

WW II evacuation + relocation (2)
EPD Instructions

Handwritten: B. J. E. C. Copy

AIR MAIL

To: PORTLAND

Date December 16, 1941

Subject: Foreign Funds Control

The following instructions have been received from Treasury Department:

"You are instructed to add the following amendment:

'This license does not authorize any transaction prohibited by the Treasury representative assigned to this enterprise.'

to licenses in your district in the names of the following business enterprises as promptly as you are able to effect the installing of Treasury representatives in such business enterprises.

After the Treasury representative is installed and has worked out a suitable procedure with the banking institutions involved for the honoring of checks and other items outstanding and to be issued in the future, the following clause should be inserted in the license:

'No payment, transfer or withdrawal may be effected unless approved by such Treasury representative.'

The Treasury representatives may be National Bank Examiners, Customs Officers, Treasury Investigators, or any other available Treasury personnel, all of whom are being instructed to get in touch with you immediately and be at your disposal in this connection. Such representatives shall be guided by the following general instructions.

(1) No person shall be permitted into or out of the premises of such enterprises without approval of the Treasury representative. Do not keep out officials, employees and others on a wholesale basis, but merely those individuals whom you have reason to believe to be dangerous.

(2) Treasury representatives shall determine the number and location of books and records and access to or use of such books and records shall be under surveillance of the Treasury representatives. No books or records shall be destroyed, effaced, nor shall any records be removed from the premises without the permission of the Treasury representative.

(3) No mail shall be delivered to such enterprises or opened except in the present of or as authorized by the Treasury representative who shall have the right to inspect all incoming and outgoing mail.

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(4) No payments, transfers or withdrawals of funds from bank accounts or otherwise shall be permitted except with the prior approval of the Treasury representative. Approval shall not be given except for payments, transfers or withdrawals in the normal course of the legitimate business of the enterprise. Approval for normal expenditures shall be given promptly.

(5) No changes in personnel shall be made without the prior approval of the Treasury representative.

(6) As soon as sufficient Treasury personnel for the purpose is made available, the Treasury representative and his staff shall begin a careful study of all books, files, correspondence, and all other records. The object of such a study will be to determine what transactions, relationships, activities and personnel of the business enterprise are opposed to the national interest.

(7) Any transactions, relationships or activities opposed to the national interest shall be prohibited by the Treasury representative. Appropriate measures shall be taken with reference to personnel whose continued employment is opposed to the national interest."

The following are names of concerns to which the above apply, furnished us by the Treasury Department to date, however, no licenses have been issued to these concerns by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Should you find that any of these companies have branch offices in your zone, concerning which we have not already given you specific instructions, please inform us and further instructions will be given.

(FOR LIST OF NAMES SEE ORIGINAL LETTER IN GENERAL FILES
OR COPY HELD BY ACCOUNTANT)

Treasury representative should bear identification as follows:

_____ (for name)

whose signature appears below is a legally appointed representative of the United States Treasury Department entitled to exercise the authority and perform the duties provided by law and Department Regulations.

_____ (For the person to sign his name)

_____ (For officer of Federal Reserve Bank
as agent of the Secretary of the
Treasury)

C. E. Earhart (signed)
Cashier

[Handwritten signature]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Comptroller of the Currency

Chief National Bank Examiner
Twelfth Federal Reserve District
1 Montgomery Street, Room 921
San Francisco, Calif.

January 12, 1942.

Mr. D. L. Davis,
Managing Director,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your memorandum of January 8, 1942, to your Head Office,
has been referred to me for reply.

We have suggested to our examiners who are placed in a
supervisory capacity in foreign concerns that they countersign
checks as follows:

REVIEWED: (date)

Examiner, Office of the
Comptroller of the Currency.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Irwin D. Wright

IRWIN D. WRIGHT
Chief National Bank Examiner,
Twelfth Federal Reserve District.

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HEAD OFFICE

TO: PORTLAND

DATE August 24, 1942

SUBJECT: Evacuee Property Department

REFERENCE:

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

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

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

R. E. Everson /s/
Assistant Cashier

Enclosure

Handwritten notes:
H O L 11-27-42
copy to Everson & Linville
and file in Seattle
[Signature]

(LETTERHEAD OF)

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

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

August 19, 1942

SUBJECT: Access to Records Pertaining to Evacuation Operations

TO: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of August 18, 1942.

2. Since the transfer of documents has now been made to the War Relocation Authority covering all warehouses for evacuees' property heretofore maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank, and since it is the intention of the War Relocation Authority to assume the responsibilities of the management of evacuees' property, it is desired that you provide the War Relocation Authority with such pertinent information from your files as may be necessary for the solution of problems arising in connection with evacuees at Relocation Centers.

KARL R. BENDETSSEN /s/

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

EVACUEE'S FIRST VISIT

After evacuation order is issued, a call must be made immediately at The Civil Control Center where the Federal Security Agency will be in charge.

The Federal Security Agency will (1) register the family, (2) assign family number, (3) complete detail personal file (4) pass evacuee on to Evacuee Property Department.

Evacuee Property Department will determine whether evacuee has (a) Property to store in warehouse (b) Motor vehicles to store on lot (c) unsettled property matters.

If property is to be warehoused with us, evacuee should be provided with four copies of WCCA FRB-2 with instructions to complete all copies and bring all copies with him on his second visit. If motor vehicles are to be stored on our lot evacuee should be furnished with one copy each of WCCA FRB-3 and 4 with instructions to fill in both forms in accordance with alternative 1 or 2 and bring forms with him on second visit. Certificate of registration and/or ownership certificate should also be presented to us on second visit, depending on which alternative evacuee accepts.

If other property problems are present, request evacuee to immediately contact Evacuee Property Department, 317 S. W. 6th Ave.

After giving evacuee all forms and information required, pass him on to other agencies in the office if he has not cleared with them all. If he has cleared with all of them, ask him to report to Federal Security Agency for final check up.

It should be made clear to the evacuee that if household goods, office furniture or other eligible goods are to be stored the following cautions will save time and avoid possibility of confusion later.

(a) Furniture need not be crated but must be in readily loadable form and condition, drawers closed and locked or wedged, loose feet removed and secured to stoves or other similar type equipment, table leaves bound to table when convenient, and table locked if extension type, bed ends and bed rails lashed together, all small equipment boxed in substantial boxes, and entirely closed where possible; all with a view to make handling and identification effective.

(b) Evacuee may bring own goods to warehouse if he so chooses, but should first return all forms WCCA FRB-2 to a Federal Reserve Bank representative for careful verification and to receive instruction for delivery.

(c) Evacuee should be instructed to bring house key where property is housed, or leave exact address where key is located in the immediate vicinity, when he comes for his second visit.

Disposition of Property Forms
WCCA Form FRB-3

1. Evacuee will return all four copies for verification.
2. One copy (original) is to be then delivered to transfer company representative for his guidance, and to be completed by him when picking up the goods thereon described.
3. One copy (duplicate) is to be transmitted to our representative at the warehouse where he will complete by indicating goods actually stored and permanently placed in the warehouse.
4. One copy (triplicate) is to be retained in our files in numerical order.
5. One copy (quadruplicate) will be handed to evacuee, unsigned for a memorandum only, to be permanently retained.

On final storing and checking of goods, copies will be disposed of as follows:

1. Transfer company copy (original) will be taken up by our representative when goods are stored and copy complete, and returned to Evacuee Property Department.
2. Copy (duplicate) completed by warehouse representative will be returned to Evacuee Property Department at close of day.
3. The three verified and completed copies at Evacuee Property Department will then be disposed of as follows:
 - (a) One copy (original) will be mailed to War Relocation Authority.
 - (b) One copy (duplicate) will be permanently retained in Control Center.
 - (c) One copy (triplicate) completed, will be officially signed, and mailed to evacuee as his permanent receipt. (He also retains memo copy.)
 - (d) One additional copy will be typed from completed original for Head Office - Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

WCCA FRB-3 & 4

These forms for disposition of evacuee's motor vehicle are to be used.
A copy of each is given to the evacuee at the time of his first visit for review.

At the time of the second visit, evacuee should have ownership certificate or registration certificate or both depending on which alternative evacuee has selected. From this information, three copies each of WCCA FRB 3 & 4 are made up at Civil Control Center, and should be stapled in sets for convenience. Proceed as follows:

1. Be sure that the owners signature appears on reverse of certificate, exactly as it appears on face.
2. Deliver original and duplicate sets of form, together with an identification tag to the evacuee, retaining triplicate set for Evacuee Property Department files.
3. Evacuee should then proceed to the place of storage, where our representative shall proceed:
 - (a) Be certain that tag is securely attached to steering apparatus of motor vehicle.
 - (b) Check all data and numbers carefully from car numbers themselves and make note of any exception.
 - (c) Complete both copies of form in "Receipt for Vehicle" space and return signed duplicate copy to evacuee.
 - (d) Pick up at this time, car keys and registration certificate and return both, together with original set of forms to Evacuee Property Department.

RECEIVED BY MR. BOYER
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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 18, 1942

Evacuee Property Department

Circular No. 1

To Banks, Bankers, Trust Companies, and Others Concerned,
in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District.

DEAR SIRs:

There has been issued the following regulation of March 18, 1942:

Code of Federal Regulations
Title 31 Money and Finance: Treasury
Chapter 1—Monetary Offices,
Department of the Treasury,
Part 130.

Special Regulation No. 1, Under Executive Order No. 8389, April 10, 1940, as Amended, and Section 5(b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act, as Amended by the First War Powers Act, 1941, Relating to Transactions in Special Blocked Property.*

By virtue of the authority vested in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Fiscal Agent of the United States, pursuant to Section 5(b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act as amended by the First War Powers Act, by virtue of the authority vested in such bank by the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, and by virtue of all other authority vested in such bank, the following special regulations are hereby prescribed:

- (1) The acquisition, disposition or transfer of, or other dealing in, or exercising any right, power, or privilege with respect to, any property hereafter designated as Special Blocked Property is prohibited except as authorized by license expressly referring to this regulation.
- (2) Applications for any such license may be filed on Form TFE-1 by any person with the nearest office of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Such applications should set forth (a) the interest, if any, of the applicant in the property; (b) the details of the transaction for which a license is requested, including the terms of any proposed settlement; (c) the manner in which the interest of the evacuee national in the property is being protected; and (d) whether or not the evacuee national is in agreement with the proposed settlement.
- (3) As used in this special regulation and in any ruling, license, instruction, etc.:
 - (a) The term "evacuee national" shall mean any Japanese, German, or Italian alien, or any person of Japanese ancestry, resident on or since December 7, 1941 in Military Area No. 1 or in specified zones in other Military Areas prescribed in or pursuant to public proclamations issued by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. For the purpose of this regulation all evacuee nationals are nationals of a foreign country.
 - (b) The term "Special Blocked Property" shall mean property in which an evacuee national has an interest and which has been designated as Special Blocked Property by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in one or more of the following ways:
 - (i) There is posted on or reasonably near such property an official Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco notice that such property is Special Blocked Property.
 - (ii) The person holding such property or having possession or custody thereof has been

*Part 130.—Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 966; Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; Public No. 354, 77th Congress; Executive Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Executive Order 8785, June 14, 1941, Executive Order 8832, July 26, 1941, Executive Order 8963, December 9, 1941, Executive Order 8998, December 26, 1941, Executive Order 9066, February 19, 1942, Executive Order 9095, March 11, 1942.

notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco that such property is Special Blocked Property.

- (iii) One or more persons having an interest in such property have been notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco that such property is Special Blocked Property.

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

By WM. A. DAY,
President.

For your information the following statement to the press was released March 17, 1942.

"In order to protect Japanese and other evacuees, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, as Fiscal Agent of the United States, today issued regulations designed to bring about equitable settlements between creditors and West Coast evacuees.

The new regulations are intended to forestall unfair action by unscrupulous creditors which would be detrimental to the interests of the evacuee and to minimize his losses in connection with the disposition of his property.

It is anticipated that this will be accomplished to a large extent by direct appeal to the creditors' sense of fair play and the obvious necessity for complete cooperation in the administration of the evacuation program.

'We want any Japanese or other evacuee who finds that he has difficulty in reaching an equitable settlement with his creditors to come to the nearest office of the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank. At the bank we can discuss his case and take the necessary steps to protect the evacuee from unjust losses,' William A. Day, President of the Federal Reserve Bank, stated.

Bank officials warned that the initiative under the new regulations will rest with the evacuee. After the evacuee has attempted to make an equitable settlement with his creditors and has failed, he should go to the nearest office of the Evacuee Property Department of the Federal Reserve Bank and lay all the facts before one of its representatives.

The bank will call in the creditor and hear his side of the case and make every effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the matter. If the creditor is unreasonable and insists on taking unfair advantage of the evacuee, the Federal Reserve Bank may freeze the evacuee's property by designating it as Special Blocked Property.

Following this step the bank will either post a notice on or near the property of the evacuee, stating that the property described in the notice is Special Blocked Property, or will notify the person holding or having possession of the property, or persons having an interest in it, that such property is Special Blocked Property. Federal Reserve Bank officials stated that persons dealing with evacuees may assume that their property is not Special Blocked Property unless they are affirmatively on notice to the contrary.

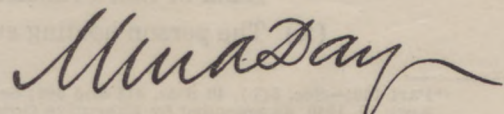
After the property has been declared Special Blocked Property, any acquisition, disposition, or transfer of that property is subject to a license issued by the Federal Reserve Bank. Applications for such licenses may be filed with the nearest office of the bank.

Because the bank wishes to protect the evacuee not only in transactions involving real property but also in those involving all kinds of personal property, the regulations make it possible for any kind of property to be designated as Special Blocked Property.

By these broad provisions the regulations enable the bank to protect the evacuee in such typical transactions as conditional sales, instalment purchases, or any other type of dealing in any kind of property, if the evacuee will first undertake the simple step of petitioning the bank to declare his property Special Blocked Property.

The bank made clear that it will be on guard for any attempt on the part of evacuees to avoid the payment of reasonable creditors' claims through today's regulations."

Yours very truly,



President.