the Japanese themselves, and the officials of their own organization, the Imperial County Citizens Welfare Committee, have worked ardously and efficiently in assisting themselves and us. It is the assumption that Mr. Head will have the whole-hearted cooperation of these Imperial Valley Japanese in making the Parker Camp successful as it is built up to its full complement with Japanese

from other sections. The Army people would not permit them to take their furniture with them, but they have made tentative arrangements with private trucking concerns to bring most of their furniture and furnishings such as they will be permitted to have there, from their own "warehouse centers" here after they get there.

On behalf of the Federal Reserve Bank for the past six weeks and more, I have carefully refrained from advising them what they should do in this respect or from having the Bank enter in to any such arrangement - pointing out to them their privilege of having our storage facilities utilized in accordance with the bulletins and forms I have received from time to time, if they so desired.

However, I have assidiously cooperated with them in every way possible to not only protect their property rights but to prevent them from being taken advantage if unjustly, and also to keep them from taking advantage of the situation to evade just creditors' claims if they were in position so to do and the circumstances would seem to be favorable on the surface. This promoted their self-respect and desire to be self-sustaining is so far as possible, and collectively they indicated quite a little pide in endeavoring to make in the whole Coastal evacuation program a record that would be outstanding of copperation with the Government and able to pay their own way. Selfishly, of course, they have their eye on a favorable impression remaining for what may happen after the war, and in the meantime too for that matter, and their leaders have not attempted to gloss over this angle in discussing various matters with me.

It seems to me we have been successful in carrying out our program, and a a sample from the Japanese side, attached is a copy of a letter I received this morning, and in conversation with the white folks about the County, I gather the impression that they think the program has been put over - "equitably" shall I say?

This being a rural county and entirely devoted to agriculture, it is practically impossible to separate farming interests from "business" interests. As a result, at the start of our program, Mr. Schenck was established here with a crew by the Farm Security Administration March 17th and I representing the Federal Reserve Bank on March 20th. Mr. Schenck was a stranger to Imperial Valley. The Japanese themselves and other local interests had confidence in me and it was imperative for the success of our program that the F.S.A. program also be successful, so he and I worked closely together in putting over the joint program. The F.S.A.people have made a couple of independent check-ups as the program went along for, as one of their officials told me, they had anticipated a great deal of trouble here. This cooperation was heartily commended in each check-up. We have had an unfortunate experience within the past few days, however.

The evacuation crew sent in here by the F.S.A. for their part, previously having had unfortunate experiences in other evacuated areas where problems were unsolved when they moved in and ap-

parentlya lot of dissatisfaction being in evidence, instead of going over Mr. Schenck's records with him and his crew and getting the viewpoint, proceeded on the theory that a lot of things needed competent handling and asked the individual Japanese as they registered for all intimate details on their farming operations. I had written to you a month or six weeks ago relative to the situation here regarding violations of the Alien Land Law and taking everything into consideration with existing conditions and arrangements with law-enforcing bodies, we were in fine shape. But the Japanese resented the questionsing of the FSA evacuation crew and gave them quite a little misinformation and half-stories so that Mr. Tarlock, in charge, sent for an FSA special investigator from San Francisco, a Mr. Farr, who appeared on the scene today. I met him late this afternoon and believe he will straighten out the only unfortunate angle to the program as a whole which has develpped.

Because of the background I have indicated, unless something turns up at the last minute tomorrow or Thursday morning, we will not have any furniture to store for the Japanese and only one automobile - the one I spoke to you about this afternoon on the 'phone. Possibly that will be taken back by the dealer tomorrow - it was a 1942 car that couldn't be sold outside of the Priorities Board.

Most of our problems have been cleaned up but some looses ends exist. For instance, some claims entered for Japanese with debtors have not been acknowledged and several ownership and registration certificates for automobiles in the hands of Japanese which have been outstanding with the Motor Vehicle Department for as long as six weeks and not in their hands as yet were not available for turning over to purchasers of the vehicles when deals were made by the Japanese before evacuating. In a number of these cases it was necessary for me to accept powers-of-attorney (on the Motor Vehicle Dep't forms) to sign for the Japanese releasing their title to the cars when these certificates do arrive from Sacramento. In these cases the Motor Vehicle Dep't has recently stated the certificates were either being mailed or would be within a few days but the Japanese sellers and the purchasers would not consent to anyone but the representative of the Federal Reserve Bank accepting these powers-of-attorney or the deals would not have been made. After Thursday morning I have a number of reports to write up closing up the outstanding files in a number of cases which I estimate will be done by Saturday afternoon of this week when this office could be closed. I expect to be in El Centro and could stop in here daily to fix up these ownership certificates as they come in but as far as the Federal Reserve program is concerned generally do not see the necessity of keeping a desk here and being on the job all day long for that purpose until all of those matters are finally closed.

It has been a very interesting job and a hard one. As a matter of interest, I kept track of my time on it and this is the record - 1st week 80 hours, then respectively, 85, 73, 65, 74, 72, 75 and last week 65 hours. Sunday, May 10th, was the only day I wasn't on the job since March 20th, and practically every evening - as

late as 11:30 p.m. several evenings.

I had to make certain outside arrangements for the conduct of my personal insurance business, and if anything else is in the wind in connection with a similar phase of the war work or other phases, if you will advise me relative thereto I will be able to continue those arrangements and do my part in our country's war program either here or elsewhere where my services could best be utilized.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
May 19th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Mr. Graham is asking if it is necessary for him to bring in all of the forms 3 and 4 the four Federal Reserve men on the Evacuation crew have left over. Unless he drives the 1942 Plymouth up to Los Angeles (per our conversation) he will be loaded downwith supplies and he couldn't very well take up, in addition, all of my material and files on the bus or train. Would it not be advisable for him to turn over to me all of those supplies if they are to be brought in and have me ship them up and my stuff by express when I close up this office?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.Small

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

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phoned
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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
May 16th, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins :

Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I did not telephone to you today because I had no definite information I could give you.

As of 6 p.m. this evening, after registration is supposedly completed both here and in Brawley, they have passed thru the control stations approximately

217 families	806 individuals		@ Brawley
132 "	557 "		@ El Centro
Volunteer workers	47 "		went last Saturday
Total	1410 "		

You will recall I reported about a month ago I estimated there were about 1400 individuals to be evacuated. Up to 6:00 p.m. today, our 4 men in the two stations report only 1 automobile signed up to come to the Federal Reserve and NO furniture. Messrs. Graham and Slavin @ Brawley and Mr. Johnston @ El Centro tell me they have tried to in a diplomatic manner impress on the Japanese that if they had either autos or furniture to come to us that they be sure to report it not later than next Monday. Mr. Lancaster tells me he expects quite a number of cases to report back to him even as late as the days of evaustion (Tuesday for ½ of them and Thursday for the balance) as to their furniture and we will probably have some to handle.

Personally, I look for only an isolated case or so from the other three (and in line with my previous arrangements with the Japanese themselves) but frankly I don't know what to look for from some of those who have passed thru Mr. Lancaster's hands and will probably show up at the last moment for "Santa Claus" to take care of them. If we have some furniture to come to Los Angeles, perhaps if it is a half-load or quarter-load, it might be best for all concerned for Mr. Sheets @ Indio to hold his "stuff" there until the 21st or 22nd and permit me to start a load out from here with what we have and pick up his on the way. This should cut the total cost down considerably.

Mr. Watkins 5/16/42
Sheet #2

Regarding the lone automobile - This is a 1942 Plymouth and the reason it is coming to us is that the owner cannot sell it because it can't be cleared thru the Priorities Board for a valid purchaser and the dealer will not take it back because he's loaded up with all the 1942 cars he wants. (This is the subject of my report of interview of May 8th- Toyoki Seriguchi) If this is the only automobile we will have here, will it be worth while to store it pending army appraisal here? As a suggestion, would it be permissably for Mr. Graham (one of our men at Brawley Control Station) to drive it up to Los Angeles on his return there so it can be handled along with others there? Mr. Graham is willing and has offered to do this.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. Small

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Yours
Tony
pleased
Small 5/19

May 11, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of May 5, 1942, concerning Keige Kaku and Hiroshi Kaku, American born Japanese, who have been operating property in Imperial Valley. Two special licenses have been issued to the Kaku brothers which require certain reports be made to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. You are under the impression that inasmuch as these brothers were citizens and there was no necessity for the checking account having been blocked, it would perhaps not be necessary to render these reports.

This matter was referred to our Head Office in San Francisco, and we now have received its reply, a copy of which we are enclosing for your information. You will notice that reports may be omitted if you and the Manager of the Brawley Branch of the Security-First National Bank can determine that Setsudo Kaku, father of the two brothers, had no interest in the original funds deposited for the son.

Assistant Manager

CHW:MT

Enclosure.

...VE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

TO: LOS ANGELES BRANCH DATE May 8, 1942

Subject: Foreign Funds Control Department

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE TO MR. [illegible]

MAY 9 - 1942

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE TO MR. [illegible]

MAY 9 - 1942

Reference is made to your letter of May 6, 1942 relative to Kaku Bros., Brawley, California, and our efforts to obtain their reports pursuant to instructions contained on Licenses Nos. S.F. 19821 and S.F. 21040.

The information in our files indicates that Keige and Hiroshi Kaku are both American born Japanese and that their father, Setsudo Kaku, is a blocked Japanese national, due to the fact that he returned from a trip to Japan subsequent to June 17, 1940.

An affidavit executed by Hiroshi Kaku on February 11, 1942 alleges that the Brawley Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles blocked the account of Hiroshi Kaku, due to their belief that his father, Setsudo Kaku, had an interest in the funds on deposit in said account. The affidavit further alleges that the bank should not have blocked the account since Setsudo Kaku had no interest therein. However, Hiroshi Kaku has presented no evidence or information which would indicate from what source he received the money originally deposited in his name.

If your field representative at El Centro and the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles at Brawley, California, can determine that Setsudo Kaku had no interest in the original funds deposited in the name of Hiroshi Kaku, the matter of report can be overlooked, as it appears that both the licenses were issued unnecessarily. Otherwise, a report should be filed under License No. S. F. 21040, as expenditures of $9,000.00 were authorized thereunder. The report requested under License No. S.F. 19821 may be eliminated entirely, as that license authorized expenditures of $250.00 only, over a period of 15 days.

R. C. Everson
Assistant Cashier

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

Directed to file
by.....
(Surname)

File only when signed

LH 1 (4-30) 47M 3-14 (7814)

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
May 3, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

For your information, I'll take some time to give you a brief report on some of my activities which do not show up in the formal reports.

Shortly after taking over, I arranged meetings with the leading attorneys and discussed with them the general picture - told them I would recommend that Japanese come to them to have marketing agreements and powers of attorney, etc., drawn by them protecting both sides and arranged with them that fees for these services would be kept to a minimum commensurate with the work involved (for instance maximum fee on drawing powers of attorney not too involved was to be $10.) and on the other hand they were to refer disputed claims to me before actually filing suit in an endeavor to work out voluntary settlements.

Arranged meetings with grocery wholesalers and Chamber of Commerce officials in the various towns of the County so that disposal of stocks in trade of Japanese grocers and restaurants could be disposed of either in bulk or at orderly "disposal sales" without criticism of other merchants at sales of these stocks at below current market prices so they would be out of the way.

Took up our program with the Superior Court judges, justices of the peace, constables, district attorney, Sheriff, F.B.I., and police authorities to keep "red tape" to a minimum and for cooperation without loss of time as occasion should arise.

Discussed our program with the various Bank officials in the various towns for mutual cooperation in working out their problems in connection with their Japanese clients or Japanese coming to them for advice.

Secured the cooperation of the automobile and implement dealers in seeing that disposal of equipment in those lines would be facilitated and at fair prices.

These efforts were uniformly successful. They required much time and effort. As a consequence, however, the bulk of the cases and problems as they arose were amicably settled without my having the opportunity to secure full details which could be embodied in formal reports so that my written individual reports to your office represent but a small percentage comparatively of what we did accomplish. I took the stand that the one object we

had in mind primarily was to facilitate the general program and to do it as quickly as possible - while records were nice to have, that was of secondary importance. In line with this I have consistently kept reports of our activities out of the local newspapers and from the local radio - no headlines - so that no opportunites would be given for uninformed discussion on the street giving rise to rumors unfounded and, from past experience, knowing that in communities such as is Imperial Valley, I could secure far more whole-hearted cooperation from the really influential people of the community if publicity were not directed towards them nor towards their competitors. By suitable follow-ups in their individual cases, they knew their efforts were appreciated but they individually did not know just how valuable they really were in putting over the program, while it was in process, and also kept the disgruntled elements in the community who sit back and carp about "how much Uncle Sam is playing Santa Claus to the Japanese" and promote a mutual distrust between the Japanese and white folk, from having news articles giving them "ammunition".

I have been fortunate in having excellent cooperation with the Japanese-American Citizens League - both from personal acquaintanceship of many years with most of their officials and with a great many of their members. The local representatives and their superiors of the different Federal agencies have also cooperated so that we could function harmoniously. Your assistance and prompt action in taking up such matters as I had to refer to you with officials of various Companies represented here by branches was very timely and helpful - for instance since, as you wrote me on April 29th, you had talked with officials of the Bank of America there and stated they were sending certain word to their Branch Manager at Brawley, he is much more helpful.

I am sending you herewith an additional report of substitute operators of Japanese farmers - these deals were completed some time ago, or rather were arranged for, but the details were not available or I have not previously had the time to get them to be able to make a report. I have three other large operators who have taken over a number of individual farms in each case which I anticipate being able to submit a report next Friday with similar detailed data. In these cases, I have not had the time nor the facilities to make out detailed "interview reports" as there were no particular problems involved other then working out some features of their individual agreements which would apply equally to several of the growers when this feature was talked over.

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Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

El Centro, Calif.
April 21st, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Referring to your letter of the 17th regarding approximate requirements for warehousing and space:

Today I picked up the executive secretary of the local Japanese American Citizens League organization and visited Calexico and Brawley in addition to El Centro. They are progressing in their arrangements to have the Japanese themselves store their futniture and personal belongings in their church buildings in charge of caretakers and covered by insurance. From all indications, the Federal Reserve Bank will not be saddled with very much of this class of goods for warehousing outside of what the Japanese themselves have arranged for.

As to automobiles: If the Japanese from this area are evacuated to Parker, I assume they will be permitted to take their automobiles with them--no other means of transportation being readily available--that is one automobile per family. Of course I am not telling the Japanese this until the evacuation order is received and what it covers. Assuming that they will be permitted to take automobiles with them, however, I doubt if there will be as many as 25 left to be taken care of by us - as a matter of fact I will be surprised if there are more than a dozen unless present temperment of the Japanese changes. If they cannot take their autos with them, it is my belief that arrangements tentatively have been made for disposal or private storage of them so that there would not be many more than above, if any; for they have been holding back their best cars for their own use, the ones having the most resale value and will have no difficulty in disposing of them.

Yours very truly,

C. H. H. Small
Field Representative.

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Evacuee Property Dep't
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Will you please send me a supply of yellow file blank paper letterhead size (for carbon copies of letters, etc.) ? I suggest about 50 sheets.

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative
540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

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El Centro, Calif.
April 17, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

In connection with Instruction Letter No. 9 relative to substitute occupants of farm property:

My lengthy report of April 11th for the period ending that date will be the last one necessary in connection with this phase of the evacuation in this area (Imperial County) unless some of the deals are "kicked over". I have the pleasure to report that according to the records of the Farm Security Administration, every Japanese operated farm in this area has now been provided for by voluntary arrangement between the Japanese involved and other interests qualified to carry on as the Japanese are evacuated.

This involved a total of some 225 different farms. The arrangements had been practically completed on April 11th, the date of my last report in this connection, and this week has been occupied by that department in checking back and taking care of individual problems as they arose in connection with these arrangements. Possibly some of these deals may blow up and new ones have to be made as days go by or at the last minute, but so far it has just been a matter of straightening out angles or circumstances between the Japanese and succeeding operators.

Yours very truly,

C.H.Small
Field Representative.

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Original letter filed in Head Office under date of April 23, 1942.

April 21, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 20, 1942, in which you refer to contraband items, consisting of radios, cameras, etc., which have been deposited with peace officers or U. S. Marshal.

You will recall that Public Proclamation No. 3, dated March 24, 1942, provided that after March 31, 1942, no person of Japanese ancestry should have in his possession any of the items designated as being contraband.

The point you raise as to whether the items in question were voluntarily deposited or whether they were seized, seems to be rather technical. Similar items of contraband previously deposited with civil authorities by aliens might be considered as having been voluntarily deposited as contrasted to those items which may have been actually seized by the representatives of the F.B.I. Regardless of the manner in which these so-called contraband items were placed in the custody of civil authorities, we have found no means of having them released.

As a matter of fact, we have been told of several instances where radios have been placed in custody of the authorities and no recognition subsequently given to the position of the vendor who actually owns the property under defaulted conditional sales contracts. The answer probably will rest in the organization established by the Alien Property Custodian. At the moment we are without any information as to the program to be followed in this regard.

Our only answer to your last question concerning the camera and tractor, would be that the tractor has not been designated as a contraband item, and, therefore, not subject to any control.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]:ET

Assistant Manager.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Palmer
APR 21 Rec'd

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 20th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

In connection with radios, cameras, etc., deposited with peace officers for the U.S.Marshal by native born Japanese and alien Japanese in accordance with Public Proclamation No. 3 of General DeWitt :

I raised the question with the U.S.Marshall, Robert E. Clark, as to disposition of the property rights in these articles by both classes of Japanese prior to evacuation - not in the cases of such articles seized by the F.B.I. as contraband in the hands of "enemy aliens". He states "there is no mention in the Regulations of releasing articles to bona fide American citizens not of Japanese descent upon presentation of bills of sale. We cannot answer this question hence it was referred to the U.S.Attorney's office. It will undoubtedly be some time before we will be in position to release any of these articles and only then upon written authority from the U.S.Attorney. It may be that your organization can take up the matter with the U.S.Attorney Wm. Fleet Palmer here at Los Angeles or with the Attorney General at Washington and secure some ruling that will lead to a more immediate solution of your problem"

Mr. A.di Girolamo, Ass't U.S.Attorney in Los Angeles, writes that "any transfer or assignment of radios or cameras which have been deposited by Japanese and other aliens may entail having to pass on the title of ownership. No provisions have yet been made by this office or any other office for the releasing of said property. It is anticipated that in the near future a Custodian of Alien Property will provide the machinery for the purpose of releasing such articles".

Some of these radios and cameras so deposited by Japanese citizens of the U.S. and aliens (but not "enemy aliens") (aliens of enemy countries) are quite valuable and it seems only reasonable that they could be sold the same as other chattels when they were voluntarily deposited and were not seized. I have a number of cases of where the Japanese of both classes would like to realize what they can from these articles and other people would like to buy them. What is the difference between a $200 camera for instance and a $2,000 tractor in so far as disposing of them is concerned?

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Yours very truly,

C.H.H. Small

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 17, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 15, 1942, regarding storage of property in advance of controlled evacuation, which is mentioned in Instruction Letter No. 18.

It is not the intention to require storage of all personal property under government care. Your interpretation to the effect that voluntary arrangements already effected should not be disturbed, is correct. We will provide storage for household furniture and certain other items in addition to automobiles, where the owners have not made arrangements of their own for the care of their property prior to evacuation.

We will doubtless be called upon to provide storage, and we should like, if possible, to receive some estimate as to the kind of warehouse space which may be required and also should like to know the approximate number of cars which may be left in our care.

Yours very truly,

CHW:MT

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 15th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Instruction Letter No. 18- Storage of property in advance of controlled evacuation Operations.

I have been encouraging evacuees to make arrangements to store their personal property for an indefinite period on the basis of a continuing voluntary arrangement on their part with suitable provisions for payment of storage charges - NOT on an indefinite temporary basis with the idea that these would be void after evacuation and that the Federal Reserve Bank would take over automatically then.

There is one Japanese church in Calexico, 2 in El Centro, and 2 in Brawley. The Japanese have arranged to store a large quantity of their personal effects in these buildings and have hired caretakers to have control after the individual owners are evacuated. These arrangements are predicated on extending over one or several years.

Do I understand that these arrangements are not satisfactory and that all of this property will have to come to the Federal Reserve Bank and be in Federal care and control upon evacuation?

If my understanding is correct that only those personal belongings will have to be cared for by the Federal Reserve Bank that have not been stored by the owners or otherwise provided for such as set out in paragraph 2 above and other ways, my information leads me to believe that we will not have a great quantity of goods to be handled. If I am incorrect, I will have to make a survey on the other basis.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 15th, 1942.

Mr. Ewing,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ewing :

Just as a matter of information for my guidance :

I wrote in April 11th for 100 or 150 3¢ U. S. postage stamps. You sent me a pencil memo dated the 13th to refer to Instruction Letter #5 and to purchase them locally and request refund on form E-27.

I sent in my request in accordance with the instructions on page 2 of Los Angeles Bulletin No. 1 of the Evacuee Property Dep't dated March 24th and is specific regarding this item of stamps. Instruction Letter No. 5 was issued March 21st so I assumed I should be guided by the Bulletin referred to of a later date.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

Which is correct & what procedure should I follow?

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Advised to buy stamps locally and be reimbursed through E-27 Form.
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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 13th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Last Thursday afternoon, I was called on the telphone by long distance from Salinas, Calif., by a representative of the Ralph E. Myers Co. He explained in a brief manner, that they had been handling a large sized deal here of crops formerly owned by the Golden Valley Produce Company, a local limited partnership consisting of N. YANO and Y. KAWAKITA, the former (I believe) an American-born Japanese and the latter an alien now in an internment camp. The partnership had to close up their affairs as far as possible in view of the evacuation and the Myers Company wanted to make some settlements for crops they had handled. I was told that they had discussed this with the Field Representative of the Federal Reserve Bank there at Salinas and had been told by him to send the settlements to me here for me to handle.

He wanted me to telegraph him authorizing him to send the papers to me. I told him that I had no case history on the deal and did not know how the Federal Reserve Bank was involved and therefore would not comply with his request. He then stated that they would send everything down to me anyway by registered mail.

A local attorney, HARRY W. HORTON, reputable in every way (now Chief Attorney for the Imperial Irrigation District - the biggest legal job in Imperial County) has been handling the affairs of the Golden Valley Produce Company and drew up the agreements, etc., between that Company and the Myers Company. I believe he discussed some phases of this case with Mr. Reynolds of the Federal Reserve Bank in connection with the permits they were operating under from the Treasury Dep't and he also discussed somewhat informally some phases with Mr. Gordon Williams when he was here on March 19th and 20th. Mr. Horton received a copy of the letter of transmittal the Myers Company is mailing the papers to me with by registered mail and a copy of that letter is attached hereto. Mr. Horton received a telegram from the Myers Co. yesterday that they couldn't have the package or envelope they were sending me registered by the P.O. Saturday afternoon, so it would be mailed to me today. I assume I will receive it tomorrow or Wednesday. Horton assures me that so far as he knows, none of the individuals referred to in Myers' letter are "blocked nationals" or "blocked accounts". How far should I go in this matter? Has our Field representative at Salinas sent you a report of anything in this connection?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

OVER

April 15, 1942.

The attached telegram and letter dated April 15 and 13, respectively, occasioned our telephone call to Mr. Small in relation to this transaction. We instructed Mr. Small to follow the conditions outlined in the Ralph E. Myers Company's letter of April 9 in the handling of the documents forwarded, separately. We cautioned him to obtain absolute proof that the Japanese being dealt with were in fact the parties mentioned in letter of instructions. Most of these Japanese are known to Mr. Small, but in case they are not, he will obtain letters of identification from banks in the Valley. The releases and bills of sale to be taken to be forwarded back to the Meyers Company by registered mail.

Watkins.

April 9th., 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Represenative Federal Reserve Bank,
540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Sir;-

For your handling in compliance with regulations issued by the Treasury Department of the United States, we incolse herewith the following enumerated documents.

I, Our check No. 4865 in the amount of $1904.71 payable jointly to Hiroka Kawakita and L. Y. Mukai citizens of the United States, together with copy of Bill of Sale accomplished by them dated December 16th., 1941, covering certain within described growing crops consisting of 190 acres of lettuce and romaine more or less, also release to be signed jointly by the said Hiroka Kawakita and L. Y. Mukai, in acknowledgement of full settlement under the above mentioned Bill of Sale.

2, Our check No. 4892 in the amount of $15,113.05 payable to Hiroka Kawakita a citizen of the United States, together with copy of Bill of Sale accomplished and dated December 16th, 1941, covering certain within described growing crops consisting of 130 acres of lettuce, also our check No. 4867 in the amount of $1,980.21 payable to the said Hiroka Kawakita covering 30 acres of cabbage as described in the above mentioned Bill of Sale, also our Check No. 4861 in the amount of $5,675.94 payable to the W. A. Scheniman Paper Company in compliance with order signed by the said Hiroka Kawakita, also release to be signed by the said Hiroka Kawakita in full settlement under the above mentioned Bill of Sale.

3, Our Check No. 4864 in the amount of $8,305.96 payable to Hiroka Kawakita, a citizen of the United States, together with copy of Bill of Sale accomplished and dated December 16th., 1941, covering certain withing described growing crops consisting of 150 acres of lettuce, also release signed by the said Hiroka Kawakita in acknowledgement of full settlement under the above mentioned Bill of Sale.

4, Our check No. 4866 in the amount of $3,310.29 payable to T. Kishaba, a citizen of the United States, together with copy of Bill of Sale dated December 16th, 1941, covering certain within described growing crops consisting of 70 acres of lettuce, also release to be signed by the said T. Kishaba in acknowledgement of full settlement under the above mentioned Bill of Sale.

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In addition to the documents already enumerated you will also deliver to the said individual parties certain accounting sheets attached to checks made payable to their order, however you are specifically instructed to with hold the deliverance of any and all documents untill you secure the proper signatures on the realeases which are attached to the certain settlements as per the Bill of Sale, Agreements also attached.

You are to contract the said Hiroka Kawakita, L. Y. Mukai and T. Kishaba and make delivery of all documents to them personally securing the signature of a dis-interested party as a witness to their signing the certain realeases attached hereto.

It is our understanding that the above mentioned settlements are made in accordance with and in no way contraray to any instruction issued by the Treasury Department of the United States.

We will appreciate your kindness in forwarding to us at your earlies convenience, signed releases together with the copies of the certain Bill of Sales which are attached for your information.

Yours very truly

Ralph E. Myers Company

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

April 15, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Mr. Small:

Your report of April 2, 1942, on K. Kitatani indicated that you had an interview with Mr. Elmer Leonard, the landlord, in regard to possible refund of the $160.00 advanced rent deposit he was holding. Apparently, Mr. Leonard was agreeable to making a partial refund of this amount, providing the premises were vacated by April 15.

We have now received, and enclose for your information, a copy of telegram dispatched by Mr. Kitatani to our Head Office in San Francisco, which is self-explanatory. We suggest that you again contact Mr. Leonard and the Japanese tenant in an endeavor to effect a compromise if at all possible. The telegram from Mr. Kitatani indicates that he may have contacted you subsequent to your report, in which event you may already have determined whether the matter can be negotiated.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHH:MT

Enclosure.

April 14, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

With reference to your letters of April 10th and April 12th describing problems that confront you as a result of the levy of attachments upon the assets of Japanese, the comments on this subject contained in my letter to you of April 10th are still applicable.

I appreciate the fact that your task is made more complicated and difficult by these attachment proceedings, but the function of this Department remains that of supplying as much assistance as it can within the limits described in my letter of April 10th.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 10th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to your letter of the 10th replying to mine of the 3rd regarding levy of attachmnnts upon the assets of evacuees :

I realize we have no power to abrogate legal rights of creditors as referred to in the second paragraph of your letter and the provisions of Instruction Letter No. 8.

In line with paragraph D under section IV Outline of Program on page 2 of the Suggested Program for the Federal Reserve Bank etc to Deal with the Property of Evacuees, I personally have had splendid cooperation and resulting success in getting local creditors and debtors together and working out agreeable deals to both sides many of which represent compromises of the debts - especially covering debts running back two or three years. Complaints are now coming back to me however, that outside interests are going in to the Municipal Court of Los Angeles mostly thru Collection agencies there who make no effort to get in touch with the debtors here and give them no opportunity to give assignments on proceeds of crops yet to be harvested. Not only does this "upset the applecart" - tie up operations here preventing orderly marketing - but adds on costs to original debts and is distinctly unfair to local creditors here who in many cases have compromised their debts on the basis that all creditors do the same. I have reported a number of these cases to your office, and as a matter of fact had to advise one U.S.Citizen of Japanese ancestry now serving in the U.S.Army and who got a few days off on furlough to come home to straighten up his affairs before his mother had to evacuate, to go into bankruptcy to forestall a Los Angeles creditor who got one of these attachments there to the detriment of local creditors who were willing to make compromise settlements.

While we may not have the legal right to stop these attachments in these cases, if the Municipal Court there in Los Angeles before issuing the attachments would know of the program we are trying to put over in this connection as outlined in the latter part of paragraph 5 on page 2 of the Memorandum of General Principals Governing Operation of the Federal Reserve Bank under Authority of Wire of March 7th in Connection with Dealing with the Property of Evacuees, they might at least request of litigants if they had endeavored to compromise or adjust debts before granting the writs of attachment particularly concerning assets and individuals in Counties outside of

Los Angeles such as Imperial. In all of the complaints of this nature that I have received, I don't recall of any where the writs of attachment were secured by any except some of those collection agencies there.

As a consequence, the local collection agencies here in Imperial County and the local creditors, all of whom are cooperating heartily in the program we are trying to put across and keeping litigation to a minimum, are being taken advantage of. They are beginning to realize this and if the Federal Reserve Bank had ten representatives here, there still wouldn't be any cooperation against this record of what is being done. It is not only unfair but it is unjust to the Japanese and their creditors here and is certainly putting the Federal Reserve Bank in a bad light to make recommendations for creditors and debtors to get together and make voluntary agreements and then have the values of such agreements destroyed by outside attachments being served to tie up the assets and prevent the orderly working out of the deals.

Out of all the Japanese here and disputed accounts, there have been very few local attachments necessary so far, but if these local constables get a few more writs of attachments for collection agencies in Los Angeles out of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, I fear there will be a different picture next week. I can and do follow the plan you outline in the 5th paragraph of your letter to getting the parties together, but that is impossible in the case of these Los Angeles Collection agencies with no local representatives here and know that they thus have the whip hand and are definitely doing this.

Gordon Williams has been working with me the past two days from your office on one of these cases involving one of these agencies, called the Affiliated Merchants. I wrote you about the Ace Collection Exchange a week or so ago. I am not disputing the fact that the debts are possibly just debts and should have been paid before. I hold no brief for the Japanese in these cases. The point I am trying to make is that the same Japanese individuals have other similar debts (one deal shows the nature of the individual) and the way it is working out is that because the local creditors who have the advantage in securing local attachments do cooperate with us in not having a mass of litigation and these attachments, are being penalized for this cooperation. It is quite apparent that the easiest thing for me to do would be to lay down on the job and not try to do something towards putting our program across but I believe that if something could be done up there in some way that I don't know how towards controlling the cases I have referred to, our program could be put across.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

only $185.10 and which would have been settled in due course by regular assignments from proceeds of crop sales. In addition, Okubo has been put to personal expense of hiring an automobile to properly conduct his farming operations while the car tied up by the attachment is stored in a public garage by the constable, who, incidentally broke a window in the car to release the brakes and had it towed to the garage at 9 p.m. April 8th when he picked it up after the 8 p.m. deadline when Okubo must remain in his home by the Army curfew regulations.

The demand of the Affiliated Merchants which I just received this morning accompanying the release of attachment contains this "Mr. Williams has assured us that Mr. Jones (the assignee named to settle the claim thru sale of crops) will be working under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank and therefore we take it that we are in fact dealing with the Bank rather than Mr. Jones and that Mr. Jones is merely a functionary between the Bank and the debtor".

We know that Mr. Williams nor anyone else would give the impression that we would have control of the crops or proceeds of any deal promoted between individuals without necessary impounding facilities being invoked. The assignment which they have drawn up from Okubo to Jones in favor of the Affiliated Merchants has an acceptance to be signed by Jones guaranteeing payment of the $242 (in addition to the $50 already in my hands on account from Okubo). Now they have the auto tied up, naturally they would not release the attachment without a guarantee (if they could get it) of securing the funds. On the other hand Simji Okubo and George Jones neither one know whether other like attachments may not show up involving accounts of S.T. Okubo (now in the Army and not available for information). They hesitate to make such a guarantee on the part of Jones, and I, representing the Bank, handling the adjustment under the instructions of the Affiliated Merchants containing the clause above referred to, certainly am not going to deliver the release of attachment to the constable unless the account is paid in full, compromised by the plaintiff, or on the basis of the guarantee signed by Jones (who is responsible) and irrevocable on his part, so the Bank will not be involved later.

I have recommended this morning to Okubo and Jones that they make some arrangement to pay off the claim in full in cash to be advanced by Jones now so that possible other attachments would not interfere with his full right to collect his prior advance of cash, or else let the auto remain in custody of the attachment and let the Affiliated Merchants and the legal owner of the car try to get their claims out of disposal of the car after evacuation. Okubo is going to come back in to see me tomorrow as to what they intend to do. But the point of the whole thing is that it is costing the defendant Okubo, a U.S.citizen, over 50% of the original claims in addition to the claims and causing a lot of commotion, uproar, expense to us, and ill feeling all around which would have been eliminated if the matter had been referred to us in the first place without going into court in Los Angeles by the Affiliated Merchants.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif. April 12th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our correspondence regarding attachments :

Here is a typical case of how this is working out. Case of S. T. OKUBO et al - my report of interview of April 9th in name of SINJI OKUBO and letter to Gordon Williams of April 9th.

In the first place, S.T.OKUBO (Senji Thomas Okubo) a native born citizen and now in the U.S.Army would be protected against attachments for himself by the moratorium against individuals in the armed forces of the U.S. His native born citizen brother SINJI OKUBO however, has acquired some interest in S.T.OKUBO's affairs by virtue of commingling assets in order to handle things for his brother during his absence along with his own for convenience and it would be a long involved affair to segregate each item. Creditors of either would therefore naturally tie everything up in view of early evacuation knowing that the present resident (Sinji) would endeavor to settle things in order to know where he stands.

One attachment by the Affiliated Merchants (collection agency in Los Angeles) was for the balance of an account now $154.10 incurred by Sinji Okubo in October, 1941, on the usual basis of an original advance for crop purposes of $200 to be repaid from handling crops by the Highland Fruit Company for marketing. This was in order as late as February, 1942, when the Highland Fruit Company credited Okubo with $45.90 reducing the balance to $154.10. They then faded out and were succeeded by a Japanese concern, the Citizens Produce Company, which had to liquidate for the evacuation. It was thus impossible for Okubo to ship his crops thru either of them or the account would have been cleaned up ere this. This balance was assigned to the collection agency Affiliated Merchants. If the collection agency would have followed out the recommended procedure of contacting Okubo directly or thru the Federal Reserve Bank representative here, or transferred the claim to a local Collection Agency (such as the Imperial Valley Credit Association - a bona fide agency and member of the State and National Credit Association organizations) assignments could have been worked out.

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El Centro, Calif.,
April 10th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to your letter of the 10th replying to mine of the 3rd regarding levy of attachmants upon the assets of evacuees :

I realize we have no power to abrogate legal rights of creditors as referred to in the second paragraph of your letter and the provisions of Instruction Letter No. 8.

In line with paragraph D under section IV Outline of Program on page 2 of the Suggested Program for the Federal Reserve Bank etc to Deal with the Property of Evacuees, I personally have had splendid cooperation and resulting success in getting local creditors and debtors together and working out agreeable deals to both sides many of which represent compromises of the debts - especially covering debts running back two or three years. Complaints are now coming back to me however, that outside interests are going in to the Municipal Court of Los Angeles mostly thru Collection agencies there who make no effort to get in touch with the debtors here and give them no opportunity to give assignments on proceeds of crops yet to be harvested. Not only does this "upset the applecart" - tie up operations here preventing orderly marketing - but adds on costs to original debts and is distinctly unfair to local creditors here who in many cases have compromised their debts on the basis that all creditors do the same. I have reported a number of these cases to your office, and as a matter of fact had to advise one U.S.Citizen of Japanese ancestry now serving in the U.S.Army and who got a few days off on furlough to come home to straighten up his affairs before his mother had to evacuate, to go into bankruptcy to forestall a Los Angeles creditor who got one of these attachments there to the detriment of local creditors who were willing to make compromise settlements.

While we may not have the legal right to stop these attachments in these cases, if the Municipal Court there in Los Angeles before issuing the attachments would know of the program we are trying to put over in this connection as outlined in the latter part of paragraph 5 on page 2 of the Memorandum of General Principals Governing Operation of the Federal Reserve Bank under Authority of Wire of March 7th in Connection with Dealing with the Property of Evacuees, they might at least request of litigants if they had endeavored to compromise or adjust debts before granting the writs of attachment particularly concerning assets and individuals in Counties outside of

Los Angeles such as Imperial. In all of the complaints of this nature that I have received, I don't recall of any where the writs of attachment were secured by any except some of those collection agencies there.

As a consequence, the local collection agencies here in Imperial County and the local creditors, all of whom are cooperating heartily in the program we are trying to put across and keeping litigation to a minimum, are being taken advantage of. They are beginning to realize this and if the Federal Reserve Bank had ten representatives here, there still wouldn't be any cooperation against this record of what is being done. It is not only unfair but it is unjust to the Japanese and their creditors here and is certainly putting the Federal Reserve Bank in a bad light to make recommendations for creditors and debtors to get together and make voluntary agreements and then have the values of such agreements destroyed by outside attachments being served to tie up the assets and prevent the orderly working out of the deals.

Out of all the Japanese here and disputed accounts, there have been very few local attachments necessary so far, but if these local constables get a few more writs of attachments for collection agencies in Los Angeles out of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, I fear there will be a different picture next week. I can and do follow the plan you outline in the 5th paragraph of your letter to getting the parties together, but that is impossible in the case of these Los Angeles Collection agencies with no local representatives here and know that they thus have the whip hand and are definitely doing this.

Gordon Williams has been working with me the past two days from your office on one of these cases involving one of these agencies, called the Affiliated Merchants. I wrote you about the Ace Collection Exchange a week or so ago. I am not disputing the fact that the debts are possibly just debts and should have been paid before. I hold no brief for the Japanese in these cases. The point I am trying to make is that the same Japanese individuals have other similar debts (one deal shows the nature of the individual) and the way it is working out is that because the local creditors who have the advantage in securing local attachments do cooperate with us in not having a mass of litigation and these attachments, are being penalized for this cooperation. It is quite apparent that the easiest thing for me to do would be to lay down on the job and not try to do something towards putting our program across but I believe that if something could be done up there in some way that I don't know how towards controlling the cases I have referred to, our program could be put across.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif. April 12th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our correspondence regarding attachments :

Here is a typical case of how this is working out. Case of S. T. OKUBO et al - my report of interview of April 9th in name of SINJI OKUBO and letter to Gordon Williams of April 9th.

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only $185.10 and which would have been settled in due course by regular assignments from proceeds of crop sales. In addition, Okubo has been put to personal expense of hiring an automobile to properly conduct his farming operations while the car tied up by the attachment is stored in a public garage by the constable, who, incidentally broke a window in the car to release the brakes and had it towed to the garage at 9 p.m. April 8th when he picked it up after the 8 p.m. deadline when Okubo must remain in his home by the Army curfew regulations.

The demand of the Affiliated Merchants which I just received this morning accompanying the release of attachment contains this "Mr. Williams has assured us that Mr. Jones (the assignee named to settle the claim thru sale of crops) will be working under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank and therefore we take it that we are in fact dealing with the Bank rather than Mr. Jones and that Mr. Jones is merely a functionary between the Bank and the debtor".

We know that Mr. Williams nor anyone else would give the impression that we would have control of the crops or proceeds of any deal promoted between individuals without necessary impounding facilities being invoked. The assignment which they have drawn up from Okubo to Jones in favor of the Affiliated Merchants has an acceptance to be signed by Jones guaranteeing payment of the $242 (in addition to the $50 already in my hands on account from Okubo). Now they have the auto tied up, naturally they would not release the attachment without a guarantee (if they could get it) of securing the funds. On the other hand Sinji Okubo and George Jones neither one know whether other like attachments may not show up involving accounts of S.T. Okubo (now in the Army and not available for information). They hesitate to make such a guarantee on the part of Jones, and I, representing the Bank, handling the adjustment under the instructions of the Affiliated Merchants containing the clause above referred to, certainly am not going to deliver the release of attachment to the constable unless the account is paid in full, compromised by the plaintiff, or on the basis of the guarantee signed by Jones (who is responsible) and irrevocable on his part, so the Bank will not be involved later.

I have recommended this morning to Okubo and Jones that they make some arrangement to pay off the claim in full in cash to be advanced by Jones now so that possible other attachments would not interfere with his full right to collect his prior advance of cash, or else let the auto remain in custody of the attachment and let the Affiliated Merchants and the legal owner of the car try to get their claims out of disposal of the car after evacuation. Okubo is going to come back in to see me tomorrow as to what they intend to do. But the point of the whole thing is that it is costing the defendant Okubo, a U.S. citizen, over 50% of the original claims in addition to the claims and causing a lot of commotion, uproar, expense to us, and ill feeling all around which would have been eliminated if the matter had been referred to us in the first place without going into court by the Affiliated Merchants.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
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April 11th, 1942.

Evacuee Property Dep't,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me :

About 25 white envelope- form 4A (3-41) 36680

100 or 150 3¢ U.S.postage stamps

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Envelopes Sent 4-13-42

Answered with penciled note re. Stamps.

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April 11, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
340 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Mr. Small:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that the transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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Enclosure.

April 10th, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 7th regarding the status of German and Italian nationals who have not applied for their final citizenship papers.

Public Proclamation No. 5 establishes regulations covering the conduct to be observed by all Japanese, all alien Germans and Italians residing or being within military areas. Certain persons subject thereto may come under one or more of the exemptions specified in the proclamation. The example as stated in your letter may or may not come under Exemption No. 4 which states that German and Italian aliens awaiting naturalization, who had filed the petition for naturalization and who had paid the filing fee therefor in a court of competent jurisdiction on or before December 7th, 1941, are authorized to be exempt from inclusion in evacuation upon furnishing satisfactory proof on Form WDC-PM-5. The certificate of exemption from evacuation will also include exemption from curfew regulations and will entitle such person to reside in any portion of any prohibited area.

The present evacuation order affecting Japanese does not include alien Germans and alien Italians but such persons are subject to the curfew regulation as set forth in Public Proclamation No. 3. For your general information, we are enclosing a copy of a telegram sent by our head office to our Portland branch.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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TO 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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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 7th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

There are several German and Italian nationals in Imperial Valley who have lived here for many ~~many~~ years. A couple of inquiries have been made of me by individuals in this status who received their first papers in applying for citizenship ten or twelve years ago but never did anything further. Both of these cases happen to be dairymen.

Are they to be evacuated along with the Japanese and have to dispose of their property interests?

I have called them "nationals" above on the basis that if they never completed their application for citizenship beyond filing their first papers (or notice of intention as I understand it) they are still alien nationals. Is this correct?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

April 10th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

This is in reply to your letter of April 3rd regarding the threatened levy of attachments upon the assets of evacuees in your area.

This department has no power to abrogate legal rights of creditors or to demand that creditors forego legal remedies available to them. However, we might be requested by an evacuee to intervene when it appears quite definitely that a creditor, in enforcing his rights, may work an unreasonable hardship upon the debtor, or needlessly waste his assets. In such a case we can properly encourage the negotiations of a settlement between the parties that will be reasonably fair to the debtor. It is possible, of course, that we might encounter an instance of such abuse of the creditor's rights as to justify the freezing power, if negotiations are ineffectual.

Your attention is directed again to Instruction Letter No. 8, dated March 28th, signed by Mr. Everson, in which we are advised that in cases where the parties have resorted to civil litigation in order to settle conflicting claims, the exercise of freezing control will seldom, if ever, be justified, because to do so would involve pre-judgment of the rights of the parties; that when the parties have resorted to litigation, we should leave them where we find them, etc.

Specifically, we cannot prevent the filing of attachment suits by creditors having legitimate claims against evacuees. Undoubtedly some hardship will result in numerous cases in which attachments are levied. However, the levying of attachments under normal conditions almost invariably involves inconvenience to the debtor. Debtors who have failed to pay legitimate obligations must be presumed to have incurred the risk of such inconveniences.

Under the circumstances, we would suggest that in those cases in which your assistance is sought by an evacuee-defendant in such an action, you use your best efforts to develop negotiations between the parties with a view to obtaining a settlement that will involve the evacuee in as little unreason-

able hardship as possible.

We have read with interest Mr. Sasaki's letter to you dated March 30th, which is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 3rd, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

So that I may be forewarned and thus be able to endeavor to be able to handle the situation if and as it arises, can you advise me as to what has been the procedure in o other areas as the evacuation orders have been issued and carried out regarding the filing of numerous attachments or other legal restrainers by creditors for old accounts of the Japanese being evacuated?

We have been having very fine cooperation so far from all concerned here on the part of both creditors and debtors. All current expense in connection with current crops is being paid in full by the Japanese debtors as they dispose of their crops either in the form of cash settlement or assignment out of proceeds in favor of the creditors and acceptance on the part of the creditors of such assignments. In the matter of old debts represented by open accounts or notes, most of the attorneys here and the creditors are making good progress in reducing these to written obligations with partial settlement in some instances and/or assignments out of crop proceeds of a portion of these old debts.

I received a tip today, however, that one attorney here who has accepted a number of old accounts of Japanese debtors intends to jump in at the last moment after the evacuation order is received and either before or after the evacuation has actually taken place, run a lot of attachments on bank accounts, accounts receivable, etc. This is distinctly unfair to those creditors cooperating with us so much and to the Japanese themselves who will evacuate without knowledge of this until they receive notice that the attachments have been filed in their absence. In a diplomatic fashion, I had a long talk with this attorney today and endeavored to show him what the fair thing would be for him or others to do without accusing him of what I think is in his mind. I suggested to him very definitely the advisability of taking up directly with the Japanese involved in any old collection accounts he might have and endeavor to secure a voluntary agreement. He didn't see why he should go to the trouble when he could secure attachments or default judgments and get paid for it.

If a lot of these suits should be filed within a few days by any one individual or agency, regardless of the amounts and status of the individual accounts, this will tend to upset the equilibrium of all Japanese creditors (or rather creditors of Japanese) and may start a "snowball to rolling and increasing in size". Have you run into this in other areas and if so, how was the situation handled? If not have you any suggestions to offer as to steps we might take beforehand or prepare to take should this situation arise here?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

P.S.- It may be that a good deal of our favorable progress here may be due to a greater or lesser extent to a feeling on the part of the Japanese somewhat similar to that expressed in the enclosed letter which came to me yesterday from the former secretary of the Japanese Association now in the internment camp at Bismarck, No. Dakota. In a great many cases for the few days this program was started before I took over here, the Japs were very reticent in giving other than the barest details to any of the cooperating agencies and consequently little progress could be expected. As opposed to this however, I understand out of the total number of individual farms involved in Japanese evacuees (and this is by far the larger proportion of our Japanese) over 60% are listed with details with the WCCA here of the completed deals and settlement of the Japanese' interests. We know of many more deals which have been completed but the details are not yet recorded with the WCCA.

Please return the enclosed letter to me.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 8th, 1942.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
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Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Finney, Manager of the Federal Employment agency here and who is in charge of this office where our headquarters for the WCCA and other agencies are, was instructed to make tentative arrangements for the housing facilities for the evacuation "crew" for processing the evacuees. His instructions were that the space for this processing "crew" was to be a minimum of 5,000 square feet. There is only one building available and that is the main exhibit building at the Imperial County Fair Grounds at Imperial, which is four miles north of El Centro. He asked Mr. Schenck and myself to go up there this morning with him to look over the situation.

It appears to me that this will answer the purpose from the information I have available as to what is required. Ample space is available outside of the building for milling around of the Japanese as they arrive so that they can be in some kind of order as they go thru the mill. It is at present being used by a local automobile dealer for the storage of cars but this dealer is agreeable to moving the cars to other Fair buildings close by for the five days required for the "processing" according to Mr. Finney's instructions.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

April 8, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 2nd enclosing Form E-27 in duplicate. We have added to the itemized schedule the mileage as indicated in your letter, which brings the total of the schedule to $6.89, the amount for which you will be reimbursed.

Owing to the nature of the assignments incident to the evacuee's property, it is not the policy of the bank at this time to pay supper money in connection with late assignments at the office. Any evening meetings attended incident to this work, however, necessitating a dinner cost, will be reimbursed to you in the usual manner.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
April 2nd, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to your letter of March 27th :

Enclosed is Fprm E-27 covering the locksmith's bill.

Pages 10 & 11 of the Bank's Manual were enclosed with Instruction Letter No. 5. No copy of the paragraphs of the Miscellaneous Manual referring to use of privately owned auto (as referred to in paragraph 15 on page 11) were enclosed. Mr. Coles while here told me that if it was necessary to use my own auto for Bank use the mileage rate was 6¢ per mile, but I don't know how the item should be set out on form E-27. If I am authorized to use my own car for necessary mileage in this territory on this job and the claim for the allowance should be on form E-27, will you please add on the enclosed form for March an item of :

83 miles @ 6¢ - $4.98

I add

This mileage consists of onetrip to Holtville and one trip to Brawley of 26 and 32 miles respectively and 25 miles for miscellaneous trips in this immediate area to the District Attorney, Sheriff, and other agencies and individuals. (It does not include mileage between my office and home.)

It has been necessary for me to work until 10 to as late as 11:15 p.m. so far, daily. Mr. Williams, when he was here, said to take the matter up with you as to whether it was the Bank's policy to pay "supper money" in connection with late shifts. I am not asking for it against the Bank's policy - I don't know what the policy is. If it is the Bank's policy to make such an allowance and it should be included on form E-27, for the month of March for me, such allowance should be made for 10 days, i.e. March 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31st. In this connection, I am doing this job primarily from my desire to be of service in connection with the war and defense work. I will be glad to continue and at such remuneration and allowances as you set. If they are not sufficient for my scale of living and it is my duty to continue regardless, I'll do so. If they are not sufficient and I do not consider it is my duty to continue, I'll let you know and do the other.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL, Field Representative

April 8th, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 4th attached to Interview Report of K. Nishikawa. Any question or problem relative to the return, disposition or sale of radios or contraband now in the hands of the police departments should be referred directly to the law enforcement agency having possession of the articles in question.

It is our understanding that allsuch contraband articles are left in the hands of the police departments for custody for the duration and that a receipt has been given to the Japanese and all the rights of ownership or equity are to be retained by the Japanese. However, the Evacuee Property Department has no information or instructions relative to the disposition of these articles.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.

April 4th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our telephone conversation of this a.m. :

Attached is report of an interview with K. NISHIKAWA. He is a native born citizen of Japanese parentage. He turned in his Silvertone Radio to the Chief of Police in Westmorland (Imperial County) after having had the short wave band removed. As a citizen, has he lost all rights of an equity in this instrument? He has an opportunity to sell it to a white citizen. He wants to know if he can sell it and then, it being not in the ownership of a Japanese alien nor one of alien parentage, can the purchaser get it released from custody of the Westmorland police as representing the U. S. Marshal, who for this area, is in Los Angeles and therefore not available for inquiries of this nature here.

In connection with this, a friend of his is a Japanese alien now in an internment camp who also had an electric Silvertone radio with the short-wave band NOT removed and delivered to the Chief of Police of Westmorland by the said alien in accordance with the contraband regulations. Has the alien any equity in that radio which could be disposed of to a white American citizen and could the purchaser secure the instrument from the U.S.Marshal's custody under similar circumstances as above set out? Or is it to be considered that no equity is in the Japanese until after the war, if then?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 8, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 6th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Preparatory to the evacuation order being received for the Japanese in Imperial County, the local F.B.I. representative, Naval Intelligence, Immigration, Sheriff and other peace authorities in conjunction with the Federal Employment Service (in charge of permits for moving, travel, etc.), the Social Service (Federal), WCCA & WPA agencies have been working in conjunction in one phase of their activities at least in an endeavor to keep the Japanese in their place of habitation (where these agencies have them located on their records) until the evacuation order is received - keeping all removals of residence to a new habitat within the County to the absolute minimum.

Most of the Japanese being on isolated farms miles away from the towns in most cases, as they have disposed of their property interests in crops and equipment, etc., they have in almost all cases retained their automobiles for transportation purposes to secure groceries, etc., until the evacuation order is received and in effect. While in those cases of the Japanese who have come to me in connection with disposal of property interests I have consistently advised them to dispose of their automobiles along with their other property while they had the opportunity now, or at least make tentative deals with other parties that could be closed within a few moments in the case of their autos when the order is received if they are prohibited from taking their cars with them, I have also arranged with the automobile dealers handling second-hand cars to be available for making quick deals at any time.

The three local branches of the Bank of America (El Centro, Brawley and Calexico) received a circular letter Saturday dated April 2nd from their Vice-President and Cashier in San Francisco stating that all Japanese in Zones A-1 and A-2 would be evacuated without the privilege of taking their cars with them and for the Branches to take immediate steps to endeavor to arrange settlement of equities prior to having equipment and automobiles turned over to the Government for storage. The El Centro and Calexico Branches

checked with me in regard to this matter. Mr. James Thompson, Manager of their Brawley Branch, however, immediately wrote letters to each of their Japanese debtors on equipment and auto contracts that "they would not be permitted to leave this area in the evacuation in their own cars" and to come in to the Bank and arrange for disposal of their equities. Some of these recipients of these letters came to me both before they went in to the Bank and afterwards, inquiring as to the difference in the information they were getting from all Federal agencies to the effect that none of us knew whether they would be permitted to leave in their own autos or not prior to receipt of definite information or of the evacuation order itself, and being told by the Bank definitely that they would not be permitted to leave in their own cars.

I talked to Mr. Thompson on the telephone at Brawley regarding this difference in a minor point which is causing some disquietude among the Japanese leading them to believe that there is no place where they can secure authoritative information in connection with these evacuation problems. He is inclined to stand on the circular letter he received as being "the last word" (as perhaps it is) but the other two Branches are not stating to their customers positively that the Japanese will not be permitted to take their cars with them until the evacuation order is issued containing the definite terms.

This is a report on this situation. I don't know that anything further needs to be done in the matter.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

By keeping their cars until the last days they are thus not forced to move from their homes on the farms as in most cases of crops the purchasers are generally permitting the Japanese to keep on living on the farms until evacuated.

April 6th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1st regarding Seichi Mitamura. We have contacted Mr. Parker Robinson, Conservator for the Sumitomo Bank of Los Angeles and we are advised by him that they can allow no offset of a C/D held by Mr. Mitamura against his notes. Mr. Robinson explained that there is no deposit liability on the part of the Sumitomo Bank in Los Angeles for the reason that all deposits are in the form of C/D's and the money remitted to their bank in Japan.

The notes secured by the C/D's given by Mr. Mitamura to the Sumitomo Bank in Los Angeles are in the assets of the Los Angeles branch and the Conservator for the bank has a claim against Mr. Mitamura for payment of these notes.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 1, 1942.

Evacuation Department,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen :

Referring to attached report in re SEICHI MITAMURA :

Presumedly although the notes to the Sumitomo Bank by Mitamura referred to in the report are in the assets of the Los Angeles Branch of the said Bank, the C/D's are probably in Japan or at least the assets represented by the C/D's are there. Offhand there would probably be no offset because of this fact.

Apparently, the Mitamuras will have little cash when they evacuate inasmuch as they are selling their crop before maturity and under the circumstances naturally they will not receive full market value thereof. Under these conditions, although Mr. Mitamura would like to pay off his notes out of other assets, he claims to be unable to do so. He also states that he notified the Los Angeles Branch of the Sumitomo Bank to liquidate the C/D's many months ago and out of the proceeds pay off these two notes and send him the balance.

Wouldn't the Conservator have a claim against general Japanese impounded funds and/or specific funds of the Sumitomo Bank thru the Alien Property Custodian or Federal Foreign Funds Control Administration?

I promised Mitamura that I would write you to ascertain if he could offset his C/D's against his notes and have any balance left and he should come back to get the answer in a few days if he has not been evacuated then but strongly intimated that I doubted if this could be anything but a negative answer.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

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Ans Negative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 5th, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins :

As requested in your letter of March 31st, I have filled in the forms enclosed with your letter in my own handwriting and return them herewith.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 4th, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31st regarding the Maganc Produce Company and the action taken by the Ace Credit Exchange.

For your information only, we have delivered a copy of your letter to the United States Attorney's office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
March 31st, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to Nagano Produce Co. et al :

This uncovers rather an involved situation some rumors of which I had heard but did not investigate until receipt of your letter. I understand the correct name of the collection agency involved is the Ace Credit Exchange (Ben Hayfer) of 257 South Spring St., Los Angeles - represented by attorney JOHN F. SHEFFIELD, of Los Angeles.

From a number of sources including the District Attorney, County Horticultural Commissioner, attorneys, individuals and others, it appears that the Nagano Produce Company has been operating here for a number of years out of Los Angeles, furnishing seed and crop advances to local Japanese. Dealings heretofore have generally been satisfactory. Mr. Nagano of Los Angeles is reported to be now in an internment camp. At about the time he was picked up, a representative of his approached all of their Japanese debtors and in most cases secured notes for the advances, in some cases supported by mortgages but the mortgages were apparently not recorded here. The understanding with the Japs was that these notes were to be paid out of crop returns at the end of the season. Shortly thereafter, it appears these notes were all assigned (or most of them) to Monte, Leone & Michael Co. They were then assigned to the Ace Credit Exchange and not only covered current year and crop advances but all old advances. A short time ago, a representative of the Ace Credit Exchange approached a number of these Japs and offered settlement of these notes on a slight discount basis if they would pay off in cash immediately and before other creditors and not report the offer to authorities. This last statement has been made in a number of cases to the District Attorney's office but always by third parties and not something on which the District Attorney could issue a formal complaint.

Following this, the Ace Credit Exchange took these cases into a Los Angeles Court and secured a great number of attachments which were sent down to various constables in Imperial County here (mostly in Calipatria and Brawley townships) to serve on the Japanese, tying up their equipment and with no local agency

available to effect compromises or releases except payment in full.

The result has been distinctly harmful in putting over our program here amongst the Japanese farmers in the Niland area particularly and has been distinctly unfair to other creditors including all of the local ones who have been very fair in the matter of attachments and have made many, many arrangements for securing payment of their current accounts from the proceeds of this year's crops as they are sold with old accounts to be settled "after the war" if possible.

The Horticultural Commissioner informs me that he has sent in quite a story in connection with this outfit to Mr. Woodward, Bureau of Market Enforcement, State Building, Los Angeles, who can give you more details.

The Ace Credit Exchange is not a local agency here and has no local representative. It is a Los Angeles outfit and not held in very good repute here.

Incidentally, Mr. Harrigan, the County Horticultural Commissioner, stated that Mr. Woodward could tell you some interesting details as to the collection methods being used by W. W. Gray, Manager of the Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau. Whether this was favorable or unfavorable, I don't know and was too busy to stop and get the information inasmuch as it was not pertinent to any problems I was presently interested in.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 4th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our telephone conversation of this morning :

Of the approximately 2,000 Japanese here in Imperial County a couple of months ago, we estimate there remain around 1,200 to 1,400 individuals subject to the evacuation decree. Included in these are the operators of some 325 different farms. During the past two weeks, thru the cooperation of all agencies here represented, it is estimated that 90% of these individual operations have been privately disposed of so that they will not develop into government operation following the evacuation due to lack of such arrangements having been made prior to said evacuation. We think most of the remaining 10% will be satisfactorily cleaned up within the next few days.

This has only been possible thru the securing of the confidence and active assistance of the Japanese themselves and also of the purchasers or operators who will carry the crop deals thru to their harvesting. Mr. A.M.Schenck, the W.F.A. representative here in charge, in securing this cooperation of the Japanese, both for himself and his field crew, has been of assistance to the Japanese generally in some matters which were strictly speaking, not directly connected with the functioning of his work and yet did have a bearing on it. In view of the necessity of the many Japanese definitely closing up their holdings voluntarily rather than waiting until the last minute and then dumping them in the Federal lap to accomplish the purpose of all of the cooperating agencies, it was likewise necessary for the Japanese to retain possession of their automobiles up to the last minute prior to evacuation to assist in the farming operations and to provide groceries, etc. for their large families without getting a large quantity at any one time due to lack of information as to just when the evacuation would occur.

In connection with disposing of their interests therefore, they were trying to get some assurance from him that they would be permitted to evacuate in their own cars, which he could not give them explaining that this would be entirely subject to Army regulations, and then requesting him to endeavor to use his good offices to

explain to the Army authorities that they were cooperating to the fullest extent in complying with the regulations of the evacuation at personal financial sacrifice without compelling the Federal authorities to handle all of their personal interests. In return they thought it reasonable to request of the Army that they be given consideration over those Japanese of other areas who were not so cooperating and if possible be permitted to evacuate in their own automobiles.

Mr. Schenck knew that the Federal Reserve Bank was the agency upon whom it would fall to finally handle all Japanese interests open and not attended to by themselves and thought that the Federal Reserve Bank was therefore endeavoring to assist the evacuees in every way possible to not have property interests unattended to upon evacuation. If it was to be necessaryfor the evacuees to retain their automobiles in this area up until the last minute, as he thinks it is and in which he is probably correct, he took it for granted the Federal Reserve Bank would be endeavoring to make arrangements with the Army authorities to avoid having all of these automobiles dumped in its lap by having the evacuees take them with them to the evacuation center or camp from this area at least.

He therefore wired his superior, Mr. Wm. C. Helvey, Chief W.F.A., 30 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, late one evening, supplementing an afternoon telegraphic report, recommending that efforts be made by the W.F.A. and other cooperating agencies to bring this to the attention of the Army authorities - not to bring pressure upon them but to certify that if consideration could be given in view of the cooperation the Japanese locally were extending, that it be done. He assumed the Federal Reserve Bank would be doing this on its own account wherever possible(but admits that it was only an assumption) and was trying to assist in the general program as he understood it of getting all loose ends cleaned up to lighten the burden of caring for unfinished matters left by Japanese evacuees.

I do not know what the afternoon telegraphic report referred to above was, but Mr. Schenck showed me today a copy of the late evening telegram referred to.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 4th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to your letter of the 3rd and our telephone conversation of this morning regarding warehousing facilities for evacuees' personal belongings and automobiles for a temporary period :

There will be no difficulty about securing ground space for the assembling of automobiles, etc., I have in mind a plot of several acres now vacant belonging to the City which could be fenced off (if necessary) for any size desired, could be easily patrolled, and if the number of automobiles was considerable, suitable connections are available so that a floodlight or two could be set up in short order for night protection if deemed advisable.

I have lines out for information as to suitable building for housing household goods, etc., and understand that it will probably be on the 90 day basis with option of 90 days renewal for one or more such periods as you stated on the 'phone. Naturally, my inquiries in this connection are not explicit and are in quarters where no "talk" will be promoted, my understanding being that all I am to do for the present at least in this connection is to make sort of a survey so that I can have information which will enable a deal to be made promptly if and as the occasion arises.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1st in which you mention problems incident to warehouse space in Imperial Valley, and request information concerning the disposition of automobiles of the evacuees.

Inasmuch as your area has not as yet been designated by military authorities as a zone to be evacuated, we prefer not to enter into any definite arrangements for warehouse space. Our purpose in mentioning this subject to you by telephone was to facilitate the problem of obtaining a suitable quarters when a man from this office arrives in El Centro. Our only suggestion at this point is to assemble such information as you feel will be of assistance at that time.

We appreciate the problem mentioned incident to storage of automobiles in the Valley, particularly during the summer months. We had understood here, and the information was generally circulated from other sources, that the evacuee would be permitted to drive his automobile to the reception center. This has been made a subject of a definite order on the part of the military authorities, and the evacuee will not be permitted to drive his car past the travel center, which in this immediate area is considered to be the Santa Anita Race Track. Whether or not a travel center will be established in Imperial Valley has not as yet been determined by this office.

In talking to Mr. Colby, who is in the San Diego area now, we understand that the evacuees will be taken directly to Manzanar, which implies that the automobiles will be left in San Diego, and if the same procedure applies to your area, the military authorities will insist upon the cars being left in El Centro or some other Valley point.

We shall attempt to obtain information along this line and transmit it to you. However, you understand, determination as to a point at which the cars will be impounded rests solely with the military authorities.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CHW:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 1st, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins :

Referring to our telephone conversation today ;

Space in bonded warehouses in Imperial Valley for Japanese chattels and/or furnishings is out of the question. There just isn't any available. I talked to two warehouse operators today and they are going to report back to me tomorrow if they are able to locate any buildings which they might be able to lease for the purpose of establishing a warehouse for this purpose. They both telephoned me this afternoon asking if I could give them an idea for how long a period they might be required. It will be quite possible to secure suitable quarters at a reasonable rental figure for a period of several months but quite a problem to find the same thing for longer than say August. One operator, the owner of the Pioneer Transfer and Warehouse Company told me that he had a telegram several days ago asking him him to survey the territory for a building for what sounded like a similar purpose. This telegram was from the Railroad Commission in San Francisco. I surmise this might have originated from General DeWitt's headquarters for this purpose of possibly from the Federal Reserve. He thinks he might be able to secure one of the Imperial Ice Company's storage plants in Calexico which is not now being used and will amply take care of any possible requirements and is an excellent building for the purpose. However, it is in Calexico, right north of the border, and the longest haul of any location in the Valley to get goods to being 13 miles from here, 30 miles from Brawley and about 50 miles from Niland in the north end of the Valley. El Centro would be the central point for the most convenience and the less average haul to get to.

It is impossible to hazard a guess as to what we will require. I personally think the Japanese have mostly made their own arrangements, disposed or are disposing of most of their salable stuff and have made arrangements with friends or others to take care of their personal household goods. Very few of them have any quantity of household goods or equipment, that is of those on farms which are the great majority. They have been moving from shack to shack year by year and have never accumulated any furniture to speak of aside from ice-boxes, etc., and most of them were on contract and have been turned back in for their equity. That was one of the first things I did - make arrangements with the Power Company, Irrigation District Power Division, and others to facilitate fair deals with the Japanese on taking back this electrical equipment sold

on contract basis and not paid out.

It will be most unfortunate for the Japanese and ourselves, however, if they are prevented from evacuating in their own autos. Regardless of their lack of furniture and furnishings, automobiles are a necessity for all farmers here including the Japanese. They all have autos and the news stories of the first evacuations from up north with the pictures of the Owens Valley camp and the convoys of autos going there were widely circulated here. Consequently the Japanese whole-heartedly cooperated with us in our mutual efforts to dispose of their personal property EXCEPT their autos. Most of them have four or five or six youngsters and actually it would be a lot easier from the army standpoint and all agencies concerned for families to go in autos or trucks as a unit. Most of them have had their cars overhauled and put into good shape mechanically with the expectation of thus using them.

We never did encourage this but we had nothing to gainsay it and despite our advice to play safe against the contingency of not being able to take their cars, all the news publicity up until the last day or so has certainly led them to believe they could take their cars. That is the present situation. If they will be allowed to take their autos, I think I can safely answer that they will continue to cooperate with us 100% in all but a few isolated cases so that we will not have to worry much about the warehousing situation. I am just afraid of the reaction though otherwise. In addition, adding to our difficulties and also adding fuel to their incipient resentment if they have to place their autos on vacant property, the depreciation on those cars thru the next six months exposed to the intense sunlight and heat will be terrific here. It has long been the practice of the second-hand auto dealers here to get their cars off of lots in the summer period or if not possible to provide at least shade, and even then, the rubber and cars deteriorate in those six months the equivalent of about two years ordinary wear and tear.

Regardless of what happens to them after they get away from here, I cannot recommend too strongly from any and every angle that for the actual evacuation process out of the Valley here, that the Japanese be permitted to take their cars with them even if they are impounded at the Evacuation Center or Camp. As I get further information of a definite nature on the warehouse situation, I will pass it on to you.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
April 3, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to my letter to you of March 31st in re NAGANO PRODUCE CO., Monte, Leone & Michael Co., and Ace Credit Exchange :

The attached record of my interview of today with HENRY U. MATSUSHIGE, gives a slant on the methods being used by the said combination. Matsushige was born in Hawaii and has not been out of this country since he came here from Hawaii in 1911. He appears to be a high type individual and bears an excellent record here for many years for square dealing and I think his version of this affair is probably true.

It appears that Nagano Produce Co. did not release their crop mortgage of record in the spring of 1941 when Matsushige's advances were paid in full. Legally, of course, the mortgage now has no value as the debt it secured was extinguished and the crop mortgage, in addition, was on a truck crop (not an annual) and which crop was completely harvested at the end of the crop season in the spring of 1941.

The reason Matsushige did not get further advances from Nagano other than the original $700 and switched to the Hopkins Co. was that at the time he needed further advances about six weeks ago, Nagano was in trouble and nobody could assure Matsushige that Nagano would be in position to go thru with the deal. Following the assignment by Nagano to Monte Leone & Michael Co. and their knowledge that Matsushige was securing advances from Hopkins and shipping to the latter, they immediately started threatening him with the old crop mortgage instead of getting his story. Matsushige claims never to have denied owing them their advance and was and is willing to pay it off but cannot get a statement from them of just how much they claim and to whom to pay it.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 8, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.

April 2, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins :

I have the following :

Circular No. 1 of the Evacuee Property Dep't

Instruction Letters Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive

Bulletins Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive

Memerandums (or Memoranda) No.s 1 - 3 - and 5 I do not have Nos. 2 and 4.

Answered by pencil memo. Evans 3-6-42

Yours very truly.

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 2, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

April 2, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

The question of warehouse space referred to in your letter of March 31, 1942 is one on which you will be more fully advised by a general instruction letter at a later date.

As the various zones in Southern California are successfully posted with evacuation notices, the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will arrange for warehouse facilities to store the personal property which has not been otherwise disposed of by evacuees, when evacuation takes place. These arrangements will be made for all field representative offices directly by the Los Angeles office.

You will receive full instructions in ample time to complete your part in handling the storage problem when it occurs.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CA:rh

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD TO MR. Finney
APR 2 - Rec'd

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
March 31st, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Mr. Finney here of the Unemployment Office, received a long telegram today (confidential) from Pearce Davies, Federal Security Agency Liason W.C.C.A., which he was instructed to show his associates here working on this Evacuation program, relative to the impending Evacuation order of General DeWitt. One statement therein was "the evacuees can store their personal property under protection of the Federal Reserve Bank without charge". I assume formal instructions will come to me from you in this connection as to how that phase of the problem is to be handled.

The purpose of this letter, in addition to letting you know of the receipt of the telegram and that it had been shown to me, is in connection with this matter of storage. I found out this afternoon that Miss Record, handling the Social Welfare agency here and who is taking the applications of the Japanese who will require subsistence or other indigent aid, has been informing those who asked her that they could arrange to store their personal property that they would not be permitted to take with them with the Federal Reserve Bank. A number of Japanese have approached me as to where we were going to take care of their personal property and in what shape it should be. I finally found that these inquiries emanated from this advice. Upon checking with her, she exhibited as her authority a circular letter dated March 20th from the Federal Security Agency, WCCA the third (and last) paragraph of which contains this statement : "Families going to induction or reception centers should deliver all other furniture and personal belongings to warehouses now being set up by the Evacuee Property Dep't of the Fed. Res. Bank."

I called her attention to the phrase "to warehouses to be set up" and did not say that the Federal Reserve Bank would take care of these items. She is now accordingly changing her information to the Japs. Is there anything in this connection I should know as to similar arrangements to be made here in Imperial Valley?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

April 1st, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of March 30th, 1942 relative to your interview report of Sumiko Nishi. From the information given in your letter and on the report it appears that this case was handled satisfactorily and can be considered closed.

We are today forwarding to your office an additional supply of envelopes.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
March 30th, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins : Re : SUMIKO NISHI

Report is attached of a story in connection with this Japanese citizen. The First National Bank of Holtville has a crop mortgage on the crop of sugar beets. In connection with the proposed evacuation, the mortgagee and mortgagor have made an agreement that the Bank will take over and has taken over the crop and will take care of all expense as advances under the terms of their mortgage, holding the net proceeds after completion of the deal for Mrs. Nishi. They will hire Mr. Suyenaga, brother of Mrs. Nishi, for such time as he is here as a foreman on a wage basis as part of these expenses.

I have entered this story for record purposes only, as I am under the impression that nothing further needs to be done as far as we are concerned so long as all parties are in accord. Am I right?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL,
Field Representative.

P.S. - I haven't received any further supply of envelopes than the few Mr. Williams left me when he was down here. Please send some along if this hasn't not yet been done.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
March 31st, 1942.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Matthews
APR 2 - Rec'd

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Re : Instruction Letter No. 9
Transfer of Evacuee Real Property

This instruction letter calls for a lengthy report as far as this area goes as of the close of business of this Friday and weekly which I will be unable to give you with the facilities available, if it is to contain the information requested.

We are working in close harmony here and, I think, making a lot of progress in putting the program across. Mr. Schenck and his crew handling the farming and crop situation of the evacuees for the WCCA and Federal Security Administration, and myself representing the Federal Reserve Bank jointly handle a number of cases involving problems coming in their scope and an angle of which perhaps requires advice from me under our scope. We do not attempt to keep track of which department originates the deal. Of the perhaps two hundred different farming situations which have been handled so far the past ten days by him it is impossible to state how many originated with me - we have been figuring this is an emergency situation and the main thing was to get the deals on their way before the evacuation order is received and therefore all of these 200 or so deals can be justly considered joint deals. Mr. Shelly, area supervisor in charge of this area over Mr. Schenck (from Phoenix) was here today and he is in accord with this outline.

We assume that Mr. Schenck will be asked in due course to also prepare a similar report to that required from me by instruction letter No. 9. If the evacuation order is received in this area within the next week (as is intimated in the telegram Mr. Finney received today from Pearce Davies referred to in another letter to you today) we will have probably another 200 to report on next week. Will it be permissable to submit this report in the detail called for a couple of weeks late after the Japs are away and then in the form of a joint report - or rather the same report from each of us (Schenck and myself) to our respective organizations if both of us have to submit a report? If so, I will not have to take on additional help as one of his stenographers will make it up. Also, am I to assume that all deals handled by Schenck are to be considered as originating with me in this area for the purpose of this report? If the purpose is to provide the FBI with information for checking new operators, this would cover it.

Mr. Bold.
Sheet #2.

On the other hand, the great majority of these transfers of ownership and operators here of farming operations will be for only two or three months. Practically all of our Japanese lease interests here will cease by July 1st to 15th, the end of the present crop season. Those leases extending over a period of years are being mostly canceled - by voluntary consent on both sides - at the close of the present crop season. Will it be considered necessary for the FBI to investigate each of these changes in operators for this short term?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. Small

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
March 31st, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to Major M. H. Damron :

I return herewith Mr. Damron's letter to you of March 28th together with a copy of my interview report of today. Apparently Mr. Don Damron must have come into contact with one of the field men of the WCCA organization in the San Diego office on March 27th in the afternoon. He reports that he was treated very courteously in the morning by a gentleman there but he did not have his lease with him. He went back in the afternoon with his lease but that gentleman wasn't there and he claims not to have received any consideration from the man who was there then.

In this office here, the WCCA representative, Mr. Schenck, is eager to have the land owner come in to see him regarding a Japanese tenant and give the information as to what he wants in the matter of formally cancelling the lease upon evacuation and what arrangements he is willing to make for the settlement of past due rent if any.

Mr. Damron is writing to his sister, who lives in San Diego, a Mrs. R. D. Tyler, to go into the office there Thursday in connection with this lease and his problem in connection with his ranch in view of the evacuation of the Japanese tenant. He was mostly incensed at the fact that he went from here to San Diego and spent a day and a half there for the sole purpose of talking his deal over in the office and then was not permitted to list his tenant's name nor particulars regarding his problem.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

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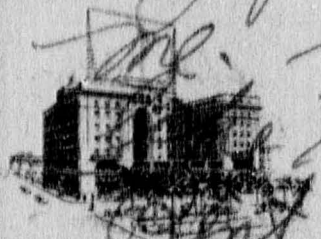
El Centro Cal
3-28-42

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Cal.

Ill have a Ranch in
San Louis Rey Valley Rented
to a Japanese. was in
San Diego yesterday trying
to work out something with
the office of Evacuees, but
found that that office would
not give me much satisfaction
and the man I talked to
was a little to much on
the Japanese side to suit
me. if possible I would
like to collect what
rent due me at this



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Jap seems to have some equity in other crops in. He did not list my lease in San Diego.

This land has a Federal loan of $3300 on it - which at one time was around 9000 or I am only getting 50 or per month, and this man in San Diego Office had the nerve to tell me I was charging the Jap too much Rent. if possible I would like a chance to meet with a board of men on this deal



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that can see the
american side of
this deal and get
something growing to
feed our army its a
cinch something must
be done.

Hoping to ~~have~~
from you soon

Sincerely
Major M.H. Tamron
Don Tamron

owners.

~~Lower~~ No
14727



ASSOCIATED HOTEL—BILTMORE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. A. D. Tyler
Sister

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
March 30th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

The question arose Saturday afternoon March 28th while Mr. Coles was here as to the status of a number of bank accounts in the local Branch of the Bank of America which they had listed as requiring permits before they would permit withdrawals of more than $100 per month or $500 per month as the case might be under General License #68 and #77. He called you on the 'phone from my office Saturday. We couldn't get hold of Mr. Yaeckel, local Manager of the Bank of America here.

This morning I spent some time there with Mr. Yaeckel and his Chief Clerk going over the various Federal Reserve Bulletins. Apparently they had not attempted to keep up to date with them. They assure me they are now straightened out - have some conception of "blocked accounts" (of which I believe there are not more than a half a dozen at this time) - and will be governed by #68-A with paragraph 6 (riginally) deleted - and will comply with the provisions of paragrpah 5 in the matter of reports of withdrawals or transfers of funds in excess of $1,000.

If any further difficulties in this connection arise, I will keep you advised. In the meantime, I think there should be no difficulty and we will have their cooperation. I have also discussed these matters with the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles branches here, Brawley and Calipatria, and with the First National Bank of Holtville.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Mr. Coles seemed to think there should be more newspaper publicity here in connection with our program. I had a conference this morning with the Managing owner and City Editor. A story is supposed to be in this evening's paper and tomorrow morning's.

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From El Centro, Calif. 1012a 4-1-4/3/42
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To Los Angeles FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO Copied and Translated yk1247p
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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.

Watkins

Copy delivered to Mr.
Ambrose

To be handled by Mr.
Bold

See my letter yesterday regarding telegram to Finney from Pearce Davies. On strength of that telegram Finney advising Japs contacting his department they can store goods with Federal Reserve Bank free despite my statement that no such arrangements have been set up in this area.

C H H Small Field Representative

Phoned Small at El Centro -4-1-42(Watkins)

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 30, 1942.
El Centro, Calif.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins : Re : S. NEENO

You telephoned me after 5 p.m. March 27th to the effect that S. Neeno had telegraphed the Federal Reserve Bank that an attachment was to be placed on his equipment and furniture at 6 p.m. that day and requesting us to do something about it.

I attach a memorandum of the developments since then. It was my thought that he would be in or someone on his behalf and that I would have the information relative to his last entry into the U.S. For some reason or other, he has been fighting shy of coming in here with his troubles. When he and Mrs. Gates (the creditor) were in my office on March 23rd (his daughter was along in the capacity of an interpreter) and I had suggested to both sides that there were some very definite legal entanglements in evidence whereby it would pay them to get a joint attorney or separate attorneys to advise with them and they left here with the intention of doing that, I was very explicit in directing Neeno that if he was not satisfied with any settlement proposed or for any other reason, to be sure to come back to see me.

When I reached him by 'phone on Saturday morning March 28th in the Constable's office in Brawley, he denied having sent any telegram and stated that Mrs. Gates was there at that time and they were negotiating for the sale of some of the equipment under the attachment. His daughter 'phoned me about an hour later and wanted to know what we were going to do to help them. I asked her about the telegram and she stated that her father had sent it. When I told her that he had denied this, she then said that a friend had sent it to San Francisco the day before in her father's name. In order to be sure that she should understand the condition (although it is quite apparent that she and her father are not acting jointly in the matter), I told her then again very definitely that if she thought the family were being unfairly treated, for her and her father to come in to see me or by herself if she had something to tell me, and she said they would be down within an hour. I have heard nothing further and am closing my file.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

March 30th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

It has been called to our attention by Mr. Robertson of the Bureau of Market Enforcement, Department of Agriculture in Los Angeles that he had been informed by his Imperial Valley Representative stationed in El Centro that he in turn had been contacted by the District Attorney of Imperial County relative to a transaction between the Magano Produce Company and the Monte, Leone and Michael Company which was authorized by a license issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

It seems that the accounts held by the Magano Produce Company were later assigned to the Ace Credit Bureau, which we understand is located in Imperial Valley, and their methods and activities relative to the collection of these accounts are causing considerable commotion. The District Attorney's office felt that we should be so advised. Will you please make an investigation and report to us your findings relative to the methods used by the Ace Credit Bureau?

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

March 30th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of March 27th regarding the Japanese involved with the Anti-Alien Land Law in Imperial County. You are correct in your stand that we should leave these Anti-Alien Land Law violators where we find them. The Federal Reserve Bank will not be a party to any effort to relieve any of the parties from the results of their violation of the law. If Japanese aliens are the victims of misplaced confidence in their title holders, they must accept the consequences.

If they are to get any relief, or have any remedy, it would be through a court of equity and, as you state, if brought before a court the case would probably be dismissed or turned over to the authorities in your locality for prosecution.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 27th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Over a period of many years, there have been so many violations of the Anti-Alien Land Law in this County by landlords for the sake of the almighty dollar despite the quite prevalent opposite feeling on the part of most of the population and these violations of recent years having become so flagrant, that considerable pressure was brought on the District Attorney to "go after" the violators. Most of these cases involved Japanese tenancy conditions. Gordon Williams can give you some idea of this feeling and the personal feeling of the District Attorney and his staff.

Prior to this evacuation program, the District Attorney was getting his house in order to do some wholesale prosecuting. Considerable pressure was recently brought to bear upon him to endeavor to take advantage of the present feeling and conditions to "go to the bat". I have had two or three conferences with him and he has adopted a very cooperative attitude in connection with our immediate problem of not stirring up the water but in making everything possible that can be to get the Japanese out of the area and letting bygones be bygones.

There is another angle, however. A proposition was put up to me by a Japanese on behalf of others about as follows: An American-born Jap (U.S. citizen) leased four parcels of land in his own name. He did this for the benefit of four alien Japs. They produced the crops in his name but he never was on any of the four parcels nor had anything whatsoever to do with their farming. Now he is disposing of the crops - taking care of the lease payments, but refusing to give the four individuals any benefit of the net profits. The question is can we assist in any way in getting some of these benefits for the four defrauded individuals - the Japanese aliens. There is no recourse in law from an equity angle that I can see (although I do not profess to be a lawyer) because they can't go into court with clean hands - they were farming in contravention of the Alien Land law. The District Attorney (so far as I know) doesn't know of this case directly although he may know of it indirectly. I am sure he will not prosecute them under the Alien Land Law under present conditions but if they should endeavor to go into Court, he would have to.

Mr. Bold
Sheet #2

Another case : An alien Japanese put up the money and an American born Japanese citizen bought in his own name 80 acres of land. The alien farmed it and in reality was the owner but not of record. The alien now wants to sell 40 acres of the farm for $4,000 (which I am informed he has offered in a bona-fide deal). The legal owner, the Japanese citizen, refuses to sign any papers and quite apparently thinks he has the whip-hand and may conceivably ever refuse to recognize any rights of the alien. Has the alien the right to ask us for assistance to establish any rights in this case? Again, in a court of law, I assume they would open themselves to prosecution under the Alien Land Law should any showing of fact be made and both sides would lose all property rights and lay themselves open to prosecution.

I haven't attempted to get the details in either of these cases - they were put up to me as hypothetical cases but from certain information I have (acquired before any connection with this job) I think I could identify the parties and think the above is a fair and true statement of the actual condition. My stand in my own mind is that there is nothing we can do in either case and the less we know about it or them officially, the better. Am I right?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. Small

C.H.H.SMALL,
Field Representative.

I should like to have the answer to this question as soon as possible for my own guidance before similar questions are presented to me if they are coming.

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Ans - Warren

March 30, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
340 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

A Major M. H. Dawson (or Damron) has written from El Centro regarding his recent interview in San Diego with our field representative there. The letter alleges certain lack of understanding of a problem concerning rental of a ranch owned by M. H. and Don Dawson in San Louis Rey Valley. The name of the Japanese tenant is not given in the letter, nor is there any other information given which might identify the case.

Please make an effort to get in touch with Major Dawson and advise him that you have been requested by this office to assist him in working out a deal that will be satisfactory with all parties concerned.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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March 30th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

We have read with interest your letter of March 27th referring to your difficulties with the El Centro office of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The situation should be cleared up by now as, after having conferences with the Los Angeles management of the Motor Vehicle Department, it is now possible to transfer any registered Japanese owned automobile without the necessity of signing a non-enemy alien statement and that in accordance with Los Angeles Bulletin No. 6 any transfers sent direct to the Los Angeles office will get immediate attention, which should not involve any delay whatever.

If you have any further trouble in this connection, please advise us and we will take it up with the Los Angeles office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 27th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

In view of the announcement last evening regarding enforcement of the Curfew Law here in Imperial County effective today (as opposed to previous announcement of the peace authorities that they had no instructions to enforce it here) and also the announcement as to limiting voluntary evacuation to Sunday nite, we have been very busy here today with a swarm of individuals. I am not intimating that in either case I have had anything to do with either phase or even discussed them, but because of them, individuals have been coming in for interviews and consultations regarding some phase of their affairs. None of these interviews today involved any particularly disputed deals and I was so busy with them I didn't have the time to make formal records of interviews particularly as they were all amicable affairs, some of them quite involved, but full agreement on each side being evident and just finding out what could be done or not be done and the best possible way of working them out. A good many of them involved paying off obligations on autos, transferring title to third parties, or effecting agreements with contract holders and the difficulty of transferring title acceptable to the Motor Vehicle Dep't. The local Banks and automobile dealers are taking a very fair attitude in these matters and permitting a rather wide latitude in the matter of substituting owners and disposing of equities. This of course is because most of the contracts are with individuals personnally known to the local dealers and Banks.

The principal difficulty with the automobile situation is that the local office of the Motor Vehicle Dep't up until I took the matter with them day before yesterday were "hard-boiled" in their attitude in that the Department would not recognize nor assist in the transferring between Japs, out of a Jap to another, or vice-versa and telling them that nothing could be done. I had that attitude corrected but they are now "just passing the buck" and insisting that all the matters go direct to their Sacramento headquarters or Los Angeles Branch but they are not "knocking" and are advising Japs that come to them that they believe the Department in either case will eventually take care of the situation. While not an enthusiastic cooperative attitude, it is at least not negative. But it involves one difficulty in that the GMAC representative from San Diego was in

and stated that after a conversation with his San Diego Office, they wanted him to get a statement from me in writing that the Federal Reserve Bank would guarantee them against loss or something to that effect in permitting transfers to be made of automobiles involving Japanese. I told him we were trying to assist in the Evacuation of the Japanese in accordance with the Government orders and were trying to bring all interests together for voluntary agreement in cases where disputes were evident and assist in setting up necessary routine and forms where Governmental agencies were involved such as the Motor Vehicle Dep't in fairness to all concerned but we were not an insurance agency. The policies of the Federal Reserve Bank in this regard were uniform all over and if their San Diego office wanted some particular phase straightened out to contact our San Diego office on Front Street or have their Los Angeles office take the question up with you,- that anything in writing in this regard would have to come from you but to get the thing straightened out right away. You may hear from this from San Diego or from Los Angeles.

Will write you another letter regarding a phase of this situation regarding Alien Land legislation as I intimated to Mr. Watkins on the 'phone when he called regarding an attachement in the case of S. NEENO of Brawley late this afternoon.

Regarding the Neeno matter referred to - you have my reports on this man of March 21 and March 23. I haven't had an oppoftunity to go into the matter since Mr. Watkins called but referring to those reports, it recalls to my mind that there were evidently several verbal agreements and written memoranda involving this rental and several interests - some disclosed and some hidden. I judge from the conversations I had with different ones in the matter that the Japanese have probably "taken the widow owner for a ride" for several years. I told Neeno definitely on March 23rd that because of the facts as were given to me, several legal matters were involved and that he should get an attorney and have Mrs. Gates get one and endeavor to straighten the affair out. She wanted to go to an attorney's office from my office with him but he has been and was very backward in doing this. I also told him and her that if they would get the legal angles straightened out or at least legal advice and they were not satisfied, to come back to me. He was in to see me three or four times then and prior thereto but hasn't been back since. His action in wiring you would indicate that he is trying to evade the issue as otherwise he could have saved time and expense by notifying me today (if not before). I shall get word to him tonite or tomorrow to come in if he has any defense or further light or to have his attorney get in touch with me.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

TELEGRAM FROM BRAWLEY

S. NEENO, Japanese alien
942 Main Street
Brawley, California

ATTACHMENT ON RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT BY BRAWLEY CONSTABLE FORCED SALE BY 6:00 P. M. TODAY, ACTION BY LANDLADY FEARING LOSS OF RENT BECAUSE OF PENDING EVACUATION. SAYS CONSIDERABLE LOSS BY FORCED SALE. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT INTERESTS.

(SIGNED) S. NEENO

3-37-42

Called Mr Small by phone and suggested that he contact parties to see if anything could be done. Find he had previously worked out a deal with both parties on this and will follow it thru.

Watkins

March 27, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

We are returning statement of the Martin's Fix-It Shop, which you forwarded to us, for service call and repairing of lock and key in the amount of $1.91.

It is satisfactory for you to pay this bill, and reimburse yourself on Form E-27 as outlined in Instruction Letter No. 5 dated March 21st.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

File! Yours

March 26th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our telephone conversation of yesterday regarding the Japanese meeting to be held last evening :

This meeting was the only meeting which the authorities have permitted the Japanese to hold for the past few months. It was held in the Japanese Buddhist Church here in El Centro scheduled to begin @ 7:30 p.m. There were as nearly as I could estimate about 500 Japanese there. Mr. Schenck, local field representative of the Wartime Civilian Control Administration, Mr. Shelly (of Phoenix, Ariz.) Area Supervisor of same, Mr. T.A.Finney, local representative of the Federal Unemployment Division, Miss Record, local representative of the Social Security Administration, and myself went over to the meeting from our office here at 9 p.m.

We were escorted to the platform and briefly in turn set out the general functions of our respective functions in assisting in the evacuation which were interpreted to the assemblage by the Chairman. A few general questions were asked and replied to and interpreted, and then we bowed out. We didn't enter into any specific problems nor any discussion and we all feel the meeting was of definite value in having the individuals come in to the office here with more definite information as to their general and special problems. So much erroneous information and reports had been in the papers and then further distorted by word of mouth conversations that it was really pitiful the attitude of people coming in to each of us here in this evacuation headquarters. It is quite a problem handling the several thousand Japanese in this County with their multidudinous complexities. Schenck and myself particularly have been putting in from 12 to 14 hours daily all this week - myself more than he for he has three field men and a stenographer for assistants.

Yes Noted

I haven't received the power-of-attorney forms referred to as being forwarded in Instruction Letter #1 of March 18th & Mr. Williams' letter of March 23rd.

Advised these forms have been withheld

Instruction Letter #6 of March 23rd received this morning - I haven't yet received Instruction Letter #5.

Forwarded 3-27-42 CE

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

March 26, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telegram of March 24, 1942, inquiring as to whether Executive Order 8785 supersedes Executive Order 8389.

Executive Order 8785 does not supersede Executive Order 8389, but merely adds to the order certain countries not included in the previous order.

For your information, you will find text on Executive Order 8785 on Page 4 of documents pertaining to certain foreign funds control.

Yours very truly,

FFR/ef

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 24th, 1942.

Mr. Gordon Williams,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Williams :

Sunday I couldn't work here because nobody was here. Monday evening, nobody was here until Schenck showed up at 8 p.m. so to get out a lot of work I made up some reports, etc. (without my memoranda) in other quarters until I could get in here. (By the way I have a desk) I asked Finney for a key so I could get in here when and as I had to. He said O.K. but he had no funds for such a purpose and was already out of pocket $2.40 for keys for Schenck and in addition the lock wasn't working just right anyway. I took the "bull by the horns" and with his permission had a locksmith over to fix the lock and make me an extra key. Attached is the bill. Will you send me a check in payment of same $1.91 or else send it back and I'll see it is paid by either Finney or myself. I couldn't waste time arguing - I wanted action so I could give service and didn't think it politic to antagonize Finney at this stage of the game for a couple of dollars.

Schenck is having all farm Japanese sign up for "voluntary evacuation" using the enclosed form. He has wire advice that midnight tomorrow (Wednesday) is the deadline for this voluntary evacuation signup. The town Japanese are inquiring if they have to sign up also for voluntary evacuation and if so, on what form. Do you have any information regarding this? The Japanese are having a big meeting tomorrow evening and have invited Schenck and myself over to talk to them en-masse so as to eliminate a lot of individual interviews and by giving them some general background have them come in for interviews with more definite information as to their problems than they have been doing. I'd like to have the information regarding this sign-up before that meeting so if you can wire me the information tomorrow, I'd appreciate it.

Some professional men (Japanese) in town state they understand in particular that California dental and pharmacists licenses are not recognized in other states. Do you know if this is the case? It has a bearing on their moving to new locations.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Lindquist

El Centro, Calif.,
March 24, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st enclosing United States Postage stamps in the amount of $5.00.

Mr. Williams left me a few envelopes (I now have 17) and a few sheets of paper (letterheads). I assume a further supply will be sent me if they are not already on the way. I received a package containing several hundred report forms today.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

P.S.- Also please send me some pencil carbon for use with the reports I am making up daily.

Last supply of envelopes & carbon paper

GOVERNMENT RATE

COMMERCIAL PREPAID

x

March 24, 1942

MR. CHARLES H. SMALL
540 STATE STREET
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

RETEL DATE FORM TFE 1 REQUIRED IN ALL CASES WHERE THE NATIONAL HAS BEEN BLOCKED AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO. THIS FORM IS NOT NECESSARY WHERE JAPANESE IS NOT BLOCKED AND IS IN GENERAL LICENSE CLASS, DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY BEING COVERED IN THAT CASE BY GENERAL LICENSE 68-A WHICH CONTAINS NO RESTRICTION AS TO DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From El Centro, Calif. 1258p 3/24/42

Gordon Williams FRB 707 South Spring St. Copied and Translated: yk140p (Date)

To Los Angeles FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO Checked:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Copy routed to Mr.

Is TFE1 required in cases involving small amounts and voluntary agreement between all concerned. Have only small supply this form and seems to me impractical to enforce in such cases. Does Executive Order 8785 supersede 8389 have no copy of latter.

C. H. H. Small
136p

Copy delivered to Mr.

Ambrose
Bold

To be handled by Mr.

Watkins 8 WU 43/42 DL Collect 3-26

Function and Unit Number
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Answered
Ansd. by Routine Advice
No Answer Required

Directed to File
By (Surname)

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March 24, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

We observe that you are forwarding to us the white copies of daily interviews. Will you please retain the white copies for your files, sending us the yellow copies.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evening

El Centro Calif 3/23/42

Mr. Gordon Williams
Los Angeles Office

Dear Mr. Williams:

I notice these time cards are for weeks of Saturday to Friday inclusive so filled out one card & enclose it for last Friday. Will you please turn it in for me & advise me if it is made out incorrectly? I will fill out the other card you left me for this week & send it in next Saturday. Will you please have some additional time cards before next week?

Mr. Irving says he will have a key made for me for this office. It was not open yesterday & I was on the telephone at home yesterday (Sunday) about 3 hours altogether.

Regards to the dickens today.

Yours truly

C. H. H. Brown

3-24-42
Advised that all time cards at present unnecessary for field representatives

March 23, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

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Yours very truly,

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FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

March 21, 1942

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Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Inglewood
Charles A. Graves
319 E. Hillcrest

Betty

Ing. [illegible]

Please send me some envelope #4A and some Record of interviews blanks

C A Graves

sent 4-22-42 Inglewood

APR 21 1942

April 11, 1942

Mr. Charles A. Graves
Field Representative
Inglewood, California

Dear Mr. Graves:

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For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942

Mr. Chas. A. Graves, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
319 N. Hillcrest
Inglewood, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Graves:

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In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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April 3, 1942

Mr. Charles A. Graves, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
319 East Hillcrest
Inglewood, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:RH

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CW:rh

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

319 East Hillcrest Boulevard
Inglewood, California
March 27, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Office report March 26, 1942

No inquiries.

Respectfully,

C. A. Graves

C. A. Graves
Field Representative

CAG/ilm

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

319 East Hillcrest Boulevard
Inglewood, California
March 26, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Office report March 25, 1942

No inquiries.

Respectfully

C. A. Graves

C. A. Graves
Field Representative

CAG/ilm

March 23, 1942

Mr. Chas. A. Graves,
Evacuee Property Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
319 East Hillcrest,
Inglewood, Calif.

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Yours very truly,

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FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

319 East Hillcrest Boulevard
Inglewood, California
March 23, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Office report March 21, 1942

No inquiries.

Enclosed find 2 x 3 photos as you requested.

Respectfully

C. A. Graves

C. A. Graves
Field Representative

CAG/mb
Encl-1

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

319 East Hillcrest Boulevard
Inglewood, California
March 21, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Office report March 20, 1942

Inquiry from one Japanese as to how to go about transfering father's automobile. Advised him to have father sign pink slip as legal owner and transfer same to him.

Interviewed two requests to acquire farm land. Will return and consult agricultural field supervisor.

Respectfully

C. A. Graves

C. A. Graves
Office Representative
Inglewood

CAG/mb

Nm/

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

319 East Hillcrest Blvd,
Inglewood, California

March 19, 1942

Received of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco--
Los Angeles branch--postage stamps to the value of
$5.00.

E. A. Graves

Evacuee Property Representative
Inglewood, California

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

319 East Hillcrest Boulevard
Inglewood, California
March 20, 1942

Fred C. Bold
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

No applications or inquiries.

Familiarized myself with forms, studied routine procedures, made out bond application, and cooperated with agricultural field counselor.

Would suggest some newspaper publicity be given regarding the office in this district.

Respectfully,

C. A. Graves

C. A. Graves,
Office Representative

CAG/mb

Ward

Lawndale
E. D. Bramlage
4311 W. 147th St

April 8, 1942

Mr. E. D. Bramlage, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
4311 W. 147th St.
Lawndale, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Bramlage:

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CE:MT

Long Beach
Vincent B. Hackett
416 Pine Ave

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 4, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD TO MR. APR 6 - Recd

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Federal Reserve Bank
707 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Mr. Seeley, Man ager of the Los Angeles office of the William Burns Detective Agency, called me to say that in spite of any arrangements that Mr. Sigourney of San Francisco may have made, that we are to have the following protection agreement for our furniture warehouse at 324 East Fourth Street, Long Beach:

A continuous 24-hour a day, 7 day a week protection at 75¢ per hour, on a day-to-day basis, with privilege of cancellation of service at any time.

Very truly yours

Vincent B. Hackett
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dept.

VBH:CS

April 5, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Hackett:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 8, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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April 1, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copies of memorandums of March 29th and March 30th signed by R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, covering the parking of motor vehicles belonging to evacuees.

These enclosures are for the most part self-explanatory. However, we wish to call your attention to the use of the term "Reception Center" in items "a" and "b" under "Section II" of the March 29th memorandum. We have generally considered that the use of the term "Reception Center" was in reference to places such as Manzanar in the Owens Valley. Mr. Everson apparently has used this term in referring to what we know as "Civilian Control Centers" which are the various offices in which field representatives are stationed to represent the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the United States Employment Service, the Federal Security Agency and the Farm Security Administration. The term "Travel Center" is generally used in reference to the points at which evacuees are assembled immediately prior to leaving for the "Reception Center".

We are currently advised that evacuees from the Long Beach, San Pedro, and Torrance areas will be allowed to drive their cars to the designated Travel Center at Santa Anita Race Track. Complete instructions as to the delivery and storage of cars left at the Santa Anita Travel Center will be the subject of a later communication.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh
Enclosures

March 25, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of correspondence from the Fay Agencies, Pier One, Long Beach, California, to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Los Angeles, California; and also a copy of their reply. This is for your information and files.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

ECV:rh
Enclosures

March 23, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
416 Pine Street
Long Beach, California

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Yours very truly,

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Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 23, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Federal Reserve Bank
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Attached herewith is copy of Federal Security Agency's order regarding warehouse arrangements, of which I spoke to you over the telephone this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Vincent B. Hackett

Vincent B. Hackett
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

VBH:LO
Encl.

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March 24, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 31, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Federal Reserve Bank
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

This will acknowledge receipt of $5 in United States postage stamps, which you sent me.

These stamps will be kept in a safe place for exclusive use of this department.

Very truly yours,

Vincent B. Hackett

Vincent B. Hackett
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

VBH:LO

March 19, 1942

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Evacuee Property Department
416 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California

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Yours very truly,

FCB:rh

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures
Registered Mail

Pasadena

R. N. Woodward

745 E. Green St.

April 20, 1942

Mr. N. R. Woodward, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Woodward:

We have read with interest your letter of April 17th describing the facilities at Santa Anita Park.

You perhaps know that this Bank has established control of automobiles belonging to evacuees which are presently stored at Santa Anita Park. We have had a crew of men from this office on the grounds for the past ten days and have become thoroughly familiar with the facilities being provided for the evacuees.

However, we do not feel that it is within the province of our field representatives to undertake voluntary surveys of the assembly centers being provided by military authorities. This particular problem is the concern of the Federal Security Agency and does not appear to have any particular bearing on property problems which the Evacuee Property Department is called upon to handle. We feel that some of the rumors concerning the lack of facilities at Santa Anita Park are groundless and have been injurious to the effort.

We caution you, however, that officially this problem is beyond the jurisdiction of our Department and certainly does not warrant a special trip to the camp.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CHW:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California
April 17, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

RE: Santa Anita Camp

Gentlemen:

The writer spent an hour and a half at the above camp this morning to gather certain information first hand to answer certain questions asked by evacuees and to stop certain rumors going about.

There have been reports that clashes had occurred between Japanese and soldiers as the result of the Japanese receiving more money for doing nothing than that received by the soldiers. The Japanese do not have occasion to come in contact with soldiers; there are no soldiers in the camp, all being stationed on the outside as guards. Mr. Wilbur informs me that the Japanese are receiving no money for services performed at the camp.

Laundry facilities are about completed that will be handled by their own people and there will be clothes lines and places for their individual laundry work. There is a certain amount of gambling among the Japanese, and it is not advisable to take any great amount of cash with them; checks can be cashed at camp subject to collection within a few days. Mail is being well distributed promptly. There are recreation centers in and around the grandstand for the children as well as adults.

In view of the possible short stay at camp no education arrangement has been made. It is expected that the camp will be cleared on or about October 1st, 1942, as this is a temporary camp. Several kindergarten classes were being taken care of by Japanese girls. I talked with several families and inspected their quarters; they were quite pleased at our coming out and were apparently well satisfied with their surroundings. They advise bringing all the clothes possible and curtain material for the windows and the partitioning off the interior seems to be in order. Wash basins and pails for washing clothes are essential. In the mess hall they are furnished with cups, knife, fork, spoon and plates with food already on them. The food according to Mr. Wilbur

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch

April 17, 1942

is very good. Five dollars cash will last a person a month, as all one can buy are cigarettes, candy and ice cream. Within a short time milk stations will be open 24 hours a day and people with small babies can by ration cards get what is necessary for their children.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. WOODWARD,
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department.

NRW:RS

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Ans
Waiver

Please send
me 100-
FRB of S.F
Envelopes

Woodward 4/13

sent
4/14/42

April 11, 1942

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Field Representative
Pasadena, California

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Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

745 East Green Street,
Pasadena, California.
April 8, 1942.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD.
APR 9 - Rec'd

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen;- re; Instruction letter No. 12
Storage of personal property.

Supplementing Real Estate Broker, Robert Wilfong's letter on April 3, 1942 regarding the property formerly occupied by the Barabara Ann Baking Company on South Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, I believe this is as well situated to meet the demands as I see them now of anything available.

Enclosed find map of this area for the handling of this situation and from the blue mark the location seems to be as near centrally located as we could expect.

I discussed with Mr. Bunnell of the Bunnell(s Van and Storage the prospects of handling the personal property and he assures me, he is a position to take care of the entire obligation and act as a clearing house for the whole district. I have known Mr. Bunnell for a long time is a hard worker and wastes no time while on the job.

In this morning's mail received copy of Robert Wilfong's letter addressed to Mr. Bold about the reduction in rental forthis property , and attached was a note "This looks like the best bet for your purpose. However, will keep looking for something else but doubt if I can find it"

Have been trying to get the feel of what we might expect from the Japanese American Citizens League and Reverend Tajima, as to the number of Japanese who will take advantage of these privileges, hope to have something to report in the next few days.

Yours very truly,

N. R. Woodward,
Field Representative.

April 8, 1942

Mr. N. R. Woodward, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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April 3, 1942

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Evacuee Property Department
745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2, 1942

Mr. W. R. Woodward, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

745 East Green Street,
Pasadena, California.
March 26th, 1942.

Memo. to Headquarters;-

Perry Miller in charge of the Farm Administrtion Department un the WCCA is hiring a stenographer which he will use only part time, in view of the time involved in making up my reports, being alone in this department, he has asked me if I can use her part time and share the expense, I advised him I could subject to disaproval from your office.

Please advise me if I am out of order.

W. R. Woodward
Field Representative.

3/27/42

Talked to Woodward on telphone —
He was advised that he did not have to write up on typewriter. Days he has all he can do. will contact us later

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Pasadena, California
March 30, 1942

Police Department
142 North Broadway
Pasadena, California

Attention: Chief of Detectives Decker

Dear Sir:

This will be your authority to give to the writer any information he may desire in connection with the amount of contraband you are now holding from Japanese aliens or Japanese citizens.

Yours very truly,

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

N. R. Woodward,
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

NRW:RS

cc: Los Angeles Headquarters

Same letter sent to:
Chief of Police, South Pasadena
Altadena Sheriff's Office, Altadena
Chief of Police, Arcadia

745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California
March 30, 1942

Mr. William H. Root
Leffingwell Service Company
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Root:

Answering your letter of March 28th in which you enclose a statement to Mr. Harry Tateishi showing a balance due on open account of $113.38, we wish to advise that no provision has been made by us for the handling of open accounts.

This should be handled in your usual course of business. This Department is only authorized to assist with the disposition of the evacuees' property.

Yours very truly,

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

N. R. WOODWARD,
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

NRW:RS
cc:
Evacuee Property Department

March 23, 1942

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Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
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Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

DIRECTED BY MAIL DEPT. TO MR. Ward

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Mr. R. N. Woodward, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
745 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Woodward:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Pasadena, California
March 23rd, 1942.
Receipt acknowledged, and proper steps taken for their safe keeping

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Registered Mail

N. R. Woodward

Answered
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March 21, 1942

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Phoenix, Arizona
Andrew P. Scott
202 St. Jefferson

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Phoenix, Arizona
May 6, 1942

RECEIVED BY MR. BOLD
MAY 7 – 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I wish to report to you that in the Tucson office there is but one property problem left. This just concerns the sale or storage of a 1937 Willys sedan. The owner, Mr. Iwata told me in our last conversation that he would try his best to sell this car.

Mr. John Curtain, Acting Manager of the Tucson U.S.E.S. Office, knows Mr. Iwata and told me he would contact him and let me know the disposition of the car when he reports each day to the Phoenix Office where I am now located.

I arrived at the Phoenix office at 9:30 this morning and found that Mr. Scott has things in good shape. There was one grocery store to be sold and one barber shop, pool room and restaurant combined to be disposed of. The grocery store has three refrigerators which will probably have to be stored.

There seems to be very few, if any, cars to store although at this time we have not heard definitely from a few car owners. The household goods storage is very light, possibly one large van load.

Very truly yours,

M. V. Thompson

M. V. Thompson
Field Representative

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FRED BOLD=

Deliver CARE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK 707 SOUTH SPRING ST LOSA=1

HAVE ORDERED THOMPSON TO REPORT TO PHOENIX BY 8 AM. WEDNESDAY MAY 6 TARVOS SICK JAPANESE PROPERTY FORMS AND VEHICLE FORMS ARE TO REPORT ON WEDNESDAY TARVOS HAS BEEN SICK ENTIRE TIME HAVE HANDED OUT FORMS TOLD JAPANESE

TO REPORT BACK ON WEDNESDAY NECESSARY THAT EXPERIENCED PERSON BE ON JOB PLEASE CALL OR WIRE CONFIRMATION TO THOMPSON OF TRANSFER SORRY TO HAVE TO TAKE THESE STEPS AND APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION PLEASE WIRE OR CALL THOMPSON AS IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE RETURN TRIP TO TUCSON ON THURSDAY=

VERN L ROWLEY MGR WAR TIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION.

8 AM 6.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

May 1, 1942

Mr. A. P. Scott, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1921 E. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

Reference is made to your letter of April 29, 1942, regarding the disposition of private automobiles at the Assembly Center.

It is our understanding that there will be no automobiles driven to either of the Assembly Centers designated for the Phoenix-Tucson areas. It is our plan to place these cars in open lot storage in Phoenix from both cities, because there is no facility for guarding the cars at the Assembly Centers.

You will recall that tentative arrangements were made by Mr. Coles, at the time of his visit, for household storage and an adjacent lot for the impounding of automobiles and he also made arrangements with the Police Department of Phoenix for protection. Mr. Trevor, who will handle the Control duties in Phoenix, will arrive there Sunday morning, May 3. He will be informed as to the procedure to be followed.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHW:MT

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Phoenix, Arizona. April 29th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 S. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:-

Re-Memo April 23, 1942

Subject- Japanese Evacuation Operations.

Item #13 Re- private automobiles to Assembly Center.

Please advise regarding disposition of such automobiles upon arrival at Assembly Center.

Yours truly,

A. P. Scott
1921 E. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona.

April 30, 1942

Mr. A. P. Scott, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
202 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, in its capacity as Fiscal Agent of the United States, acting at the request of the Commanding Officer of the Western Defense Command, has taken possession of certain motor vehicles voluntarily surrendered by Japanese evacuees. As you are somewhat familiar with the procedure involved, as outlined in our instruction letters, there is one feature concerning transfer of title which we desire to have you present to the Arizona Motor Vehicle Department.

At the time the automobiles are surrendered to us, we are provided with Forms FRB 3 and 4. The first is a property statement and contains a description of the vehicle and a waiver which is signed by the owner; the second form is a power of attorney and authorizes this bank to either store the car for the owner or sell it to the Army, depending upon whether Alternative No. 1 or Alternative No. 2 is indicated by the owner. We enclose for your information and guidance a copy of each one of these forms, which form the set of documents signed by the Japanese at the time of evacuation.

In California evidence of ownership of motor vehicle is manifest by the ownership certificate, commonly referred to as the "pink slip". This certificate is endorsed by both registered and legal owners at the time of transfer, at which time the registration certificate, which is similar in form to the ownership certificate, is likewise surrendered. The transfer of ownership of these automobiles to the Army, where it is the desire of the owner to dispose of them in this manner, presents no difficulty where the owner has title. However, where the legal ownership rests with a second party, the registration certificate is not in the possession of the Japanese at the time he places car with us. Upon subsequent transfer of ownership, it then becomes necessary for this bank, acting under the powers given to it by the terms of Form FRB 4, to endorse the ownership certificate as agent for the registered owner.

In this connection, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the State of California has agreed to accept certified copies of Forms FRB 3 and 4 to support transfer of the title to the motor vehicle where we

are signing as agent or attorney-in-fact.

We should like to have you exhibit these two forms to the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Arizona, for the purpose of obtaining approval of that department to the procedure we have established for the State of California. We are asking you to present this matter rather than writing directly to the Vehicle Department, inasmuch as we are not familiar with the method followed by the State of Arizona in so far as evidence of ownership and registration of motor vehicle is concerned.

Yours very truly,

CHW:MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

RECORD OF INTERVIEWS.

Interviewed by _____ Date _____

Number of Persons Interviewed	Groups Interviewed	Number Represented by Group

Please send a few of this form, have 8 on hand

Scott. Phoenix

New address 1921 E. Washington

sent 5-1-42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Phoenix, Arizona. April 22d, 1942.

TO FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
Fiscal Agent Of The United States
Evacuee Property Department

GENTLEMEN:-

Beginning on the second day after notification from you, our Office will be responsible to furnish 24 hour guard service for you, for the building at 1924 East Jefferson St. Phoenix, Arizona., used for personal property storage, and adjacent parking area used for Motor Vehicles, at the rate of .62½¢ per hour, payable on rendering Statement Semi-monthly to your Los Angeles Office at 707 South Spring St. We are to continue the service in such location until cancelled by you in writing.

Yours truly,

E M Lynch

act. CHIEF OF POLICE.

Phoenix Ariz.
Apr. 21-1942

Supplies -

Have 7 envelopes
on hand.

Sent
Phoenix

Sent 4-24-42

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 21 REC'D

W. ROY WAYLAND, MANAGING DIRECTOR
FRANK J. HABERL, MANAGER



Hotel WESTWARD HO
Phoenix, Arizona

Tuesday Pm 4/14/42

Dear Fred

After talking with Japanese leaders, the Farm adm and two church officials it has been determined that the storage space which may be required here might be as low as 6000 cu ft and a maximum of 18000 - to be left with us -

Arrangements have been made to lease such space as needed i.e. 6000-12000 & 18000 @ 22.50 - 45 + 67.50 per mo respectively

Arrangements also completed to rent such Parking Space as needed, but there probably will be no vehicles stored - The Brig General commanding this area has the idea of permitting the evacuees to drive their cars to the Assembly Center (Two CCC Camps)

The Phoenix Chief of Police has agreed to take the responsibility of furnishing us with 24 hr guard service at about 60¢ per hour on 24 hr notice - We to reimburse his Department semi-monthly against statements rendered -

Control Center contemplated at 1927 East Washington St Phone 4-5545 which is where we now are - I'm living at Hotel Westward Ho. 3-2181

Lack of Publicity probably accounts for so few interviews here.

Cordially
Coles



Hotel WESTWARD HO
Phoenix, Arizona

Sunday 4/19

Dear Fred

The summary for last week

1. Our office along with Farm Sec Adm now operating at 1921 E Washington St (the contemplated control center)

2. Storage space and parking lot verbally agreed upon (Hope to mail in lease and agreement concerning it tomorrow)

3. Name of military sector — "Southern Land Frontier Sector" - Brig Gen. Coulter commanding officer.

4. U.S.E.S and Fed Sec Agency normally work from and get instructions from Denver Headquarters—

5. Don Steward, Phoenix Chief of Police has verbally agreed to provide guard service at approximately 60¢ per hour.

6. Sheriff Lon Jordan of Maricopa County has offered any man power that might be needed in his jurisdiction.

7. Japanese association gets dope here 3 to 5 days ahead of our office—

8. Started School of instruction with our M Scott re control center duties and plan to include the extra men needed later in said classes

— Cale

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Monday
Apr 20 1942

Dear Walt

Please mail me 2 or 3 sets of form E 27. Am paying my hotel bills weekly.

Have you been mailing my checks to 135 E Puente St Covina? I hope so, else I may be in the overdraft dog house.

Every one is most cordial in Arizona and I think the preliminary work is going ok however one does run into the "mañana" too often.

If feasible, you might get my name on the mailing list to receive instruction letters. Of course I get to see them, but don't have my own copies for reference.

Cordially

J. D. Coles

sent 4-22-42

Phoenix Ary 4-16-42

Mr Bold -

Please send Form

E 27 Also pages

10 & 11 of Banks

Earnings & Expense

Manual.

Scott

sent 4-18-42 Phoenix

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Phoenix, Arizona
April 15, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO Mr. Mathews
APR 16 Rec'd

Mr. W. M. Hale, Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank
707 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hale:

As requested in Instruction Letter No. 18 received by us today regarding advance arrangements for storage, we report that we have conferred with the local Japanese Association, which has contacts with outlying areas, on the storage problem.

We have suggested the following questions to be answered by their correspondents and expect a statistical reply from the Association representatives soon.

1. Can items on which storage is desired be personally transported to control center on Registration day?

2. Can said items be left with friends in Phoenix anytime prior to registration?

3. Can group assembly of items be made in outlying communities when evacuees have no private means of transporting them?

Yours very truly,

A. P. Scott

APS:LM
cc. Mr. Bold

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
MR. Wilkins
APR 13 REC'D

Phoenix Ariz. Apr. 10-42

Mr Fred C Bold asst manager
Federal Reserve Bank
Evacuee Property Dept.
707 S Spring St.
Los Angeles Calif.

Dear Mr Bold -
Your letter of Apr. 8 received
I have checked Instruction
Letters in my file and find
I have letters no 1 to 17
except no. 8 & no 9 Please send
me copies of no 8 & no 9
The WCCA officers are being
moved to a new location
to day on account of being too
crowded here. New location is
1927 E. Washington St.
Phoenix Arizona.

Yours very truly

Sent 4-15-42 Andrew P. Scott
Phoenix

COPY

April 15, 1942

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

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Representative at
Phoenix office

In connection with report received in your office that our representative did not appear fully informed, we believe this was due to the fact that that office had only been established a few days prior to the report as we had awaited word from the Federal Security Agency as to locations in Arizona.

Our representative has been furnished with complete information and, as in the case of other offices, we have had a representative from our Los Angeles office revisit this area since that time.

(Signed) W. M. Hale

Vice President

cc: Los Angeles Branch

Phoenix Ariz Apr 15 42

Mr Fred C Bold Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
707 S Spring St.
Los Angeles Calif.

Dear Mr Bold -

We are carrying out the instructions in your letter of 4/11/42 and believe that the subsequent interviews suggested will show all cases completed.

Yours Very Truly

A P Scott
Phoenix

[illegible]

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Andrew P. Scott, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
202 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that the transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

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

April 11, 1942

Mr. George Oldham,
P. O. Box 1133
Ajo, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated April 7, 1942, in which you indicate an interest in acquiring a 40 acre farm with home thereon, we desire to clarify your understanding of our position with reference to evacuees.

We are making every effort to aid such evacuees in the settlement of their problems and disposal of their properties, preferably by private negotiation. In this effort various types of property have come to our attention, including farm properties, in which you indicate an interest. Lists have been compiled and are available for examination at all of our field offices, the most convenient, we believe, for your purposes, being located at 202 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona. We suggest you communicate with or contact this office at your prompt convenience, also interviewing the representative, if available, of the Farm Security Administration.

We are forwarding two copies of your inquiry and our reply thereto to our Los Angeles Branch, one of which we have suggested be sent to their Phoenix field office so that they may be advised of your interest.

Yours very truly,

R.E. Everson

Assistant Cashier.

CC: Los Angeles Branch
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(COPY)

Copy to Andrew P. Scott,
202 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona.

Ajo, Arizona
April 7, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to the places that have been taken from the evacuees, and I would like very much to get a place about 40 acres with a house.

If I could help the war by raising food, I would like very much to do so. I don't have very much money to start with but I am more than willing to do anything to get a place. If I could get even a job as foreman for running a place, as I have had quite a bit of experience at farming.

If you could suggest anything i'd be very grateful to you.

I remain

Yours truly,

GEORGE OLDHAM
P.O. BOX 1133
Ajo, Arizona.

(Copy)

April 8th, 1942

Mr. Andrew P. Scott
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
202 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9 dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Andrew P. Scott
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
202 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Andrew P. Scott
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
202 W. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Scott:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

Pomona
Charles P. Ewing
175 W. 5th St.

Head Office

August 20, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - Haruo Imura

Your letter of August 17, 1942

RECEIVED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. [illegible]
AUG 20 PM

We have been informed by our Field Representative at the Pomona Assembly Center that Mr. Imura left Pomona August 18 and has been evacuated to the Heart Mountain War Relocation Project, Cody, Wyoming. We regret, therefore, we were unable to discuss with him the subject matter of your letter.

FCB:MT

Assistant Manager.

Moved to
Block 12 - Bldg 20 - Apt E
Heart Mountain
Wy

Letter

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

TO: LOS ANGELES

DATE August 17, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Haruo Imura

REFERENCE:

REFERRED BY MR. GOLD TO MR. Brice AUG 19 RECD

Reference is made to various memoranda dealing with the above evacuee and more specifically with our memorandum to you under date of August 12, 1942.

We now find that it will not be possible to interview Mr. Blumenstiel until August 26 inasmuch as he is out of the city until that date. His wife, however, states that he is definitely interested, together with a partner, in the lease of the property under review, inasmuch as their present nursery is inadequate for their requirements. It will be necessary, of course, for the prospective new lessee to spend a good deal of money on the rehabilitation of the property, which is in a deplorable state at the present writing, as was indicated to you in our earlier report.

In the present instance we have the evacuee owner in the Pomona Assembly Center, the mortgage lien holder, with notice of default outstanding, located in Oakland, California, and the prospective new tenant busy with outside duties and difficult to contact. We reviewed the situation again with the vice-president of the American Trust Company in Oakland in an endeavor to work out a preliminary program that would avoid further delays, if a common meeting ground can be reached between the three parties of interest referred to above. The present deed of trust, now in default, provides for the approximate monthly interest payments of $24.00, with approximate monthly principal payments of $26.00, or a total of approximately $50.00 a month. Taxes total approximately $10.00 a month. Without some modification of the principal payment it is clearly evident that the minimum rental required to service the property will approximate $60.00 per month. The Bank, we believe, recognizes that any new tenant taking over at this time would have to expend a substantial sum in the rehabilitation of the present run-down improvements; also unlikely that in addition a rental of $60.00 could be secured. While, of course, the Bank would naturally like to secure this maximum rental, theywould, we feel confident, consider a modification of the present monthly principal payment. In other words, a rental somewhere between $35.00 and $50.00 per month.

Imura, present evacuee owner, has, based on disinterested appraisals secured by us, no equity in this property, irrespective of the modest payments he has made on account of the purchase since he acquired the property. Within a relatively short time the Bank can proceed with its

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by.....
(Surname)

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notice of default and through sale, quite probably wipe out any interest the evacuee might have in the property.

After discussion with the Bank, we suggest the following procedure:

Promptly contact Imura and place before him the substance of this memorandum, copy of which is enclosed, supplementing the previous information that your representative has already conveyed to him; if acceptable, we would suggest that your representative have Imura approve in writing the sub-leasing,or execution of a new lease for any monthly rental amount that may be agreed upon between the contemplated new lessee and the Bank, provided the rental involved is adequate to service the taxes, monthly interest and monthly principal requirements, if any, that may be agreed upon between the Bank and the new lessee. In the event there is any monthly surplus above such servicing requirements, such surplus shall be applied by the American Trust Company in the reduction of the indebtedness due it from Imura.

The effect of such approval by Imura at this time would permit negotiations to be carried on promptly and effectively between the prospective new lessee and the American Trust Company as principals with this bank acting in an advisory capacity. We, of course, have no definite knowledge at the moment that such a lease can be arranged and on terms sufficient to service the loan, however, there is a possibility of doing so and this suggested procedure should save a material amount of time and effort to all parties of interest.

It is suggested that Imura set a sales price on the property, to be conveyed to us promptly, option at this price to hold for three to five years. It is quite probable that Blumenstiel will wish such an option to buy contained in any lease agreement.

Assistant Cashier

RECEIVED

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

8/17/42
(Date)

Name: Harris Imura
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: ✓

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Pomona Center
(City) (State)

Adult: ✓
Minor:
Male: ✓
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: 3rd Report

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Showed him letter just received from R.E. Everson on S.F. office regarding this evacuees' Oakland property - He is leaving for Wy. tomorrow -

Action taken:*

Suggested he write Mr Blumenstiel 2312 Coolidge Ave Oakland who is interested in leasing this to contact our S.F. office as they had been unable to locate him - He will write us his Wy. address on arrival

Handled by: _____

*Attach additional pages where necessary

G. A. Williams

August 14, 1942

Mr. Gordon C. Williams, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Pomona Assembly Center
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are enclosing a copy of letter from Head Office regarding the nursery property of Harno Imura, which is self-explanatory, together with the two letters from Mr. J. Blumenstiel addressed to Mr. H. Imura.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

LFS:M

Enclosure.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

TO: LOS ANGELES DATE August 12, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Haruo Imura

REFERENCE: Your letters July 17 and August 10 - our letter July 21.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD TO MR. Roach AUG 13 Rec'd

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 10, 1942 relating to certain n ursery property, title to which is vested in Haruo Imura, together with enclosure of a letter from your field representative, Gordon C. Williams, at Pomona Assembly Center, Pomona, California.

We have reviewed the subject matter of the letter in question with Mr. Crichton, vice-president in charge of the Mortgage Department of the American Trust Company, main branch, Oakland, California, which has the Imura property under its jurisdiction.

It has been clearly indicated to us that the American Trust Company wish in every reasonable way to cooperate with the evacuee in question in aiding him to retain title to the property, providing a satisfactory lease can be arranged that will permit the prompt payment of taxes and servicing charges on the existing deed of trust, irrespective of the fact that notice of default was filed by the American Trust Company early in June, 1942. The actual servicing charges on the present loan approximate $40 per month, with taxes in addition of approximately $15 a month.

It therefore would appear that the property would have to be leased for a minimum consideration of $55 per month. In the event that this figure could not be secured, the question arises whether Imura is financially able to meet, from his own personal resources, any monthly deficit that might be involved.

With regard to Mr. J. Blumenstiel, we are endeavoring to contact him in connection with his indicated interest in possibly leasing the property with option to buy, for a five-year period. We find, by contacting his home, that he is rather difficult to reach during business hours, but will make every effort to learn his views as soon as possible. He called on the American Trust Company a few weeks ago to learn Imura's address, indicating that he might be interested in leasing the property, but expressed no ideas as to price.

With reference to the suggestion as to a sum of $100 or $150 to be paid by the American Trust Company to Imura in consideration of the last named executing a warranty deed, thereby saving foreclosure sale costs, etc., no definite opinion can be reached on this point

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

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by.....
(Surname)

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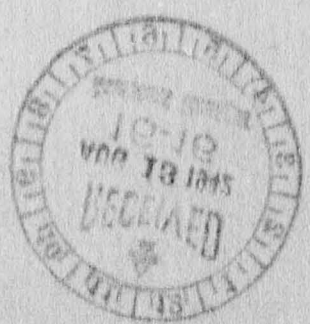
until after the lease possibilities of the property have been exhausted. Quite frankly, we are not very optimistic as to the interest of Mr. Blumenstiel in the lease of the property at an approximate lease rental adequate to service the present loan and meet taxes in view of the numerous recent contacts we have had with other nursery properties in the same general area which were in much more efficient operating condition than in this instance.

We hope, therefore, to be able to advise you within a relatively short time as to what can be done with Mr. Blumenstiel. In the interval we suggest that you arrange to have Imura advised of the further effort we are making in his behalf, making it clear to him that the attitude of the American Trust Company, as evidenced to us, is cooperative and helpful.

In the event that you may wish to refer it to your field representative, Mr. Gordon C. Williams, at Pomona Assembly Center, a copy of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Assistant Cashier

Enclosure



Head Office

August 10, 1942

Evacuee Property Department - Harno Imura

Your letter July 21 - our letter of July 17.

We are enclosing a self-explanatory letter from our Field Representative at the Pomona Assembly Center, together with copies of letters from J. Blumenstiel.

Possibly you might wish to again discuss this matter with the American Trust Company in view of Mr. Blumenstiel's letters.

FOB:MT
Enclosure.

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Pomona Assembly Center
Pomona, California

August 7, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 2077, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Re: Haruo Imura

Reference is made to your letter of July 24th regarding the above evacuee, wherein you enclose report received from Mr. Everson in San Francisco.

We referred this report to Mr. Imura and after considerable thought by him on the basis of the memorandum, he has come to the conclusion that he would like us to again take the matter up with the American Trust Company and see if they would reconsider their former decision in not accepting a deed from Imura for some nominal amount, say $100.00 or $150.00, which would save them lots of time and trouble on the foreclosure proceedings. We suggested that this was something that he would have to do himself and believe he has done this.

In the meantime he has received couple of letters from another flower grower in Oakland, name, J. Blumenstiel, who operates the Central Flower and Cactus Shop, 2312 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, indicating that he would like to enter negotiation with the owner to lease the place with an option to buy at a later time. He would like to know what kind of deal could be worked out, and at what price, particularly on a rental basis.

Unfortunately the evacuee does not feel that he can enter into any negotiation at present time because of the American Trust Company's action as well as the fact that he is not on the spot to negotiate with anyone on the outside. Furthermore, he will be evacuated further away in the near future and consequently feels that possibly the American Trust Company would like to follow up the inquiry of J. Blumenstiel and might reconsider their earlier decision in making some cash settlement with the evacuee, so that he might receive something for his property. In this he asks our help, but as mentioned above, promished him nothing of a definite nature.

Is there anything you can suggest to pass along to Mr. Everson, to give the evacuee, Imura, any assistance in effecting some salvage from this piece of property.

We are returning the memorandum Mr. Everson sent us along with two letters the evacuee received from Mr. Bluemnstiel which give full particulars.

Yours very truly,

Gordon C. Williams
Field Representative

Enclosures.

(Copy)

CENTRAL FLOWER & CACTUS SHOP

Oakland, Calif.

7/20/42

Mr. H. Imura
356 B 15 St.
Pomona Assembly Center
Pomona, Calif.

Mr. H. Imura.

Your letter received a few days ago in regards to your nursery. At the present time I don't care to buy the property. What I would do is to lease the place with a option to buy at a later time so let me know what you want for the place. Also what rent you want and how long a lease you will give. Let me have full information in this regard.

Sincerely yours.

J. Blumenstiel.

COPY

CENTRAL FLOWER & CACTUS SHOP

Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Harno Imura
Pomona
Calif.

Gentlemen:

I was down to the American Trust Co. to see them about leasing your nursery. They told me to write you about it. The place is getting in a bad condition. About all the glass is broken in the greenhouse and all the glass in the little house by the office is broken and somebody has helped themself to lot of the lumber. It will cost quite a lot to get it in good condition again. I would like to lease the place for 5 years that is if you don't want too much rent for it, so let me know on what terms you will lease it on.

I remain.

J. Blumenstiel

P. S. Whatever new improvements I put on the place together with stock and fixtures and to remove the same at the termination of the lease.

COPY

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

Aug 5/4
(Date)

Name: Henry Inyue
(Print)

Address: 21-B-1 St
(Street and Number)

Pomona Center
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: ✓

Adult: ✓
Minor:
Male: ✓
Female:
Citizenship: MA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: 2nd report
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Re Visit of Mrs Vinson - 1910 1/2 Vista Del Mar - L.A. - and Mildred Zingals, Atty. 310 Taft Bldg - Hollywood -

Regarding her suit on auto purchased from Hy. Inyue by Louis L. Fribourg at 3361 Tweedy Road - Southgate -

Action taken:*

This Japanese is a willing witness for Mrs. Vinson and they arranged for a deposition on his side of the story - This interview was a preliminary one. Deposition later -

Handled by: _____

*Attach additional pages where necessary

G. C. Williams

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

8/4/42
(Date)

Name: Harao Imura
(Print)

Address: 356-B-15
(Street and Number)

Pomona Center
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: ✓

Adult: ✓
Minor:
Male: ✓
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem: See previous reports Regarding Real Estate & Nursery in Oakland

See letter 8/6/42 — to F. C. Bold L A office with complete details for handling by S. F. office if ok to do so —

Action taken:*

Handled by: E. Williams

*Attach additional pages where necessary

July 21, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Everson

SUBJECT: Property located adjacent to the northeast corner of East 14th Street and 55th Avenue, Oakland, California, owned in fee by Mr. Harno Imura, an evacuee.

This property was sold to Mr. Imura on June 14, 1940 for the sum of $6,500; $300 was paid in cash and a deed of trust given to the American Trust Company by the purchaser for the remaining amount of $6,200. The terms of the deed of trust provided for payment of $250, including interest, to be paid during the calendar year ending June 30, 1941; $40 per month thereafter (inclusive of interest) from June 30, 1941 to June 30, 1942; and $50 monthly including interest from June 30, 1942 to maturity date, June 14, 1945. No payments on the deed of trust have been received subsequent to March 16, 1942. As of July 1, 1942 the status of the loan shows a principal balance due of $5,812.18 with interest paid thereon and credited up to March 1, 1942. Modest additional costs would be involved relating to a declaration of default, which was given June 11, 1942.

The property in question, according to the description given us by the Oakland office of the American Trust Company, is a plot 166.13 feet fronting on East 14th Street, with a depth of 100 feet. The southern boundary of the property is approximately 100 feet north of the corner of 55th Avenue and East 14th Street.

It is an inside lot with a Standard Oil station occupying the corner immediately adjacent. The property in question is in a deplorable condition so far as improvements thereon are concerned. An old greenhouse, size approximately 14 X 50, is of practically no value and a large portion of its glass frames are broken. Nearby residents indicated that boys in the neighborhood are responsible and further damage can be expected.

There is a smaller combination building fronting on East 14th Street which contains some hothouse facilities and which undoubtedly is the improvement that the Japanese stated he had erected thereon, costing approximately $1,000. This improvement in its present condition would not justify such an appraisal value. The present value of the existing improvements is negligible.

The history of the property, which we have checked with one of the earlier owners, is as follows:

Prior to 1929 this property was acquired as a speculation by a group of Oakland men who paid approximately $35,000 therefor. A mortgage was given back to the American Trust Company for $12.000. In 1936 or 1936 the property was foreclosed under this mortgage and title has been held by the American Trust Company until sale was effected to Mr. Harno Imura in 1940. Bank officials stated to us that they appraised the property at $7,000 in 1936.

The property lies directly across East 14th Street from the KGO Radio Station of the General Electric Company. While there are some substantial industrial concerns in the same general area, the improvements and type of occupancy on East 14th Street, generally speaking, in this area are distinctly second grade and no improvement in the area generally is indicated during the past ten years.

Inquiries made of well-informed realtors conversant with the area indicate that little improvement can be expected at least for the duration of the war. Prior to December 7, 1941 the East Bay Shore Highway running south from the business center of Oakland had been authorized. This is a high speed highway and would have diverted a large section of the present traffic now using East 14th Street. The improvement has been postponed for the duration, due to the heavy steel requirements. Its completion following the end of the war should adversely affect later valuation.

These well-informed sources indicated that this particular property (known to parties consulted) might be worth $4,500 as a speculation to be held for an extended period of years but there would be no equity in the property now mortgaged for approximately $5,900.

We were informed that subsequent to evacuation, Mr. Imura advised the American Trust Company of his willingness to execute a deed to the property to the American Trust Company, expressing the hope, however, that in so doing he might be able to retrieve some portion of his investment he indicated he had made in the improvements, together with interest and principal payments of approximately $2,000 since acquiring the property.

The Bank apparently feel that in order to regain possession they should pursue the proper legal formalities rather than accept a voluntary deed from the owner, in view of their former ownership of the property.

It is the opinion of the undersigned, after viewing the property and consulting with the authorities referred to, that there is no apparent market for the property in its present condition at a price in excess of the amount of the trust deed indebtedness against the property.

The nursery situation generally, due to Japanese evacuation from this area, is in a chaotic condition and the speculative value of the land alone has already been indicated above.

Mr. Imura might consider advertising the property for sale in the Oakland newspapers in the hope of reaching some specially interested buyer. Frankly, however, the authorities consulted do not believe such effort will be successful.

J. C. TYLER



July 24, 1942

Mr. Gordon C. Williams, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Pomona Assembly Center
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are enclosing a memorandum regarding the nursery property of Harue Imura which you recently asked us to take up with our Head Office at San Francisco.

We would suggest that you refer this memorandum to Mr. Imura, and inform us what action he intends to take in the matter.

Yours very truly,

FGB:MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

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

7-22-42
(Date)

Name: Henry Inouye
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: ✓

Address: 21-B-1 St
(Street and Number)

Pomona Center
(City) (State)

Adult: ✓
Minor:
Male: ✓
Female:
Citizenship: Usa

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Also

Principal property involved and scope of problem: Secretary of June 24/42 on this. Letter was received from Mrs Alice Vinson 1910 1/2 Vista Del Mar - Los Angeles regarding legal ownership of auto sold by Inouye to Louis Fribourg on May 4/42 before evacuation - Wants come see him - Advised him to write her okay to do this if he was agreeable Will do so -

Action taken:*

Handled by: _____
[signature]

*Attach additional pages where necessary

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

TO: Los Angeles DATE July 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department - Harmo Imura

REFERENCE: Your letter July 17, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. AMBROSE
TO MR. Bold
JUL 23 1942

We enclose herewith a copy of a report on the property in question, which you will undoubtedly wish to pass on to the Field Representative at the Pomona Assembly Center, Mr. Gordon C. Williams. We would appreciate being advised of any subsequent action taken by Mr. Imura.

Enclosure

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

Directed to file

by.....
(Surname)

File only when signed

By

Assistant Cashier

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Yours very truly,

Gordon C. Williams

Field Representative

The attached sheet gives the legal description, etc. of this pro-
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Street and 55th Avenue, Oakland, California. Frontage about 166 ft.
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lameda County.

The above description eliminates the attached sheet referred hereto.

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Head Office

Evacuee Property Department
Harno Izura

July 17, 1942

We are enclosing for your attention a self-explanatory letter from Mr. Gordon C. Williams, our Field Representative at Pomona.

FCB:NT

Enclosure.

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
SIFCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

POMONA ASSEMBLY CENTER
Pomona, California

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 2077, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Reference is made to the attached report which is the second interview with the above mentioned party. It seems that prior to evacuation, Mr. Imura owned in fee the property located approximately at corner of East 14th Street and 55th Avenue, Oakland, California.

He had this leased to another Japanese who operated a nursery thereon and was paying him approximately $50.00 per month for rent, which was just about carrying the payments Imura had to make covering principal, interest and taxes.

Just before evacuation Imura thought he had a deal whereby someone would take over the nursery and pay between $40.00 and $50.00 a month rent which would carry his expenses, but at the last minute apparently the deal fell through, and since coming up here has been in a quandry as to procedure to try and protect his interest.

It seems the American Trust Company, 14th Street and Broadway, Oakland, California, holds trust deed against this property which was originally $6,500.00 at the time of purchase, but subsequent payments of approximately $40.00 a month, principal and interest, have reduced it to approximately $5.800.00. However, since Imura originally purchased the property, has added approximately $1,000.00 in additional improvements such as hot house, etc.

On June 11, 1942 the American Trust Company filed Notice of Default and Intention to Sell under Deed of Trust, because of non-payment of principal, interest and taxes, and have so advised Imura by letter under date of June 16th.

Since coming up here Imura does not know in what condition the nursery or the property is, and has come to us for guidance and assistance in trying to work out his problem which has gotten beyond him because of evacuation.

Imura's address before evacuation was 2225 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California, which house he owned, paying for on H.O.L.C. terms. This property, however, is rented for sufficient amount to carry itself.

Could we take this up with Mr. Everson of our San Francisco office who might be able to send a man over to check the property and what is on top of the ground? Possibly we could find a buyer for the nursery, or failing that, the F. S. A. might be able to offer a suggestion as to how this equity can be protected by carrying on the nursery some way or the other.

Yours very truly,

Gordon C. Williams

Field Representative

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COPY

July 17, 1942

Mr. Gordon C. Williams, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Pomona Assembly Center
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to your letter of July 15 concerning Mr. Harno Izumra.

We have forwarded a copy of your letter to San Francisco asking them to give the matter their attention.

Yours very truly,

FOB:MT

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

POMONA ASSEMBLY CENTER
POMONA, CALIFORNIA

July 15, 1942

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 2077, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, California

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COPY SENT TO HEAD OFFICE - July 17, 1942

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Yours very truly,

G C Williams

Gordon C. Williams
Field Representative

GCW:yk
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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

July 13/42
(Date)

Name: Hamo Inura
(Print) (Surname) (Given)

Address: 356 - B - 15 St
(Street and Number)

Pomona Centro
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: ✓

Adult: ✓
Minor:
Male: ✓
Female:
Citizenship: USA ✓

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem: 2nd report - Re Nursery - Property owned in Fee at East 14 St and V5 Ave - Oakland - Calif

This party came in again today bringing further details covering this property which he is in no danger of loosing because the mtge held by American Trust Co - Oakland has gone to default -

Per special letter to our L.A. office for special action to be taken by our S.F. office to try and protect or salvage this property

Action taken:*

Handled by: H R Williams

*Attach additional pages where necessary

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

POMONA ASSEMBLY CENTER
POMONA, CALIFORNIA

July 20, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 2077, Terminal Annex

Dear Mr. Bold:

re: K. Yamasaki

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th regarding the above party. It so happens that we wrote you the latter part of last week, because this party came in to see us at that time, and believe we gave you all the information you required.

However, should there be anything further, please advise us, and we will attend to it promptly.

Yours very truly,

Gordon C. Williams
Field Representative

GCW:yk



LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Pomona, California

May 5, 1942

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Will you please forward to this office about twenty-five (25) white envelopes and about ten (10) brown first class mail envelopes.

Sincerely yours,

cbe/cl

C. B. Ewing
Field Representative
Evacuee Department

sent 5-6-42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

145 WEST FIFTH AVENUE

POMONA CALIFORNIA

REFERRED TO MR. BOLD
Ewing
APR 2

April 23, 1942

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Please have about twenty five white envelopes shipped to the Pomona office as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. B. Ewing

cbe/cl

C. B. Ewing
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

sent 4-24-42

April 11, 1942

Mr. Charles P. Ewing
Field Representative
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942

Mr. Chas. P. Ewing, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
145 West Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CZ:mT

April 3, 1942

Mr. Charles P. Ewing, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
145 West Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2, 1942

Mr. Charles F. Ewing, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
145 West Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Dear Sir:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 27, 1942

C. H. Watkins, Evacuee Property Dept.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Will you please send me a supply of about 25 envelopes for mailing in daily reports?

Yours truly,

Charles B. Ewing
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

CBE:lc

March 26, 1942

Mr. Charles P. Ewing
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
145 W. Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

You will recall that a few days ago you asked a question by telephone concerning Roberts Markets, Inc., in connection with a resettlement project being undertaken at Milford, Utah.

We have discussed this matter with the management of Roberts Markets, Inc., and we understand that they are presently making arrangements for about 8,000 acres of good farm land in Utah. About 2,000 acres will be used by 150 Japanese families who are known to be capable farmers.

Roberts Markets, Inc. is financing the Japanese in connection with acquisition of the land, seed, fertilizer, gasoline and oil, etc., the Japanese to supply their own equipment and to move into the area at their own cost. The prospective farmer should have enough cash available to take care of his living expenses for one, or possibly two years.

This property will be operated on a crop-share basis with Roberts Markets, and that organization expects to find their best markets for their produce in the east since the land is located adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad and that carrier is apparently cooperating extensively in setting up the project.

For your own information, we have determined that Roberts Markets, Inc. is an extremely reliable company, and we would have no hesitancy on the basis of the information developed to question the contemplated project.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CHW:MC

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER

Pomona Calif.
March 25, 1942.

Mr. F. C. Bold,
Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Dear Mr. Bold:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 24th in regard to procedure in mailing interview reports. For the first few days I mailed both white and yellow copies retaining a third copy for my file as this was according to instructions received verbally from Mr. Coles. I shall in future be guided by your instructions to send you the yellow copy only.

The omission of the office designation on one or two reports was an oversight and I shall be careful to see that this appears on all reports

Yours very truly

C. D. Ennis
Pomona Office
Evacuee Property Dept.

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER

Pomona, Calif.
March 25, 1942.

Mr. F. C. Bold
Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Bold:

As interested in the Kuwata interview report sent to you today I have encountered a problem that has undoubtedly come to your attention from other sources. This is the question of what action the Motor Vehicle Department is taking in regard to clearing ownership certificates on Japanese automobiles that they wish to sell. The local office of this department does not seem to have definite information in this regard and consequently, potential buyers who inquire are unable to satisfy themselves that there will be no difficulty in having ownership transferred to them. I understand that all requests for transfer are referred to the F.B.I. and must be accompanied by a "non-enemy" affidavit a copy of which is enclosed.

In the Kuwata case the registered and legal owner is in custody and their attorney states that he would

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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Mr. F. C. Bold. #2

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER

therefore be unable to execute this affidavit in good faith. In this case the daughter holds a general power of attorney and they would like to know whether she could execute the necessary documents to assure transfer. The local Motor Vehicle office states that Mr. Butler of the Los Angeles office may be able to clarify this situation. I should very much appreciate it if you could have that office contacted and ascertain what procedure should be taken to satisfy them, informing me so that I will be able to give the proper advice in such instances.

Yours very truly

A. B. Ewing

Evacuee Property Dept.

3/27/
Talked to Mr Ewing on telephone.
He says everything is straightened out & transfer made by Mtr Veh Dept in L.A. OK.
C.B.

No answer necessary

March 24, 1942

Mr. Chas. P. Ewing
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
145 West Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

We observe that you are forwarding to us both the yellow and white copies of the interviews. We are returning the white copies as they should be retained in your files.

We will appreciate it if you would indicate the name of your office on these forms immediately following your name.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms
Enclosures

March 23, 1942

Mr. Chas. P. Ewing
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
145 West Fifth Street
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

Pomona, Calif.
3-21-1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 S. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

In accordance with your instructions, I herewith acknowledge the receipt of $ 5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in the office here in Pomona.

I have made arrangements to keep them under lock and key over night.

Yours very truly,

Charles B. Ewing

Charles B. Ewing, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dept.
145 W. 5th Ave. Pomona, Calif.

K

File
500.7

March 19, 1942

Mr. Charles P. Ewing, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
145 West Fifth Avenue
Pomona, California

Dear Mr. Ewing:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the U. S. Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Redlands
Jack A. Brewster
14 E. Vine Street.

April 2, 1942

Mr. Jack Brewster, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
14 East Vine Street
Redlands, California

Dear Sir:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

April 1st, 1942

Mr. Jack Brewster, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
14 East Vine Street
Redlands, California

Dear Mr. Brewster:

We have your letter of March 28th with reference to moving the Federal Farm Administration representative to San Bernardino in preference to Redlands.

This matter has been referred to our head office at San Francisco and we shall probably hear from them in the course of the next few days.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Redlands, Calif.
March 28th, 1942.

Mr. F. C. Bold,
Federal Reserve Bank,
~~San Francisco~~ Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Mr. Behr, District Supervisor, of the Wartime Farm Administration, has paid a visit to this office and indicated that they were planning to have their Representative stationed in San Bernardino in preference to Redlands. Mr. Behr asked for the approval of the Federal Reserve Bank to this move as being in some way required under the set up.

It is my opinion that it is a proper move and will facilitate the operations of the W.F.A., since the majority of inquiries coming to this office have been from San Bernardino people.

Will you kindly give me your instructions in the matter?

Yours very truly,

Jack A. Brewster,
Redlands Field Representative.

JAB:P

March 24, 1942

Mr. Jack A. Brewster
14 East Vine Street
Redlands, California

Dear Mr. Brewster:

We observe that you are forwarding to us both the yellow and white copies of the interviews. We are returning the white copies as they should be retained in your files.

We will appreciate if you would indicate the name of your office on these forms immediately following your name.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

FCB/MT

Enclosures.

March 23, 1942

Mr. Jack A. Brewster
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
14 East Vine Street
Redlands, California

Dear Mr. Brewster:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bald

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

Redlands, Calif.
March 23rd, 1942.

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.,
Federal Reserve Bank of S. F.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Beg to acknowledge receipt of $5.00 in United States Postage Stamps for use in this office. Adequate arrangements have been made for their safe keeping.

Yours very truly,

Jack A. Brewster

Jack A. Brewster
Field Representative.

JB:P

File

March 21, 1942

Mr. Jack A. Brewster, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
14 East Vine Street
Redlands, California

Dear Mr. Brewster:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

San Diego
H. J. Kircher
1165 Front St.

May 13, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

Enclosed please find copy of letter received from Jones & Kavanagh Co., Ltd. of Los Angeles, relative to the purchase of cauliflower from George Segawa of Nestor, California and Kazukiyo Oto of Palm City, California.

We believe this letter is self-explanatory. However, if there are any other questions pertaining to this matter, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FJB:MC
Encl.

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PHONE TUCKER 1181

May 11, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

ATTENTION MR. F. J. BRICE
Property Evacuee Department

Gentlemen:

Referring to our telephone conversation this morning in regard to our purchase of 99 crates of cauliflower from George Segawa, of Nestor, California, and five acres of cauliflower from Kazukiyo Oto, of Palm City, California, note you say that the market price on cauliflower was around $1.00 a crate.

We will agree with you that this is correct, but in explanation want you to know that $1.00 per crate in the shipping market means that the cauliflower is packed in a wooden crate, hauled to shipping point and loaded on the car, and this $1.00 takes into consideration the cost of the cauliflower to the farmer, the cost of the packing, cost of the hauling, cost of the crate and cost of the loading, which will total approximately 95¢ per crate when paying the farmer 50¢ for the cauliflower. In other words, the $1.00 price does not mean that the farmer gets $1.00 for his cauliflower.

We also might mention that we were handling cauliflower in other districts and paid the farmers 50¢ per crate for their cauliflower, we standing all packing costs, hauling, crate material and loading costs.

In regard to the purchase of five acres of cauliflower from Kazukiyo Oto, we had an agreement with several cauliflower growers in the Palm City district that we would buy their entire acreage at $80.00 an acre, less cost of surveying. We secured a licensed surveyor, William O. Heathcote, of San Diego, Calif., to survey the different patches of cauliflower, and we paid each one of the growers on the basis of the agreed price, as mentioned above.

Therefore, we are unable to understand why Mr. Oto,

or anyone representing him, should have any question concerning this transaction. The only think the writer can say is that evidently the party who made the complaint is not familiar with the produce business and did not understand, as in the case of Segawa, that the price made to the farmer for the commodity alone does not constitute selling price when loaded on board cars, as there are many operations to be taken into consideration between.

In closing, we would appreciate it very much if you would get in touch with the California Bank, Market & Produce Branch, in regard to the integrity of the Jones & Kavanagh Co. and their method of operating.

We trust the above fully explains these two operations, and if any additional information is needed by you, we shall be pleased to give it to you.

Yours very truly,

JONES & KAVANAGH CO. LTD.

By W J Job

WJJ:RS

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD TO Mr. Gathers

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
May 8, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Our attention has been called to certain transactions between the Jones-Cavanaugh Company, 1362 E. Sixth Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone Trinity 0494, and certain Japanese evacuees from San Diego County.

The Jones-Cavanaugh Company agreed to purchase ninety-nine crates of cauliflower from one George Segawa, Nestor, California, and five acres of cauliflower from one Kazukiyo Oto of Palm City, California. The Japanese in question were evacuated before the transaction could be completed, and instructed Jones-Cavanaugh Company to make payments to friends who were appointed attorneys in fact.

At the time the transactions were entered into, the going market price for cauliflower was around $1.00 per crate, however, after considerable delay the Jones-Cavanaugh Company remitted checks to the attorneys in fact for an amount of about 50% of the going market value.

We suggest that a representative from the main office contact the Jones-Cavanaugh Company regarding the above transactions.

T.U. 1831

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't

HJK:jf

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
May 4, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

ID: 113 F

We are returning herewith certain papers that we have just received in connection with motor vehicles owned by F. Hosaka, family no. 4255, and A. Mitsumune, family no. S.D. 103.

Please refer to our letter of May 2, regarding Mitsumune. We do not have instructions to sell the motor vehicles described from this office. Appraisals were forwarded May 3, 1942.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't

to Vinell 5/7/42

HJK:jf

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
May 4, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

We are forwarding herewith statements in connection with appraisal of motor vehicles now held in storage at San Diego, California.

The statements are in accordance with terms made by this office.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't

HJK:jf

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
April 29, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith form E-27 in duplicate, covering itemized schedule of expenses incurred by this office for the month of April, 1942.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't

HJK:jf
Enc.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
April 27, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

We are forwarding under separate cover the third copy of form FRB-2 as requested in your letter of the twenty-third instant.

The forms mailed are the copies that were delivered to the Ace Van & Storage Company as their guide in picking up the various lots for storage. Three forms were lost or mis-laid, which is explained by attached letter from the Ace Van & Storage Company, however, the goods concerned are in storage and duplicates were made by this office.

The actual space being utilized by the furniture now in warehouse is 3,900 sq. ft. The actual bulk amount is 19,000 cu. ft.

There are still seven families in project #4 that have not been evacuated on account of illness. We believe they will be ready to leave sometime this week. There are also 383 German and 489 Italian aliens that have registered in San Diego County.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher,
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't

HJK:jf
Attach.

April 23, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

We are now assembling the personal property forms, FRB No. 2. We find, however, that you have forwarded to us only two copies of each form, and we should like to receive the third copy so that we will be in position to release one set to the Wartime Relocation Authority.

If convenient, we should also like to have you check with the storage people and inform us as to the actual square footage being utilized by the furniture now in the warehouse. This figure is for statistical purposes in relation to the San Diego project.

Yours very truly,

CMW:MT

Assistant Manager.

San Diego Cal
4-17-42

Please send supply of envelopes

Small white
Large white
Large Manila 1st Class

Thanks —

sent 4-18-42

H T Lucke

April 15, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 13, 1942, with which you enclosed Motor Vehicle Registration forms covering the automobiles placed in storage in San Diego.

The keys and registration certificates for these vehicles should be forwarded to us as soon as possible. We should like to be informed also as to the extent of check made on the individual car at the time of storage. It has been our practice here to check the license number, motor number, serial number and other information appearing on the registration certificates, and also to make a notation of any accessories on the car whether or not listed upon the Motor Vehicle Registration form by the evacuee.

We ask for this information preparatory to approaching the Japanese who are at the Santa Anita Assembly Center, to obtain from them Form WRE-4 which was not available when storage occurred in San Diego.

Yours very truly,

CHW:MT

Assistant Manager.

P.S.
Please forward the keys and registration certificates by registered mail.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Oceanside, California
April 13, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Assistant Manager
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding, herewith, Motor Vehicle ~~and~~ Registration forms duly excuted for automobile's placed in storage at San Diego, California.

In accordance with instructions I ~~have~~ received at the time of storage the keys and registration certificates were to be placed in an envelope and left under the front seat of each car. I am now advised by instruction letter #14 of April 4, 1942, and memorandum attached, that keys and registrations slips should be delivered to the main office of the Evacuee Property Department. Unless otherwise instructed, I will pick up all keys and registration slips and forward just as soon as I return to San Diego.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

HJK/lk

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1165 Front Street
San Diego, California
April 9, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I am returning herewith lease for parking lot initialed by Dr. Hamilton.

The cars are parked in two rows, back to back, in center of block. The wild oats and weeds surrounding the cars will become a fire hazard when dry. Suggest weeds be cleared at least ten feet around cars.

Respectfully yours,

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't.

HJK:jf
Enc.

4/7 phoned Kircher to request owner to do it or have it done

April 8, 1942.

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Kircher:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 29th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

April 6th, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

We are returning a letter from the Ace Van and Storage Company quoting figures in connection with storing and hauling household effects of evacuated Japanese.

It is observed that the letter states that these activities are for the U. S. Government. We would appreciate if this were changed to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as Fiscal Agent of the United States.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

March 31, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Attention: H. J. Kircher

Gentlemen:

In reference to your inquiry relative to furnishing warehouse space and trucks for storing and hauling household effects, etc., for the U. S. Government, we are pleased to quote as follows:

For furnishing approximately 10,000 square feet of warehouse space, at 4¢ per square foot per mo.

For furnishing trucks with one man, $2.50 per hour.

For furnishing trucks with two men, $3.50 per hour.

The above storage rate is based on the floor space for a minimum three months period with a privilege of the U. S. Government exercising an option for an additional three months, with the further privilege of exercising two additional options of three months each, making a maximum total of one year of storage.

Thanking you for your inquiry and trusting to be of service to you in connection with the hauling and storage, we are

Yours very truly,

ACE VAN & STORAGE COMPANY
3720 El Cajon Blvd
Tel R1146

V. Zimmerman

4/2/42 accepted by letter
J D Coles
Field Rep
auth F.C.B.

VZ/mrw

April 4th, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

We are returning lease for parking lot, entered into between Dr. Helen L. Hamilton and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Fiscal Agent of the United States.

You will observe in the eleventh section of the Agreement that we have deleted U. S. Government and no Army trucks, and have initialed this change.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly have Dr. Hamilton initial this change on all three copies, returning two copies to us. When returning the two copies of the lease, please obtain a bill from Dr. Hamilton for the first month's rent.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC
Encls.

April 3, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

San Diego. Calif
March, 25, 1942

Lindquist

Mr. Bold,

The Federal Bureau of Investigation mailed the attached affidavit to this office. I called them and they said they received it by mail, but do not know for what purpose.

I have no record here of this name so am forwarding to you —

H. J. Archer

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AFFIDAVIT

ALIEN ENEMY REGISTRATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO) ss

Kayo Murakami, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a Japanese National within the meaning of General License No. 68A issued under Executive Order No. 8389.

~~I have filed a report on Form TFR 300,~~ ~~Series C,~~ or I have not been required to file the aforementioned form because the valuation of my property is less than $1000.00(one thousand dollars).

Kayo Murakami

Sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1942

Notary Public

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

San Diego, California
March 27, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assitant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 So. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Please forward a supply of stationery and time cards. This office is also missing instruction letter No. 5.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Dep't.

HJK:jf

April 1st, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

Reference is made to your letter of March 30th regarding circular letter from the Federal Security Agency dated March 20th which refers in general to instructions as to belongings of evacuees.

For your general information, the storing of personal belongings of evacuees is to be handled by the Federal Reserve Bank and we are forwarding you a circular, No. 5, "Disposition of Household Effects", which is self-explanatory.

Nothing will be done until your area is posted by the army, officially giving the dead-line for evacuation.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

San Diego, California
March 30, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Mgr.,
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have been referred to a circular letter from the Federal Security Agency, Services For War Time Civilian Control Administration, dated March 20, 1942. This letter refers in general to instructions as to personal belongings of evacuees. It states families going to induction or reception centers should deliver all of their furniture and personal belongings to warehouses now being set up by the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank. Personal property so delivered should be boxed and crated so that it can be stored and handled safely.

I am receiving a good many calls from Japanese in this connection, but I have had no instructions. Please advise if necessary.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

HJK:jf

March 28, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26 regarding the property and problem of one Martin Loyd Ito.

From the facts as related, it could not be determined whether or not Mr. Ito was a party to the lease. If such is the case, then he could be held liable. However, inasmuch as the suit is brought for claiming damages as a result of freudulent transaction, we cannot interfere as it is strictly a matter for the courts to decide.

We would suggest that Mr. Ito engage a lawyer to advise him as to his procedure and to represent him in the case.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 26, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Manager
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank-San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This letter refers to report mailed to you March 23, regarding the property and scope of problem of one Martin Loyd Ito. Further investigation has disclosed facts that might necessitate "blocking" this property.

At the time of my interview with Martin Ito it was not disclosed that he had a father that has been interned as an enemy alien, and that the transactions as disclosed were with the father and not the son.

Martin Ito, the son, is a U.S. citizen, of age, and legal owner of the ranch property where he raised avocadoes and various truck vegetables for sale. The father operated a produce business by lease on the property known as 2804 Midway Drive, San Diego, California. Mrs. E. G. Heath is the legal owner. During the fall of 1941, the father sold his lease and produce business to one Richard C. Day of La Jolla, California. At this time the lease still had about two years to go and called for a total payment of $940.00. Mr. Day operated the business at a loss for about two months and closed up, defaulting on the lease. After the father was interned Mrs. Heath threatened ~~action~~ action against Martin Ito for unpaid balance on lease. This office settled this controversy to the satisfaction of both parties by suggesting that Ito leave her some minor fixtures that Mrs. Heath wanted.

Attorney Edward L. Bracklow of San Diego, acting at the request of Mr. Day, now appears and advises that he is filing suit on behalf of Mr. Day against Martin Ito, claiming damages for $2820.77 as a result of a fraudulent transaction, and that they intend to attach property. This improved property in the Encanto district is considered worth about $1,000.00 per acre.

In accordance with instruction letter No. 2, I am referring this matter to you for further action.

Mr. Watkins, of the Los Angeles office, telephoned me Tuesday afternoon regarding a certain inquiry from Shizutus Ono. Please advise Mr. Watkins that I have contacted Ono and that the transaction he inquired about will go through satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

HJK:jf

March 23, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

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Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

Rec'd 3/24/42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 19, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
7165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the U. S. Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Enclosures
Registered Mail

3-24-42

Received stamps as noted above.

H. J. Kircher

March 24, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

We observe that you are forwarding to us the white copies of daily interviews. Will you please retain the white copies for your files, sending us the yellow copies.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms

March 24, 1942

Mr. M. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed, for your information and files, a copy of a letter written by Mr. S. P. Bennett, 2402 Lincoln Avenue, San Diego, California, to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and a copy of reply thereto.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

ECV:rh
Enclosures

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

TO: LOS ANGELES BRANCH DATE March 18, 1942

SUBJECT: EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPARTMENT REFERRED BY MR. McREDMOND TO MR. Bold MAR 20 1942

REFERENCE: REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE TO MR. Watkins MAR 20 1942

We enclose two copies of a letter received and our reply thereto from S. P. Bennett, 2402 Lincoln Avenue, San Diego, California, for your files and for San Diego.

Enclosures.

R. E. Evans

Assistant Cashier.

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

Directed to file

by Watkins
(Surname)

File only when signed

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March 18, 1942

Mr. S. P. Bennett,
2402 Lincoln Avenue,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated March 15, 1942, we note your interest in ranch property in Fresno County adjacent to Viola, Selma and Fowler.

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 assistance to the evacuees in advising and assisting them in matters relating to the equitable disposition of their property in connection with the evacuation program.

We will be pleased to hold available in our files your interest in ranch properties and are also forwarding a copy of your letter and our reply thereto to our district field office, 2146 Inyou Street, Fresno, and to our Los Angeles branch.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Everson

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Fresno
Los Angeles Branch.

1165 Front St

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San Diego, California

March 15, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank

Gentlemen:

I am writing for information about property of the evacuees.

I understand it is the duty or obligation of the United States government to see that their property is taken care of.

We are interested in ranch property in Fresno County, Biola, Selma or Fowler.

We owned and operated a Thompson seedless grape ranch near Fresno only two years ago. We can give references that we are capable of caring for a 40-acre ranch (grapes).

We are not interested in merely caring for property of some alien, but feel I would be serving my country.

I am a World War Veteran, 51 years of age, a little too old for military service but if I can be of service to our country in this capacity I would be happy.

If all the aliens are evacuated that should be, there will be a lot of vacant property, and it will be hard to find enough experienced men to take care of this property.

Will you kindly send me what information you have on this?

Yours truly,

(Signed) S. P. Bennett
2402 Lincoln Ave.

March 19, 1942

Mr. H. J. Kircher, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
7165 Front Street
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Kircher:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the U. S. Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

CLARK HOUSE OF STOCKTON CAL.

San Diego, Calif.
March 18/1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Bold-

Further to phone conversation of earlier today am enclosing application for position of bond covering H.J. Kercher whose appointment you approved at 225.00 per month starting today, and who will act as Evacuee consultant here. Have coached him thruout the day on procedure. Am going over to El Centro this evening so will check in there around 8 in the morning and report to you further from there.

Yours very truly

Gordon A. Williams

Bill

FAMOUS FOR HOSPITALITY

San Pedro
Robert A. Drayton
362 W. 7th St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Los Angeles, California
April 6th, 194?

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't. Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 So. Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

When the work in this office is completed for the Bank, and if new locations are to be evacuated, I would be plea sed to continue in the work as long as I can be of service.

Yours very truly,

Field Representative

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 W. 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

San Fernando

April 3, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Please forward me a small supply of

Number 10 envelopes.

Yours very truly,

Frank G. Baker Jr

F. A. Baker, Jr.
Field Representative

10 wks

FAB:kk

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 W. 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

RKFMC

April 1, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 West 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith copies of memorandums of March 29th and March 30th signed by R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, covering the parking of motor vehicles belonging to evacuees.

These enclosures are for the most part self-explanatory. However, we wish to call your attention to the use of the term "Reception Center" in items "a" and "b" under "Section II" of the March 29th memorandum. We have generally considered that the use of the term "Reception Center" was in reference to places such as Manzanar in the Owens Valley. Mr. Everson apparently has used this term in referring to what we know as "Civilian Control Centers" which are the various offices in which field representatives are stationed to represent the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the United States Employment Service, the Federal Security Agency and the Farm Security Administration. The term "Travel Center" is generally used in reference to the points at which evacuees are assembled immediately prior to leaving for the "Reception Center".

We are currently advised that evacuees from the Long Beach, San Pedro, and Torrance areas will be allowed to drive their cars to the designated Travel Center at Santa Anita Race Track. Complete instructions as to the delivery and storage of cars left at the Santa Anita Travel Center will be the subject of a later communication.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh
Enclosures

123 S. Fresno Street
Los Angeles, California
March 31, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
362 West Seventh St.
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that I did not communicate earlier with you as I had promised. We moved very suddenly last Thursday to Los Angeles and have just now been able to get a little settled so that I may write to you.

There is an original paper signed by my brother Kichihachi Shiroyama dated August 1, 1941 which was presented to the Coast Fishing Co. as proof that I, Kiyoshi Shiroyama be liable for his debts, and also that I collect the sum due my brother from the Coast Fishing Co. They have the copy at their office.

As I was not able to get the money though such is the case, and as you said that you will collect the money for me if the original paper exists, I am turning the matter into your hands. I will certainly appreciate whatever you can do for me, because we are expecting a baby very soon, and we are now responsible for 3 other dependents left in my care since the outbreak of war.

Will you please get in touch with me at the above address? My phone number is Angelus 5704.

Yours sincerely,

Kiyoshi Shiroyama
Kiyoshi Shiroyama

File
San Pedro
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362 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California
April 8, 1942

Mr. Kiyoshi Shiroyama
323 South Fresno Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Shiroyama:

I have your letter of March 31 and note your request. It would be absolutely impossible for the Federal Reserve Bank to handle the matter for you, and I suggest that you proceed as suggested by us when you were here in our office. You should hire some competent attorney to look after this matter for you.

If your brother did give you an order and the order was given to you or mailed to the Coast Fishing Company that should be sufficient authority to help you get the matter adjusted. However, your attorney will advise you.

Yours very truly,

RLD:LR

Field Representative

Copy

March 27, 1942

Mr. Robert Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
362 West 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

We are returning bill of the Virginia Photo Studio covering photographs in the amount of $1.05. It is suggested that you reimburse yourself on Form E-27 as outlined in Instruction Letter No. 5 dated March 21st.

As we only require two of the photographs, we are returning one.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:ro

March 26, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
362 W. 7th Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

With reference to your Daily Report of March 19, concerning the estate of Seiichi Nakahara:

It is observed that your suggestion was to the effect that a new contract of sale be made in this instance and submitted for your approval. However, it is noted from the facts as submitted in this report that the above subject is a blocked national and operating under a specific license issued by the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco. Therefore, you should have advised the Administrator of the Estate of Seiichi Nakahara that in order to consummate a contract of sale, it would first be required to apply for a specific license with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco on Form TFE-1 (revised).

If you do not have a supply of these forms on hand, please advise.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CYL:MC

March 25, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

We are returning for your disposition the documents forwarded with your report of March 20 on K. Nakogowa.

As we informed you by telephone this morning, this matter has been submitted to our counsel, who advises that Nakogowa should engage a competent attorney who is familiar with equity jurisdiction. There are apparently too many questions of fact and law for this department to handle.

Yours very truly,

CHW/MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

March 25, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of correspondence from the Japanese-American Citizen's League, 104 So. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California, to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco, California; and also a copy of their reply. This is for your information and files.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

ECV:rh
Enclosures

March 20, 1942

Fay Agencies,
P. O. Box 791,
Pier One,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Sirs:

Attention: Mr. Joseph H. Fay

We are in receipt of your letter of March 12, reply to which has been inadvertently delayed, offering your services in any capacity with reference to floating equipment which may be taken over by the Alien Property Custodian.

The work which this bank is carrying on is confined to assisting and counseling aliens and others who are required to leave the Coast areas under Army direction, and is not related in any way to the work of the Alien Property Custodian.

Mr. Leo T. Crowley was recently appointed Alien Property Custodian in Washington, and we are informed that the Office for Emergency Management has established personnel headquarters in the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, with which office you may wish to get in touch. So far as we know, no such office has been established in Los Angeles up to the present time.

Yours very truly,

Managing Director

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COPY

FAY AGENCIES

General Steamship Agents

P. O. Box 791 Pier One Long Beach

Long Beach, California
March 12th, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
409 West Olympic Blvd.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

We note that the Federal Reserve Bank is taking over the assets of interned Enemy Aliens in California, as Custodian.

Due to the fact that this property at Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors consists of a great deal of floating equipment, such as fishing boats, launches, and other impedimenta, we would like to call your attention to the fact that we could at this time offer our services in any capacity with reference to the floating equipment, and could arrange for surveys, protected anchorage, watchman service, also sales of vessels. Property of this nature can deteriorate very rapidly unless given the right protection, and we feel that with our experience in this field, we could be of service.

Should this offer prove of interest, we should be glad to call on you and discuss the matter in some detail.

Very truly yours,

FAY AGENCIES

By (Signed) Joseph H. Fay

March 25, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of correspondence from the Fay Agencies, Pier One, Long Beach, California, to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Los Angeles, California; and also a copy of their reply. This is for your information and files.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

ECV:rh
Enclosures

(COPY)

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

HEAD OFFICE

To: Los Angeles Branch Date: March 19, 1942

Subject: Evacuee Property Department

We are enclosing two copies of a letter from T. G. Ishimaru of the Los Angeles Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League dated March 18, 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 your Evacuee property Department who will be located at San ~~Diego~~ Pedro.

(signed) R. E. EVERSON

Assistant Cashier

Enclosures

March 19, 1942

Mr. T. G. Ishimaru,
112 North San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18, 1942 referring to the Alien Property Custodianship.

We are endeavoring to meet all problems which arise in connection with the equitable disposition of their properties by evacuees, and it is believed that the Field Offices which have been and are being established, will be able to extend greater assistance as time goes on.

So far as the Alien Property Custodianship operation is concerned, this bank is not acting in that capacity, but is exercising the duties delegated to it to assist evacuees from the recently established "military areas" in arranging for the proper and satisfactory disposition of their property holdings. No office of the Alien Property Custodian has been established on this coast locally as yet, so far as we know.

That portion of your letter referring to the Yokohama Specie Bank will be otherwise answered.

We are forwarding a copy of your communication and our reply to our Los Angeles Branch and to the San Diego Field Office which is being established at 1165 Front Street in that city.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Los Angeles Branch

COPY

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Los Angeles Chapter

March 18, 1942

104 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, California

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Mr. Armstrong
Federal Reserve Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I would like to know what provisions can be made to release the accounts of depositors in the Yokohama Specie Bank in Los Angeles who can be classified under general license 68A.

Certainly there must be some method to classify the block accounts from the others, and these people in the latter group be able to draw on their accounts directly or thru some other bank in this locality. Many people are in difficulties because of the prevailing conditions and I believe it is order that your office or the Treasury Department help in this case.

Even if affidavits must be required it would clarify the problem, and you would be doing service in easing the tension financially and otherwise. Evacuation is in order, and I am sure that the government wishes to see these people move on their own, but how can they accomplish this under the present circumstances.

As you may know, the Japanese people would like to move on their own if possible, they do not like to get the help of social agencies on the whole. The money is there, why not let them use it?

I beg for you immediate consideration on this matter and would appreciate a reply.

Yours very truly,

/s/ T. G. ISHIMARU
T. G. Ishimaru

P. S. May I ask here, if the government is going to set up an Alien or Citizen custodianship. There are so many entanglements that I believe your office needs much information. The advise given thru the local office is not clarifying the situation at all. There is definitely specific problems that should be worked out.

Kindly correspond to my office address
112 N. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California

March 24, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
362 West Seventh St.
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

We are returning copy of letter and supporting schedules concerning the matter of Coast Fishing Company, which is the subject of your recent report.

You will recall that this matter was discussed with you today by telephone and the enclosed papers are returned for your disposition.

Yours very truly,

CHW/AT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

March 23, 1942

Mr. Robert L. Drayton
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
352 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. K. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Mr. Robert A. Drayton, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
362 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Mr. Drayton:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Enclosures
Registered Mail

March 25-1942

Received the above Postage Stamps.

R. L. Drayton

Riverside
Ernest G. Button
3469 Main St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Devaney
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3469 MAIN ST.,
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.
MAY 18TH, 1942.

MR. F. C. BOLD, ASST. MGR.,
EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPT.,
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK,
707 SOUTH SPRING ST.,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

DEAR MR. BOLD:

KINDLY SEND A FEW MORE ENVELOPES TO THIS OFFICE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Ernest G Button

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE.

sent 5-19-42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
MAY 11TH, 1942.

MR. F. C. BOLD, ASST. MGR.,
EVACUEE PROPERTY DEPT.,
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK,
707 SOUTH SPRING ST.,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

DEAR MR. BOLD:

PLEASE SEND SOME MORE RECORD OF INTERVIEW FORMS TO THIS OFFICE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Ernest G Button

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE.

BIP

Sent 5-12-42

5-11-42

April 28, 1942

Mr.Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

Referring to your letter of April 24, 1942, relative to a demand made by the H.O.L.C. on Mrs. Johanna Yonkers for past due payments on her loan, wherein they threaten to foreclose unless past due payments are brought up to date within ninety days.

From the facts in your letter, it would appear that the H.O.L.C. is strictly within their rights and can, if they so desire, demand that the past due payments be brought up to date, and if not, institute foreclosure proceedings. It would appear that Mrs. Yonkers should either consider selling or leasing the property in order to protect her equity.

Yours very truly.

FSR:rh

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 20, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold;

Will you please send some more envelopes to this office?

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Button

Ernest G. Button

Field Representative

Evacuee Property Branch

ebb 4-22-42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 15, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Mr. M. Hale, Vice President
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 18.

SUBJECT: Storage of property in advance of controlled evacuation operations.

Dear Sir;

This office has encouraged the Evacuees to sell their furniture if they could dispose of it at a reasonable price or to arrange for their own storage.

Mr. England the Public Assistance Worker of the Social Security Board at this office who has taken a social record of practically every Evacuee calling at this office, states that in his opinion, quite a percentage have either sold or provided storage for their furniture, others have prepared as much of their furniture for storage as they could get along without until evacuation.

Mr. England states that he has not made an actual survey and that his opinion is based on what the Evacuees have told him.

As to how successful we would be in persuading the Evacuees to provide a central storage at their own expense until actual evacuation is started, we could not venture an opinion, until we have talked to some of the evacuees.

Mr. Paul R. Frink of the W.F.A. at the W.C.C.A. office in Indio where the Federal Reserve does not have a Field Representative has contacted this office several times about the storage of furniture.

He states there are about 30 Japanese families in the vicinity of Indio who are not opposed to providing a central storage at their own expense until evacuation takes place.

I contacted him after receiving Instruction letter No. 18 and advised him to encourage the Japanese to do so.

Yours truly,

Ernest G Button

Field Representative

Evacuee Property Branch

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 15, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Lanning
APR 16 REC'D

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold;

Please send some Forms E.P. 4 to this office. What is this?

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Button

Field Representative

Evacuee Property Branch

Sent 4-16-42

April 11, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button
Field Representative
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942.

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Button:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 26th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

April 7, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold;

Please send some TFE-1 forms to this office.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G. Sutton

Field Representative

April 5, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Sir:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 2 - Recd

March 31, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold;

Referring to your letter of March 26, 1942 with reference to interview report in name of Rauichi H. Ooka.

George B. Hibbard was informed about a blocked national and I later checked the "alien land law survey" made by the Sheriff and found that Rauichi H. Ooka, last entered the United States in 1906.

Yours truly,

Ernest G Button

Ernest G. Button

Field Representative

March 30th, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

Reference is made to your interview report dated March 26 in the name of Rauichi H. Ooka. It is noted that the status of the Japanese alien as to his re-entry into the United States and whether he is operating under a Treasury License is unknown, and that your advice was to the effect that there were no restrictions in dealing with Japanese.

We presume you understand that this would not apply to a blocked national of Japan. That is, a national who has entered the United States since June 17th, 1940 or has been out of this country since that date. In such a case it would be necessary to apply for a specific license, TFE-1 (revised) with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco in order to engage in any transaction such as liquidating his assets.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

March 27, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

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Mr. F. C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir;

Please send some more envelopes to this office.

Yours truly,

Ernest C Button

Field Representative

Evacuee Property Department

File

March 27, 1942
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

R. E. Everson Assistant Cashier
Federal Reserve Bank
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Instruction letter No 1 stated you were forwarding small supply of Power of Attorney forms, miscellaneous 235 and 236 merely for the convenience of the evacuee.

2 Pgs

These have not arrived, would appreciate having some.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest G Button

Field Representative

Evacuee Property Department

4/1/42
Powers of atty
forwarded today

Liberty Loans

March 24, 1942

Riverside, California

Mr. R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacure Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir,

In your letter of March 18th enclosing memorandum showing the various offices within the states of Washington, Oregon and California, the list of offices in California was not enclosed.

Very truly yours

Ernest G Button

Ernest G. Button

Field Representative

Copy sent

March 24, 1942

Riverside, California

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacure Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold,

Beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 19 enclosing $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in my office and will have them locked in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Ernest G Button

Ernest G. Button

Field Representative

March 23, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

March 19, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

We are enclosing the originals of interview forms which should be retained in your office. The yellow copies only are to be forwarded to us daily.

We would like to suggest, under the caption "Principle Property and Scope of Problem", that you indicate just exactly what the problem is. You will observe from the Harada interview form that you have simply recited what this man's property consists of. We are unable, however, to tell the scope of his problem or what he had in mind in coming to you to discuss. Under "Action Taken" the comments appear to be a statement of what the applicant said she would do rather than the detail of the action suggested by you in order to cope with the problem.

Please understand that these suggestions are offered with the idea of being of assistance to you in understanding more fully the scope of your duties of your office. We intend to have someone call at your office in a short period and review the work, and actions which arise may be discussed with our representative. Should you be confronted with any important problems, it will be in order for you to communicate with this office - - TRinity 6716 by telephone, charges collect.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

Enclosures

March 19, 1942

Mr. Ernest G. Button, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
3469 Main Street
Riverside, California

Dear Mr. Button:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the U. S. Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

Enclosures
Registered Mail

San Bernardino
Col. Byron St. Allen
352 Court St

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 26, 1942.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that I have as of this date completed property arrangements pertaining to the Japanese who have been evacuated from this area.

I believe that every japanese is satisfied and the last Store goes into escrow in a local bank today.

I wish to express my pleasure in working for your organization and your courtesy throughout and would be very glad to be employed by you again.

Am enclosing stamps and will forward records and surplus supplies by Express.

Sincerely

Byron W. Allen

Byron W. Allen
Field Rep. San Bernardino.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 6, 1942

Mr. C. H. Watkins,
Evacuee Property Dept.,
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Calif.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
M.A. 7 - Rec'd

Dear Mr. Watkins:

There are about thirty Japanese families in the India-Oasis section, half in each, three families on ranches between Indio and Palm Springs, and eleven Japanese(total) in Palm Springs. I may have missed a Japanese clerk in Palm Springs, but saw the rest of the Palm Springs Japanese and those on the road to Indio. I interviewed about all of the Indio-Oasis families, and had several talks with leaders. They are well organized, and should have sufficient information to settle their problems. They are mostly ranchers.

Not many of these ranches are definitely re-leased, but they have practically all made arrangements for power of attorney. They are old timers, with substantial holdings, and have dealt in most cases with the First National of Coachella, which has an excellent reputation. Mr. Arthur Westerfield, of that bank, and son of the president, has most of the powers of attorney. They seem in no hurry to re-lease, figuring on getting this crop off before they go, and distrusting the casual buyer. In many cases farm equipment will be stored there. They drive good cars, and I believe my advice to sell to the government will be taken in most cases. Many will wish to store furniture with us.

Mr. Paul Frink has been sent to San Diego, and Mr. Carlson, U. S. W. S. is still in the office.

I made arrangements, on suggestion of Mr. Carlson to go out to Indio by motor bus next Tuesday, and the Japanese will be told to expect me that day. If any further questions come up they can be handled at that time. In the meantime I will check up on Redlands, and visit San Bernardino.

I am enclosing a rough draft of the Takeda situation. Mr. Frink and others seem to think Takeda is getting unfair treatment. The other side of the question is that Takedahas a bad reputation, having some previous trouble with leases. He is not to be believed, and probably overstates his investment. This could be verified by the bank, I believe. It was definitely an illegal lease, arranged by himself and Shrainer. However, Shrainer is taking full advantage of the situation.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Brewster
Field representative

Redlands

April 27, 1942

Colonel Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Colonel Allen:

In regard to your request pertaining to available farm land for sale or lease, we would suggest that you refer all inquiries to the Farm Security Administration, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; attention Mr. Stewart Richards.

We believe you understand that anyone owning a 1942 Model car may dispose of it to a used car dealer if the dealer from whom the car was purchased new is not in a position to repurchase. We do not know what the facilities are in your city in so far as a Rationing Board would be concerned. Here, an individual with a priority rating obtains proper clearance from the Rationing Board on the basis of which he may purchase a 1942 car directly from the owner. We assume there is no similar machinery in your city, which occasions your remark that the Japanese in question has no means of contacting anyone with proper priority.

If, however, the Japanese does not dispose of the car, it may be stored with this department when evacuation occurs. The proper forms will be signed at that time authorizing us to sell the car to the War Department. This will subsequently be done on the basis of appraisals made by competent men employed by us.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

352 CourtSt.,
San Bernardino
California
April 22, 1942

Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
P.O.Box 550 Arcade Station,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention: Mr.Watkins:

Gentlemen:

In regard to your telephone communication concerning grocery store at 1148 - 7th Street, this city, would say that this store was reported on April 1, 1942 as being owned by Otojiro Nishi, and on supplementary report dated April 8, we reported the grocery business and stock sold to a Mexican by the name of Pete Casas.

In regard to the enclosed slip about the property of Joe Shigero and Thomas Fujiwara, wish to say that on March 25 we submitted original report of Joe Fujiwara concerning his 36 acre truck farm and on March 30 we submitted the original report on Thomas Fujiwara concerning six acres; two acres of which are in strawberries. On our first duplicate report we reported the sale of the crops on both pieces of property to G. C. Mesa, Mexican, and on the following weekly report we reported the sale of the crops and the lease of the property, which accounts for any possible duplication as there was additional information concerning the land on the last report which was not reported in the first. We wish to correct typographical error in regard to acreage which should have been 36 acres and 6 acres in all cases.

I have many requests for truck farms, and as there are not any available at this time in this locality, I am asking where they would be most likely to find some that would be available for lease, sale or to be taken over. This information I am unable to give, and if you could inform me of any specific locations where there are available truck farms to be obtained, I would appreciate the information and could send those persons to the W.C.C.A. in that locality.

I still do not know what to do about the Japanese alien who owns a 1942 car; in cases where the dealer does not want it and they have no means of contacting anyone with the proper priority to buy it.

Yours very truly,

Byron W. Allen

Col. Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
San Bernardino, Calif.

BWA-mab

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

352 Court St.,
San Bernardino
California
April 20, 1942

Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Box 550 Arcade Station,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention: Mr. Bold:

Gentlemen:

I have a woman from Colorado who has been spending the winters in this city and finds that the climate agrees with her, and for that reason she desires to trade her Colorado property for some alien property in this immediate vicinity.

Her property is in a small town, Salida, Colorado, which is of about five thousand population; half of whom are Italians and Mexicans. The property she has consists of one small vegetable garden of approximately two acres with one house on it, and the other piece of property consists of two lots with dwellings for three families.

I believe it would be very suitable for some of the alien Japanese in this area to establish themselves in a small business in this town. Inasmuch as the valuations that this lady has set upon her property are quite low, a trade could be negotiated satisfactorily to all.

Please advise me if a transaction of this sort will be acceptable and if so, will there by any special permissions required and of what nature.

Request information in regard to the procedure necessary to transfer of ownership of 1942 car now owned by Japanese alien who will be evacuated.

Yours very truly,

Byron W. Allen

Colonel Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
San Bernardino, Calif.

BWA-mab

April 20, 1942

Mr. J. A. Brewster, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Mr. Brewster:

Reference is made to your letter of April 17, 1942, in which you raise a question as to the appointment of an alien property custodian in San Bernardino County.

Your suggestion that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco does not have any connection with the alien property custodianship is correct. Mr. Leo T. Crowley was appointed as alien property custodian sometime ago and as far as we have been able to learn there has not as yet been established a field organization. Anyone interested in obtaining information along this line should address the Office for Emergency Management, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco. We had previously understood that that office was entertaining applications for personnel for the alien property custodian.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CHN:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

352 Court St.,
San Bernardino
California
April 17, 1942

Mr. F. C. Bold,
Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

We have been asked as to the appointment of any custodian of alien property in this county.

Mr. R. E. Williams, Public Administrator, is Administrator of the estate of William Unkel, the heirs of the said estate being in Germany. The estate is in shape to be distributed and we have been asked if we are in a position to take it over.

It was my suggestion to Mr. Williams' representative that we did not have any connection with that type of affair, but that I would be willing to write in for advice.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Brewster
Field Representative

JAB-mab

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

RECEIVED BY MR. GOLD
APR 1 1942

352 Court St.,
San Bernardino, Calif.
April 13, 1942

Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
P. O. Box 550, Arcade Station,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention: Mr. Bold

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send us one hundred (100) envelopes described as: "Env. 5A (4-40) 34542"?

Yours very truly,

Byron W. Allen

Colonel Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
San Bernardino, Calif.

BWA-mab

sent 4-14-42

April 13, 1942

Colonel Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Colonel Allen:

We are enclosing a copy of letter to Mr. J. M. Yano, Thermal, California, as well as copies of his letter to us of April 9 and to the C. I. T. Corporation, San Bernardino, in regard to his Buick automobile. This car is being financed by the C. I. T. Corporation, which firm's representative has demanded the balance of the contract from Mr. Yano although the maturity is June 18, 1942.

For your information, this case and others of a similar nature have been discussed with Mr. Jacobs of the C. I. T. Corporation, Los Angeles, who has agreed not to proceed with repossession until the debtor has had an opportunity to make proper settlement or until actual evacuation occurs. The conditional sales contract used by the C.I.T. Corporation contains a clause which permits acceleration of maturity at any time the corporation considers its security to be in danger. We believe that the proper procedure in similar cases would be to call our attention to the circumstances so that we can immediately contact Mr. Jacobs.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHW:MT

Enclosure.

April 11, 1942

Col. Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Colonel Allen:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942

Colonel Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
332 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Colonel Allen:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CW:MM

April 3rd, 1942

Colonel Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
382 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Colonel Allen:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2, 1942.

Mr. Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Effective at the close of business tonight, we are closing the Redlands office of the Evacuee Property Department, and are assigning Mr. Jack A. Brewster, Field Representative at that office, to work with you.

Mr. Brewster should report to you for duty April 3, and we will appreciate your informing us by letter that he has done so.

Yours very truly,

FCB/VT

Assistant Manager.

Chief Clerk's Department advised of change of address.

April 2nd, 1942

Col. Byron N. Allen
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Colonel Allen:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

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Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 2, 1942

Colonel Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters dated March 30 and 31, which are being answered together because of the similarity of several of the questions.

In your letter of March 30 you ask for a supply of power of attorney forms and official envelopes. These were forwarded to you on April 1. Before accepting any powers of attorney, we should like to have the matter referred to this office with your complete report and recommendations. We will then advise as to the procedure in each case.

You also mention the possibility of financial assistance from the Federal Reserve Bank in connection with the acquisition of alien property. This particular point is mentioned in your questions No. 2 in both letters. The financial assistance afforded by Section 13-b of the Federal Reserve act doesn't contemplate the acquisition of fixed assets such as would be the case in acquiring the business. This particular loan facility contemplates advances for working capital to established enterprises and would not be available in instances such as you have in mind. We would suggest any cases coming to your attention requiring assistance should be referred to the normal commercial sources for investigation. We believe that most of these cases can be handled by local banks and other financial institutions. We assume, of course, that you have full knowledge of the facility afforded by the Farm Security Administration in connection with the agricultural properties to be purchased from the evacuee.

You ask whether arrangements should be made locally for warehouse facilities or whether the property will be shipped to some other point. When your area has been posted for evacuation, men from this office will make the necessary arrangements for obtaining warehouse space. You need not be concerned about this particular problem, although we appreciate your gathering such information as may be available to assist in the location of suitable space when the area has been posted. Complete instructions as to the handling of the property will be available to you at that time. We contemplate covering this subject in a general bulletin which will give you advance knowledge of the procedure.

#2...Colonel Byron W. Allen
(4-2-42)

You mention that you have not been recording interviews with the American citizens. We assume you mean citizens other than those of Japanese extraction, in which event the procedure you are following is correct. We should like to mention, however, that the report interview should be submitted on any case where there is a potential problem. This will clarify your files, as well as those of this office in the event of a subsequent interview.

Yours very truly,

CHW/MT

Assistant Manager.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Mathews
APR 1 - Brch

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

352 Court Street,
San Bernardino, Calif.
March 31, 1942

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
P. O. Box 550 Arcade Station,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention: Mr. Bold:

Gentlemen:

I have noticed on a telegram received by the W.C.C.A. that aliens may store their personal property in custody of the Federal Reserve Bank without charge. Please inform me, if this is so, of any regulations you may have in the matter.

1. Shall I make arrangements locally for warehouse facilities, or shall property be shipped to some other central point. Also request instructions as to delivery at the warehouse or any special information regarding packing or delivery of personal property.

2. I have had many requests for financial assistance, from the Federal Reserve Bank, for the purchase of certain alien property and have requested information on this subject. If you have not already furnished this information, kindly do so; what steps will be necessary to obtain such loan.

3. In regard to interviews by American Citizens concerning various subjects concerning aliens, I have not been in the habit of submitting form report in this case, but have included these in the number listed as interviews in my daily report. Is it desired that I make out an interview report in full in these cases as well as in the case of aliens.

The sale or lease of alien property, especially that of the Japanese is going forward in a satisfactory manner.

Los Angeles Branch Fed. Res. Bank of San Francisco 3-31-42
No. 2

In regard to Mr. Skinner, of whom you inquired by telephone, would say I have found that Mr. Skinner is an old retired school teacher and, undoubtedly, must have received instructions for his peculiar actions.

Yours very truly,

Byron W. Allen

Colonel Byron W. Allen
Field Representative

BWA-mab

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

352 Court Street,
San Bernardino, Calif.
March 30, 1942

Los Angeles Branch, Federal Reserve Bank
of San Francisco,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention: Mr. F. C. Bold

Gentlemen:

Many of the aliens have no idea of what a Power of Attorney is, request, therefore, that a few copies of the Federal Power of Attorney forms be sent to this office.

1. Is it desired that when necessary this office accept Power of Attorney when requested by any of the aliens.

2. Many requests have been made as to the possibility of financial assistance in the form of loans to enable American citizens to handle property of evacuees, either by sale or lease.

3. Request that I be supplied with official envelopes.

Sincerely

Byron W. Allen

Col. Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
San Bernardino, Calif.

BWA/mab

4/2/42
Ans

March 27, 1942

Col. Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 26, 1942, in which you ask several questions that you would like cleared up. They are enumerated in the order in which you have the questions arranged in your letter.

1. The car which has been left by a Japanese cannot be sold to another party unless they have the proper Power of Attorney in order to effect the transfer of ownership of the car. An effort will have to be made to locate the registered owner through some of his relatives or friends, and even though he is in a concentration camp the necessary papers, which should include a Power of Attorney and instructions as to proceeds of funds, can be sent to him for his signature.

2. We are forwarding you, under separate cover, a few copies of General License No. 68-A.

3. If you have contacts that are necessary and you are unable to make them by telephone or without leaving your office, and you feel in your opinion that it is absolutely necessary to make a personal contact, then it is satisfactory for you to do so.

4. In regard to information as to the proper time of evacuation, this is a question which we do not know; as all matters pertaining to the actual evacuation are entirely in the hands of the United States Army. However, it is our understanding that after Sunday, March 29, 1942, all evacuations will be made according to specific arrangements. Other than that, we have no information.

5. The information you are giving to the Japanese regarding immediate evacuation is correct.

6. Follow-up reports should be made on an interview sheet and marked, "Supplemental Report to The Original Report", giving the facts as to the date and name.

It is noted that your letters are written on the letterhead of the United States Employment Service. It is preferred that you write all your correspondence on letterheads of the Federal Reserve Bank as forwarded to you.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CWLirh

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER

352 Court Street,
San Bernardino, Cal.
March 26, 1942

Los Angeles Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attn: Mr. F. C. Bold.

Gentlemen:

I have several questions that I would like cleared up, as follows:

(1) A Japanese by the name of Hoshijama, common laborer, was arrested last February. He left a car on the ranch where he was employed and has not been heard of since. The car, while an old model, is in excellent condition and has very good tires, but standing in the open as it is, with no care, will soon deteriorate. I have a man in view who would like to purchase a car, but we are unable to contact the owner or find any trace of where he may be. Please advise.

(2) Would appreciate, if possible, a copy of General License under Executive Order No. 8389, also Amendment 68-A, for my information. I asked Mr. Coles for a copy of these orders but so far have not received them. It was due to not having a clear understanding of these that my answers on questionnaire regarding operations under Treasury License was not understood.

(3) I find in some cases where an alien has been given certain instructions, especially those requiring further information on my part, have not always complied, necessitating my going and looking up the particular person involved so that I may complete my records in the matter and close the case as far as they are concerned. Is it advisable for me to leave the office to make these contacts?

(4) Would appreciate latest information on the probable time of evacuation, as this question is being constantly asked and while I realize conditions are changing every moment, still I could give them the latest information on the subject.

(5) There has been some misunderstanding among the Japanese in this area regarding the preceding paragraph, due to misleading information given them by field representatives of the Federal Farm Securities Bureau. This matter, however, I believe has been corrected and the Japanese are beginning to calm down. They had been told they had to leave at once, naturally they were very much upset, not knowing where to go or whose orders to obey. I have informed them that they will be given due and timely notice when to leave, and our mission in the case is to see that they are in liquid condition so that they may leave on a few hours' notice.

(6) In the follow-up reports, is it desired that they be made on the blanks now in my possession, or merely in the form of a letter?

Sincerely,

Byron W. Allen

Col. Byron W. Allen,
Field Representative,
San Bernardino, Calif.

BWA/jeo

March 24, 1942

Mr. Byron W. Allen
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

We observe that you are forwarding to us both the yellow and white copies of the interviews. We are returning the white copies as they should be retained in your files.

We will appreciate if you would indicate the name of your office on these forms immediately following your name.

Yours very truly,

FCB/MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

March 24, 1942

Mr. Byron W. Allen
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are returning the white copies of the interviews of March 20th and March 21st to be retained in your files.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms
Enclosures

March 23, 1942

Col. Byron W. Allen
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
382 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Col.Allen,

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

DIRECTED BY MAIL DEPT.
TO MR. M[illegible]
DIRECTED BY MAIL DEPT. TO
MR. [illegible]

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER

March 23, 1942

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

Your letter received and I am acknowledging receipt pf Five (5.00) Dollars in United States Postage Stamps for use in this office.

Thanking you for the same,

Very truly yours,

Byron W. Allen
Byron W. Allen,
Field Representative.

BWN/N

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

March 21, 1942

Mr. Byron W. Allen, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
352 Court Street
San Bernardino, California

Dear Mr. Allen:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

San Fernando
Frank C. Baker
132 N. Maclay St

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 23, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

This office will probably be closed Tuesday, April 28th, on the completion of the Japanese evacuation in this district.

While I have the opportunity, I wish to express my appreciation for the privilege of serving with the Federal Reserve Bank during this extraordinary emergency. It has been a distinct privilege and a sincere pleasure. My only hope is that I have acquitted myself properly of the trust placed in me.

If there is further need for me here, or if I qualify for other necessary work now or in the future, I am ready to serve.

An old physical injury, plus the fact that I have the sole responsibility of our family's citrus business now that my brother and partner are in the United States Air Corps, will probably keep me from active duty in the armed forces.

However, I feel the necessity of doing more than my regular work during these critical times. I sincerely wish for the opportunity to serve to the best of my ability where I can be of further aid to my Country.

Very truly yours,

Frank C. Baker Jr.

F. A. Baker, Jr., Field Representative
San Fernando

AB:pr

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 13, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
APR 14 Rec'd

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Watkins

Re: Storage of Japanese Tractors and Farm Equipment

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Most of the Japanese in this district are farmers, owning all types of tractors and farm equipment. Since the Army has given no indication that the government will take custody of this equipment, the Japanese are faced with a serious problem of selling at a sacrifice or arranging for private storage.

Because of the size of farm equipment, storage arrangements are difficult, and in the case of sale, many prospective buyers are holding out with the realization they may get this equipment for little or nothing when the Japanese have to leave.

The United States Veterans Hospital in San Fernando has agreed to store without charge any tractors and farm equipment the Japanese wish to leave, providing the Japanese will sign papers relieving the Hospital of any responsibility of loss or damage.

The Rotary Club of San Fernando has agreed to take over the custody of the tractors and equipment stored at the Veterans Hospital, and to deal individually with Power of Attorney in the sale or disposal of this equipment at a later date as directed by the individual Japanese. The Japanese will have to arrange the transportation of their equipment from their farms to the Hospital.

The United States Veterans Hospital owns considerable property adjacent to the institution buildings. There is a five acre tract of level gravel land that is not in use and available for storage space, situated behind the warehouse buildings and laundry. This property is fenced in and guarded by the regular hospital watchmen. The only road leading to this property passes through the main gate of the Hospital grounds which is guarded twenty-four hours a day. The hospital grounds are located in the hills five miles north east of the town of San Fernando and isolated from the general activities in the valley.

Evacuee Property Department
Attention: Mr. Watkins

In addition, the hospital has available an empty concrete basement, thirty feet by one hundred feet, by twenty feet high, in one of the nearby modern buildings. The hospital will allow the Japanese to store in this basement as follows:

(1) The vital parts of the tractors, such as carburetors, magnetos, distribution heads etc.,

(2) Rubber tires from the field tractors and certain field equipment.

(3) Farm tools

Dr. Farnsworth, head of the United States Veterans Hospital in San Fernando is wiring his headquarters for official approval, but assures me that the arrangements will be satisfactory.

The Rotary Club of San Fernando is willing and ready to take over its duties in this connection at once.

I personally feel that if the general public realizes the Japanese have an opportunity to store their farm equipment, a good part of the equipment will be purchased immediately by the American farmers at a favorable price to the Japanese.

If this arrangement seems satisfactory to the Federal Reserve Bank, I will immediately take action, upon your advice, to have the Japanese notified of this service for them.

Very truly yours,

Francis A. Baker, Jr.

F. A. Baker, Jr.
Field Representative

FAB:kk

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 15, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. GOLD
Mr. Gathings
APR 16 Rec'd

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 Spring Street
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Storage of Property in Advance of Controlled Evacuation Operations

Gentlemen:

Arrangements have been made with George Endow, 9909 Sharp Street, Pacoima for preliminary storage of evacuees' personal property where evacuees live in outlying districts of this area. George Endow has offered his two car garage, 24' x 48' x 12' high, for this service. This is a modern building with sliding doors and of ample size to handle all the personal property that will be brought in from these distant points.

I am endeavoring to reach the Japanese families living in the outlying districts, such as Saugus, Newhall, Chatsworth and Canoga Park, in order to determine the amount of personal property involved and if the Japanese will cooperate in this matter.

However, I am not clear in my own mind how the Japanese can arrange to bring in their beds, stoves and other personal property that they will wish to store, and yet want to keep in their homes until the actual day of departure. The majority of the families effected have sold their cars and trucks.

If you have any suggestions in regard to this, I will appreciate your advice.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Baker Jr.

FRANK A. BAKER, JR.
Field Representative
San Fernando, California.

FAB:pr

April 11, 1942

Mr. Frank C. Baker
Field Representative
San Fernando

Dear Mr. Baker:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 4, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. GOLD
APR 6 - Rec'd

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

RE: STORAGE SPACE FOR
EVACUEE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Gentlemen:

Acting on a suggestion of Mr. Watkins, I determined, from several of the more informed Japanese in this district, that there are approximately one hundred Japanese families left to be evacuated, averaging five persons to a family. They have household furniture to be stored, equivalent to a five room house per family. It is estimated that there are in the entire group, approximately one hundred cars, fifty trucks, twenty five tractors, and supplementary equipment of discs, plows, harrows and cultivators.

These figures seem to me to be conservative at this time. If there is any other information of this nature that would be of assistance in arranging storage space, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Baker Jr.

F. A. Baker, Jr.
Field Representative

FAB:kk

April 8, 1942.

Mr. Frank C. Baker, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
138 No. Maclay St.
San Fernando, Calif.

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

CH:MT

Assistant Manager.

April 6th, 1942

Mr. Frank C. Baker
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
132 No. Maclay Street
San Fernando, California

Dear Mr. Baker:

We received the following listing of farm machinery for sale in this office today, and inasmuch as the party is in your immediate territory, thought it might be helpful to you, as well as the seller, if it were also listed in your office.

You might also pass the information along to the Farm Security Department.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

GW:MC

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Frank C. Baker
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
132 No. Maclay Street
San Fernando, California

Dear Mr. Baker:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Frank C. Baker
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
132 No. Maclay Street
San Fernando, California

Dear Mr. Baker:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 8, 1942

Mr. Frank A. Baker, Jr., Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
138 North Maclay Street
San Fernando, California

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 1, 1942, we forwarded to you yesterday a small supply of Power of Attorney forms, 235 and 236 (individual and corporation forms).

A copy of Instruction Letter Number 7, signed by R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, covering "Contraband Items" is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:rh

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Leuning
APR 2 - Rec'd

April 1, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Please forward to me a small supply of "Power of Attorney" forms, No's Miscellaneous 235, 236 as mentioned in Instruction Letter #1. These were never received in this office.

Instruction Letter #7 has not as yet reached me.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Baker, Jr.

F. A. Baker, Jr.
Field Representative

FAB:kk

March 23, 1942

Mr. Frank C. Baker
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
132 North Maclay Street
San Fernando, California

Dear Mr. Baker:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Boldy

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

Santa Ana
Vincent B. Hackett
501 W. 5th St.

Santa Cruz

Mr. Watkins:

Will you please send me some of ~~the~~ attached Record of Interview Forms?

VBH

sent - 4-22-42

April 20, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Hackett:

We have your letter of April 16th in which you submit a billing for automobile transportation for a total of 420 miles. We should like to have this information prepared on Form E27, two copies of which we are enclosing for the purpose.

Please submit this form in duplicate, showing opposite each date the time of departure from Long Beach and the return to Long Beach. Sign both forms on the lower portion in the space provided.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Enclosures

CHW:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California
April 16, 1942

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 17 RECD

Mr. C. H. Watkins
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Following is an account of the number of miles I have run on official business for the bank since joining the organization:

March 28	Long Beach (looking for warehouse)	18	miles
April 6	Long Beach to Artesia to Santa Ana and return	59	miles
April 8	Long Beach and return	49	"
9	" " " "	49	"
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14	" " " "	49	"
15	" " " "	49	"

These trips amount to 420 miles.

Very truly yours,

Vincent B. Hackett

Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

April 17, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Reference is made to your letter of April 14, 1942, in regard to G. Ikeda of Norwalk who owes M. Aoyama $500.00 for a feed bill.

We do not believe that we should intercede for the creditor in a case of this kind, and suggest that you instruct him to handle the matter by direct correspondence with the Japanese debtor who is presently in Santa Anita Park, Arcadia.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHS:MT

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

April 14, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 S. Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

This morning a Japanese by the name of M. Takamiya, whose address is Route #3, Box 350-A, Santa Ana, called and said he was the manager of the Poultry and Feed business of M. Aoyama, who has been interned in Montana.

Takamiya claims that a Japanese by the name of G. Ikeda of Norwalk owes M. Aoyama $500.00 for a feed bill, but in as much as all Japanese in the Norwalk area have been evacuated I cannot think of any way that I can help in this situation. However, I am sending the data on to you on the chance that one of our men in Santa Anita may be of some help in this case.

Yours very truly,

Vincent B. Hackett

Vincent B. Hackett,
Field Representative,
Evacuee Property Dept.

vbh:vl

Ans 4/20/42

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California
April 16, 1942

REFERRED TO MR. GOLD
APR 1 Rec'd

Mr. C. H. Watkins
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Attached herewith are two communications from Santa Anita. Perhaps Mr. Sheetz can follow through on these two matters.

Very truly yours,

Vincent B. Hackett.

Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department

VBH:pj
Enclosures

Will you please send me
some long envelopes?

~~Bill~~

Santa Ana

Sent

April 13, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett
Field Representative
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Hackett:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that the transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

April 7, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Watkins

Dear Mr. Watkins:

Confirming our telephone conversation of April 6, Mr. Vincent B. Hackett has conferred with me relative to taking over this office and will report for duty Wednesday, April 8. I will therefore consider my present duties as your field representative in Santa Ana terminated as of close of business today, April 7.

This office of the WCCA is open at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. daily and I have maintained these hours in conformity with other personnel of the staff. Mr. Hackett advises me that he will not be able to report for duty before 8:45 a.m. which has been explained to Mr. Roy Ferguson, Local Manager.

I regret that my duties with the U. S. Engineers necessitate my leaving this job on such short notice and appreciate your cooperation in the matter.

You may forward check for my services to P.O. Box 453, Fullerton, California.

Yours very truly

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones
Field Representative

April 8, 1942

Mr. Vincent B. Hackett, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth St.
Santa Ana, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Hackett:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 26th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CM:MT

April 7, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your letter of April 6 stating that you have obtained another position and will be leaving our employ as soon as we can turn your duties over to someone else.

While we regret, of course, to see you go, we are very happy to learn that you have made a very desirable connection.

It would be appreciated if you will kindly fill out the enclosed resignation blank, and return it to us as soon as possible. Please indicate the effective date of your resignation as April 7, as we understand you are leaving us at the close of business tonight.

Yours very truly,

FCB/MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

April 8, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

At the time I accepted employment as your field representative in Santa Ana, I explained to your Mr. David C. Slavin that I had several prior commitments which might prevent my continuation with this work. Thursday I advised Mr. Watkins by telephone that at the salary paid, and the probable temporary nature of this work, I could not afford to jeapordize my per diem employment by other organizations and would have to be relieved from this work by the first of next week.

Today the United States Engineers office, Los Angeles District, has instructed to me to proceed as soon as possible with field appraisals of lands in Riverside county. My previous service for this office has been quite extensive, and my contract with them calls for my services when required at $25 and $35 per diem, depending upon assignment involved.

In view of the circumstances, I am advising the United States Engineers office that I will start this new assignment as soon as relieved from my temporary employment by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Several applicants for work in this department have contacted me, but Mr. Watkins stated the matter would be handled by your office directly. I will appreciate your attention to this as soon as possible, and am ready to turn over my duties at once.

Yours very truly,

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones
Field Representative.

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31st in which you inquire concerning assignments of commercial accounts of local Japanese carried with the Yokohama Specie Bank.

A Conservator has been appointed by the State Superintendent of Banks and has established offices on the premises of the bank. We have been advising the Japanese to keep in touch with the Conservator and inform him as to any change of address so that he will be in a position to notify them as to the time for filing of claims. The Conservator has told us that he will accept an assignment of claims to creditors for satisfaction of accounts.

As we have explained to you by telephone, assistance will be provided from this office at the time your zone becomes posted for evacuation. The handling of the storage and obtaining of the warehouse space incident to that problem will be taken care of by men from this office.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CHW:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

March 31, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Ass't. Manager, Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Enclosed herewith are forms covering today's interviews.

The local Japanese American Association has several members who are depositors in the Yokohama Specie Bank, Los Angeles Branch, whose accounts have been frozen. Can these depositors give assignments of the commercial account to local creditors in satisfaction of bills payable?

In view of large volume of business anticipated in handling storage of Japanese evacuee property will this office be authorized to employ assistance needed?

Yours truly

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones
Field Representative

Ans 4/3/42
Washington

April 3, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 W. Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

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Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

March 30, 1942

Mr. Tamura Kosaku
Attorney at Law
104½ East Fourth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Kosaku:

J. Minoru Kosaku has contacted this office and the Los Angeles office of the Federal Reserve Bank relative to the impounding of a Chevrolet truck now held in storage by Robert Speed, manager of the Orange County Medical Bureau.

Mr. C. H, Watkins of the Los Angeles office has instructed me to issue a special blocked property order on this truck in the event that Mr. Speed should make any attempt to sell before the matter of ownership and payment of account due the Medical Bureau can be adjudicated.

Robert Speed has advised this office that he has the truck in storage in his private garage at 2315 Santiago Avenue, Santa Ana, and will not sell same or otherwise dispose of the property without notifying this office.

We today advised Mr. Kosaku to consult with you in the matter and make arrangements for a hearing in Justice Court as soon as possible.

With reference to your inquiry regarding sale or lease of the property owned by Ruth Asako Aoyama whose husband Minoru Aoyama is an alien Japanese, please be advised that there is no restriction upon Mrs. Aoyama in disposing of this property and no special permit is necessary.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Donald C. Jones
Donald C. Jones
Field Representative

DCJ:L

March 27th, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

We notice today that you addressed a letter to us in care of Post Office Box 2077, Terminal Annex. It will be appreciated if you will direct all your mail to the Evacuee Property Department, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:ro

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California
March 25, 1942

M. Eltiste and Co., Inc.,
407 East Fourth Street
Santa Ana, California

Attention: Mr. August Eltiste

Dear Sir:

Referring to our telephone conversation of today, please be advised that I have conferred with the Los Angeles Branch, Federal Reserve Bank, and confirmed the fact that you may release bills of sale, "pink slips" or other evidence of ownership to all Japanese who have paid their accounts in full on equipment purchased from your firm, unless the individual is a "blocked national".

General License 68-A , Paragraph 6, restricted transactions with nationals of Japan. This paragraph was deleted by order of Federal Reserve Bank (Circular #231, dated March 11, 1942) No further license is necessary to transact business with Japanese aliens.

We suggest that you deliver to any Japanese of American birth necessary bill of sale or other evidence of ownership of farm implements now fully paid for, so that re-sale of such equipment may be expedited.

In the event you have paid-up accounts with alien Japanese, we suggest that you advise this office of the name and address of such parties, that we may make a search to determine if the party affected is a "blocked national". In such event, evidence of ownership should only be relinquished to proper authorities, and no re-sale of property can be made without express authority, which this office will undertake to negotiate through the Los Angeles Branch, Federal Reserve Bank.

Yours very truly,

Donald C. Jones
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank.

Copy to
L.A. Office:
Fred C. Bold

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California
March 26, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Ass't Manager, Federal Reserve Bank
Evacuee Property Department
Los Angeles, California

Re: Blocked Japanese Nationals:
Minoru Aoyama
Takuichi Ochiyo

Dear Sir:

Ruth Asako Aoyama, Rte 3, Box 350-A, Santa Ana California, is the wife of Minoru Aoyama, an alien Japanese, now in concentration camp at Missoula, Montana. Mrs. Aoyama is an American born Japanese, and is the fee owner of a nine-acre parcel of land improved with house and poultry farm located at First & Wright Streets, Bolsa, California. The property is clear of liens; taxes are paid to date.

Kosaku Tamura, local attorney-at-law, is completing a lease of this property to Lee H. Bryant, terms of which are satisfactory to both parties. The First National Bank of Garden Grove will be given power of attorney for Mrs. Aoyama to handle collections on this lease.

Before closing this transaction, Mr. Tamura desires advice from your office that there is no restriction placed upon such action by reason of the fact that Minoru Aoyama is a "blocked national". The property involved is in the separate ownership of Ruth Aoyama.

Mr. Tamura has been exceedingly helpful in clearing up affairs of many local Japanese. We will appreciate your early advice in this matter.

Mary Ochiyo, P.O. Box 683, Garden Grove, Calif., is the American born wife of Takuichi Ochiyo, alien Japanese now in concentration camp, Missoula, Montana. She has a proper power of attorney from her husband, and desires to sell personal property and dispose of two agricultural leases. She believes her husband is a "blocked national".

Can Mrs. Ochiyo proceed with disposition of this property without special permit? If not, can you forward necessary forms and instructions to expedite this transfer? Approximately 10 acres of growing vegetable crops requiring immediate attention are involved.

Yours very truly,

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones
Field Representative.

3/27/42 Answered by telephone at Ochiyo's request. CC was just a matter of getting straightened

DONALD C. JONES
APPRAISER
LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

RESIDENCE TELEPHONE
FULLERTON 1217
POST OFFICE BOX 453

OFFICE TELEPHONES
LOS ANGELES MI 9261
FULLERTON 3

FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

501 W 5th Street
Santa Ana, California

Memorandum to Mr. Fred C. Bold
Evacuee Dept., Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles Branch.

1. Enclosed find written reports of interviews held this date re property of Japanese in this territory.

2. T. Yanai, American born Japanese, Westminster, California.
Proposes to lease vegetable dehydrator plant @ $200 per month to:

MacLoon and Stoll
1525 So. Main Street
Los Angeles, California

Phone: PR 5111

Requests credit rating on this firm before closing deal. No local information available.

Can you furnish information as to reliability and credit standing ? Suggested inquiry through local bank has been unsuccessful or unsatisfactory.

3. Can adult children of alien Japanese, now in concentration camp, dispose of personal property of father without power of attorney or written authorization? Father left without leaving any authority.

No

4. Additional supply of Bank stationary required for correspondance. Have sufficient envelopes.

Galback notified to send additional supply.

Donald C. Jones
Donald C. Jones
Field Representative, (Santa Ana)
Evacuee Property Dept.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

File
answered

March 26, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
501 W. Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Re your letter of March 21st.

We have forwarded you under separate cover a supply of 500 Interview Report forms.

Form TFR-300 Series J is a report of alien property required to be filed under general license number 68A with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, in quadruplicate, by all generally licensed Japanese nationals whose total assets are $1,000.00 or more. However, the last day for filing this report was March 14, 1942, and you probably will not have many questions relating thereto.

Your interpretation of General License No. 68A, as amended, to allow business transactions between Japanese aliens and others without further license, is correct. However, if a Japanese national entered the United States since June 17, 1940, or who has not been residing only in the continental United States at all times on and since June 17, 1940, he is a blocked national, and if he wishes to engage in any transaction, he must file, in triplicate, with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, an application for a specific license on Form TFE-1 (revised).

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CFL:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

501 W. Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California
March 21, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Asst. Manager, Federal Reserve Bank
Evacuee Property Department
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Complying with instructions received from your Mr. David C. Slavin, a temporary headquarters has been established in the office of U.S.Employment Service, 501 West Fifth Street, Santa Ana, (Telephone Santa Ana 6101) wherein I am acting as alien property counsellor for your department.

Enclosed find forms covering preliminary interviews with Japanese and others interested in purchasing alien-owned property.

Additional forms for these reports will be needed shortly, as Mr. Slavin could not furnish more than a limited supply.

Kindly advise if a report on Series J of Form TFR-300 covering property interests of Japanese aliens in excess of $1000 should be completed at this office, and if so please forward necessary forms and instructions.

I interpret the provisions of General License 68A as amended by Circular No. 231 and 232 to allow business transcations between Japanese aliens and others without further license, in order that Japanese evacuees may dispose of their property without restriction. I have today advised several Americans that they are at liberty to negotiate terms of purchase of real and personal property from Japanese aliens, that payment in cash to Japanese can be made, and that this office will cooperate in every way possible to expedite a reasonable deal.

Yours truly,

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones.

March 26th, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
501 West 5th Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23rd in which you ask the question as to whether or not the Japanese farmers will be permitted to take their tractors and farming tools with them if pooling arrangements are made and freight cars secured.

Up to the present time there has been no restriction placed on what they may take with them if they evacuate voluntarily. However, in this morning's press we noticed an article which stated that after Sunday, March 29th, there will be no more voluntary evacuation. If this is the case, and the Japanese do not want to dispose of their farm implements, etc., they can be advised that it is satisfactory for them to store their goods with arrangements made for shipment to them at a later date wherever they may locate, should the tools be needed.

In your undated letter, received March 25th, you ask if adult children of alien Japanese now in concentration camps may dispose of personal property of the father without power of attorney or written authorization. If the title of the property in question is vested in the father, then the power of attorney should be obtained from the father in order to pass title to the new owner.

It is noted from your interview reports that the person interviewed is in all cases the same as the subject of the interview and the citizenship and general information given is that of the person interviewed. However, it should be as follows: If a son of a Japanese who is in concentration camp is being interviewed, his name should be shown only as the person being interviewed and his father's name should be shown as the subject. All information relative to the father's citizenship and date of last entry, and so forth, should be shown on the report.

On your interview report of Mr. Henry Baldwin, dated March 24th, 1942, you advised to the effect that, if the alien had a blocked account, all that would be necessary would be to place the proceeds from a sale into a blocked bank account. However, requirements for a sale to be made with a blocked account are that they must first apply for a license with the Federal Reserve Bank, in triplicate, on Form TFR-1 Revised. After the

license is issued to him, then the proceeds are to be placed in a blocked bank account.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Santa Ana, California
March 23, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles Branch

Dear Mr. Bold:

I acknowledge receipt of $5.00 in United States postage, for use of this field office of Evacuee Property Department. Personnel record forms, also received, will be completed and forwarded at first opportunity, toegther with requested photographs.

Enclosed find reports of interviews held this date relative to alien property transactions.

Attention is called to interview with E. Ralph Schisler, who states he is well acquainted with you. Mr. Schisler is anxious to do business with many local truck farming Japanese, and is willing to co-operate in any way to insure maturity of present growing crops.

It has been suggested that Mr. J. H. Bailey, of Bay Cities Produce Co (635 Coast Highway, Costa Mesa) who is well known to many of these truck farmers, take power of attorney with letter of instructions, from Japanese farmers, and proceed with care and culture of these plantings. Mr. Bailey is willing to assume such responsibility and secure needed labor, etc., for 5% of the gross selling price of crops.

Mr. Schisler will aid in financing maturity of crops consigned to him. He operates on a 15% commission, based on gross selling price, from which is deducted any advances, crates or materiel furnished.

Both gentlemen were informeed that their transactions with Japanese, alien or American born, can proceed unhindered. Mr. Bailey was encouraged to take power of attorney where possible, and was advised to open bank accounts for Japanese not having same, for future management of their affairs.

Can you advise whther or not Japanese farmers will be permitted to take tractors and farming tools with them, if pooling arrangements are made and freight cars secured? Many farmers are loathe tompart with their equipment, feeling they cannot replace same in other localities.

Yours very truly,

Donald C. Jones

Donald C. Jones.

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No Steno available
Excuse Haste.

March 23, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

March 21, 1942

Mr. Donald C. Jones, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
501 West Fifth Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Santa Maria
James G. Hayden
310 N. Main St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Santa Anita, California

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Requisition:

Yellow copy paper

Plain white paper

Legal-length envelopes

[redacted]

August 5, 1942

Mr. C. E. Billingsley, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Santa Anita Assembly Center
Arcadia, California

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

There is enclosed a self-explanatory letter from the Security Trust & Savings Bank of San Diego, Chula Vista, California, together with enclosures.

Please give this matter your attention, and report to us fully on the subject.

In returning the letter and enclosures, please either send them to us by registered mail or bring them in personally to our office, in view of the alleged forgery of the check.

Yours very truly,

FCB:MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 8, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

I turned over all the Waybills and Personal property forms to Mr. Charlesworth as of May 6th, although we did not complete checking them over together until the next day. The small amount of extra time I was glad to give as I wanted everything prpperly completed and understood. I believe Mr. Charlesworth will tell you that the papers were turned over to him in very good shape.

As requested by you I am enclosing schedule of expenses which I trust has been properly prepared. I do not have any receipted bills because, as you know, Santa Barbara is my home, and I have made the charges for hotel and meals in proportion to what they have been in Santa Maria, where I have been taking care of my own expenses.

The trip to Santa Barbara as of May 2nd was necessary to complete the shipping arrangements with Bekins and get the Waybills prepared. They provided an extra girlx to assist with this without expense to us. The Waybills were of great benefit in connection with the checking, etc., at both ends. The next day, Sunday, I spent the entire day assisting at the loading end. I felt that the property should be shipped as soon as possible, and the Santa Maria office closed, estimating a savings of about $30.00 for every day saved.

Mr. Charlesworth said he would write the letter to Bekins putting them on notice in connection with the damaged goods.

Thankingyou for all consideration shown me, I am

Yours very truly,

James F. Hayden

P. S. I am enclosing the remainingstamps. The expense of returning my files, etc., to you cut heavily into the supply of stamps.

Mr. McRitchie
Mr. Davies

May 7, 1942.

Effective at the close of business May 6, we have terminated the employment of Mr. James C. Hayden, our Field Representative of the Evacuee Property Department in Santa Maria, Cal.

This action was due to the completion of the evacuation of the Japanese from the Santa Maria area.

Please mail Mr. Hayden his check for salary from May 1 to May 6, inclusive.

For the completion of our personal records, Mr. Hayden's services were satisfactory.

FCB:MC

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Box 367
Santa Maria, California

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MAY - 1942

May 3, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

About three quarters of the Evacuee property was shipped via Bekins today, the balance will load out tomorrow afternoon or Tuesday morning. I am enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Charlesworth which will give you the picture. Also is enclosed copy of the Bekins Bill of Lading covering the terms etc. under which the goods are being shipped. Also Waybill check list - a separate itemized list being completed for every family unit.

Mr. Charlesworth and Mr. Wallace informed me on Saturday that they are prepared to take care of the goods upon delivery. The plan is to stack the family units in such a manner as to allow access to each unit via aisles. They should encounter no difficulty in checking the items upon delivery from Bekins. However, in many cases the goods actually received by us does not tally with the Evacuee's inventory as per Personal Property For WCCA FRB - 2. Discrepancies will be duly noted on the forms. We suppose that one complete set is to be left with the custodian in Santa Barbara, and one set sent to you.

I am enclosing bill from the Santa Maria Transfer & Storage Co. The arrangements were made by Mr. Randall. Mr. O. C. Marriott who has certified as to the correctness of the bill is president of the transfer company, I believe.

For your information, 1386 evacuees registered, with 389 family heads. We have accepted 114 family units for storage, containing 867 pieces, more or less, consisting mainly of beds, boxes, etc. The Japanese feel that they have reduced their storage to essential things, and in view of this they hope that they will be given special consideration for this reason as soon as they are located in a resettlement area. We are storing no cars here and 4 cars were taken to Tulare for storage and 4 for sale to the army. We have stored no store or business equipment with the exception of dental and medical accessories.

There will be some watchman's wages to be paid. I understand that Mr. Randall arranged for the bill to be sent to you by the chief of police. I presume that there will be some long distance phone calls to be paid to the Employment office, although I know nothing about your arrangements with them. I would like to say that all agencies have been extremely cooperative, and I have never been associated with a more pleasant group of people

than those those in this office. I should like it very much if you would write a note to Mr. Elmer Yates, manager of the office, expressing appreciation for their cooperation and courtesies extended.

I shall try to send my files tomorrow. With a few unimportant exceptions, the cases can be considered closed, and follow up reports to this effect have been attached. Actually the number of cases I have reported on are very few. I considered it useless to report on every inquiry regarding passenger cars or household furniture, and I understood that this was not desired.

The Japanese brought all personal property for storage into the Temple in Arroyo Grande, Japanese School house in Santa Maria, and YMA Hall in Guadalupe. We did not pick up a single article at any other point. Quite a number of automobiles were left for sale with the Shimizu garage in Guadalupe in accordance with arrangements made between the Japanese- American Citizens League and the California Lettuce Growers. A great deal of credit for all of these arrangements goes to Mr. Harry Miyake, president of the League.

I probably should mention that in my estimation there has been a lot of private storage arranged for. Also I notice that quite a number of stores have been vacated and the equipment left on the premises.

I shall finish up the job as quickly as possible. Thank you for it. I was glad to make the money, although I'll admit that I did not do much to earn it. However, I hope I did some good. I wouldn't mind a somewhat similar job following along with the evacuation into the new areas, and advising the people on their business and personal problems, and assisting them generally. I mention this in case you should ever hear of anything along these lines. I am free to go anywhere.

Thanking you for all consideration shown me.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden

Field Representative

Truck 230

14389
226
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307
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398
471
556
412
582
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592
389

Truck 754

545 - 74 contain sewing machine
437
202
436
435
318
433
444
296
439
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438
434
449

Chev

582
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524
522
280 - Trunk missing #2
455 - Check boxes for sewing machine
459
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584
475
360
510
470 - ck for sewing machine in box
370
490
423
234 - check for small electric range
499

567 - work sheet missing but Waybill ok
404 - part of load on Tr. 754
272 - part of load on Tr. 506

Truck 506

14250
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369
299 part loaded Tr 230
317
268 part loaded Tr. 230
541
235 part loaded Tr 754.
291
456 check for bed part
366
533

310 West Main St.,
Santa Maria, California

May 3, 1942

Mr. Walter M. Charlesworth, Field Representative,
Evacuee Property Division,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
22 East Victoria St.,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mr. Charlesworth:

I am sending this letter to you via Mr. Duffy togethorvith Waybill Check Lists and our work sheets covering all of the family units loaded today. The family numbers covered are listed below. This material has been loaded on a large open 22' trailer, stacked high, a closed Van and a Van semi all of which will be ready to unload on Monday morning at 6 AM. Mr. Duffy informs me that he has advised you and Mr. Wallace of this and that you will be on hand with your men to check and take delivery and stack. Also a load is going via a Stake body truck which is schuffled to arrive at 8AM.

Mr. Duffy has checked everything himself that has been loaded. Any differences will be noted on the Waybills, which I hope will automatically adjust themselves at your end. In checking in, you of course will have to go by the receipted Waybills, but the attached work sheets (Personal Property Inventory Lists) may be of guidance. When I come down we will check everything over together. You should keep careful tract of any differences so that they may be noted on your final records and my final report.

I understand that Mr. Duffy will be present to make the check at your end. It is understood that the property will be delivered onto our warehouse floor where it will be separated by their men into the family units at which time our check is to be made, and you will receipt for the goods as each family unit is delivered in accordance with the Waybill Receipts. The final stacking into family units in the warehouse will not be done by Bekins but will have to be done by your men, although Bekins will cooperate to such extent as their own operations are not hampered.

Our records show that there are 114 family units with a total of about 867 pieces. The larger individual units are contained in these trucks and I estimate that something over half of the total amount has been loaded out. Mr. Duffy plans to pick up the balance on Tuesday morning.

I plan to try to get my office here closed tomorrow, and if you want to reach me, please phone 1072. I'll come down if you need me.

Yours very truly

Field Representative

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
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April 15, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dea Mr. Bold:

Instruction Letter No. 18

With reference to the last paragraph in the above letter, I shall be guided by the suggestions as per the second paragraph of said letter. Similar ideas have already been discussed with representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League:

Harry Miyake, Pres., Guadalupe
Ken Utsunomiya, Santa Maria
Jimmy Nakamura, Sec'y, Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo

Also with Mrs. Gillett and Mrs Shimizu of the Union Church.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden
Field Representative

April 14, 1942.

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of a letter addressed to this office by the F. C. B. A. Market, as well as a copy of a letter to the market from Youri Watanabe, P. O. Box 43, Guadalupe, California.

We have replied to the F. C. B. A. Market that the information was being transmitted to you and made the suggestion that you be contacted in regard to this particular problem. We have no suggestion to make as to the procedure to be followed in handling this matter, but your closer association with these people may place you in a better position to do so.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CEF
Enclosure.



Owners F. C. B. A. Markets
in Guadalupe, Arvin and Santa Maria, Calif.

Cable Address "F C B A" Los Angeles, California

F. C. B. A. MARKET
(INCORPORATED)
IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS, WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS
206 SO. SPRING ST. PHONE MUTUAL 4779
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. U. S. A.

April 13, 1942

Evacuee Property Section
Federal Reserve Bank
707 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

We are today in receipt of a letter from the office of the Fiscal Agent of the Reserve Bank of San Francisco relative to our inquiry on an alien named Shintaro Watanabe which according to our records owes us the sum of $249.70. We would appreciate it very much if you could advise us regarding this alien, as we desire to find out whether there is a possibility of collecting this past due account through the cooperation of your office.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated March 28, 1942 addressed to us by the family of the said alien, which is self-explanatory.

We will appreciate an early reply in the matter and are very much obliged.

Yours very truly,

F. C. B. A. MARKET, INC.

By Tyne Richards

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COPY

March 28, 1942
P. O. Box 43
Guadalupe, California

The F. C. B. A. Inc. Market
Guadalupe, California

Gentlemen:

In reply to your form letter, dated March 15, 1942, addressed to my father who is in Bismarck, North Dakota, under the War Dept. supervision, regarding our account of $249.07 of covering groceries and merchandise, please be advised that we would not pay you at this time, as I do not know our situation regarding the land we are farming which is owned by Mr. John Law.

At present my mother and other sister and brothers are in all 8, ages from 1 year to 17 years old, I am now being supported temporarely by the counties groceries worth $10 a week. For your further information I know that we own the following farming implements: tractor, farmall, disk, plow, automobile, Studebaker, Purch. 8, 1935, furniture worth $50.

Since my father was arrested we have harvested carrots (estimated) 1,000 crates, chicory 5 acres, 3 acres, chicory unharvested, 10 acres lettuce unharvested, 15 acres broccoli unharvested. Of all the crops harvested we did not receive a single penny the reason given to us by Mr. Law was my father owed him some money, amount I do not know. The crops to be harvested, I understand are to be taken by Mr. Law.

The farming implements taken from us, we do not know who ordered them to reprocessed from us.

My father worked in the farm with our help for about 50 acres, and cultivating plowing, etc.

We would be very glad if you could assist us what we understand is that we are to leave this farm within a day or so, any favor that you could do for us I have requested who are able to sign their names below this letter of my brothers and sister.

All of us have been born here, except my parents, my father has been farming this land over 2 years. We thank you and hope to hear from you soon if you could bring this matter to the authorities.

my brothers and sisters names

Yours very truly,

Signed: Youri Watanabe 39 (mother)

Yoshi 9

Saburo 6

Joe 5

Mary 3

Joyce 1

Signed: Noboyuke Watanabe aged 7

Fuji Watanabe aged 15 years

Sukenobu Watanabe aged 13

April 11, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, Calif.

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 29th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CX:MT

April 6, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1, 1942 regarding Instruction Letter No. 9. Please forward your report each Friday night on those transactions which you know to have been closed as a result of your efforts directly or indirectly.

In case you have not been instrumental in initiating a change of ownership or occupancy of real property, kindly so advise us. Unless this is done, we have no way of knowing whether there have been no transactions to report, or whether you have overlooked reporting some transactions of which you had knowledge at the time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

RECEIVED BY MR. BOLD
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April 1, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Instruction letter No. 9

With reference to the above letter, I have not initiated any negotiations, nor procured occupants for real property of Japanese evacuees.

As far as farm property is concerned, I believe that various deals are under way, but this side of the picture is being handled exclusively by Mr. Warren T. Stannard, WFA Agent, who conducts his activities from this same location.

I presume that it will not be necessary to make the weekly reports unless I personally have a hand in the procuring of new occupants for the real property.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hughes
Field Representative

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
APR 6 - REC'D

April 3, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Thank you for your letters of April 2nd. I am glad to have the information about the probability of providing storage space, and regarding the impounding officers at travel centers. Whenever you can throw more light on these subjects I know you will do so.

There has been very little activity at this office during this week, with very few cases of a nature to warrant reports. We have suspected that some of the Japanese may be staying close to home for fear of conflicting with travel regulations and the curfew. However, I am inclined to believe that many ofthe problems are being solved individually, and with the assistance of various organizations of their own. I have encouraged this idea. Also have encouraged liquidation of all interests wherever it can be accomplishedon a reasonable basis. Mr. Harry Miyake also seems to think that the Japanese people will be better off and happier in their new locations if they are not burdened with cares and worries about stuff, andinterests left behind.

At the moment I can make no prediction as to the amount of personal or other property that we will be asked to take care of or store. A considerable quan tity may show up at the last minute, or possibly there may be very little. I presume that you will want me to continue to encourage disposal, and the clearingup of all interests possible.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 2 - Read

April 1, 1942

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles, Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Automobiles

I have had a telephone call today from the Secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League in San Luis Obispo who advises that he has received a letter from Fred Tayama, chairman of 15 chapters of the League, in Los Angeles, containing the following statement,

" Contrary to what was previously issued, no one is allowed to take cars to Reception Centers"

The Secretary in San Luis Obispo was not sure whether this information enamated from Mr. Thomas Clark or Capt. E. T. Adler, Assistant Adj. Gen., Headquarters Western Defense.

If it is going to be necessary or advisable for evacuees to dispose of automobiles, or store them, it would seem to be advisable in the interests of all concerned for this problem to be dealt with as soon as possible, in order to give the Japanese as much time as possible in which to try to work out their own solutions.

This letter does not necessarily call for an answer for I have no doubt but that the definite information will be made available to us in due course, but I am passing such reports on to you for your information and guidance.

Yours very truly,

James F. Hayden

Field Representative

April 2, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1 in which you quote information released by the Japanese American Citizens League in San Luis Obispo relative to automobiles in connection with the evacuation.

It had previously been understood, as Mr. Fred Tayama has informed his chapters of the League, that cars could be taken to the reception centers. Under orders released just yesterday from Army Headquarters in San Francisco, cars will not be taken beyond the travel center. In this locality the travel center is presently construed to be the Santa Anita Race Track property where the evacuees from Long Beach and San Pedro areas will first be taken. Cars will be impounded at that point and will not go to the reception centers in Owens Valley and elsewhere.

We assume that this same general pattern will apply in your locality. We have no information as to the travel center to be established for your area. We are assured, however, that no one will be allowed to take cars to the reception center.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHM/MT

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 N. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr. C. H. Small, our Field Representative in El Centro, relative to Mr. I. Osuga, 1116 West Church Street, Santa Maria, who owes $1,210.00 to Mr. Masukane of El Centro, California.

If you should come in contact with Mr. Osuga, try and ascertain if possible, if he intends to do anything regarding the payment of his indebtedness to Mr. Masukane, and report to us.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CFL:MM
Enclosure

cc: C. H. Small
El Centro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 29th, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my field report of March 24th - subject MASUKANE, Minora :

I am now advised the address of the individual who bought Masukane's crop of lettuce December 24, 1941, for $3,000 on which there is still due Masukane $1,210, is as follows :

I. OSUGA
1116 West Church Street
Santa Maria, Calif.

Mrs. Masukane (mother of Minora) who has been taking care of her son's interests while he is absent in the service of the United States Army (he being an American born citizen) is informed that I. Osuga is at present in a concentration camp. She can obtain no information as to what is being done to liquidate his accounts payable from Santa Maria.

Has this case been reported to you from that territory as to (Osuga) and do you have any knowledge of any assurance that we can give to Mrs. Masukane that Osuga's interests are being taken care of and when she may expect further payments? If not, can we secure information for her? The last word she had from Osuga or anyone representing him was a check on account on or about February 10th with no statement or other word.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

April 2, 1942

Mr. James O. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 387
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of March 31 enclosing the mimeographed bulletin distributed to the Japanese in your area by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The recommendations contained in this release are correct as concerns the storage of personal property under the protection of the Federal Reserve Bank without charge. When the area is notified of impending evacuation, the problem of obtaining adequate storage space will be handled by men from this office. We might suggest that you be prepared to assist in the location of suitable quarters at that time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHS/MT

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Walters
APR 1 - REC'D

March 31, 1942

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

In case it might be of interest to you, I am enclosing mimeographed sheet which is to be distributed to the Japanese in the Guadalupe and Santa Maria district by the Japanese American Citizens League.

This sheet is an excerpt from Bulletin No. 133, March 29th, issued by the headquarters of said League in San Francisco, except that, the remarks under "OUR RECOMMENDATION" have been added by the local organization.

A telegram received today by the local manager of the WCCA, sent by the FSA Liason WCCA San Francisco, contains the following:

" Please make sure they understand they need not sell personal property but can store under protection Federal Reserve Bank without charge"

Yours very truly,

James G. Hayden
Field Representative

Rec'd 4/1/42
Nanaimo

March 31, 1942

PRESS RELEASE **

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
SAN FRANCISCO

Reports that Japanese and Japanese Americans, facing a "freezing order" tomorrow (Sunday) night, and evacuation under Army control, were rushing to dispose of their fishing gear, household effects, refrigerators, washing machines and other property, today brought two statements from the Wartime Civil Control Administration:

1. Stern warning from Tom C. Clark, chief of the WCCA civilian staff, and special assistant to the Attorney General, that any person taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of the evacuees to defraud them of property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

2. Statement from the WCCA that arrangements have been made for storing the property of the evacuees prior to issuance of exclusion orders. Warehouse space is being acquired, and all non-perishable goods properly crated will be stored. Information regarding storage and storage regulations can be obtained by Japanese at any of the 64 WCCA service offices established along the Pacific Coast. These offices are staffed with experts prepared to facilitate the closing of all personal and property affairs of Japanese in an equitable manner prior to their exclusion.

ALIENS

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt stated the Wartime Civil Control Administration will provide for the storage of evacuees' household furniture and non-perishable stocks of goods.

"Storage space will be available for the storage of household furniture and properly crated stocks of non-perishable goods prior to the time when any Japanese exclusion order will be issued, "General DeWitt said. "Provision will be made for instructing each person desiring to avail himself of storage space as to how to proceed. Information regarding storage space and regulations can be obtained by Japanese at any of the 64 WCCA service offices established along the Pacific Coast, in or near each Japanese Colony."

Commenting in reports of Japanese panic and forced sales, General DeWitt said: "No Japanese need sacrifice and personal property of value. If he cannot dispose of it at a fair price, he will have opportunity to store it prior to the time he is forced to evacuate by Exclusion Order. Persons who attempt to take advantage of Japanese evacuees by trying to obtain property at sacrifice prices are un-Americans, unfair, and are deserving only of the severest censure.

"Evacuation of Japanese from Military Area No. 1 is a military necessity, but I insist that it shall be accomplished with the maximum duty of fairness, consistent with rapid and orderly accomplishment of the objective. I counsel and advise all Japanese to await official orders, to be calm, law-abiding, and to prepare themselves for the coming evacuation by taking advantage of the property protection services offered them.

"Japanese who know of these services owe a duty to advise other Japanese to take early action to prepare for evacuation, and tell them that for such personal property of value as cannot be sold at a fair price, storage will be available."

OUR RECOMMENDATION:

1. Properly crate your merchandise. 2. Paint name and address plainly. 3. Number such crate and keep inventory on same. 4. If can sell at fair price do so. 5. Contact WCCA Santa Maria for additional information or your J.A.C.L.

Any person found in possession of contraband ~~tx~~ items after midnight Tuesday, March 31, will be subject to criminal penalties of Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, which is one year imprisonment, or $5000 fine, or both. In the case of aliens found in possession of contraband items they will be subject to apprehension and internment.

March 31st, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to your interview report dated March 27th relative to interview with Leon J. Libeu regarding the repossession of radios now in custody of the Santa Maria police. As far as we know, there is no provision made for the selling or repossession of contraband held by the various law-enforcing agencies. It is suggested that the authorities holding such contraband be contacted to learn if they have any means of releasing the articles to the sellers where there is an amount still owing. They should be able to inform them as to the correct procedure.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, Calif.

March 26, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
Evacuee Property Division
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I am herewith handing you circular of the Federal Security Agency which I inadvertently failed to enclose with my letter to you of yesterday.

The Public Assistance Worker here has, of course, been questioning me on this subject. I have been taking the position that it would be much best for all concerned if the problem as to personal belongings and furniture could be solved by the evacuees making their own independent arrangements for storage, etc. However, I am afraid that sooner or later the problem will be thrown squarely in our lap unless the sort of publicity mentioned is counteracted or countermanded.

Mr. Harry Miyake indicated that some consideration was being given by the Japanese to the idea of forming a furniture pool of some sort, but the enclosed sort of publicity may dull the initiative, particularly since there is hardly anyone left capable of initiative except Mr. Miyake, and he has more than he can attend to.

If I have a clearer understanding as to your ideas, I will know better how to proceed. In any case, for the present, I will exert every effort to encourage the settlement of such problems independent of action by us.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden

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Federal Security Agency
Services for Wartime Civilian Control Administration
March 20, 1942

Japanese going to induction or reception centers voluntarily or otherwise will be permitted to take with them only essential belongings for eating, sleeping, and wearing. If they drive in their own automobiles to the reception centers they also may take light articles of furniture, such as rugs, lamps, small chests of drawers, et cetera.

The general plan is that families going by train will take only what they can carry. This should include clothing, bedding, and such basic eating equipment as knife, fork, spoon, cup and saucer, and plate for each individual. Cots will be furnished at the reception center. Radios will probably not be permitted.

Families going to induction or reception centers should deliver all other furniture and personal belongings to warehouses now being set up by the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank. Personal property so delivered should be boxed or crated so that it can be (a) stored safely, and (b) handled readily in forwarding to eventual destination. Families should be encouraged to dispose of trivial possessions or items not adaptable to their new homes.

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March 26, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 25th. In your third paragraph you mention that there is enclosed a circular of the Federal Security Agency. However, this circular was not enclosed.

The fourth paragraph of your letter is answered in the Los Angeles Bulletin No. 6 sent you on March 25th.

In regard to the renting of a post office box, if you consider that it is to the best interests of the office to have one, you are referred to San Francisco Instruction Letter No. 5, which gives you the procedure for reimbursement.

Copied + attached to correspondence interview

Referring to your interview report dated March 23rd on Shiroichi Koyama, it is noted that the daughter has obtained a special license, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank to sell certain articles of personal property. This license gives her permission to sell these articles; however, if she should decide not to sell no other license will be necessary. It is also noted that the license requires the proceeds from the sale be deposited in a blocked account. Under General License No. 11 she would be permitted to draw $500.00 a month for living, travel and incidental expenses.

copied + attached to correspondence interview

Referring to your interview report form dated March 21st, under name of Torakichi Fuginami, the question is raised as to whether or not we require separate reports on all future contacts. Each time an interview is made with a person whom you have interviewed before, a supplemental report should be made, calling our attention on the copy sent to this office, so that we may attach it to the original interview.

The question raised regarding contacting the finance company or holders of contracts held by Japanese is answered in the Los Angeles Bulletin No. 3 dated March 24th.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. BOX 367
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

March 25, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
Evacuee Property Division
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I have received $5.00 in United States postage stamps as per your letter of March 21st. Thank you.

Your letter of March 23rd also received. I understand that all cases and matters are to be handled through your branch, not San Francisco.

Enclosed is circular of the Federal Security Agency. With reference to the last paragraph, I believe I have some idea as to your policy with respect to this subject, but it might be well for me to have a more definite understanding, and possibly some picture as to what is anticipated for the future. The people are beginning to come in in increasing numbers in response to this sort of publicity. This is apt to become a serious problem in this community because of the scarcity of buyers or dealers . Besides in about 90% of the families there is no head to take the initiative in disposing of the goods, or makingother arrangements.

Also, for the same reasons, the sale of cars is moving very slowly. And on top of this, there is the difficulty and delay over making transfers because most cars are registered in the names of individuals in internment camps. So there may be a lot of cars abandoned, or otherwise, unless transfers and sales can be expedited.

There is only one delivery of mail per day at this office, and it arrives at about 10:00 AM, when the mid-morning rush is on. On this account I have arranged for a P. O. box as numbered above at the cost of $1.00 for 3 months. If this is not satisfactory please let me know. I do not object to paying for the box myself if it is otherwise satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

James S. Hayden
Field Representative.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE
TO MR. Gold
MAR 23 1942

TO: LOS ANGELES

DATE March 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE:

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE
TO MR. Wacker
MAR 23 1942

We are enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to us by Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro under date of March 20, 1942, as well as a copy of our today's reply. Likewise is enclosed a copy of a letter to the Santa Maria Field Representative of the Evacuee Property Department to whom the enclosures were forwarded direct in the interest of time.

R. E. Evelson

Assistant Cashier.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Field Representative,
Evacuee Property Department,
Santa Maria, California.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing two copies of a letter from Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro dated March 20, 1942, and two copies of our reply of even date, as well as a copy of our today's letter to Los Angeles Branch.

Please extend whatever assistance you can to Mr. Tashiro. Copies of the enclosures, other than our Branch letter, may be handed the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office, as, no doubt, he will likewise desire to extend assistance.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Evans

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

cc: Los Angeles Branch

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro,
P. O. Box 16,
Pismo Beach, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 20, 1942, requesting information regarding the disposition of farm equipment and personal property in connection with evacuation plans.

This bank is endeavoring to provide assistance to evacuees in making equitable disposition of their property holdings, as is the Farm Security Administration in so far as agricultural and related problems are concerned. Field Representatives of this bank and the Farm Security Administration, as well as of the Federal Security Agency, are now located at the office of the U. S. Employment Service at Santa Maria, which appears to be the Field Office nearest your place of residence. The office is located at 310 W. Main Street, Santa Maria, California.

We suggest that you get in touch with the Field Representatives there, to whom copies of your letter and our reply are going forward for information purposes. They will lend all assistance possible.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Evenson

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Los Angeles Branch

cc: forwarded to
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Santa Maria, California

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March 20, 1942.

Federal Reserve Banks
San Francisco
California

Gentlemen:

Please send me, at your earliest convenience, any and all information you have regarding the functions of your organization in the control of property owned by an American-born Japanese who faces probable evacuation.

Will the United States Government, through the Federal Reserve Banks, make arrangements to secure a custodian for all farm equipment and personal property left behind? If so, how may I go about contacting him? In case I must evacuate before all the crops in the field are harvested, will steps be taken to safeguard them? How?

These are some of the questions I am most anxious to have clarified. Mr. C. L. Smith, manager of the local Bank of America, suggested that I inquire at your office for first-hand information, and your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Shigeshi Tashiro
by H.T.

Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro
P. O. Box 16
Pismo Beach, California

March 23, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

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FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

March 21, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Santa Monica
Ray. D. Johnson
1558 Fifth St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Santa Monica - 1556 - 5th St.

April 30, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Mgr. Federal Reserve Bank of S.F.
Los Angeles Branch,
707 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Expense Account

Dear Mr. Bold:

Herewith form E27 in duplicate covering expense incurred during the month of April 1942, in the sum of $3.27.

Please place in usual channel for payment.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ray A. Johnson

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

APRIL 28, 1942

MR. FRED C. BOLD,
ASST. MGR. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF S.F.
LOS ANGELES BRANCH,
707 SO. SPRING ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

SUBJECT: RESUME OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE WORK AT SANTA MONICA

DEAR MR. BOLD:

This joint departmental office opened March 17, 1942.

Evacuation was concluded April 28, 1942.

During this period, approximately 150 individual evacuee interviews were had, with additional group interviews of 65 persons.

Telephone inquiries aggregated approximately 75.

The majority of inquirants were from West Los Angeles, with Santa Monica next, thence Venice.

It is my conclusion that our service to the evacuees was highly beneficial to them and their attitude was that of gratitude.

Mr. William Whitaker, Farm Security Representative, stationed in this office was especially co-operative as was also the entire staff of the U.S.E.S., and many matters presented were of mutual interest and concern.

The work was interesting because of the appreciative manner displayed by the evacuees.

From the contacts made, my regard for resident Japanese has raised to a higher level.

I assume that there exists no further necessity for an Evacuee Property Department Representative in this district and further instructions are awaited.

Very truly yours,

Ray L. Johnson

Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

REFERRED BY MR. GOLD
APR 10

Santa Monica, California
April 8, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Mgr. Federal Reserve Bank of S.F.
Los Angeles Branch,
707 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

A native born Japanese evacuee phoned me to-day. He seemingly was well educated.

He claims to have a 1942 year model automobile which the selling dealer will not purchase; that the purchase price was $1200.00; that he has paid in $500.00; that the owner and holder of the contract threatens to repossess if default is made; and that the local office of the Price Administrator will not issue a permit to sell.

CONTENTION BY EVACUEE

I am an American citizen; forced to evacuate, thereby losing my job and income; am helpless to save or preserve my equity in the car; I will abide by law but feel that I am being unjustly deprived of my property.

ACTION TAKEN

Advised him of storage facilities available, at owners risk, at time of evacuation and alternative of offering for sale to Army. Suggested that he again confer with Finance Co., explaining the situation and seeking reduction in monthly payments. Invited him to again contact this office.

I realize the involvments, the legal owner's rights and wonder if there is any material assistance we can render.

Undoubtedly this evacuee will call me again and I will appreciate advice as to the further information that should be given and course of procedure in future cases of this nature.

4/17/42. Johnson telephoned. Advised him of procedure to follow in above.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Johnson
Field Representative

April 11, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Field Representative
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8, 1942.

Mr. Ray D. Johnson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

CE:MT

Assistant Manager.

April 8th, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Checking your interview reports dated April 7th on R. Hayamizu and H. Monoguchi, it is noted that under "Action Taken" in both cases you advised subjects to sign "Non Blocked Property Statements" for the transferring of motor vehicles. We know of no such form as the one you mention but assume that you mean a statement which was required by the Motor Vehicle Department to the effect that the Japanese was not an alien or a blocked national of Japan.

Under the new regulations of the Motor Vehicle Department there is no statement required and a motor vehicle may now be transferred by the proper signing of the ownership certificate.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Roy D. Johnson
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Santa Monica

April 2, 1948

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Mgr. Federal Reserve
Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Expense Account

Dear Mr. Bold:

Herewith in duplicate form E-27 itimizing expenses incurred during March 1948, in total amount of $7.13.

It will be appreciated if the account is put through the usual channels for payment.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ray L. Johnson

Field Representative

April 1st, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1538 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: Expense Account

We are returning herewith the copy of Form E-27, a request for reimbursement of traveling expenses.

The expenses, as shown, are satisfactory. However, you should complete the form by enumerating the total mileage in connection with your trips, at the rate of 6¢ per mile.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CFL:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Santa Monica, Calif.
March 30, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Mgr. Federal Reserve Bank
of San Francisco, Los Angeles Br.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Expense account

Dear Mr. Bold:

Herewith copy of proposed form of my expenditures for month of March, 1942.

At the March 20th meeting you intimated that dinner money might be allowable where necessarily incurred away from home.

I am not informed of the rate per mile for usage of automobile when such usage is required.

Will you please advise me if the form is in proper order and the rate of mileage applicable.

Please return the copy with instructions.

Very truly yours,

Paul D. Johnson
Field Representative

Rec'd 4/2/42
Vacation

March 27, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are returning the bill of Treadwell's Studio, which you forwarded to us, covering your two photographs in the amount of $1.55. Together with other items of expense which you may have, please reimburse yourself on Form E-27 as outlined in Instruction Letter No. 5 dated March 21st.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Santa Monica, Calif.
March 25, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of
San Francisco, Los Angeles Br.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Office Supplies

Dear Mr. Bold:

Will appreciate receiving a metal desk cabinet for filing and seggregating the several forms, circulars and Instruction Letters received and to be received by this office.

I have a small oak desk without key and considering the many employees and heavy traffic of this joint departmental office, believe that a metal container with lock and key is necessary.

I make this request because of postage stamps in my possession and a recent notification that our communications are confidential.

Very truly yours,

Ray L. Johnson
Field Representative,
Santa Monica District.

3/28

Mr Johnson call by telephone.
He was told we could not comply
with his request at present
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March 26, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re your letter of March 23rd.

Form TFR-300 Series J is a report of alien property required to be filed under general license number 68A with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, in quadruplicate, by all generally licensed Japanese Nationals whose total assets are $1,000.00 or more. However, the last day for filing this report was March 14th, 1942, and you probably will not have many questions relating thereto.

Form TFE-1 (revised) is an application form to be used by a blocked national in applying for a license to engage in a specific transaction. This application is filed in triplicate with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

Under instruction letter number 4 dated March 21, 1942, it is noted that the Form TFE-1 (revised) will also be used to consummate a transaction covering special blocked property.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CVL:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 23, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Re: Forms TFR-300 Series J and TFE-1
(Revised 8-1-41)

A few of the above forms are in my possession.

It is not clear to me whether or not in liquidation procedure arising in this office or coming to the knowledge of this office, these or either of these forms must be executed by the alien.

Where an alien reports that he is about to sell or dispose of his property involving a sum in excess of $1000.00, should this office require form TFE-1 to be executed and approval obtained before completion of the transaction, or is the form for use only where "Special Blocked Property" is involved?

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

Ray S. Johnson

Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Santa Monica District

Ans 3/26 Wardell

March 25, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23rd in which you ask as to the advisability of listing items for sale by Japanese in your daily newspapers.

It has not been the practice of this office to release any information submitted by the evacuee to publications or to a general list of brokers or others who might be interested on that basis. It will not be the policy to permit field representatives to list any items in local newspapers. You understand, of course, that we would not discourage the evacuee from running an ad at his own expense if he so desires.

As a matter of policy, we will have to be exceedingly careful in releasing information of this type to the general public under conditions which would represent a warranty on the part of the Federal Reserve Bank, and we feel that information coming to you over the counter, may be properly listed and made available for inspection under your control, to anyone calling at the office.

We distinctly want to avoid any inference on our part which would place the evacuee at a disadvantage, should unscrupulous persons be directly referred in any given instance.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 23, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

In contacting evacuees it is noted that items such as refrigerators, resturants, automobiles, florist shops and other properties are for sale.

In assisting these evacuees to dispose of their properties, would it be advisable to list these items for sale in our daily newspapers, or is that beyond the purview of our objective.

A list of these separate items is made daily at this office and it occurred to me that by medium of the newspaper further assistance might be rendered if you deem it advisable.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,

Ray L. Johnson

Field Representative,
Property Evacuee Department
Santa Monica District

RJ/pl

March 23, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

Assistant Manager

FCB:ms

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Santa Monica, Calif.
March 21, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold,
Asst. Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank
of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

At our conference Friday evening I mentioned closing time of this Federal Employment Office on Saturdays. You suggested that I advise you.

At noon all employment employees left except the manager.

While there were no Japanese or other aliens waiting I felt it my duty to remain on till one o'clock. The manager stated, "This office officially closes at 12:30 Saturdays, you can go home".

I remained till one o'clock. No evacuees came.

I made no further comments to the manager.

Very truly yours,

Ray D. Johnson
Evacuee Property Dept. Representative
Santa Monica District.

file
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phoned Mrs Wood re the matter

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 21, 1942

Need more of report forms immediately.

Making them in duplicate retaining copy for office record.

Please advise if this procedure correct.

Ray V. Johnson
Santa Monica

Answered by
LA Bulletin #1 - 3/24/42
C/E

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 21 - 1942

At conference Friday night, Mr. Bold stated that reports should be sent in on yellow forms.

I have no supply of yellow or white. Please forward.

Ray D. Johnson
Santa Monica

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 20, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
707 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Japanese evacuees who consult with this office often request that papers and forms incident to the transaction involved be drafted and that acknowledgments be executed by a Notary Public.

I have a Notary Public Commission and can take acknowledgments or do any notarial work in the County of Los Angeles. I am also able to draft any papers necessary to complete transactions, transfers, sales, or agreements for these evacuees.

Mr. Whitaker, Representative of the Department of Agriculture informs me that he will require considerable notarial work in the execution of his papers and has requested me to render that service.

I have confined my activities thus far as advisory only. Will you please advise if it is the policy of the Bank for the Evacuee Property Department Representative to notarize papers for evacuees, and also for such representatives to draft legal forms in their disposition of properties.

The need of these evacuees is readily apparent and this office can render a complete service as a Notary Public and prepare all business and legal forms if the policy of the Bank is that the Representative shall do so. Of course, if that service is to be performed additional office equipment and stenographic assistance will be required.

Please advise.

Respectfully submitted.

Ray L. Johnson

Evacuee Property Dept. Representative
Santa Monica District

RJ:pl

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 19, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
707 So. Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

On March 18th this office had four conferences with evacuees; on March 19th twelve.

Their problems are substantially as follows:

(a) Disposals of automobiles purchased under conditional sale contract.
(b) Disposals of real property purchased under contract of sale.
(c) Rental of homes.
(d) Sale of businesses.
(e) Sale of growing crop.
(f) Information as to where evacuees may be sent.
(g) Inquires concerning indigent families where husband and father is in custody of F.B.I.
(h) Continuing operation of evacuee's business by an agent.
(i) General information sought by Japanese social workers.

OFFICE SET-UP

The Dept. of Agriculture is represented by Mr. Wm. Whitaker who has a stene-secretary; a Mrs. Schwartz is representing Los Angeles County, Dept. of Assistance and F.S.A.

Mr. Whitaker handles matters concerning growing crops and aggricultural lands. Mrs. Schwartz handles needy and indigent cases.

The rear portion of this office (Federal Dept. of Employment) has been assigned us with some office equipment, which for the present will suffice.

All applicant evacuees are first referred to me as Evacuee Property Dept. representative. I make the interview and determine which representative should handle.

A growing number of inquirants seeking advice, aid and general information is anticipated.

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Thus far I am using my best judgment in disposing of the matters and will so continue until specific instructions and general policy are enunciated.

SUGGESTIONS

It is recommended that local newspaper publicity be given this office and its readiness to assist evacuees; if time is an element, possibly radio should be used.

OFFICE NEEDS

Please send a supply of the following:

100 Letter heads Fixed
100 Second sheets
100 Office copy sheets
25 Carbon paper
200 Gem clips
Scratch pads ×
Ink well-ink-pens and holder
0 Desk blotter and hand blotters. × 25
✓ Interview sheets

Respectfully submitted.

Ray D. Johnson

Evacuee Property Dept, Representative
Santa Monica District.

3/28/42
Jeanne & Lindgren
discussed at meeting

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 19, 1942
Santa Monica, Calif.

Received of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco--Los Angeles Branch, postage stamps to the extent of five dollars ($5.00).

Roy A. Johnson

Evacuee Property Representative
Santa Monica District

March 19, 1942

Mr. Ray D. Johnson
Evacuee Property Representative
1558 Fifth Street
Santa Monica, Calif.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to your letter of March 18 stating that your office had received several inquiries about Japanese relative to permits for travel and boundaries of restricted zones and areas.

For your information, such inquiries should be handled by the Federal Security Agency representative located in your office.

Maps and other data or circulars will be forwarded to your office when available for disposition.

The matter of postage has had our attention and I presume that stamps in the amount of $5.00 have now reached you.

Yours very truly,

FCB/MT

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

March 18, 1942

Fred C. Bold, Asst. Mgr.
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
707 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

This office has had several inquiries by Japanese residents relative to permits for travel and boundaries of restricted zones and areas.

While it is my understanding that this office exists primarily to assist in property liquidations; nevertheless, I would like to be informed as to what office or authority issues the permits to aliens for travel on our public highways.

I would appreciate receiving a map of established restricted areas and zones on the Pacific Coast if and when available for distribution.

If consistent please send me some postage.

Your courtesy would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Ray D. Johnson

Ray D. Johnson, Evacuee Property Rep.
Santa Monica District

RDJ;pl

3/19

Santa Maria
James G. Hayden
310 St. Main St.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

Santa Anita, California

9/15/42

Requisition:

Yellow copy paper

Plain white paper

Legal-length envelopes

~~Pencils~~

August 5, 1942

Mr. C. E. Billingsley, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Santa Anita Assembly Center
Arcadia, California

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

There is enclosed a self-explanatory letter from the Security Trust & Savings Bank of San Diego, Chula Vista, California, together with enclosures.

Please give this matter your attention, and report to us fully on the subject.

In returning the letter and enclosures, please either send them to us by registered mail or bring them in personally to our office, in view of the alleged forgery of the check.

Yours very truly,

FOB:MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosures.

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 8, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

I turned over all the Waybills and Personal property forms to Mr. Charlesworth as of May 6th, although we did not complete checking them over together until the next day. The small amount of extra time I was glad to give as I wanted everything prpperly completed and understood. I believe Mr. Charlesworth will tell you that the papers were turned over to him in very good shape.

As requested by you I am enclosing schedule of expenses which I trust has been properly prepared. I do not have any receipted bills because, as you know, Santa Barbara is my home, and I have made the charges for hotel and meals in proportion to what they have been in Santa Maria, where I have been taking care of my own expenses.

The trip to Santa Barbara as of May 2nd was necessary to complete the shipping arrangements with Bekins and get the Waybills prepared. They provided an extra girlx to assist with this without expense to us. The Waybills were of great benefit in connection with the checking, etc., at both ends. The next day, Sunday, I spent the entire day assisting at the loading end. I felt that the property should be shipped as soon as possible, and the Santa Maria office closed, estimating a savings of about $30.00 for every day saved.

Mr. Charlesworth said he would write the letter to Bekins putting them on notice in connection with the damaged goods.

Thankingyou for all consideration shown me, I am

Yours very truly,

James F. Hayden

P. S. I am enclosing the remainingstamps. The expense of returning my files, etc., to you cut heavily into the supply of stamps.

JFH

Mr. McRitchie
Mr. Davies

May 7, 1942.

Effective at the close of business May 6, we have terminated the employment of Mr. James G. Hayden, our Field Representative of the Evacuee Property Department in Santa Maria, Cal.

This action was due to the completion of the evacuation of the Japanese from the Santa Maria area.

Please mail Mr. Hayden his check for salary from May 1 to May 6, inclusive.

For the completion of our personal records, Mr. Hayden's services were satisfactory.

FCB:MC

Assistant Manager.

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Box 367
Santa Maria, California

May 3, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

About three quarters of the Evacuee property was shipped via Bekins today, the balance will load out tomorrow afternoon or Tuesday morning. I am enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Charlesworth which will give you the picture. Also is enclosed copy of the Bekins Bill of Lading covering the terms etc. under which the goods are being shipped. Also Waybill check list - a separate itemized list being completed for every family unit.

Mr. Charlesworth and Mr. Wallace informed me on Saturday that they are prepared to take care of the goods upon delivery. The plan is to stack the family units in such a manner as to allow access to each unit via aisles. They should encounter no difficulty in checking the items upon delivery from Bekins. However, in many cases the goods actually received by us does not tally with the Evacuee's inventory as per Personal Property For WCCA FRB - 2. Discrepancies will be duly noted on the forms. We suppose that one complete set is to be left with the custodian in Santa Barbara, and one set sent to you.

I am enclosing bill from the Santa Maria Transfer & Storage Co. The arrangements were made by Mr. Randall. Mr. O. C. Marriott who has certified as to the correctness of the bill is president of the transfer company, I believe.

For your information, 1386 evacuees registered, with 389 family heads. We have accepted 114 family units for storage, containing 867 pieces, more or less, consisting mainly of beds, boxes, etc. The Japanese feel that they have reduced their storage to essential things, and in view of this they hope that they will be given special consideration for this reason as soon as they are located in a resettlement area. We are storing no cars here and 4 cars were taken to Tulare for storage and 4 for sale to the army. We have stored no store or business equipment with the exception of dental and medical accessories.

There will be some watchman's wages to be paid. I understand that Mr. Randall arranged for the bill to be sent to you by the chief of police. I presume that there will be some long distance phone calls to be paid to the Employment office, although I know nothing about your arrangements with them. I would like to say that all agencies have been extremely cooperative, and I have never been associated with a more pleasant group of people

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than those those in this office. I should like it very much if you would write a note to Mr. Elmer Yates, manager of the office, expressing appreciation for their cooperation and courtesies extended.

I shall try to send my files tomorrow. With a few unimportant exceptions, the cases can be considered closed, and follow up reports to this effect have been attached. Actually the number of cases I have reported on are very few. I considered it useless to report on every inquiry regarding passenger cars or household furniture, and I understood that this was not desired.

The Japanese brought all personal property for storage into the Temple in Arroyo Grande, Japanese School house in Santa Maria, and YMA Hall in Guadalupe. We did not pick up a single article at any other point. Quite a number of automobiles were left for sale with the Shimizu garage in Guadalupe in accordance with arrangements made between the Japanese- American Citizens League and the California Lettuce Growers. A great deal of credit for all of these arrangements goes to Mr. Harry Miyake, president of the League.

I probably should mention that in my estimation there has been a lot of private storage arranged for. Also I notice that quite a number of stores have been vacated and the equipment left on the premises.

I shall finish up the job as quickly as possible. Thank you for it. I was glad to make the money, although I'll admit that I did not do much to earn it. However, I hope I did some good. I wouldn't mind a somewhat similar job following along with the evacuation into the new areas, and advising the people on their business and personal problems, and assisting them generally. I mention this in case you should ever hear of anything along these lines. I am free to go anywhere.

Thankingyou for all consideration shown me.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden

Field Representative

330 West Main St.,
Santa Maria, California

May 3, 1941

Mr. Walter M. Charlesworth, Field Representative,
Evacuee Property Division,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
22 East Victoria St.,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Mr. Charlesworth:

I am sending this letter to you via Mr. Duffy togetherwith Waybill Check Lists and our work sheets covering all of the family units loaded today. The family numbers covered are listed below. This material has been loaded on a large open 22' trailer, stacked high, a closed van and a Van semi all of which will be ready to unload on Monday morning at 6 AM. Mr. Duffy informs me that he has advised you and Mr. Wallace of this and that you will be on hand with your men to check and take delivery and stack. Also a load is going via a Stake body truck which is schedled to arrive at 8AM.

Mr. Duffy has checked everything himself that has been loaded. Any differences will be noted on the Waybills, which I hope will automatically adjust themselves at your end. In checking in, you of course will have to go by the receipted Waybills, but the attached work sheets (Personal Property Inventory Lists) may be of guidance. When I come down we will check everything over together. You should keep careful trast of any differences so that they may be noted on your final records and my final report.

I understand that Mr. Duffy will be present to make the check at your end. It is understood that the property will be delivered onto our warehouse floor where it will be separated by their men into the family units at which time our check is to be made, and you will receipt for the goods as each family unit is delivered in accordance with the Waybill Receipts. The final staking into family units in the warehouse will not be done by Bekins but will have to be done by your men, although Bekins will cooperate to such extent as their own operations are not hampered.

Our records show that there are 114 family units with a total of about 867 pieces. The larger individual units are contained in these trucks and I estimate that something over half of the total amount has been loaded out. Mr. Duffy plans to pick up the balance on Tuesday morning.

I plan to try to get my office here closed tomorrow, and if you want to reach me, please phone 1072. I'll come down if you need me.

Yours very truly

Field Representative

OVER

Truck 230

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412
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592
389

Truck 754

548 - 74 contain sewing machine
437
202
436
435
316
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439
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438
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449

Chev

582
534
524
522
260 - Trunk missing #2
455 - Check boxes for sewing machine
459
576
229
584
475
560
510
470 - ok for sewing machine in box
370
490
423
234 - check for small electric range
499

567 - work sheet missing but Waybill ok
404 - part of load on Tr. 754
272 - part of load on Tr. 506

Truck 506

14250
380
511
244
543
479
376
385
225
220
544
527
369
299 part loaded Tr 230
317
268 part loaded tr. 230
541
235 part loaded tr 754.
291
486 check for bed part
366
533

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

TRANSMITTED BY FRED C. BOLD

APR 16 REC'D

April 15, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dea Mr. Bold:

Instruction Letter No. 18

With reference to the last paragraph in the above letter, I shall be guided by the suggestions as per the second paragraph of said letter. Similar ideas have already been discussed with representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League:

Harry Miyake, Pres., Guadalupe
Ken Utsumomiya, Santa Maria
Jimmy Nakamura, Sec'y, Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo

Also with Mrs. Gillett and Mrs Shimizu of the Union Church.

Yours very truly,

James F. Hayden

Field Representative

April 14, 1942.

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of a letter addressed to this office by the F. C. B. A. Market, as well as a copy of a letter to the market from Youri Watanabe, P. O. Box 43, Guadalupe, California.

We have replied to the F. C. B. A. Market that the information was being transmitted to you and made the suggestion that you be contacted in regard to this particular problem. We have no suggestion to make as to the procedure to be followed in handling this matter, but your closer association with these people may place you in a better position to do so.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CTF
Enclosure.



Owners F. C. B. A. Markets
in Guadalupe, Arvin and Santa Maria, Calif.

Cable Address "F C B A" Los Angeles, California

F. C. B. A. MARKET
(INCORPORATED)
IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS, WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS
206 So. Spring St. Phone MUtual 4779
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. U. S. A.

April 13, 1942

Evacuee Property Section
Federal Reserve Bank
707 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

We are today in receipt of a letter from the office of the Fiscal Agent of the Reserve Bank of San Francisco relative to our inquiry on an alien named Shintaro Watanabe which according to our records owes us the sum of $249.70. We would appreciate it very much if you could advise us regarding this alien, as we desire to find out whether there is a possibility of collecting this past due account through the cooperation of your office.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated March 28, 1942 addressed to us by the family of the said alien, which is self-explanatory.

We will appreciate an early reply in the matter and are very much obliged.

Yours very truly,

F. C. B. A. MARKET, INC.

By Lyne Richardson

RED-rl

COPY

March 28, 1942
P. O. Box 43
Guadalupe, California

The F. C. B. A. Inc. Market
Guadalupe, California

Gentlemen:

In reply to your form letter, dated March 15, 1942, addressed to my father who is in Bismarck, North Dakota, under the War Dept. supervision, regarding our account of $249.07 of covering groceries and merchandise, please be advised that we would not pay you at this time, as I do not know our situation regarding the land we are farming which is owned by Mr. John Law.

At present my mother and other sister and brothers are in all 8, ages from 1 year to 17 years old, I am now being supported temporarely by the counties groceries worth $10 a week. For your further information I know that we own the following farming implements: tractor, farmall, disk, plow, automobile, Studebaker, Purch. 8, 1935, furniture worth $50.

Since my father was arrested we have harvested carrots (estimated) 1,000 crates, chicory 5 acres, 3 acres, chicory unharvested, 10 acres lettuce unharvested, 15 acres broccoli unharvested. Of all the crops harvested we did not receive a single penny the reason given to us by Mr. Law was my father owed him some money, amount I do not know. The crops to be harvested, I understand are to be taken by Mr. Law.

The farming implements taken from us, we do not know who ordered them to reprocessed from us.

My father worked in the farm with our help for about 50 acres, and cultivating plowing, etc.

We would be very glad if you could assist us what we understand is that we are to leave this farm within a day or so, any favor that you could do for us I have requested who are able to sign their names below this letter of my brothers and sister.

All of us have been born here, except my parents, my father has been farming this land over 2 years. We thank you and hope to hear from you soon if you could bring this matter to the authorities.

my brothers and sisters names

Yours very truly,

Signed: Youri Watanabe 39 (mother)

Yoshi 9

Saburo 6

Joe 5

Mary 3

Joyce 1

Signed: Nobuyuke Watanabe aged 7

Fuji Watanabe aged 15 years

Sukenobu Watanabe aged 13

April 8, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, Calif.

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9, dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CE:MT

April 11, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Santa Maria, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hayden:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that a transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 6, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1, 1942 regarding Instruction Letter No. 9. Please forward your report each Friday night on those transactions which you know to have been closed as a result of your efforts directly or indirectly.

In case you have not been instrumental in initiating a change of ownership or occupancy of real property, kindly so advise us. Unless this is done, we have no way of knowing whether there have been no transactions to report, or whether you have overlooked reporting some transactions of which you had knowledge at the time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

RECEIVED BY MR. BOLD
APR 2 - REC'D

April 1, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Instruction letter No. 9

With reference to the above letter, I have not initiated any negotiations, nor procured occupants for real property of Japanese evacuees.

As far as farm property is concerned, I believe that various deals are under way, but this side of the picture is being handled exclusively by Mr. Warren T. Stannard, WFA Agent, who conducts his activities from this same location.

I presume that it will not be necessary to make the weekly reports unless I personally have a hand in the procuring of new occupants for the real property.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden
Field Representative

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

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REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
APR 6 - REC'D

April 3, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Thank you for your letters of April 2nd. I am glad to have the information about the probability of providing storage space, and regarding the impounding of cars at travel centers. Whenever you can throw more light on these subjects I know you will do so.

There has been very little activity at this office during this week, with very few cases of a nature to warrant reports. We have suspected that some of the Japanese may be staying close to home for fear of conflicting with travel regulations and the curfew. However, I am inclined to believe that many of the problems are being solved individually, and with the assistance of various organizations of their own. I have encouraged this idea. Also have encouraged liquidation of all interests wherever it can be accomplished on a reasonable basis. Mr. Harry Miyake also seems to think that the Japanese people will be better off and happier in their new locations if they are not burdened with cares and worries about stuff, and interests left behind.

At the moment I can make no prediction as to the amount of personal or other property that we will be asked to take care of or store. A considerable quan tity may show up at the last minute, or possibly there may be very little. I presume that you will want me to continue to encourage disposal, and the clearing up of all interests possible.

Yours very truly,

James L. Hayden

April 2, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1 in which you quote information released by the Japanese American Citizens League in San Luis Obispo relative to automobiles in connection with the evacuation.

It had previously been understood, as Mr. Fred Tayama has informed his chapters of the League, that cars could be taken to the reception centers. Under orders released just yesterday from Army Headquarters in San Francisco, cars will not be taken beyond the travel center. In this locality the travel center is presently construed to be the Santa Anita Race Track property where the evacuees from Long Beach and San Pedro areas will first be taken. Cars will be impounded at that point and will not go to the reception centers in Owens Valley and elsewhere.

We assume that this same general pattern will apply in your locality. We have no information as to the travel center to be established for your area. We are assured, however, that no one will be allowed to take cars to the reception center.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHW/MT

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367

Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 2 - Rec'd

April 1, 1942

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles, Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Automobiles

I have had a telephone call today from the Secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League in San Luis Obispo who advises that he has received a letter from Fred Tayama, chairman of 15 chapters of the League, in Los Angeles, containing the following statement,

" Contrary to what was previously issued, no one is allowed to take cars to Reception Centers"

The Secretary in San Luis Obispo was not sure whether this information enamated from Mr. Thomas Clark or Capt. E. T. Adler, Assistant Adj. Gen., Headquarters Western Defense.

If it is going to be necessary or advisable for evacuees to dispose of automobiles, or store them, it would seem to be advisable in the interests of all concerned for this problem to be dealt with as soon as possible, in order to give the Japanese as much time as possible in which to try to work out their own solutions.

This letter does not necessarily call for an answer for I have no doubt but that the definite information will be made available to us in due course, but I am passing such reports on to you for your information and guidance.

Yours very truly,

James S. Hayden

Field Representative

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CR:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr. C. H. Small, our Field Representative in El Centro, relative to Mr. I. Osuga, 1116 West Church Street, Santa Maria, who owes $1,210.00 to Mr. Masukane of El Centro, California.

If you should come in contact with Mr. Osuga, try and ascertain if possible, if he intends to do anything regarding the payment of his indebtedness to Mr. Masukane, and report to us.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

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Enclosure

cc: C. H. Small
El Centro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 29th, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my field report of March 24th - subject MASUKANE, Minora :

I am now advised the address of the individual who bought Masukane's crop of lettuce December 24, 1941, for $3,000 on which there is still due Masukane $1,210, is as follows :

I. OSUGA
1116 West Church Street
Santa Maria, Calif.

Mrs. Masukane (mother of Minora) who has been taking care of her son's interests while he is absent in the service of the United States Army (he being an American born citizen) is informed that I. Osuga is at present in a concentration camp. She can obtain no information as to what is being done to liquidate his accounts payable from Santa Maria.

Has this case been reported to you from that territory as to (Osuga) and do you have any knowledge of any assurance that we can give to Mrs. Masukane that Osuga's interests are being taken care of and when she may expect further payments? If not, can we secure information for her? The last word she had from Osuga or anyone representing him was a check on account on or about February 10th with no statement or other word.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

April 2, 1942

Mr. James O. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
P. O. Box 337
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your letter of March 31 enclosing the mimeographed bulletin distributed to the Japanese in your area by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The recommendations contained in this release are correct as concerns the storage of personal property under the protection of the Federal Reserve Bank without charge. When the area is notified of impending evacuation, the problem of obtaining adequate storage space will be handled by men from this office. We might suggest that you be prepared to assist in the location of suitable quarters at that time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CHS/MT

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Watkins
APR 1 - REC'D

March 31, 1942

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division,
707 South Spring St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

In case it might be of interest to you, I am enclosing mimeographed sheet which is to be distributed to the Japanese in the Guadalupe and Santa Maria district by the Japanese American Citizens League.

This sheet is an excerpt from Bulletin No. 133, March 29th, issued by the headquarters of said League in San Francisco, except that, the remarks under "OUR RECOMMENDATION" have been added by the local organization.

A telegram received today by the local manager of the WCCA, sent by the FSA Liason WCCA San Francisco, contains the following:

" Please make sure they understand they need not sell personal property but can store under protection Federal Reserve Bank without charge"

Yours very truly,

James G. Hayden
Field Representative

Ans 4/2/42
Nanaimo

March 31, 1942

PRESS RELEASE **

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
SAN FRANCISCO

Reports that Japanese and Japanese Americans, facing a "freezing order" tomorrow (Sunday) night, and evacuation under Army control, were rushing to dispose of their fishing gear, household effects, refrigerators, washing machines and other property, today brought two statements from the Wartime Civil Control Administration:

1. Stern warning from Tom C. Clark, chief of the WCCA civilian staff, and special assistant to the Attorney General, that any person taking advantage of the perplexed state of mind of the evacuees to defraud them of property will be prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

2. Statement from the WCCA that arrangements have been made for storing the property of the evacuees prior to issuance of exclusion orders. Warehouse space is being acquired, and all non-perishable goods properly crated will be stored. Information regarding storage and storage regulations can be obtained by Japanese at any of the 64 WCCA service offices established along the Pacific Coast. These offices are staffed with experts prepared to facilitate the closing of all personal and property affairs of Japanese in an equitable manner prior to their exclusion.

ALIENS

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt stated the Wartime Civil Control Administration will provide for the storage of evacuees' household furniture and non-perishable stocks of goods.

"Storage space will be available for the storage of household furniture and properly crated stocks of non-perishable goods prior to the time when any Japanese exclusion order will be issued, "General DeWitt said, "Provision will be made for instructing each person desiring to avail himself of storage space as to how to proceed. Information regarding storage space and regulations can be obtained by Japanese at any of the 64 WCCA service offices established along the Pacific Coast, in or near each Japanese Colony."

Commenting in reports of Japanese panic and forced sales, General DeWitt said: "No Japanese need sacrifice and personal property of value. If he cannot dispose of it at a fair price, he will have opportunity to store it prior to the time he is forced to evacuate by Evolution Order. Persons who attempt to take advantage of Japanese evacuees by trying to obtain property at sacrifice prices are un-Americans, unfair, and are deserving only of the severest censure.

"Evacuation of Japanese from Military Area No. 1 is a military necessity, but I insist that it shall be accomplished with the maximum duty of fairness, consistent with rapid and orderly accomplishment of the objective. I counsel and advise all Japanese to await official orders, to be calm, law-abiding, and to prepare themselves for the coming evacuation by taking advantage of the property protection services offered them.

"Japanese who know of these services owe a duty to advise other Japanese to take earl action to prepare for evacuation, and tell them that for such personal property of value as cannot be sold at a fair price, storage will be available."

OUR RECOMMENDATION:

1. Properly crate your merchandise. 2. Paint name and address plainly. 3. Number such crate and keep inventory on same. 4. If can sell at fair price do so. 5. Contact WCCA Santa Maria for additional information or your J.A.C.L.

Any person found in possession of contraband ~~tx~~ items after midnight Tuesday, March 31, will be subject to criminal penalties of Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, which is one year imprisonment, or $5000 fine, or both. In the case of aliens found in possession of contraband items they will be subject to apprehension and internment.

March 31st, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to your interview report dated March 27th relative to interview with Leon J. Libeu regarding the repossession of radios now in custody of the Santa Maria police. As far as we know, there is no provision made for the selling or repossession of contraband held by the various law-enforcing agencies. It is suggested that the authorities holding such contraband be contacted to learn if they have any means of releasing the articles to the sellers where there is an amount still owing. They should be able to inform them as to the correct procedure.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
P. O. Box 367
Santa Maria, Calif.

March 26, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
Evacuee Property Division
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I am herewith handing you circular of the Federal Security Agency which I inadvertently failed to enclose with my letter to you of yesterday.

The Public Assistance Worker here has, of course, been questioning me on this subject. I have been taking the position that it would be much best for all concerned if the problem as to personal belongings and furniture could be solved by the evacuees making their own independent arrangements for storage, etc. However, I am afraid that sooner or later the problem will be thrown squarely in our lap unless the sort of publicity mentioned is counteracted or countermanded.

Mr. Harry Miyake indicated that some consideration was being given by the Japanese to the idea of forming a furniture pool of some sort, but the enclosed sort of publicity may dull the initiative, particularly since there is hardly anyone left capable of initiative except Mr. Miyake, and he has more than he can attend to.

If I have a clearer understanding as to your ideas, I will know better how to proceed. In any case, for the present, I will exert every effort to encourage the settlement of such problems independent of action by us.

Yours very truly,

James E. Hayden

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Discussed with Hayden by Slavin. f
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Federal Security Agency
Services for Wartime Civilian Control Administration
March 20, 1942

Japanese going to induction or reception centers voluntarily or otherwise will be permitted to take with them only essential belongings for eating, sleeping, and wearing. If they drive in their own automobiles to the reception centers they also may take light articles of furniture, such as rugs, lamps, small chests of drawers, et cetera.

The general plan is that families going by train will take only what they can carry. This should include clothing, bedding, and such basic eating equipment as knife, fork, spoon, cup and saucer, and plate for each individual. Cots will be furnished at the reception center. Radios will probably not be permitted.

Families going to induction or reception centers should deliver all other furniture and personal belongings to warehouses now being set up by the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank. Personal property so delivered should be boxed or crated so that it can be (a) stored safely, and (b) handled readily in forwarding to eventual destination. Families should be encouraged to dispose of trivial possessions or items not adaptable to their new homes.

March 26, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 25th. In your third paragraph you mention that there is enclosed a circular of the Federal Security Agency. However, this circular was not enclosed.

The fourth paragraph of your letter is answered in the Los Angeles Bulletin No. 6 sent you on March 25th.

In regard to the renting of a post office box, if you consider that it is to the best interests of the office to have one, you are referred to San Francisco Instruction Letter No. 5, which gives you the procedure for reimbursement.

Copied & attached to corresponding interview

Referring to your interview report dated March 23rd on Shiroichi Koyama, it is noted that the daughter has obtained a special license, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank to sell certain articles of personal property. This license gives her permission to sell these articles; however, if she should decide not to sell no other license will be necessary. It is also noted that the license requires the proceeds from the sale be deposited in a blocked account. Under General License No. 11 she would be permitted to draw $500.00 a month for living, travel and incidental expenses.

copied + attached to corresponding interview

Referring to your interview report form dated March 21st, under name of Torakichi Fuginami, the question is raised as to whether or not we require separate reports on all future contacts. Each time an interview is made with a person whom you have interviewed before, a supplemental report should be made, calling our attention on the copy sent to this office, so that we may attach it to the original interview.

The question raised regarding contacting the finance company or holders of contracts held by Japanese is answered in the Los Angeles Bulletin No. 3 dated March 24th.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

P. O. BOX 367
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

March 25, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch
Evacuee Property Division
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I have received $5.00 in United States postage stamps as per your letter of March 21st. Thank you.

Your letter of March 23rd also received. I understand that all cases and matters are to be handled through your branch, not San Francisco.

Not enclosed

Enclosed is circular of the Federal Security Agency. With reference to the last paragraph, I believe I have some idea as to your policy with respect to this subject, but it might be well for me to have a more definite understanding, and possibly some picture as to what is anticipated for the future. The people are beginning to come in in increasing numbers in response to this sort of publicity. This is apt to become a serious problem in this community because of the scarcity of buyers or dealers . Besides in about 90% of the families there is no head to take the initiative in disposing of the goods, or makingother arrangements.

Also, for the same reasons, the sale of cars is moving very slowly. And on top of this, there is the difficulty and delay over making transfers because most cars are registered in the names of individuals in internment camps. So there may be a lot of cars abandoned, or otherwise, unless transfers and sales can be expedited.

There is only one delivery of mail per day at this office, and it arrives at about 10:00 AM, when the mid-morning rush is on. On this account I have arranged for a P. O. box as numbered above at the cost of $1.00 for 3 months. If this is not satisfactory please let me know. I do not object to paying for the box myself if it is otherwise satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

James F. Hayden

Field Representative.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE
TO MR. Gold
MAR 23 1942

TO: LOS ANGELES

DATE March 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE:

REFERRED BY MR. McRITCHIE
TO MR. Watkins
MAR 23 1942

We are enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to us by Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro under date of March 20, 1942, as well as a copy of our today's reply. Likewise is enclosed a copy of a letter to the Santa Maria Field Representative of the Evacuee Property Department to whom the enclosures were forwarded direct in the interest of time.

R. E. Evelson
Assistant Cashier.

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

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by .....
(Surname)

File only when signed

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Field Representative,
Evacuee Property Department,
Santa Maria, California.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing two copies of a letter from Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro dated March 20, 1942, and two copies of our reply of even date, as well as a copy of our today's letter to Los Angeles Branch.

Please extend whatever assistance you can to Mr. Tashiro. Copies of the enclosures, other than our Branch letter, may be handed the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office, as, no doubt, he will likewise desire to extend assistance.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Evans

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

cc: Los Angeles Branch

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 21, 1942

Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro,
P. O. Box 16,
Pismo Beach, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 20, 1942, requesting information regarding the disposition of farm equipment and personal property in connection with evacuation plans.

This bank is endeavoring to provide assistance to evacuees in making equitable disposition of their property holdings, as is the Farm Security Administration in so far as agricultural and related problems are concerned. Field Representatives of this bank and the Farm Security Administration, as well as of the Federal Security Agency, are now located at the office of the U. S. Employment Service at Santa Maria, which appears to be the Field Office nearest your place of residence. The office is located at 310 W. Main Street, Santa Maria, California.

We suggest that you get in touch with the Field Representatives there, to whom copies of your letter and our reply are going forward for information purposes. They will lend all assistance possible.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Everson

Assistant Cashier.

cc: Los Angeles Branch

cc: forwarded to
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Santa Maria, California

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March 20, 1942.

Federal Reserve Banks
San Francisco
California

Gentlemen:

Please send me, at your earliest convenience, any and all information you have regarding the functions of your organization in the control of property owned by an American-born Japanese who faces probable evacuation.

Will the United States Government, through the Federal Reserve Banks, make arrangements to secure a custodian for all farm equipment and personal property left behind? If so, how may I go about contacting him? In case I must evacuate before all the crops in the field are harvested, will steps be taken to safeguard them? How?

These are some of the questions I am most anxious to have clarified. Mr. C. L. Smith, manager of the local Bank of America, suggested that I inquire at your office for first-hand information, and your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Shigeshi Tashiro
by H.T.

Mr. Shigeshi Tashiro
P. O. Box 16
Pismo Beach, California

March 23, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

Bold

FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

March 21, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
310 West Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the United States Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:rh
Enclosures
Registered Mail

Ventura
Walter M. Charlesworth
53 S. California St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department,

22 East Victoria Street,
Santa Barbara, California.
May 13th, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Attention Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager

Sirs:--

Under seperate cover I forward all the Personal Property Forms covering Japanese property now in our storehouse here in Santa Barbara. These forms cover one hundred and fourteen parcels of personal property, and are all three copies. The warehouseman, Mr. Archie Wallace has signed his work copy for each list. These lists are for Santa Maria property only.

The forms covering property recieved from Oxnard, Santa Paula and other Ventura county points will come to you tomorrow or possibly by the next mail, along with the forms for Lompoc and Santa Barbara. We only have the work copy covering those lots however as the other two copies were taken into your office by the Field Representatives who actually handled the evacuation centers here and at Ventura.

I expect to have my work completed by tomorrow night and we are working to that end, expecting to complete any remaining details including the making up of proper log book covering lots and the location of same in the storehouse.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth,

Walter Charlesworth,
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department,

22 East Victoria Street,
Santa Barbara, California.
May 13th, 1942.

Mr. Joseph J. Gosling,
Household Goods Department,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Gosling:-

Yours of the sixth, inclosing letter for Mr. Archie Wallace, warehouseman in charge of our storehouse and its contents of Japanese personal property, recieved. I gave Mr. Wallace's letter to him.

We are expecting to finish our work here in Santa Barbara tomorrow so if you find time to come up we would appreciate it as we could then turn everything over to you in proper shape and in person. I am tonight forwarding all the Santa Maria and Guadalupe Personal Property Forms to the offices there--all three copies--one hundred and fourteen lots. By tomorrow we expect to have checked and recorded the lots etc of the parcels from Ventura County and the rest of Santa Barbara County.

I believe you will find the records as well as the property its self in very good shape.

Sincerely,

Walter Charlesworth.

Walter Charlesworth,
Field Representative.

May 13th,
1942.

May 7, 1942

Mr. Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
22 E. Victoria Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. Charlesworth:

We are returning the letter you received from Tom Hirashima, President of the Japanese American Citizens League in Santa Barbara.

It is a very nice letter and we appreciate your forwarding it to us.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Evacuee Property Department
22 E. Victoria Street
Santa Barbara, California

Messers. Bold and Watkins:

I think this letter, which I received this morning from Mr. Tom Hirashima, President of the Japanese American Citizens League, Santa Barbara Chapter, might very rightfully have been addressed to our entire Evacuee Property Department for I am sure we have all tried to handle this historic undertaking with friendship and understanding toward the Japanese. To me these people and their problem has been a lesson in willing cooperation. Will you please return the letter to me?

Sincerely,

Walter Charlesworth.

Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative

May 4, 1942

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Evacuee Property Department
53 South California Street
Ventura, California

May 4, 1942

In re: George Yanaginuma,
539 Oxnard Blvd.
Oxnard, California
#10336-Laundry equipment

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch,
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Bold or Mr. Watkins

Sirs:

Herewith freight bill #5192 of the Ventura Transfer Company, $54.00 charged for hauling the above laundry equipment from Ventura to warehouse in Santa Barbara.

The handling of this evacuees' laundry machinery was quite a problem for Mr. Lancaster and myself. This man had operated his laundry at this location and in the same room for 32 years. And to tear the machinery out and store it was really like uprooting a very old tree. With such long tenacy in mind I requested the heirs of the owner estate and the executor, The Security First National Bank, SantaBarbara Branch, to lower his rent to $15.00 or less so that Mr. Yanaginuma might simply pay the rent for the duration and leave the equipment as was, and although the room was hardly suitable for any occupancy and while the estate has three adjoining rooms all vacant, still they could not see their way to reduce the rent to such a figure. Mr. Yanaginuma wouldhave paid such a lower rental. Three weeks effort had failed to find either a buyer or lessor for the business. So the only thing to do was to disconect and uproot this old establishment, which Mr. Yanaginuma paid the transfer company $95.00 to do.

Mr. Lancaster and myself took the authority to pay the transfer company $54.00 to haul the stuff, two truckloads, to the warehouse in Santa Barbara. This was at more than our established rate at $3.60 an hour for a man and truck because to haul all of this stuff required very large trucks with a driver and two or three helpers. The steam boiler and one or two other pieces of machinery were very heavy and I am sure the freight bill is reasonalhe.

There are several interesting human sidelights connected with the above case which I will relate some day when I am in the office., sidelights which are difficult to get down on paper.

Sincerely,

Walter Chanbourth.
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department.

Santa Barbara, California.
May 1st, 1942.

Evacuee Property Department,
Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Attention Mr. Bold and Mr. Watkins:

Watkins

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Sirs:-

The last of the Japanese from this and Ventura counties were taken to the Tulare center yesterday morning, as you of course know. By night we had most of the household goods and other personal property belonging to those in Ventura county and those from the Lompoc area of this county, properly stored in the warehouse which Mr. Learned rented here in Santa Barbara for that purpose.

All the goods from both counties will soon be in storage and arranged in lots as you require. I had a phone call from our Santa Maria Field Agent advising me that you had ordered the property of one hundred and fourteen families in that area to be brought to our warehouse here for storage. I believe there is just about enough space to accomodate it, provided the lots do not average larger than those we now have on the floor. We will have no cars to store from the Ventura and Santa Barbara evacuees, as I think Mr. Lancaster has reported to you.

Our warehouseman and one of his helpers (we have two laborers as helpers at $4.00 per day each) have had warehouse and storage experience. I had the electric lights turned on as well as the city water which was needed to clean floors and for all the usual purposes.

There were a number of last minute problems or "headaches" at Ventura but Mr. Lancaster and I were able to clear them all up except a drug store, the owner of which did not seem to want our help especially. I will send you a report on that case by its self. A laundry belonging to George Yanaginuma was perhaps our most difficult case but at the last hour we solved it to the advantage and satisfaction of all concerned.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth.

Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Evacuee Property Department
[illegible] South California Street
Ventura, California

May 4, 1942

In Re: Everett Itnaga, 707 Oxnard Blvd. Oxnard, California.
Drug Store
Evacuee No. 10374

Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch,
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Bold or Mr. Watkins

Sirs:

A more detailed report on the above evacuee is that he did not come to us for information or advice until just four or five days before he had to leave for camp. Consequently we did not have a great deal of time in which to help him solve his problem.

He wanted either to sell the drug store or lease it out, and having three or four prospects to do so did not seem to want a great deal of advice from us. He did store his household goods with us in Santa Barbara.

On the day of leaving for camp he told our Mr. Lancaster that everything was alright and that he had been able to handle it himself. I understand he left a Power of Attorney with Mr. Irwin M. Love, Attorney of Oxnard, California, who in a telephone conversation with me this morning informs me that Mr. Itnaga simply locked the drug store up and left for camp. Mr. Love said this morning that he had just had a telegram from Mr. Itnaga indicating that he had been able to make some kind of a deal, and that Mr. Love would shortly receive a check in part payment on the deal and that Mr. Love was too conclude it along lines, which they had no doubt agreed upon.

Mr. Love intimated that Itnaga would simply continue to pay his monthly rental on the store room until such time as some kind of a deal is concluded. This drug store is, as far as I know, the only problem in this territory that Mr. Lancaster and I were not able to entirely dispose of.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth.

Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative
Ventura, California

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

22 Victoria Street
Santa Barbara, California

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
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April 9, 1942

Evacuee Property Department
Los Angeles Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. Fred Bold

Dear Mr. Bold:

A few days ago I asked Mr. Tom Hirashima, president of the local Japanese Association and Mr. James Ezaki, another young Japanese who is very active in their affairs, to call and see me. I wanted to get an estemate from them of the number of rooms of household goods there would be among the Japanese in the Santa Barbara area. Purpose back of this was of course, so that our Department might get a fair idea of how much storage space would be required to properly store the household goods and personal effects of these people for the duration.

These men came into the office today and after a talk, covering the situation, promised to make a comprehensive survey and see me again next week when our office is in Santa Barbara.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth

Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative
Ventura, California

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Walter M. Charlsworth, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
53 So. California St.
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that the transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

It should be kept uppermost in mind that our responsibility and interest in these problems should not end with a review of a problem and our advice as to its solution, but continue until some disposition of the property problem has been made. Please see that all subsequent interviews are recorded on the interview form, as it is essential that we have a complete record of the case from the initial interview until its conclusion.

For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8th, 1942

Mr. Walter M. Charlsworth
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
53 S. California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Reference is made to Instruction Letter No. 9 dated March 28, 1942.

Most transfers of evacuees' interests in real property involve farm problems. These have been consistently referred by our field representatives to the Farm Security Administration Representatives, who will report final disposition of such cases. If you feel you have been instrumental in effecting any sales or transfers of leases of real property by evacuees (whether on farm or non-farm properties) you should include them in your reports; providing you are sure the Farm Security Administration Representative in your office is not reporting the same cases.

In the event you have not already forwarded to this office a report covering the week of March 28th to April 3rd inclusive, please do so at once, and in the future forward such reports at the close of business on Friday evenings. In order that our records may accurately reflect the figures for your office, it is requested that you make the weekly reports whether or not there have been any actual transactions during the period.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 3rd, 1942

Mr. Walter M. Charlsworth
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
53 S. California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

It is observed that in certain communications and reports from our Field Representatives of the Evacuee Property Department, occasional reference is made to "Jap" or "Japs".

You will appreciate in some instances it might be necessary to forward certain letters to other departments of the Government, and it would appear desirable that in the future the words "Japanese" or "Evacuees" be used.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. Walter M. Charlsworth
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
53 S. California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

This office wishes to compile figures showing daily for each field office the list of communities visited by the Field Representative outside the town in which his office is located. This report can easily be made at the bottom of the "Record of Interviews" summary which you are now forwarding daily to us with copies of the interview sheets.

It is suggested that you indicate the visits by simple notation showing communities visited, and dates of visits.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

AE:MC

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

53 South California Street
Ventura, California

March 30, 1943

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Sir:

As explained in my telephone conversation of this morning to you the three different Field Representatives in this department yesterday, Sunday, attended a meeting of the Japanese at Santa Barbara. The president of the Japanese Association telephoned to me Saturday telling me about the meeting and extending to this office an invitation to meet with them at the Buddhist Temple in Santa Barbara.

There were about three hundred Japanese at the meeting and we organized it as a question and answer section, and for about an hour and a half Mr. Hazleton of the Wartime Farm Adjustment Program, Miss McGrath of the Federal Security Division, and myself answered whatever questions that were asked as far as we had information to give. We all feel, and I know the Japanese feel that it was a worthwhile meeting. We agreed to spend three days a week at Santa Barbara to render the same service there as we had been rendering here to the Japanese, and I was very glad you gave me permission to do so. Both Mr. Hazleton and Miss McGrath had already had orders from their departments to go to Santa Barbara for a part of each week.

Santa Barbara "News Press" had a reporter there to cover the meeting. Under separate cover I send a copy of this mornings issue so that you may see the article that appeared concerning the work we will be doing up there this and succeeding weeks. Mr. D. C. Slavin of the Los Angeles Office spent the forenoon with me here going over various detail work. I appreciated the help he was able to give me.

Friday I mailed you a copy of contraband items in the hands of the Ventura sheriffs and enclose copy of a list of contraband items that have been turned over to the Chief of Police of Santa Paula. Both lists are quite interesting. There are quite a lot of Japanese in and around Santa Barbara and I believe we can save them a lot of traveling and do our work more thoroughly by spending some time there each week.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth.

Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative
Ventura, California

53 So. California Street
Ventura, California
March 25, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold
Assistant Manager
Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Your letter of the 24th returning my report on interview with Miss Winifred F. Draper, concerning the Japanese woman, Yoshiko Furukawa, received this morning.

Incidentally, Miss Draper was in the office this afternoon for other information concerning evacuees matters and I learned Mrs. Furukawa is now in Los Angeles with her sister, having gone there last week under the usual permit. She stored her property with Mr. W. C. Wheldon at the Point Mugu Fishing Camp as set forth in my corrected interview sheet, copy of which I attach herewith.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth,

Field Representative

file with report
3-27-42

March 23, 1942

Mr. Walter M. Charlsworth,
Evacuee Property Department,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
53 South California Street,
Ventura, California.

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

Reference is made to instruction letters number 1-3 inclusive, signed R. E. Everson, Assistant Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which were recently forwarded to you.

In the last paragraph of instruction letter number 2, you will note that your attention is especially drawn to the fact that "No steps should be taken by Field Representatives in exercising powers covered by this regulation without first referring the matter to this office." It is not the intention that this matter and questions which will be the subject of future letters from the San Francisco office be referred back to San Francisco.

In this instance and in future cases where reference to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is indicated, it will be satisfactory to clear through the Evacuee Property Branch, 707 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Yours very truly,

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FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Evacuee Property Department

Ventura, California

March 26, 1942

Mr. Fred Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Evacuee Property Department
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Sir:

Thanks for the five dollars worth of postage stamps which you sent on the nineteenth for the use of this office. I will make arrangements for their safe keeping.

Very truly

Walter Charlesworth

Walter Charlesworth
Field Representative

March 24, 1942

Mr. Walter M.Charlsworth
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
53 South California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

We observe that you are forwarding to us the white copies of daily interviews. Will you please retain the white copies for your files, sending us the yellow copies.

We are returning the report of Yoshiko Furukawa and ask that you please complete it by recording the action taken or advice given in this particular instance. Retain this original for your files and return the corrected duplicate to us.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ms
Enclosures

March 24, 1942

Mr. W. M. Charlsworth
53 So. California St.
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlsworth:

We notice you are forwarding us the white copies of the interview sheets. In the future we would appreciate if you would send us the yellow copies, and retain the white for your files.

Yours very truly,

FCB/MT

Assistant Manager.

March 19, 1942

Mr. Walter Charlesworth
Evacuee Property Department
53 South California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Sir:

We were glad to get your letter of March 18 informing us that you have opened the office with the United States Employment Services. We should appreciate receiving a clipping from the local newspaper showing the article dealing with the opening of the office.

According to our information, it will be necessary for the Japanese to obtain a travel authority from the Commissioner of Immigration. This is true in the case of a citizen Japanese, and there is a furthere requirement affecting the alien in that in addition to obtaining authority from the Commissioner of Immigration, he must also obtain clearance from the United States Attorney's office and within five days after establishing new residence notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner of Immigration. We find here that the change of residence notice required under this procedure may be obtained at any United States Post Office and such notice must be executed at that office not more than five nor less than one day prior to any change of residence. This does not contemplate any change in existing regulations of the United States Attorney General, which requires aliens of enemy nationalities to obtain travel permits from United States attorneys and to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner of Immigration of any change in permanent address.

We suggest that you get in touch with the Post Office and other departments in your city and verify this procedure with them.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

CWW/MS

53 South California St.,
Ventura California.
March 18th, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
Evacuee Property Department,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention of Mr. Fred Bold or
Mr. Watkins;---

Sirs;--

I arrived here this morning at eight thirty and came direct to this address; met Mr. Wm. J. Lee, local manager of the office of the United States Employment Services with whom arrangements had previously been made for housing our own offices and activities.

We share office space with the Wartime Farm Adjustment Program---Mr. C. Hazelton, Field Agent, with whom I understand I am to work in the evacueeproblem.

The telephone number, Mr. Bold, is Ventura2291-Ex. #4.

Tomorrow's local paper will carry a short article informing the Japanese and other aliens of the opening of this office and its purposes. I will send a copy of the paper to that office. So fartoday, of course no Japanese are have been in for consultation but I understand they uninformed as to whether or not they are required to obtain a permit to travel farther than five miles from their homes or to depart from the state. Will you please let me know what, if any, ruling exists in that matter.

Very truly,

Walter Charlesworth.

3/19/42
Acknowledged
Watkins

March 19, 1942

Mr. Wm. Charlesworth, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
53 South California Street
Ventura, California

Dear Mr. Charlesworth:

There is enclosed $5.00 in United States postage stamps for use in your office.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of these stamps, and we would assume that you can arrange with the U. S. Employment Service Manager to have them locked up in a safe place over night.

Yours very truly,

FCB:rh

Assistant Manager

Enclosures
Registered Mail

Whittier
A. D. Holloway
214 N. Philadelphia St.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 15, 1942

Mr. F. C. Bold
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

I have returned today by express all unused supplies and copies of all reports I had here.

I appreciate very much all of the courtesies shown me by your office during the period of my employment in the evacuee work and trust I might have the pleasure of meeting you again in the future.

Yours truly,

A. D. Holloway
Whittier Office
Evacuee Property Department

adh/mf

April 25, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
214 West Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Holloway:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Kawaguchi regarding some property he is renting near Norwalk.

It is suggested that you discuss this subject with the Farm Security representative inyour office and if any arrangements can be made for subletting, we suggest that contact be made direct with Mr. Kawaguchi.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Enclosure
FCB:ms

Please send 25 envelopes

Form 10 A (10-41) 36478

to

A D Holloway

214 West Philadelphia

Whittier, Cal

sent 4-29-42

Please send 10 TFEL forms and 10 Power

of Attorney, individual.

A. D. Holloway,

x 314 West Philadelphia,

Whittier

Sent 4/23/54 ✓

April 11, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
214 W. Philadelphia St.
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Holloway:

It will be necessary that you immediately review all your interview forms where property interests are involved, and unless your subsequent records indicate that the transaction has been completed, you should immediately contact the inquirer by telephone or letter.

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For your guidance, we are enclosing a specimen letter which we have been using in this office.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

April 8th, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
214 West Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Holloway:

Regarding your interview report dated April 7th on T. Umeda, we note that you advised the subject that storage for trucks and household goods would be in charge of the Army and that rules would be announced when evacuation is ordered.

Will you please refer to instruction letters No. 2 and 14 which are relative to the storage of personal property by the Evacuee Property Department.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

April 8, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
214 W. Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

Re: Transfer of Evacuee Real Property, or Interest Therein.

Dear Mr. Holloway:

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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April 3rd, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
214 W. Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

FCB:MC

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
214 W. Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Holloway:

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Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CE:MC

April 1st, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
214 W. Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Holloway:

Reference is made to your interview report dated March 27th, 1942, of Joe Smith, wherein Mr. Smith reports to us that an evacuee has abandoned personal property.

The provisions of the civil code relative to the rights of the lessor would prevail in this case. It is clear that the lessor would, in our opinion, have the right to release the property providing that the lessee's interests and property are protected. When the evacuation order is issued for your area, then the lessor should report the property to us and the disposition will be determined at that time.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CFL:MC

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Please send supply of Env. 10A (10-41) 36479

to

A. D. Holloway,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Evacuee Property Dept.,
314 West Philadelphia st.,
Whittier, California

March 23, 1942

Mr. A. D. Holloway
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
214 W. Philadelphia Street
Whittier, California

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Yours very truly,

Bald

FCB:ms

Assistant Manager.