



Committee on Resettlement of
Japanese Americans. Minneapolis
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306-7-C
Poston, Arizona,
February 1, 1943.

Minneapolis War Relocation Committee,
c/o the Adjutant
Camp Savage, Minnesota.

Dear Sir;

I recently received word that you are accepting applications from people in the relocation centers, so I would like to place my application for my family and myself.

Wife's name Celia Shizuyo Takemoto
Age 31
Date & place of birth Sept.13,1911 Kings County,Calif.
Citizenship Status Citizen of U S A
Educational background- Graduate of Polytechnic High
School,Los Angeles with recommendation
to college
Experience-Three years of book-keeping for the United
Farmer's Ass'n ,Los Angeles

Children

Name Arthur Masao Takemoto, Jr.
Age 9
Date & Place of birth May 18, 1933 Glendale, California

Name Aiko Beth Takemoto
Age 6
Date & place of birth Dec.13,1936 Glendale, Calif.

Name Arthur Masao Takemoto
Age 38
Date & place of birth Dec.25,1904 Mandocino, Calif
Citizenship status Citizen of U S A
Draft Status 3 A
Educational background-Received my B.S.degree in Electrical Engineering from the Univ.of Calif. in 1928
Expeience Cashier,book-keeper,salesman,buyer and sales manager for wholesale fruit and vegetable firm for last 14 years in Los Angeles.
Have been postmaster at Boston Unit 3 from August
Preference of work 1-work in wholesale fruit and produce firm
2- Technical work where my basic train-

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ing in machine shop practices and
surveying can be used.
3-book-keeping or postal work.

I am enclosing a picture of my family which was the only
one available. Kindly mail the picture back if not needed.

Sincerely.

A. M. Takemoto.



Arthur & Celia

Lakeview -

family.



26 - R. Poston -

Arizona

The only picture
we have. in Poston.

& No possibility
of new photos. that
can be taken here.



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Block 229-9A
Poston, Arizona
Feb. 19, 1943

Dear Mr. Plank.

I received a letter from my brother, who is stationed at Camp Savage, saying that you would be to help me in finding a job in or near Minneapolis.

I would appreciate it very much if you could give me some information as to the kind of work available there.

Enclosed you will find a short letter to whom it may concern.

A snapshot of myself taken about a year ago and also the name of two Caucasian neighbors. Mr. Henry Mueller Rt. 2 Box 2916 Sacramento, Calif., Mr. Jack Fairbarin Rt. 2 Box 2710 Sac'to. Calif. Whom I give as references.

Noted
CCP

Yours truly,
Yukio Yamasaka

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Poston, Arizona
Feb. 19, 1943

To whom it may concern.

I, Yukio Yamasaki was born in California, Sacramento County on September 30, 1917. Lived with my folks on the outskirts of Sacramento, and attended Pacific Elementary School, and later the Sacramento High School. On graduation from high school, I worked with my brother on the twenty acre farm until he went into the army. After his departure I took the over the running of the farm until our evacuation. While on the farm I learned to handle and maintain various farm machinery, also during our slack season, I helped our neighbors with their harvest, gaining useful knowledge in various kind of farm work.

The reason why I want to leave this relocation is that, I believe I can make myself more useful on the outside than I can by staying here.

Yukio Yamasaki

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Chas M Nomura
59-12-0
Rivers, Arizona

Lieutenant Dowd
Minneapolis War Reloc. Comm.
Camp Savage, Minnesota

W.R.C.
2-17-43

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Dear Sir

I am applying for a mechanics job in response to information given to me by my brother who is a private in the Intelligence Corp you have there. I am twenty seven years of age; was born in Arcadia, California on May 19, 1915. I am married and have one child three and half years of age. I swear to be a loyal American citizen and have shown my loyalty more so in the past few months by going long staple cotton picking, which is vital to the war industry. Also am at present working in the Camouflage

works here in camp. I am a weaver and am a member of the top crew. We average 2300 to 2500 sq. ft. per day per person.

as I have mentioned before my brother is in Intelligence Corps of your division and volunteered here in camp much to our pride. I attended and graduated Pasadena Junior College and post graduated one year to make my education equivalent to three years of college. I majored in Science and Mathematics in the high school years, and took an aeronautical Technology course in the three years of college work. There I learned to overhaul and maintain airplane motors. The course also included welding and brazing, airplane fabrication, machine shop and

Metallurgy.

All these subjects were of interest to me but after graduating I found it very difficult to obtain a job in these lines because of being of Japanese descent. I found a chance in the wholesale Produce business and was engaged in that line for the past few years, but am quite confident I could fit into your requirements for a mechanic for I find myself inclined toward that line.

Before accepting any offers would you please explain how the whole setup is more thoroughly to me? Thank You
Yours Sincerely
Chas. M. Homura



FEB. 17, 1940

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Block 12, Building 13, Apt. 2
Manzanar, California
February 1, 1943

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Federal Department of Employment
National Defense Employment Agency
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry interned at Manzanar, California. On October 26, my wife and I filed applications for relocation. I received offers for many unskilled jobs but did not accept them because I am anxious to get into some defense industry to do my share toward winning this war.

My selective service classification has been changed from 3-A to 4-C. I am 23 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 140 lbs. and in the best of health.

I have had three years of vocational training in cabinet-making and mechanical drawing at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles. Upon graduation I entered Frank Wiggins Trade School. Working half-day in a cabinet shop, I was able to receive my diploma within six months. Since June, 1939 I have had jobs at a trailer company, novelty shops, cabinet shop and a furniture company. Due to my knowledge of the various types of wood, I was receiving clerk and stock foreman at the latter place of employment. Prior to evacuation, I passed a Civil Service examination as tool-keeper. I also passed an examination for mechanic-learner aircraft woodworker. After my arrival in Manzanar, I received a letter of offer to attend a government school in California. For the past nine months I have been working as foreman of carpenters at Manzanar.

I am capable of setting up and operating a band saw, trim saw, cut-off saw, jig-saw, surfacers, jointers, shapers, boring, tenon and mortise machines.

Are there any defense jobs open at present which fall into my line of qualifications or somewhat similar? If so, I would be very anxious to fulfill the position.

Your prompt attention and consideration upon the above matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Moses H. Miyazaki
Moses H. Miyazaki

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1943

My dear Mr. Secretary:

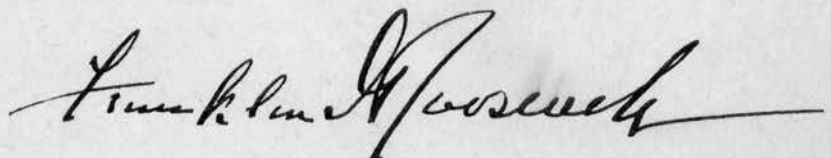
The proposal of the War Department to organize a combat team consisting of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent has my full approval. The new combat team will add to the nearly five thousand loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry who are already serving in the armed forces of our country.

This is a natural and logical step toward the reinstitution of the Selective Service procedures which were temporarily disrupted by the evacuation from the West Coast.

No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of his ancestry. The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy. Every loyal American citizen should be given the opportunity to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contribution -- whether it be in the ranks of our armed forces, war production, agriculture, government service, or other work essential to the war effort.

I am glad to observe that the War Department, the Navy Department, the War Manpower Commission, the Department of Justice, and the War Relocation Authority are collaborating in a program which will assure the opportunity for all loyal Americans, including Americans of Japanese ancestry, to serve their country at a time when the fullest and wisest use of our manpower is all-important to the war effort.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Franklin D. Roosevelt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

128 West Elmwood Place,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,
February 2, 1943.

Mr. CL. White,
Metropolitan Bank Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. White:

I am listing in the order in which they were received the applications for domestic help which Mr. Robinson received, and also the ones which I have received. I trust the information I have secured will help a bit in making placements.

S Blake Rd, Edina, Minnesota.

Mrs. Edward Evans has written to Mr. Landward at Rivers, Arizona, but has received no reply from him to date. She wrote in regard to Mrs. Yoshiko Mayeda. She is most eager to secure help. There are 3 children- 8-5 and 1 one years of age. She has a 4 bedroom home, and the employee would have her own room and bath. The laundry, including the hand-ironing, is done by a laundress. She would like plain cooking done, but would be willing to take an inexperienced person and teach her. She pays \$9-\$10 a week. Her husband is overseas.

Mrs. J.W. Black- 2 adults in family. She wishes experienced help, and would like someone approximately 30 years of age. Girl would have her own room. Flat laundry is sent out. Half days on Thursdays and Sundays. Address: 2104 Irving Ave. S. Mpls. \$10 depending upon competency.

Referred
Mrs. Bradford Mintener- five in family; three children, 7, 5, and 2 years of age. They have a 4 bedroom home. Employee would have private room, sharing bathroom with children. Laundry done in or out, depending upon skill of worker. Would be interested in girl 18-35 years of age, but wants person experienced in dealing with children. Would be willing to take inexperienced girl at \$10 to start. Address: 1955 Kenwood Pkwy. Mpls. No 0670

Mrs. Louis E. Lohman- Mrs. Lohman employed. Children in 5th and 8th grades. Wants capable, experienced maid to do washing, ironing, cooking etc. for \$10 a week.

Mrs. George Anderson - 4 in family, two children - 4 years and 19 months old, respectively. Interested in girl around 22 years of age. Wants girl with some experience in cooking. 4 bedroom house, with private room for girl. Shirts and large articles laundered out. One-half day a week off, and every Sunday from 3:30 P.M. on, or every other Sunday from 9:30 A.M. She would be willing to take a married woman, and have the husband stay over week-ends, provided the husband would be willing to do odd jobs around the house. She is especially anxious to have one who likes children. Would pay \$10 a week. Address: 20 Woodland Road. No 4353

Mrs. Douglas Dunsheath - three in family- five months old baby. Wants reliable, experienced girl, capable of cooking, and would pay \$10 a week. 6-room bungalow, private room and bath for employee, and radio. One block from car-line. Time off: Wednesday or Thursday afternoon and evening, and every other Sunday from 11 A.M. Would be willing to take a single girl, or a married woman, and would be willing to have the husband stay over week-ends. Washing is sent out. Address: 3253 Ashley Rd. Interlachen Pk. Hopkins.

Mrs. R.O. Withun- five in family, three boys- eight, six and eighteen months of age. Four bedroom house, with private room for employee. Uniforms washed. No laundry. Wants single girl, 19 or over, and Address: 4502 Brexel Ave. Mpls.

would be willing to take inexperienced girl if she is willing to learn Employer does her own baking. Time off- Thursdays, and every Sunday from noon on, or alternate Sundays all day. There are several Nisei girls employed nearby. Mrs. Mithun has had one employee for five years and one for 2½ years. - 7/10

~~Mrs. Leonard- 4 in family, two grown daughters. Wants experienced girl. Salary around \$10. Mrs. Lohman has been ill quite recently. Address: 2018 Irving Ave. S. Mpls.~~

Mrs. Henry Kingman (Maplewood, at Lake Minnetonka, where several Nisei are employed) wants thoroly competent maid. Will pay \$75 a month or \$110 to \$125 for a couple. Children 17, 15 and 10. Some laundry; flat work and shirts sent out. Private room and bath. Customary time off. Would take mother and daughter, or sisters or friends. Address: Maplewood, Minn.

Mrs. Calvin Aurand, also at Maplewood wishes to employ 2 maids at approximately \$8 and \$12. Children thirteen, ten and two. Customary time off. Private room. Address: Maplewood, Minnesota.

Mrs. Herbert Rogers at Maplewood, one maid \$8 or \$9. Children 12 & 9. Address: Maplewood, Minn.

Mrs. Tom Mills at Maplewood, one maid, \$12. Girl Twelve. Address: Maplewood, Minn. May 37-R

Mrs. Dwight Miller- children 6 and 9. Little entertaining. \$8.00 4224 Elmer Ave. Morningside, Minn.

Mrs. A.E. Selby 2 adults in family ordinarily, but daughter with 5 months baby is visiting until late spring. Wants employee with good disposition, and good with babies. Not necessarily competent; will pay \$8 to \$10. Very anxious to secure help as soon as possible. Mrs. Selby's next door neighbor has a Nisei girl working for her. Address: 1775 Girard Ave. S. Mpls. - Ke 7687

Mrs. Theodore Burton family of 4- two boys 8 and 2. Not particular about age. Prefers girl with some experience. House 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Private room for girl. Will pay \$8 with laundry done out. Nisei girls employed nearby. Address: 4518 Bruce Ave. Mpls. - Ma 1263 7/10

* Mrs. Ralph Bearman- three in family- 3½ year old girl. 3 bedroom bungalow- private room and bath. New home. No Cooking. No Sunday dinner. Thursday afternoons and evenings off- Sunday off after dinner at noon. Could arrange other time off. Mrs. Bearman has just returned home from the hospital, and is in great need of some help. Top salary \$8 per week, with laundry done in home. ~~Must take married women.~~ Address: 3819 Abbott Ave. S. Mpls. - Ma 8170

Mrs. Harold Finch gave me the name of Mrs. Cullen Thomas at Orono, Lake Minnetonka, who is desirous of employing an older couple at \$100 a month. She would like the man to be capable of working as gardner. 3 in family- one daughter. Moderate sized home. Orono, Minnesota.

Frank M.

Mrs. Groves would like a couple, with the man able to drive, and a strong younger woman to care for her handicapped daughter, who needs to be helped and carried and attended to for all her personal needs. The daughter weighs 105 pounds, is 18 years of age, and is mentally normal. There is an elevator, and convenient equipment, but the work entails lifting and carrying. The couple would attend to the house and yard and the single woman would have entire charge of the daughter. It is a large home, and large yard. There are quarters near the invalid daughter, and a separate bungalow for the couple. There are 2 other children. Mrs. Groves did not mention the salary, but would like to get in immediate touch with three Nisei. Address: 4885 E. Lake Harriet Blvd. Mpls. ~~Have given her names started~~

Br 2576 -
Mrs. C.K.D. Minar- 1621 E River Road. Four in family- children 7 and 2.
Not necessarily experienced girl. No age preference. 4 bedroom home.
Employee has private room. Laundry done in- Bendix washing machine.
Time off: Thrusday afternoons and evenings, Sundays from 2130 or 3.
Salary \$10 a week.

I believe that completes the list, and although the information I have been able to assemble is incomplete, it may serve until we have the forms we hope to use.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cooperman - near Mrs. Bearman -

WRC.
2-1743



3103-B WRA.
Newell, Calif.
February 2, 1943

Dear Reverend Robinson:

I have just heard of the clerical position which is open in your establishment and I am very much interested in applying for it.

St. Dowd, of Camp Savage mentioned of this position and I would greatly appreciate it if I could get more information as to the type of work it is.

At present I am working as a cost accountant in this project. I have taken a course in accounting at Heald's Business College in Sacramento, California. Although I did not have the opportunity to finish this course I feel that the experience I have gained while in this project, as an accountant, has helped me a great deal.

For further information of my experience, in detail, please do not hesitate to ask.

Awaiting your answer I remain

Very Respectfully yours

Hatsumi Geo. Morimoto

U.S. Emp. Serv
420 - 4th St. So

February 3, 1943

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Mr. Frank Reese
Reese Metal Weather Strip Company
113 South Tenth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Reese:

Your name was given to me by P. F. C. Keith Nishimoto's sister, Mildred. They told me to write to you since I am very interested in finding a secretarial position in your city. I would appreciate it very much if you could help me in any way. I wrote to the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce some time ago and my letter was referred to Mr. C. C. Plank, Director, Service Men's Center, 807 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter.

As you will realize, I am an American with Japanese ancestry, having been relocated to Denson, Arkansas from Fresno, California. I was born in Stockton, California, August 16, 1918 and spent most of my life in Corcoran, California.

I finished Corcoran Union High School in June, 1937 and I graduated from Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, August 10, 1939 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. My major was Foreign Trade, which includes shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, filing, office machines, economics, advertising, marketing, business correspondence, etc. My shorthand speed is approximately 110 words a minute and typing speed of 60 words a minute.

At present I am employed in the Community Enterprise Division in Denson, Arkansas as a stenographer to Mr. Charles M. Beltt and Mr. Mauritz Erkkila. While in Fresno, I was employed in the Mess and Lodging Division as secretary to Mr. Clifton E. Snelson. I am confident of being qualified for a position of a good and efficient secretary. I will mail you my recommendations and character references if there are any positions open.

For further information, you may write to Mr. R. H. Whitten, Woodbury Business College, 1027 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California or Mr. W. C. Love, Placement Officer, Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas.

My Leave Clearance should come through from Washington, D. C. either the middle of this month or the first of next month.

Thanking you for your kindness and consideration, I am

Gratefully yours,

Mariko Chono

(Miss) Mariko Chono
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Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

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Newell, California
February 9, 1943

Mr. Plank
807 Hennepin Avenue U.S.O.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Plank,

Recently I was informed by my brother-in-law, Private Henry Gosho, who is now stationed at Camp Savage, Minnesota. That the U.S.O. is looking for skilled workers from the Relocation Centers, especially in the automotive fields. As I am very much interested in this particular line, I have been looking for an outside job.

I graduated from the Washington Technical Institute, Seattle, Washington, in 1934 in automotives. As for my experiences-----I was employed immediately after graduation as mechanic and later as shop formen in Seattle; a period of 8 years, which was until I evacuated.

Being employed in this occupation for many years, I have gained a thorough knowledge and confidence on types of work such as: motor tune ups, electrical ignition service, carburetor works, welding, brake works, and other mechanical adjusting and overhauling.

I was born in Japan but came to the United States at the age of 9. I received my education in the public schools of Seattle, Washington. I am now 28 years old, married and have one child.

Although I have resided in this country for the past 19 years; unfortunately I cannot be an American Citizen, due to the immigration law regarding the Orientals. With this in mind, I was always skeptical about seeking outside employment under the present situation and the acceptance of aliens in the labor unions. However, there is no doubt as to my effort and sincerity towards the United States in this national emergency. I will do the best in my capacity if I am offered a satisfactory job.

Before accepting any offer I would like to receive definite information regarding the opportunity and treatment of the aliens. I will appreciate it very much if you could inform me about the present housing situation pertaining to the locality where I will be employed. Would I be able to seek a suitable living quarter in view of the conditions which are now existing everywhere?

Through the assistance of the employment facility of the U.S.O., I trust that I will be receiving a satisfactory job in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Jack T. Kudo

February 9, 1943

IN RE: MARY TAKAHASHI - 16-2-1

Manzanar War Relocation Project
Manzanar, California

Dear Sirs: Attention Ralph P. Merritt

I wrote you under date of January 18th, stating that we should like to engage the above captioned applicant, and that you could proceed with obtaining her release. You mentioned in your letter to me of January 12th, that it would take some three or four weeks to obtain the release after I made my final selection. Since three weeks have now elapsed, I presume that we may expect Miss Takahashi to be coming along quite soon.

Mrs. Phillips is quite anxious to know that everything is O.K., and I will appreciate receiving an airmail reply at your earliest convenience.

Permit me to thank you again for your very courteous attention all the way along the line.

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

Arthur N. Phillips

AIR MAIL

Feb 12. Answered giving picture to date.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

WPA -

February 9th, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
2808 West River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I just want to bring you, briefly, up to date on the question of bringing the War Relocation Authority over Japanese under the Army.

This week some members of Senator Chandler's sub-committee of the Military Affairs Committee are going to try to go west to inspect some of these camps. Senator Wallgren's office informs us that there is not much chance of the bill (S. 444) going through. It may never be reported out of committee.

Also, a check with the War Relocation Authority reveals that this body's efforts to put these evacuees into normal community life again are bearing fruit. Some 1800 have now come out of the camps to jobs after passing examinations and having been checked by the FBI. Probably it will be found how ridiculous it would be to throw over even that small amount of headway.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter H. Judd

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February 12, 1943

The Honorable Walter C. Judd M.C.
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Judd:

Thank you for your letter of the ninth of February. It is heartening to hear that S.444 is not apparently destined to come to life.

I am writing this at home, and most of my papers are downtown. I do have here a list of the over-all committee for the city and it may interest you to see the wide representation.

on it.

The Placement sub-committee has developed a very satisfactory arrangement here. I believe, now, that it has become national practice. Through the War Manpower Commission, Frank Farig Jr, regional director we were enabled to arrange for a desk, telephone, blanks and staff supervision with the Minneapolis United States Employment Service. This is a highly skilled staff whose cooperation is giving us access to an open market, at prevailing wages, for the labor of these American citizens, many of them college trained. They provide us with excellent blanks and after we have filled in name, identifying data for those Nisei for whose skills there is a need in this city, their Manager sends them to the Placement officer of the Relocation Centers to have them filled in with enough information to give an employer an accurate picture of their skills.

When these blanks are returned the staff of the Employment Service, the members of the Volunteer Committee, and the Area Officer of the War Relocation Authority all try to find employers. This should be a great improvement over the earlier practice of placing these poor people through a whispering campaign under uncontrolled working conditions and at a wage scale under the prevailing one. At least we have the machinery for democratic placement. How employers will respond we have yet to discover.

It is not all so easy, however. The girls for whom we have found office jobs have a bitter experience when they go looking for apartments. Sometimes they are cruelly rebuffed, more often they are politely put off. When they do find space it is in poorer neighborhoods at better than current rentals.

The recent decision to permit Nisei to bear arms has lifted morale tremendously among the men in uniform. For the women, the question is, naturally, different. They have, often, left the centers to have the little time they can snatch with their husbands while they are still at the Camp near Savage.

While it is hoped that they will not return to the Centers many of them intend to do so if they become pregnant. They fear the hardship of bearing and supporting a child while they work, with only the slight allowance their husbands can provide.

They are cultivated, charming, exquisite in their taste and sensitivity. But, as happens with som many women in other classes, they have no marketable skill. They accept any kind of employment to get out of camp. It is usually domestic service. After a while they tire of this and look for other employment, but are trained for nothing better than receptionist, waitress or similar work. In these jobs they are not acceptable. I have had interviews with very many of them, and it is touching to hear them. They never speak with bitterness, always with that gentle earnestness which is so characteristic and so winning. But the hard fact is, they have very little to offer that will help them to employment, and they do not know it.

Many of us are concerned because of their lack of experience in planning and living within their own budgets. They earn ninety dollars a month and hire an apartment at forty! They ask us for references, and with uncertain employment, they buy fur coats. Some of them plan to return to camp when their husbands leave, and we wonder how they plan to settle their accounts. They are used to the closeness of family life and supervision which characterizes the rejected minority, and now, separated from parental supervision and budgeting, they are at sea.

In other words, they are American girls! But very well mannered and intelligent ones.

Thank you for your news, and let me know if there are more details we can let you have.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel

War Relocation Desk
c/o United States Employment Service
407 South 4th Street, Minneapolis
April 25, 1943

The Honorable Walter C. Judd, M.C.
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Judd:

Just to bring you up to date on Minneapolis progress in the field of War Relocation:

We still have our desk at the local United States Employment Service Office. We have never, to date, to my knowledge placed a Nisei through the regular placement channels of that office. We have, however, been able to avoid the establishment of a double-wage scale for Japanese-Americans by having their backing in setting wage scales where we have made the placements. The greatest demand for Nisei has been in the field of domestic service, gardening, etc. Since most of these people have been educated in other fields they are reluctant to work at domestic service.

We have placed some seventy-five people. Perhaps a dozen secretaries, two beauty operators, and we have calls for a Dental Technician and for a Case Worker.

We find that the WRA within itself is greatly confused in its philosophy and in its aims. The staff, as a whole, seems to know nothing whatever of employment procedures, standards and practices. With the investment of tax money in Employment experience of a generation which we have made in the United States Employment Service, each local director by-passes all available material and sets up an employment office on his own. There has been a mighty battle over the use of forms. At first there were to be complete information forms on all educated persons. Then the tops men decreed that there were to be no official forms, men and women were to be placed and hired sight unseen, with no more than thumb nail sketches which might or might not be accurate. This proved a failure, because employers resisted. Then each local placement officer began to make out mimeographed forms of his own. It has to be done to insure even a beginning of record keeping and accuracy. I have seen forms from various quarters and the omissions were worthy of a high school standard for students making a guess at it.

At present there is a desire to hasten removal. The local committee here feels itself responsible both to Nisei and to the community. Since Minneapolis is a surplus area for all but the most skilled labor, and since we are exporting all types of labor, the committee hesitates to invite any Nisei to come here unless there is a job open for him to take a try for and in a field acceptable to him or her. It is the policy of the Area Supervisor however, Mr Shirell of Chicago, to O.K. releases wherever some kind of position can be offered with the idea that the worker will accept anything

open to him at the end of two weeks. In a labor shortage area this results in frequent ~~pl~~MINNEAPOLIS WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE labor surplus area it could result in unemployment and eventual relief.

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In order to facilitate removals and expedite the relocation Mr Shirell has been encouraging the opening here of a hostel for Japanese-Americans under the auspices of the Baptist-Mission Society. Miss Swanson, who has worked with the relocation of the Nisei from the very outset has been exploring possibilities here of housing and of financial support for the enterprise.

It has been the original idea of the community to absorb these new citizens into the city as American Citizens, not to set them apart as a racial minority. That has been coming steadily and slowly for the fifty to seventy-five Nisei we have brought in. Now the Council of Social Agencies and the Family Welfare Association fear that there may be a kind of Japanese-American Settlement house developed, which will create a problem of segregation. What the right answer is, I find it hard to conclude, myself.

We have placed about a dozen Nisei Secretaries, ~~also~~ I said earlier, and while there was some apprehension in all cases about the adjustment of existant staffs to the girls, they have in every case won a place for themselves. They are unfailingly courteous and very conscientious. We have found attractive apartments for several of them in private homes which formerly used the aptments for help, or rooms in rprivate homes. Their habits are acceptable in all cases that I know.

The policy of the WRA has been so vacillating and the Bureaucratic Red Tape so entangled that duplicity on the part of the Nisei and of the Committee has been encouraged. I have been heartened to note the number of occasions where the Nisei girls have retarded their own progress and penalized themselves by conforming to exacting requirements. It has also happened, however, that Nisei have used jobs to get out of the Centers and been frank in telling employers and the committee that they have done it, where they have had money enough of their own or friends who would care for them.

In each Center the Project Director seems to be a law unto himself. Some directors arbitrarily refuse releases even when the release from FBI has come through and the local Relocation Officer has O.K'd the job and wage as standard for local conditions. Where the committee offers hospitality (and this is allowed) as a basis for release, Some directors refuse to accept this although the National Authority has stated it as policy. Some Directors leave clearance and placement work in the hands of Nisei officers in the Centers, who juggle jobs and offers so that the members of their particular group, the JACL for example get the good offers and the people to whom they were sent never hear of them.

In Minneapolis we are getting the backwash of Chicago's two hostels and the releases to them of Nisei who looked for jobs after they got there. In many cases they write of bad working conditions and wages lower than standard for the work being done. It is hard for us to absorb many of them as we are shoarea where there is a shortage of jobs. Also our local office naturally gives preference to those wishing to leave the centers and washes its hands of those already out and once placed, however badly. This mopping up of the fruits of a shortsighted and ignorant policy of employment seems to be the function reserved by the WRA for the local committees it invited to represent the communities in which the WRA wished to work.

Wishing to do a careful and thorough job of assimilating these people the local committee has warned both the Chicago Office and Mr. Meyers and Mr. Holland of Washington of the employment situation here. We have asked for a definition of our function. Our letters are not even acknowledged, to say nothing of their being answered.

The Camp Savage Military representative who works with us is a newly promoted Captain Dowd, who works under Colonel Rasmussen. He arranges for the placement of the wives of the soldier-students there at three and five dollars a week with the officers at the Camp and at Fort Snelling. The women are overworked but dare not leave since their husbands work under these officers. On the other hand where the wives of the Camp Savage men are placed in Minneapolis the men come several times a week as uninvited guests to partake of the rationed food of the employers. When this practice has been deplored to Captain Dowd he has relied with the statement that these men will soon go forth to lose their lives, what are a few ration points!

So you see some of the details of the Relocation Plan as it works itself out. There seems to be fear either of forced labor gangs if they are not hurried out, or transference to the Indian Service and a continuance of the deterioration to which so many of the camp tenants have been prone during the past year.

The recent "news" about the Tokyo killings of our fliers has upset the whole Nisei community here. The young girls are afraid to go to town, and the older women are disturbed.

It will be interesting to watch the final outcome of all this. So many of these people were financially secure, owned property and good commercial enterprises, and they cannot seem to realize, any more than did the White Russian Emigres we met in Vienna in 1929 that they will never repossess them. They all expect to return to California at the end of the war. That this could happen in America still seems just unbelievable to me! It is like some strange bad dream. If it can happen to these American Citizens, it can happen to any of us when the right moment and setting completes itself. I sometimes wonder what we are fighting this war for!

We are sorry to see Governor Stassen leave the Capitol. He has grown in stature and leadership these past two years. Men have queer concept of where they will be most valuable. To many of us it seems that honest leadership in government is more needed than anything else at this moment!

With thanks for what you are doing, and all good be with you,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. If I ever took a Civil Service rating in typing it would be -.02 %
But if I tried to copy this I would burn it up.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
2808 West River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you very much for your full description of how things are going in this difficult problem of finding employment for our citizens of Japanese extraction. I am disturbed to hear of all the confusion and conflicting policy and lack of definite well-thought-out, fairly intelligible plans from those at the top who are responsible for determining broad policies. Armed with your information, I intend to take this up with the headquarters here, without in the least getting you in trouble. Surely those in charge of the program ought to be a little farther along in their thinking by this time.

I hope very much that it will not prove necessary to set up a separate hostel or home for these Japanese-Americans. America is doomed if she begins to get pseudo-ghettos here and there. I am sorry to hear that there has not been too good cooperation from Captain Dowd at Camp Savage school. I do not know him, but his chief, Colonel Rasmussen, I believe is a very high-grade man. When I am home the third week in May, I hope it will prove possible to go out to the camp to see him, and perhaps get Captain Dowd to be fairer to those wives who work in officers' homes, and the husbands to be fairer to the food supplies of the families in which their wives work.

Unfortunately, the tension throughout the country and emotional opposition to these citizens of Japanese origin is increasing, due, partly to the savagery of the Japanese military clique, but even more to the immaturity and irresponsibility of some of our own leaders, ranging from General DeWitt in San Francisco to Senator Stewart of Tennessee, who seem to think we can solve problems by calling names.

I appreciate the hard work you are doing and commend you for your most useful service. I hope I shall have a chance to see you within a few weeks.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter H. Judd

306-5D
Poston, Arizona
February 8, 1943

Minneapolis War Relocation Committee,
c/o The Adjutant,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Gentlemen:

I'm expecting my final leave clearance paper in couple of months so I would like to know if there are any job opening in your locality. My name and qualification are as follow:

NAME: Tadashi Yemoto

AGE: 29

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: January 26, 1914
Fresno, California

MARITAL STATUS: Single

CITIZENSHIP STATUS: Citizen of United States
no dual citizenship.

EDUCATION: Graduated high school
Majored in mathmatic and drafting
2 semesters of Gas and Electric
Welding at Fresno Technical Night
School.
3 months of Shipyard welding at
Master School of Welding in Oakland,
California.

EXPERIENCE: Have had about 2 years of welding
experience both gas and electric
in garage. Prior to my evacuation
I was welding at Bethlehem Ship-
yard on galvanized irons. Passed
both the shipyard and Navy tests.
Total hours of welding in ship-
yard is about 1200.
I also have 2 years of experience
in Optical Lens Grinding.

PREFERENCE OF WORK: I would like to get a job
as welder in some defense
plant. If that isn't poss-
ible my second choice would
be lens grinding in some
optical firm.

If this isn't enough qualifications please let
me know and I shall try to give you more detailed
facts.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Tadashi Yemoto

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Feb. 8, 1943.

Miss Mary Nishimoto,
43-13-E, Jerome WRA
Denson, Arkansas.

Dear Miss Nishimoto:

I have your letter of Feb. 3d and I very much hope we can do something about your wish to come to Minneapolis. It seems to me it should be possible to find a hospital in which you could enter for a Nurses training course. Such a course includes some University courses, some of which you may have had.

I am turning your letter over to Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, who is in charge of the section for non-domestic employment. You will hear from her in due course.

Your brother Keith is a nice boy and we are so glad that he seems to enjoy visiting with us. Mrs. Reese and I are no longer teen age and it sort of invigorates us to find younger people who think enough of us to want to come back for another visit.

Mrs. Steefel has found a place for Mariko Ohono and I hope she may be equally fortunate in your behalf.

Yours very truly,

FR. H

MINNEAPOLIS WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE

February 4, 1943

Mr. W. C. Love
Placement Officer
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Love:

I am quoting an excerpt from a letter which I have sent to Mr. Harold S. Choate of the War Relocation Authority:

MISS MATIKO CHONO
2-4-B
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

A letter, January 14, 1943, states that Miss Chono is trained for a bookkeeper-stenographic job. Such a job is opening in a social welfare agency here within a month. Salary is \$95.00 a month. Can release be arranged so that this girl can be interviewed?

Mr. Steefel and I would be glad to have this young woman come to our home and be our guest until placed either in this job or in some other, provided, if a clerical job failed to open she were willing to take what she can get. (I shall write to her and clear as to this.) The problem is, that if we do not have a clearance, this agency cannot hold the job open. They are more than satisfied with her training and experience provided she is satisfactory in personality traits.

Your name has been quoted as a reference by the applicant. May I have more information concerning Miss Chono and your appraisal of her character and qualifications? This may be used as a referral to her prospective employers.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Member of Minneapolis War Relocation
Committee

MINNEAPOLIS WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE

February 4, 1943

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Mr. Mauritz Erkkila
Community Enterprises Division
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

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Miss Chono, who is employed as a stenographer in your division, has quoted your name as a reference. May I have more information concerning the applicant and your appraisal of her character and general qualifications? This may be used as a referral to her prospective employers.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Member of Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

Feb. 6, 1943

Dear Sir;

I wish to make a request to obtain a job for my friend, George S. Ike. His personal history and the qualifications are as follows:

Age = 28 Height = approximately 5'5" American born.
He completed 8 yrs. elementary school and 4 yrs. high school. He was never in Japan, however he has 9 to 10 yrs. of Japanese schooling here in the United States. Both his English and the Japanese ~~are~~ are fluent. His original occupation was laundry and dry cleaning. However, he is an all around good man. He has many sisters and a brother to take care of so naturally he wishes to get a fairly good paying job.

At present he is at - Blk. 2517 - 17 Tule Lake, Calif. and wishes to come out here if possible but without a job the project director will not release him.

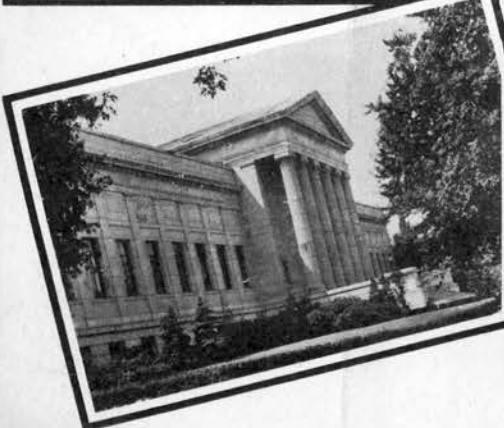
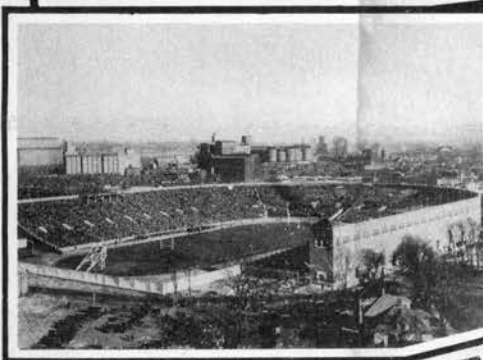
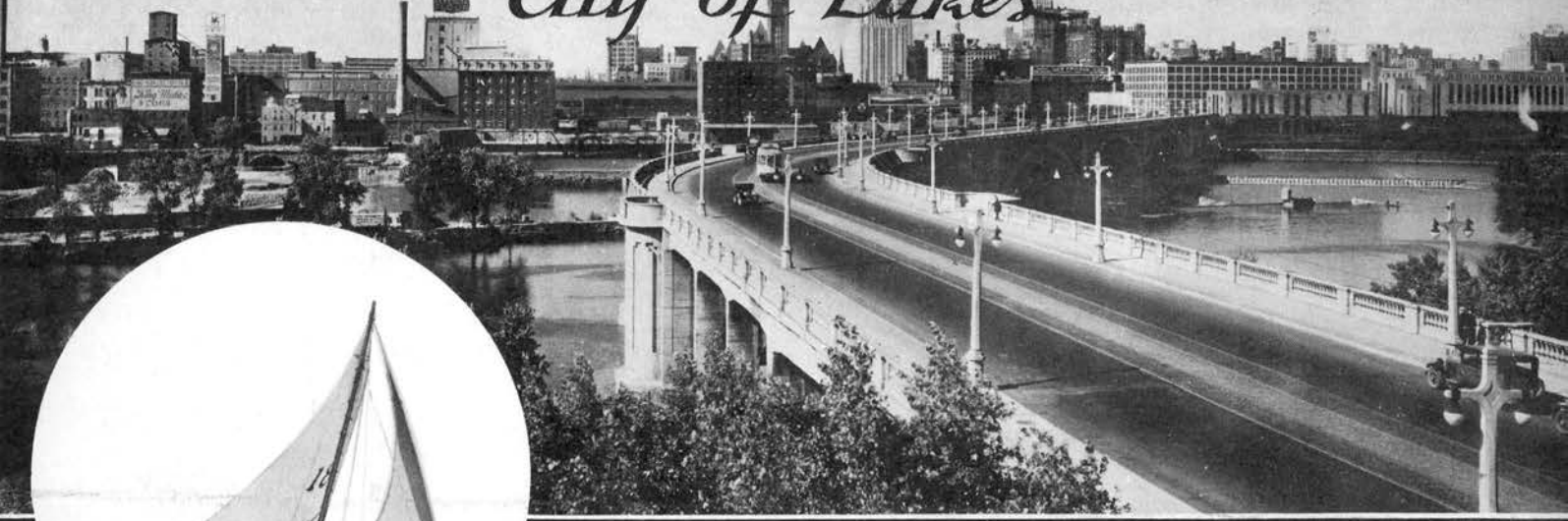
I trust that you will help me and this gentleman in obtaining a job suited to meet his request. Thank you a lot and I remain -

Mr. Plank asked me to add to mention this fact that George S. Ike had owned & operated laundry & dry cleaning business.
Yours truly,

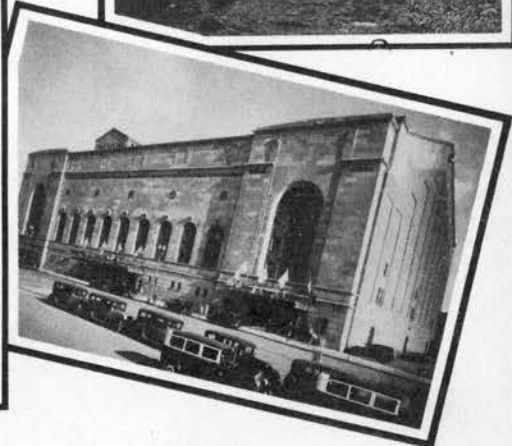
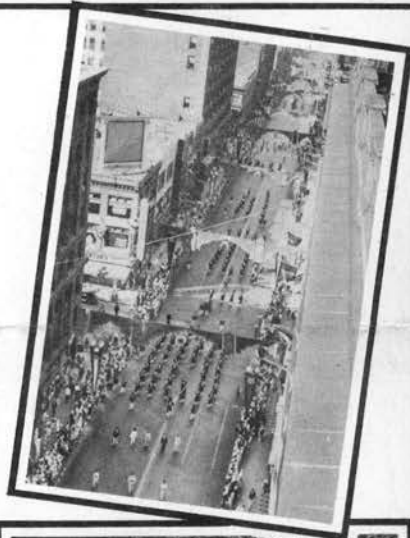
P.F.C. James I. Takehana
(Camp Savage)

MINNEAPOLIS

City of Lakes



THE visitor to Minneapolis comes to a thoroughly modern city, yet a city that has everything in the way of natural beauty and scenic setting. Stretching away for miles on each side of the Mississippi River Gorge, the city is surrounded with scenic boulevards which lead to and from its hundreds of parks and the eleven large lakes where sailing, swimming, bicycling, riding, band music, light opera, canoeing, golf and tennis are some of the diversions offered to visitors. Restful ease is assured in the deluxe Minneapolis hotels where rates are popular with all travelers. From your hotel it is but a short distance to such interesting sights as the Milling District at St. Anthony Falls, Lake Minnetonka with 110 miles of shoreline, Victory Memorial Drive, Minneapolis Auditorium, Minnehaha Falls, University of Minnesota with 550-acre campus, the Smart Shopping Center, the Financial District and the Walker Art Galleries and Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra is another attraction which offers cultural enjoyment to Minneapolis' guests. Call the Gateway Information Bureau of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association for further information.



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Office of: Health, Welfare, Housing and Consumer Interest Committee—Citizens Aid Building—404 South 8th Street

February 7, 1943

Miss Gertrude Stanley
Y.W.C.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Stanley:

In regard to George Ike, since he has owned and operated his own laundry, and wants to do laundry work I think this application could be turned over to one of the parties who are interested in getting this kind of help.

I told him he could expect an offer of employment in Minneapolis at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C.C. Plank

C.C. Plank, Director
Service Men's Center
807 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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But no registration
yet

Mar. 3, 1943

2219-7, W.R.A.

Tule Lake, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 19, and wish to state that I am very grateful. I was delayed a little in Idaho causing this tardiness. Mr. Fagan, the placement officer, has filled my registration blank and forwarded it to your office.

At present my draft classification is 1B, for limited military service. Also my indefinite leave clearance has been approved. So I'm at liberty to travel at a moment's notice.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain,

Yours very sincerely

Tak Kato

TAK R. KATO

February 9, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Please refer all employment opportunities or inquiries regarding Japanese-American citizens to the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee Desk at Atlantic 0192, 407 South 4th St. Office hours--2 p.m. to 5 p.m.--Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

7814 We feel that having a central employment desk taking job descriptions and job applications will help facilitate our employment work.

Rev. Morris C. Robinson, Chairman
Sub-committee on Employment
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. Lawrence Steefel

2808 W. River Road

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Commencement
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354 Camp
Caldwell, Idaho
February 17, 1943

Dear Rev. Robinson:

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I am asking you a favor through this letter since I have been informed by my brother, Sgt. Fred Dyer, serving under Captain Dorde of Camp Savage, that there are employment available for us in the interior, and you are in charge of that section. I have been trying to get a permanent employment, preferably in the line of accounting, bookkeeping, or clerical in any defense plant, firms, or private enterprise, and anything that you are able to do for me is greatly appreciated.

At present, I am here

in Caldwell, Idaho having a temporary
employment in sorting and shipping
dry onions. Since this work will
end in the very near future, please
address any correspondence to:

William Fujii

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Dullake, W. R. F.

Newell, Calif.

I have lived in the United
States all my life at present
I am 26 yrs. old. My membership
is in the Baptist Church. Also,
I was a Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster and
just before evacuation, I was a
committee man for my troop.

I graduated from the
Sacramento High School in 1934;
from Sacramento Jr. College in 1936.
Then, I stayed out of school

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for 3 years after which I
went to the University of California
and graduated with a [B. S.]
degree in 1941, majoring in (35)
Commerce and accounting.

During the 3 yrs. I stayed
out of school and during that
time I worked for the California
State Unemployment Compensation
Division as a Jr. Clerk. My
work was computing the
unemployment insurance, making
adjustments, and filing.

From 1929 to 1941 my
father had a notion store in
Sacramento, and after school
I worked there ever since my
high school days. After
graduating from the Jr. College,
I worked in the store steadily.

In the store, I was sales-clerk;
bookkeeper, and at times, I
had complete charge of the
store.

Right now I have no
letters of recommendation or
a photograph of myself; but,
if such are needed, please
let me know and I'll send
them to you.

Yours Truly,
William Dyer.

407 South 4th Street
February 12, 1943

Mr. John T. McCullen
War Manpower Commission
500 Midland Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. McCullen:

Perhaps, formally, this letter should come from Mr. Robinson who is chairman of the sub-committee on placement for the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee. But in any case I wish to thank you for your part in setting up the machinery through which our work is now making progress.

We have worked it out so that Mr. Heald, of the Minneapolis United States Employment Service, sends from his office blanks with identifying data on them to Nisei in the Centers who have skills for which there is a need in this city. These blanks go to the Placement officers in the centers, and the Nisei fill them out under supervision, and there are confidential comments concerning personality, handicaps etc added by the Placement officer. These placement officers are skilled men. When these blanks are filled out and returned, they are turned over to the Volunteer Personnel Secretary, who has a desk, and who keeps the records. She, then, calls them to the attention of the supervisors of Placement in each department, and those jobs which are open are turned over to the Committee desk for contact. Meanwhile, the committee, and the Area Supervisor of the National War Relocation Authority are also recruiting jobs which are reported to the Committee desk at the USES, and thus a central file of jobs and applicants is kept up to date. At present the desk is open M.W.F. 2-5 afternoons.

It is a pleasure to work with a highly skilled staff. Certainly that of the USES is of high quality. Mr. C. Arthur Anderson was most resourceful and helpful in advising us about forms. Mr. Heald has been patient and generous of time and effort not only in his work with us, but also in educating his staff to the philosophy of the War Relocation policy and the difficulties of working with volunteers. Mr. Wold, Mr. Comford and Mr. Cassell are cordial and cooperative. The whole staff has made us feel that they are glad for what is being done.

Did you and Mr. Farig know (USES Operations Bulletin No B-49 revised, 1.28.43) that cooperation with the USES by the WRA has become national practice?

Thanks to you!

Sincerely yours,

14-24-CD,
Heart Mountain, Wyoming,
February 12, 1943.

2-15-43

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Secretary,
Y.W.C.A.,
1130 Nicolett Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Although I realize it is difficult for Japanese-American girls to get clerical positions, I am writing to your office to inquire about the possibilities of work in that area upon the advice of my brother who is stationed at Camp Savage. It is my desire to relocate in the Mid-West, and realizing the dire need for workers on the outside, I believe there is some position I could fill.

The attached data sheet contains a detailed account of my personal and physical characteristics, but there are several other things I believe you should know. I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry and was born and raised on a farm. Unlike most Japanese, I have always lived in a rural community among only Caucasian people. As a result, especially at this time when the army is recruiting volunteers from our midst, I feel very much out of place as my ideas are so different from so many of the others. I have been very happy here serving as a superintendent and teacher in the beginners' and primary department of our Sunday School and also as a Den-mother for my brother's Cub Boy Scouts, but at a time like this, I feel that it is better that I relocate out of this center.

Mr. W. B. McFarlane and others listed on the enclosed data sheet have given me permission to use their names as references. They will give you their estimation of my character and ability. Your kind consideration will be greatly appreciated, and I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours very truly,

Masa Nishi

(Miss) Masa Nishi

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Manzanar War Relocation Project
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:
Relocation

February 13, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Arthur N. Phillips
538 Northwestern Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Subject: Mary Takahashi

This is in reply to your inquiry as to when Miss Takahashi could report for work.

We regret to inform you that our first estimate of time necessary to effect her release appears to have been overly optimistic, and it will probably be several weeks before final approval is obtained for her departure. May we assure you, however, that her application is in Washington and is being pushed through the routine of investigation and F. B. I. clearance as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Brown

Robert L. Brown
Acting Project Director



High School Department
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas
February 11, 1943

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C. C. Plank, Director
Service Men's Center
807 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Plank:

So many of my acquaintances have told me of the kind and sympathetic assistance you are rendering us. Understanding how terribly over-crowded your office must be with the applications of evacuees eager to take advantage of your kindness, may I squeeze in my application somewhere?

I am a commercial student, and am very anxious to obtain outside employment. I am a graduate of the Bakersfield Junior College at Bakersfield, California. There, in addition to the regular shorthand and typing, I studied office practice, comptometry, and bookkeeping. In our office practice class, we were given the opportunity to learn to use the dictaphone, the switchboard, the mimeograph, and other practical office machines. My typing speed is from 65 to 70; my shorthand speed, about 120. Upon graduation from Junior College, I received a life-membership in the Alpha Gamma Sigma, our college's honor society.

I have received actual office training by working as a secretary and time-keeper under the National Youth Administration for a year. Prior to that I received one month's temporary employment with a collection agency in Bakersfield when they were short of help. While going to school, I worked part-time for the Dean of Women of the Bakersfield High School, Miss Ruth Neiman, who has given me a standing invitation to use her name as a reference whenever I desire. At the Assembly Center in Fresno, I worked for the Supervisor of Finance from whom I learned the procedure of property accounting and cost accounting besides receiving valuable stenographic training. At present in this Center, I am working as a secretary to one of the high-school principals, Mr. W. F. Hays, who has also kindly offered to let me use his name as a reference.

I am twenty-one years of age; and though born in Stockton, California, I spent most of those twenty-one years in Fresno, California. I attended Lincoln Grammar School and Fresno High School. While at high school I participated in sports and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation of which I am now a life member. As to my interests, I love to read and to play basketball.

If there is any further information you desire, please let me know. I am enclosing a stamped envelope in the hope that I will hear from you soon.

Yours very truly,

Sue Minakami

High School Department
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas
February 10, 1943

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*Letter
Ans'd
2-19-43*

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
2808 West River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

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Yours very truly,

Lue Minakami

2-19-43
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Mrs. Tinker
is writing them
2/9/43 - G.H.L.

Tinker?

2219-F W.R.A

Tule Lake, Calif.
Peenell!

Feb. 11, 1943

W.R.C.
2-17-43

Dear Reverend Robinson:

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Through a very good friend,
sergeant Fred Fyfe whose superior
officer is Captain Dowds of Camp Savage.
I have been informed that you are
in a position to find employment
for those of us, evacuees, looking for
a place to relocate. Needless to
say, my wife and I have been ~~trying~~
trying to get out of this semi-concentration
camp and begin living a normal
American life again. My wife
and I have been married nearly a
year. We couldn't face this
evacuation separately so we just
"upped and married". Her folks are
in the Colorado camp and mine
in Tule Lake. We haven't any

children. I'm twenty-eight and she'll be twenty six the end of this month. She is a Methodist Church member, Girl Scout Leader and Sunday School teacher of Los Angeles. I am twenty eight, Baptist Church, taught Sunday school, too, in Sacramento.

After quitting college after one year I have been employed by the Sacramento Japanese Daily News, J.P. Keating Co., Blaser Printing Co. as a printer. The last two and a half year I have been associated with the Las Palmas Nursery of Los Angeles as a landscaper and gardener. My wife ~~had been~~ ^{was} employed by the Carl Kondo Agency and can do general office work. My references and pictures are in Tule Lake so I will mail them from there if you should need it.

At present I am employed by
Godfrey Bros, shipping onions.

The work is of a very temporary nature
and I expect to be back in camp
before the twentieth. Whatever you
~~can~~ do for us will be very greatly
appreciated. In fact all we
want is the opportunity to get
out and keep our sanity. Its
very hard to just stay behind
wire fences, live in one bare
room and, oh, its not as bad
as all that but I guess you
know how we feel. And I don't
think that I need to emphasize
the fact that we are as good
an American as those who
live on the outside. I think
the proof that lies in our
action to date, taking this
evacuation as calmly as possible

with great co-operation. Also the fact is proven by Japanese-Americans in Camp McCoy and those in Camp Savage. I'm not a flag waver.

My love for old glory lies deep in my heart and when retreat is blown and the flag comes down it always sends electric thrills up and down the spinal column. — This is getting away from the point, but, we, not just my wife and I — but thousands of others, like us are loyal to the United States and want to do more to win this war and we can do more on the outside.

Enclosed is a return envelope. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you and if possible I would like to write to anyone who would like to employ an American of Japanese descent.

Yours truly,
Jae Kato

February 3rd
[1943]

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Dear Mr. Reese;

I am one of Keith Nishimoto's sisters. My brother has written so many nice things about you I feel I have known you for a long time. I want to take this time to thank you for all the kind things you have been doing to show your friendship. It is a consolation to know there are a few in this world who are understanding enough to befriend a fellow American when he is down in the dumps, if I may use such a term.

Keith has probably told you all about us, but I will tell you a little more about myself and the family and you will probably be interested in knowing more about our evacuation and the camp itself.

We were in the grocery business and was just on the upgrade of life and just starting to get well situated with the business as well as in education for the kids when that awful incident of December 7th took place. As you probably know, we were evacuated 5 months later to the Fresno Assembly Center for 6 months and then relocated here in Jerome Relocation Center in Arkansas.

Perhaps all this was a good idea and is helping the country win the war, ^{but} I feel that I can do more by going out to study and continue my education in nursing, which is the line I had undertaken while in California.

According to my brother, I understand that you have charge of Relocation in the City of Minneapolis. I do not plan to go out as a

worker, but would like very much to go into a training school for nurses.

I have attended The University of California for 4 semesters, but have not quite finished the requirements for the Junior College Certificate. If there are any hospitals you know of in or in the vicinity of Minneapolis, which might admit high school graduates or 1 1/2 year college students, could you let me know?

If it were ordinary times I would be able to attend college for a semester and complete my Junior Certificate requirements, but at present, I will be happy if I were accepted into a training school to get the 3 year nurse training diploma.

At present I am working in the Center Hospital and am doing my best to pick up any available knowledge. There are 8 doctors and about 8 registered nurses and the rest of the workers are nurses aides, who do not know very much of anything. We nurses aides do not learn a great deal due to all the red tape that is involved in running a government hospital, but nevertheless, I love the work.

The Recreation centers are better than the Assembly Centers were in construction, but due to the great number living so close together life gets quite unbearable at times. People degenerate so easily in mass groups like this.

It has been raining all day and will ~~be~~ probably continue to tonight. It thunders and ~~quite~~ there is quite a bit of lightning. This wet and cold weather is quite new to us.

We are always wishing for that good ole California sunshine you hear so much about.

My, but I have certainly rattled on a long time. Here's hoping I have not taken up too much of your valuable time. I would love to meet you lovely folks someday - I hope, in the near future.

Thanks a million again for your kind treatment of my brother. It relieves us from a lot of worry, when we know he has a few friends he can turn to.

Would love to hear from you and hope I do not put you to too much trouble with my questions and my asking about nurse's training school.

Sincerely,

Mary Nishimoto

Mary Nishimoto

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Jerome WRA

Denson, Ark.

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[Feb 15, 1943]

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Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will
toward men.

St. Luke 2:14

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As the Yuletide's friendly glow
Fills the world with cheer again,
And the carolers proclaim,
"Peace on earth, good will to men",
May God's own great gift of love
Come to bless your fireside,
And the season's truest joys
In your happy home abide.

Like him, you have helped us
find "new life" and for that
we are forever in your debt.

Gratefully,

Sue Mariakami

[Feb. 15, 1943]

Data Sheet

Masa Nishi

Physical and Personal Details:

Age: 25 years
Height: 5 feet
Weight: 110 pounds
Sex: Female
Nationality: American
Religion: Christian
Marital Status: Single
Health: Good

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Education:

Preparatory: Granger High School Granger, Washington

Colleges: University of Washington Seattle, Wash.
Bachelor of Arts Degree in General Studies
with intensive study in Business Adminis-
tration....graduated in June 1939.
Racine's Western Institute Seattle, Wash.
Stenographic course.....attended for six
months.

Experience:

Assistant bookkeeper for Pacific Fruit & Produce Company
branch office in Wapato, Washington for seasonal work for
two summer seasons.

Senior clerk at the W.C.C.A. center in Portland, Oregon
during the past summer.

Supervising clerk at the W.R.A. center from September of
1942 up to the present time.

Additional information:

Civil Service ratings: Clerk-typist in both Federal and
Washington State examinations.

Extra activities: Superintendent and teacher in Sunday
School.
Den Mother to Cub Boy Scouts.

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References:

Mr. W. B. McFarlane	Placement Officer WRA	Heart Mountain, Wyoming.
Miss Ida Shockley	Dean of Women	MacPherson College MacPherson, Kansas.
Mr. C.S. Edmundson	Basketball Coach	University of Wash. 3803-43rd. Ave. N.E. Seattle, Washington
Dr. F.C. Bradbury	Dentist	Toppenish, Washington
Mrs. Frank Baldrige	Housewife	Zillah, Washington

[Feb. 17, 1943]

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War Relocation Desk
c/o United States Employment Service
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr. Harvery Coverley
Project Director
Tulelake, Newell California

Dear Mr. Coverley:

I send in your care an open letter to Mr William Fujii. If he has left the Center will you let me know? The job I offer here is only a starter, but he could live on it until something better opens. It would be my idea that he should take the state civil service exams and see what he could get on the basis of his Social Security experience in the Unemployment Division at Sacramento.

I wish to inquire, also about Mr and Mrs Tak Kato. We have a job here with some unusually fine people who want a couple to move into an attractive five room cottage on their country estate. The work of the man would be gardening, of the wife to look after the year-round caretaker. This would mean cooking for three or four adults including themselves. The gardening is flower gardens and lawns, and a vegetable garden large enough to care for the needs of four families and of the couple. The woman would can her own winter needs. This is a year-round job. The family has an excellent employment record and has had the same caretaker for many years. I do not know whether they would consider this. If they are interested have them write to Mrs. E.L. Carpenter, 314 Clifton Ave for further details and information. I believe the salary would be a good one for dependable people.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary, Mpls. War Relocation Com.

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Rec'd
2-19-43
Stenographic
(Domestic)

3825 Pleasant Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 17, 1943

U. S. Employment Service
War Relocation Dept.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefil:

I am writing to you to ask for your help in procuring a job for my sister who is at present at the Relocation Camp in Utah. I have heard from reliable sources that your Department is in charge of such applications for jobs here in Minneapolis, and since I am very anxious to have her come here to join me, I am appealing to you.

My husband is a soldier stationed at Camp Savage, Minn. and I have found a job with the Frost Paint & Oil Corporation. We are willing to be responsible for my sister's welfare, altho' I am sure she will more than manage with any type of job you may find for her. She has had experience in a home quite some time ago in San Francisco, but her main line of work, I believe, should be a stenographic position. She has graduated from the Munson's Business College in San Francisco and is very capable both in shorthand and typing. However, since she has been in Camps for practically a year, she believes it best for herself to work in a home as a domestic help at first, as she lacks the proper needs to move into an apartment or the clothes for the office. Her name is - Miss Sadako Kitano, Block 34-3-D - Topaz, Utah.

Due to my work at the office, I am unable to go to your office to speak about this matter personally. I would appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will let me know by return mail whether you are able to take care of this for me, and if there are any other particulars you may wish to know about her, or if you wish, you could phone me any evening at Colfax 0183.

I hope I may be favored with your prompt reply, as I am very anxious to have my sister join me here at Minneapolis. I thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Masako Saito
Mrs. Masako Saito

February 18, 1943

IN RE: MARY TAKAHASHI

War Relocation Project
Menzanar, California

Dear Sirs: Attention, Robert L. Brown
 Acting Project Director

Thank you for your letter of February 13th. I am glad to learn that Miss Takahashi's application is now in process. I shall appreciate your further advice just as soon as she is ready to leave for Minneapolis.

Cordially,

ANP:MB

Arthur N. Phillips

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 2-19-43Name KURODA, FUMIBirth Date 2-11-21 Country Pismo Beach,
of Birth Calif.Block Number 306 - 7D Camp #3Height 5'1" Weight 120 Sex femalePost Office Poston, ArizonaCitizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give

State _____

date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying Clerk- TypistSocial Security No. [REDACTED]

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English?

Draft Status _____

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese?

Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary					
High					
Business or Trade School				Bookkeeping, typing, filing, office practice, shorthand	
University---give name					Degree
Other Education or Training					
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo. 8 Yr. 41	Mo. 2 Yr. 42	Frances Judkins, Pismo Beach, Calif.	Principal of Grammar School	Secretary, bookkeeper, Receptionist.	
Mo. 4 Yr. 42	Mo. 6 Yr. 42	R. R. Greenberg Reedley, Calif	Shipper & Grower Fruits & Veg.	Packer - fruits	
Mo. 6 Yr. 42	Mo. 7 Yr. 42	Fagg's Reedley, Calif	Fruit Shipper	Packer, peaches	
Mo. _____ Yr. _____	Mo. _____ Yr. _____				
Mo. _____ Yr. _____	Mo. _____ Yr. _____				
Mo. _____ Yr. _____	Mo. _____ Yr. _____				
Mo. _____ Yr. _____	Mo. _____ Yr. _____				

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook?____, with children?
____, care of grounds?____, serving at table?____, laundress?____, general
housework?____. If you take shorthand, give present speed____ Typing speed 55.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date_____. List any farm, factory or
office machines which you can operate_____.

_____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?_____ To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?_____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____

_____ Is your health good____ fair____ poor____? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have none_____

_____. How do these affect your work?_____

Have you ever been bonded?_____ Ever had bond refused?_____

Use the space below to describe any special fitness which you may feel that you have
for the particular job for which you are applying_____

Your signature_____

This form is supplied to you by the War Relocation Authority to aid you in telling
the employer as much as you can about your qualifications for the job for which he
is to consider you. The information asked above is the minimum most employers need
to make a decision. A personal letter to accompany this form is desirable but not
entirely necessary. Since in most cases you cannot give the employer the benefit
of a personal interview, make your application as complete as possible. If a small
photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 2-19-43Name FUJII, WILLIAMBirth Date 3*12*16 Country of Birth United States

Block Number _____

Height 5'5" Weight 120 Sex MalePost Office 3106-A Tulare

Citizen of U.S.? _____ If alien give

State _____

date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying Accounting ClerkSocial Security No. XXXXXXXXXX

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English?

Draft Status _____

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese?

Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary					
High					
Business or Trade School	Univ. California Berkeley, Calif	'39	'41	Commerce & Accounting	
University---give name	Stockton College of Music	'37	'39		Degree
Other Education or Training					
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo. 6	Mo. 8	Parents		Retail Sales Clerk	
Yr. 34	Yr. 37	Sacramento, Calif	Retail Notion Shop		
Mo. 5	Mo. 8	Retail Notion Shop		Sales Clerk	
Yr. 37	Yr. 39			Kept Accts. Etc.	
Mo. 9	Mo. 8	Calif. State Dept. Unempl.		Jr. Clerk	
Yr. 38	Yr. 39	Sacramento, Calif.		Social Sec. Dept.	
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook?____, with children?
____, care of grounds?____, serving at table?____, laundress?____, general
housework?____. If you take shorthand, give present speed____ Typing speed____.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date____. List any farm, factory or

office machines which you can operate_____.

____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?____. To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____.

____ Is your health good____ fair____ poor____? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have_____.

____. How do these affect your work?_____.

Have you ever been bonded?____ Ever had bond refused?_____.

Use the space below to describe any special fitness which you may feel that you have
for the particular job for which you are applying_____.

Your signature_____

This form is supplied to you by the War Relocation Authority to aid you in telling
the employer as much as you can about your qualifications for the job for which he
is to consider you. The information asked above is the minimum most employers need
to make a decision. A personal letter to accompany this form is desirable but not
entirely necessary. Since in most cases you cannot give the employer the benefit
of a personal interview, make your application as complete as possible. If a small
photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

[Feb. 19, 1943]

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WAR RELOCATION DESK
c/o United States Employment S
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr. William Fujii
3106-A Tulelake
Newell California

Dear Mr. Fujii:

A job call has come to this desk today which I offer you with the idea that it would serve at least as a start. It is an office job, bookkeeping, typing, perhaps some shipping clerk work, at least receiving and sending, in a Furniture store. The pay is \$25.00 a week to start.

We are asking the employer to send the job description in writing to Mr. White State Relocation Officer to be sure that we get in writing a statement of the minimum salary guaranteed.

If you are interested would you let me know so we can plan to have you come on. I have talked to your brother at Camp Savage, and am sending him a copy of this letter. With your educational background I am very hopeful that once you are here we can do better for you. This, however, would serve to get you into the city and make you available for interviews for other jobs as they open.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary, Mpls. War Relocation Com.

(Please return to this desk.)

[Feb. 19, 1943]

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3-1-43



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34-3-D
Central Utah
Relocation Proj.
Topaz, Utah

The Secretary
Central Y. W. C. A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

I am an American Japanese girl, 22 years of age, formerly of San Francisco, California. Since the time I came here in October, 1942, I have been trying to find work on the outside. At present, I am interested in a domestic job although I hope to eventually find clerical work to put to use what I learned at business school.

My first relocation plans were toward Chicago, Illinois, and I corresponded with Miss Ethel Dewey of the Chicago Y. W. C. A. on Monroe Street, who was helping me find a domestic position. However, since January, 1943, I had to change my plans because my sister who was living in Illinois, moved to Minneapolis.

I am writing to ask you if you could help me find a domestic job in your city. If that is possible, should I have my application which I filled out for the Chicago Y. W. C. A. transferred to yours? If I could do that, I shall write to Miss Dewey to forward my application to Minneapolis at once.

I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Sadako Kitano

Sadako Kitano

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February 19, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Representative
War Relocation Committee
U. S. Employment Service
407 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Through Miss Kiyo Nagai, a fellow worker here at the Jerome Relocation Center, I learned of the work you are doing in trying to aid us in resettling ourselves.

I am very much interested in obtaining outside employment and that is why I am writing to you at this time.

I would appreciate it very much if you could forward an application blank to me so that I may fill it out, indicating all my education and my experience. I am sure that will be better than trying to tell you in just so many words.

Looking forward to an early reply to this request, and thanking you for your consideration, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Tomiko K. Okura (Miss)

Block 3-8-A
Jerome R. C.
Denson, Arkansas

W.R.C.
rec'd 2-24-43

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

In reply, please refer to:

February 19, 1943

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Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
War Relocation Committee Desk
United States Employment Service
407 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

We have a letter of February 16, 1943, from Mr. H. O. Heald, enclosing work history registration blanks for two Nisei girls in this center, Misses Kiyo Nagai, and Shizuko Dakuzaku.

✓
As Miss Dakuzaku has already obtained employment in Chicago, we are returning her registration blank with that information.

Also, enclosed is Miss Kiyo Nagai's blank complete with the desired information.

✓
We have a Miss Tomiko Okura, 3-08-A of this center who is interested in being placed through you. She would appreciate receiving a work history registration blank.

We are very much interested in your efforts and shall be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

John L. McCormick
John L. McCormick
Head Employment Division



2-27-43
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Sent-2-13-43
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U. S. ARMY

February 23rd, 1943,
Barrack "B"
Student Detachment,
Camp Savage, Minnesota.

To Mrs. Steeful,
War Relocation Committee Desk,
407 South, 4th, Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Dear Madam;

Captain Dowd, of this camp informs me to contact you regarding a formal application concerning employment in Minneapolis for Miss Miyoko Sugi of Rohwer Relocation Center, Arkansas. (

Circumstances prevent me from leaving this post during your office hours, hence I shall appreciate it very much if you would send the application blank to me. I shall then forward the completed form at the earliest possible date.

Miss Sugi informs me that she filled out her application form at her employment office and also that her leave clearance has come thru.

Enclosed please find a self addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

USE'S -511
Sent 2-13-43

Private Misao J. Fujikawa



UNITED STATES ARMY

Camp Savage, Minn.
February 23, 1943

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War Relocation Committee
407 So. Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sirs:

As I have some members
of my family, who are interested
in employment outside of relocation
center, will you please let me
know what type of jobs are open
and what information are necessary
in making application.

Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,
Pot. Kosma Sakamoto

Barrack G
School & Student Det
Camp Savage

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date 2-24-43

Name KUNITOMI, SUE SUEKO Birth 1-6-23 Country Los Angeles,
 Date 1-6-23 of Birth Calif

Block Number 20, Bldg. 3 Apt 1 Height 5'4 1/2 Weight 120 Sex Female

Post Office Manzanar, Calif Citizen of U.S.? Yes If alien give
 State _____ date of entry into U.S. _____

Position for which Applying Clerk-typist Social Security No. _____

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ English? Draft Status _____

Do you speak _____ read _____ write _____ Japanese? Marital Status Single

SHOW EDUCATION BELOW---If part time training is included, clearly indicate:

Type of School	Location--city and state, or country if not in USA	From Year	To Year	Kind of Course and Major Subjects	Graduated Yes--No
Elementary	Amelia St. Grammar School				
High	Abraham Lincoln High School				
Business or Trade School					
University---give name					Degree
Other Education or Training	At present time, staff reporter on Manzanar Free Press. Also write various columns. Has done housework & cared for children.				
Apprenticeship	Where Served			Trade and Industry	Completed?

List below your regular employment, showing last jobs first. List WRA jobs. Show self-employment and prolonged periods of unemployment.

From	To	Employer's Name, Address	Kind of Business	Your Title and Duties	Wage
Mo. 3	Mo. 4	Jack Kunitomi			
Yr. 41	Yr. 42	301 No. Garey St.	Retail Grocery		
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				
Mo.	Mo.				
Yr.	Yr.				

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook?_____, with children?
_____, care of grounds?_____, serving at table?_____, laundress?_____, general
housework?_____. If you take shorthand, give present speed_____. Typing speed 45.

List tools you own in business or trade_____.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and
expiration date_____. List any farm, factory or
office machines which you can operate_____.

_____. List any machines which you can repair or service
_____.

Can you drive an automobile?_____ To what professional, technical or union
organizations do you belong?_____ If you have supervised
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly._____

_____ Is your health good____fair____poor____? List
any physical defects or infirmities you may have_____ none _____
_____. How do these affect your work?_____

Have you ever been bonded?_____ Ever had bond refused?_____

Use the space below to describe any special fitness which you may feel that you have
for the particular job for which you are applying_____

Your signature_____

This form is supplied to you by the War Relocation Authority to aid you in telling
the employer as much as you can about your qualifications for the job for which he
is to consider you. The information asked above is the minimum most employers need
to make a decision. A personal letter to accompany this form is desirable but not
entirely necessary. Since in most cases you cannot give the employer the benefit
of a personal interview, make your application as complete as possible. If a small
photograph or snapshot is available, it will be helpful to enclose it. The employer
should not be asked to return such a photograph.

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
~~FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY~~
~~SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD~~

IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE No.

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

February 24, 1943

TO: Mrs. Lawrence Steefel
War Relocation Authority

FROM: H. O. Heald, Manager
U.S. Employment Service

SUBJECT:

Attached are letters that I have received from Nisei and as you will note some of them have written directly to the Chamber of Commerce and were referred to this office, and others have come directly to us.

I wish you would look these letters over and if, in your opinion, they should be given consideration through your organization, you might send an application to these people just as we have sent the others out.

H. O. Heald
Manager

Dear Mrs. Stuefel,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in my application. And Thank you, too, for the very sincere kindness you have extended towards my dear friend, Ann Chano.

This is to let you know that I have applied for clearance and that, since it is almost a month now, I should receive it any day. I will write you as soon as I hear from the Leave office.

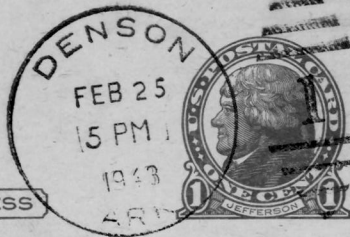
Sincerely,

Sue Moriakame
High School Dept.
Jerome, N. C.



Rec'd 3-1-43

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs. L. D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Sec'y
% U. S. E. S.
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

407 South Fourth Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 25, 1943

OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL MANAGER
Minneapolis

Placement Officer
War Relocation Authority
Tule Lake Project
Newell, California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are registration blanks from the Minneapolis office of the United States Employment Service showing the names of Nisei in your Center who have an occupational ability for which there is a need in this area. We would like very much if you would have a complete registration taken for these Nisei and return the completed applications to us as soon as possible.

The purpose of this procedure is to furnish the Minneapolis office with a more complete work history of the applicants in order that we might more intelligently present to some local employers the qualifications of these applicants, and that these American citizens may have access to an open market at prevailing rates of pay and under the standard working conditions. Please do not convey the impression to the Nisei involved that this action in any way is a guarantee of employment, but rather that it is a more positive and complete step in assisting them in finding suitable employment.

We request, therefore, that your staff aid us by having these blanks filled out, providing the Nisei involved are interested in coming to Minneapolis for work and provided, further, that a suitable opening may be found. Also may we request that in the space reserved for comments, you add such confidential information about personalities and general quality of the individual as your placement staff may care to add.

Upon receipt of the completed application cards in the Minneapolis office, they will be shown to prospective employers and we sincerely hope that job offerings with specific detail can be forwarded to you within a reasonable period of time. Please return all applications, whether completed or not. If not completed, we would appreciate a statement as to why the person involved did not care to receive further consideration. These comments may be written across the face of the application blank and might include such comments as: "Not interested in work in Minnesota", "Not available at this time", "Has secured employment", etc. Please address all replies to War Relocation Committee Desk, United States Employment Service, 407 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This is an experiment and we hope that it will result in accurate placements, especially of the highly skilled men and women in jobs at current salaries, and in the kind of work which is the first choice of the applicants.

February 25, 1943

Minneapolis War Relocation Committee (a volunteer community group) and the local office of the United States Employment Service will be very grateful for your cooperation in this experiment, and for any comments you may care to make.

For your information, Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel is the Volunteer Representative of the War Relocation Committee and is prepared to give this experiment her undivided attention.

Very truly yours

H. O. Heald

H. O. Heald, Manager

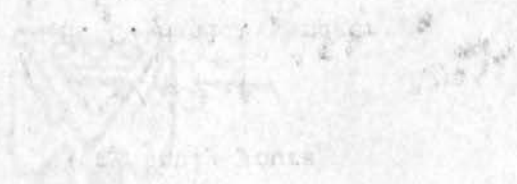
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TULAKE PROJECT
ADMINISTRATIVE
DIVISION

February 27-43.
#16-2-1 W.R.A.
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I thank you very much
for your letter. I am very
sorry I did not answer it
sooner. Seems as if my permit
won't come for ever. At the
Relocation office: They have
told me ~~ever~~ that the clearance
office at Washington is quite
busy now. and that I'll be
getting my clearance soon for
I have sent mine long before.
I'm still expecting it any day.

Mr. Phillips, are there
places like Chuckee Y.W.C.A.,
Red Cross station, etc. I could
spend my ^{free} time. Is Camp
Savage where the nice soldiers
are being trained near your
home? are there many other
Japanese get working near?

Hoping I'll get a notice

from the clearance board
soon.

Yours very truly,
Mary Takahashi

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Rec'd
3.3.43

February 28, 1943
Camp Savage, Minn.

United Service Men's Club
Hennipen Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Sir:

Recently on the bulletin board of the United Service Men's Club, I noticed a small paper on it which stated that the Club was aiding the soldiers in Camp Savage in finding employment for their wives, relatives, and friends in Minneapolis.

I would appreciate it very much if the name of my very good friend, JAMES M. SAKAMOTO was added to the list which the Club has volunteered to aid.

Below, I am furnishing information which might hasten his finding employment in either this city or St. Paul.

NAME: James M. Sakamoto

AGE: 22

TYPE OF WORK INTERESTED IN: Preferably a job in the nursery, but will consider any kind of employment.

EXPERIENCE: Four years experience in flower and plant garden work.

EDUCATION: High school education.

ADDRESS: Block 211, Barrack 9-D, Relocation Center, Poston, Arizona.

Thanking you very kindly, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Pvt Thomas B. Tsuyuki

PVT. THOMAS B. TSUYUKI

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