



Committee on Resettlement of
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[Apr. 5, 1943]

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Dear Mrs. Stiefel.

We are two girls who wish to ask for your help. We were asked to contact you in the hope that you may help us. We are girls 19 years of age with about a years experience doing part time domestic work. Could you tell us if there is a possibility of us getting this sort of work in Minneapolis? The wages must be reasonable and we would prefer a place where we do not have to cook as we both cannot cook. However, we both are capable of assisting in cooking. We would rather have a part time work where we may have some hours in the afternoons free even if the wages aren't too much, than to have a full time ~~work~~ job with very good wages. If there are two positions a short distance to each other do you think we may be able to take them? We would like to work near each other if it is possible. Our names are Yoshiko Matsumura & Sumiye Akagi. If you can find us any type of domestic work can you clear us so that we may leave? Thanking very kindly for all this trouble, I remain -

Yours sincerely,
Sumiye Akagi

Maybarding?

5-5-A
TO PAZ, UTAH

4-3-43

cleared with C.S.P. Part time
William Cooper
2708 So
Wa 6344
High School
Minneapolis

(R 7756)

Report to
Mr. White
4-4-43

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2-24-E
Heart Mountain, Wyo.

April 8, 1943

Mr. C. L. White
Relocation Officer
842 Metropolitan Life Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. White:

In reply to your teletype I am submitting my experience and qualifications.

While I was attending Los Angeles City College I worked on the National Youth Administration Project as secretary to teachers, and during one summer worked at its main headquarters in Los Angeles as a stenographer. I have had 3 months' experience as stenographer-clerk in the Finance Department during my stay at the Pomona Assembly Center. My duties consisted of dictation and transcription, typing reports and inventory, verifying Purchase Orders on various adding and calculating machines, and numerical and alphabetical filing. For the past 8 months I have been working as secretary to Mr. Boyd N. Larsen, Fiscal Accountant in the Audit Section of this Project. My work here consists of dictation and transcription, typing of various government forms and financial statements, and some auditing.

I graduated in 1939 from the John Marshall High School where I took a commercial course majoring in shorthand and bookkeeping. I have also completed 2 years at the Los Angeles City College majoring in the secretarial course. Some of the subjects I took are: Shorthand, at 120 words per minute; typing, at 70 words per minute; office machines, business English and correspondence, accounting, 1 year; and office practice.

The following persons may be referred to in regard to my ability: Mr. Boyd N. Larsen, Fiscal Accountant, Audit Section, Heart Mountain, Wyoming; and Miss Willie G. Fryer, Junior Fiscal Accountant, Audit Section, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

June Yamashita

June Yamashita

APR 9 1943

Medical Student
2 yrs 49 cal.

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April 1, 1943

Mr. Lloyd Iseri
c/o Center Hospital
Jerome WRA
Denson, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Iseri:

I have learned something of you and your wife, Sue, through Miss Elizabeth Maruyama, who is a friend of us on the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee, and who is now working as Nurses' Aid at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota until she can enter as Senior in Nurses Training Class starting later this year.

Elizabeth is anxious that you and your wife come to Minnesota and as I understand the situation the idea seems entirely practical. If you are interested in it, will you please do the following things:

1. Advise your leave clearance status. If it has not yet come through, advise date of application.
2. If you have not already filed your personal history and employment record with the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee, please ask your local office to send this information to us on the mimeographed form entitled "Individual Record." Send this record, for yourself and wife, to the War Relocation Deck, U.S.E.S., 407 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, or ask to have it sent to C. L. White, War Relocation Authority, Metropolitan Life Bldg, Minneapolis.
3. Ask your University to send transcript of your college record to either of the addresses mentioned in 2.

If you are interested in coming to Minnesota, we will do whatever we can to aid you in getting properly located.

Yours very truly,

FR/w

Chairman
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

cc to C. L. White
Mrs. Lawrence Steefel

29-14-C
Heart Mt. Wyo.

April 8, 1943

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Mr. C. L. White
Relocation Officer
842 Metropolitan Life Bldg.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. White:

In reply to your teletype I am submitting my experience and qualifications.

One year before evacuation I was a bookkeeper in a retail store dealing with both domestic and oriental goods. While working there as a bookkeeper I did general office work and helped out as a sales clerk. At the same store I was a part time bookkeeper and sales clerk prior to this period. When we were evacuated to Santa Anita Assembly Center, I worked as a senior typist. My work consisted mainly of typing and filing. In Heart Mountain Relocation Center, I was a junior accountant in the warehouse for five months. At the present I am working as senior clerk typist in the audit section. My duties are typing various government forms, auditing and recording purchase orders and vouchers, and general filing. As to stencil cutting, I have had one and one half year's experience in publishing and printing a weekly church bulletin. Also while in high school, working for the counselor, I did a great deal of work in stencils and general office work.

My education record is as follows:

Emerson School
Bancroft Junior High School
Hollywood High School
College Preparatory
University of California at Los Angeles
Accounting Major
Courses pertaining to business:
Math of Finance, Business Law
Accounting (1½ yrs.)
Economics (1 yr.)

Mr. Chandler, Senior Storekeeper, Mr. Boyd N. Larsen, Fiscal Accountant, Miss Willies Fryer, Junior Fiscal Accountant, and Mr. Harold Kimura, Adviser of the Young People's Society, may be referred to for my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Hatsui Watanabe

Hatsui Watanabe

APR 9 1943

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c/o Alvin Werner,
Rt. 1, Box 328,
Des Plaines, Ill.
April 8, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

Greetings! from Des Plaines, Ill., where we were relocated about one week ago.

I am here only temporarily working as maintenance man in a Photo Service plant. The owner of the plant, who is the brother of a dear friend of mine, tells me that I am free to go wherever I choose, if and when another job to my liking turns up.

I have been City Editor of the Santa Anita Assembly Center "Pacemaker" (pop: 19,000); reporter on the Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas, "Communique"; and editor of the Documents Section magazine, the "Magnet", which is yet to go to press.

I am very much interested in public relations work, or working on any bulletin or newspaper which might be published by the WRA field offices. If there are any openings, Mrs. Steefel, where you might be able to use me, or my wife, who is also a journalist, we would appreciate it very much.

My wife is the former Asami Kawachi, former Santa Anita Assembly Center "Pacemaker"s Womens Editor; she is also 1942 winner (first prize) of the essay contest sponsored by the Common Council for American Unity, which publishes "Common Ground." (Margaret Anderson's magazine.)

I feel frustrated----I don't mind hard work at all; I am working very hard, but that hard work I'd like to put into more constructive and creative channels.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Oyama.



32-12-A
Denson, Arkansas
April 8, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
W. R. Committee Desk
U. S. Employment Service
407 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Recently, I received my leave clearance and desire very much to be resettled in Minnesota. I had previously written to you about the possibilities of being resettled in the region covered by your office.

I had given you my educational and employment background in the previous letter.

I am deeply interested in obtaining employment in the field of accounting, and am now receiving valuable experience in this center. I am confident that I can handle majority of the positions pertaining to accounting, since I have taken an extensive commercial course while attending school.

The Japanese American Citizens League of which I am a member, recommended that I write to you, as they thought that you may be able to give me the desired aid.

I would appreciate all the help that you can give me in this matter of resettlement.

Hopefully yours,

Toshio Enokida

M E M O R A N D U M

from EDNA H. PORTER

To Mrs Lawrence Steepel

I am enclosing a letter from Miss
Rapp and a copy of my reply.
Also attached you will find some
material just received from W.P.A.

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COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

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297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 7, 1943

Edna H. Porter, Executive Secretary
Minneapolis Y.W.C.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

Under the direction of Mr. George Rundquist, I am making a study of evacuees who have resettled outside the relocation centers. We are sending personal letters, accompanied by a questionnaire, to resettlers. From their replies we hope to draw material to enable our national and local committees to function more effectively in the adjustment of Japanese Americans to new communities. Also I hope to incorporate this data in a thesis I am writing at the New York School of Social Work of Columbia University.

I believe Mr. Toru Matsumoto has requested that you send us the names and addresses of representative resettlers with whom you have had contact, so that we may write them. If possible, we would like you to include one person from each of these categories: college student, office worker, domestic worker, farm worker, mechanical worker, professional, Christian, Buddhist, Issei, Kibei.

If you know the whereabouts of Miyoko Sugi, whom we understand has recently relocated in Minneapolis, we would appreciate your sending this evacuee's address along with the other names.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Anne Rapp

April 10, 1943

Miss Sarah Anne Rapp
Committee On Resettlement of Japanese Americans
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Rapp:

I am forwarding your letter to Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, who, as a volunteer worker, has taken charge of placements in Minneapolis. I am sure she will try to supply the information you request, if it is possible to do so, but since she does not have clerical assistance, she may be somewhat delayed in getting the information to you.

I have heard nothing from Mr. Toru Matsumoto, but it is possible that his letter has gone directly to Mrs. Steefel.

A branch W.R.A. office has been set up in Minneapolis with Mr. Clement White as the area director. The office is located in the Metropolitan Life Building, Room 842, Second Avenue South and Third Street, Minneapolis. It may be that you would prefer to correspond directly with Mr. White. Mrs. Steefel and Mr. White are working cooperatively in making placements of Japanese-Americans.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

EHP:MC

April 7, 1943

Captain Lawrence Dowd
Camp Savage
Savage, Minnesota

Dear Captain Dowd:

Our Placement Committee is getting some complaints about disregard by some of the soldiers of the understanding under which their wives were placed in domestic employment. Employers were promised that husbands would visit their wives not oftener than Wednesday afternoons and Saturday-Sunday week ends. In some instances this arrangement, which seems liberal from the employers standpoint, has been completely disregarded.

One soldier is said to have missed only four or five nights during the two months his wife was employed, and the only reason the employer stood for it was that she liked the girl so very much. This soldier is said to have put in his appearance at all hours of the afternoon from 1 to 3 or 4 o'clock, and when the family ration books could not stand the strain he brought in food for his wife to cook for him.

This sort of thing can easily grow unless checked, and thus hurt the standing of the whole Nisei group in the community. We are, as a Committee, completely sympathetic with a fair and liberal attitude on the part of the Army in the matter of granting leaves. However, domestic employment does not imply family residence beyond the reasonable agreed limits contained in the original agreement.

This seems to be a problem requiring co-operation at Camp Savage. Can you suggest what steps should be taken to find the solution?

Yours very truly,

Chairman
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

FR/w

do Russel's Hatchery April 7, 1943
Paynesville - Minn.

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Dear Mrs. Stager,

I thought I'd just drop you line to ask you a few details about the jobs you mentioned to me today. In case you don't remember I'm the one that asked about working with room and board.

About this job processing poultry, I thought it over, and would like to know if I could get a place to room and board at a reasonable price close-by the poultry. Also, I would like to know the specific pay, the working hours, and details about the work. I'm very anxious to get the right connection and will be waiting for your reply -

Yours very truly,

Harry Yamamoto

P.S. Thanks very much for your great help this afternoon.

Q 8275-

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7F-3D
Amache, Colorado
April 7, 1943

Mrs. L. D. Steefel
War Relocation Desk
407 South 4th Street
c/o U.S.E.S.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

A few weeks ago I wrote you asking that you place my name on your employment registrar, and that a U.S. Employment Service Registration blank be sent to me. To date I have neither heard from you, nor have I received said blank.

I do realize, however that it is extremely difficult to place Japanese Americans in Secretarial positions and that such positions are few and far between. In the meanwhile, I am anxious to go to Minneapolis and I would be willing to accept a domestic position until such time that I can secure a secretarial position.

I understand that domestic positions are plentiful, and if you could place me in a suitable home under the provisions of the Minneapolis W.R.A., I would certainly appreciate your effort. I am interested in a home that would provide both room and board, and a salary. If I find that I like the family I could consider a permanent position.

As to my personal history I am a Secretary by occupation but I have had domestic experience for two years. I can cook simple meals and do general housework.

I am 21 years of age and single. I have no experience with babies but have worked in a home where they had one daughter over the age of eight. I can get along well with children although I would prefer a home without children.

My F.B.I. clearance has come through and I would be able to leave immediately. If a position is available will you please let me know at the address above. If not, will you please reply to this letter anyway?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marion Isono

(Miss) Marion Isono

Cord

April 25, wrote suggesting
domestic work. In mind for
Mrs Winston

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7-11-C

Denson, Ark.

April 6, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

The employment office of the Jerome Relocation Center suggested that I write you for advice and help. At present I am teaching the fifth grade of the Elementary school. As soon as the semester ends, the first part of May, I would like to leave camp for employment outside. New York, Chicago or other large cities would be preferable. The type of work I would like to secure and am interested in is Social Service work. (Minority groups)

I have not the full qualifications for the work, but would be willing to work as an apprentice and for the experience. I have a junior college education. The subjects I have taken for the work I desire are: —

Sociology	Home Economics
American History	Psychology (everyday)
Child Development	Child Psychology
Social arts	Nursery School Education
Classroom Administration	Bookkeeping

Enclosed you will find my individual record sheet. If there ~~is~~ any other information you would like I would be glad to inform you immediately (references etc)

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very sincerely,
Chiyo Suzuki
(Chiyo Suzuki)

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April 6, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel
War Relocation Committee
404 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel

We would like to apply
for a job in the area of
St. Paul - Minneapolis, Minn.

We would prefer Defense
work but if not we would
do other work.

We are 19 years of age and
have graduated High School.
We are physically fit.

At the present time
we are working in a
Convalescent Hospital

We prefer to work together

Yours Truly
James Kimoto
Atsushi Sano

% Green Lake Post Haven

6470 Alden Drive, Green Lake

R.F.D. No 5.

Pontiac, Michigan

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407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 6, 1943

Project Director,
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Dear Sir:

I enclose copy of a letter received from Sumiye Akagi concerning herself and Yoshiko Matsumura. We have a number of positions in the domestic field which are open for full time employment for experienced workers which pay from \$60.00 to \$75.00 a month. But it is obvious that these youngsters do not want full time employment, and that they have little experience.

I know of two families, both families of professors at the University of Minnesota, where the couples are middle aged, all children grown and away from home, where girls of this type would receive good training, careful supervision, good housing, and could grow used to the community in a tolerant environment.

These families are accustomed to part-time student help. They are willing to try these youngsters out on a short-day basis at \$5.00 a week with full maintenance. Mr. White, our local WRA representative has requested that I write you stating the situation, so that you may judge the home situation of these girls, parents' attitude, and give us your judgement on the basis of your knowledge of their maturity and quality. These are both fine families who are used to a standard of life which stands for simple living and high thinking, rather than show and entertainment on a lavish scale. They have raised families of their own and done a good job of it. I should feel safe to have the girls in their care.

Will you be so kind as to write your opinion of the desirability of this relocation? I should greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Service Secretary for Placement

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War Relocation Desk,
c/o United States Employment
407 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 6, 1943

Mrs Howard Uno
110-9-D Granada, W.R.C.
Amache, Colorado

Dear Mrs Uno:

Prvt. Uno came to see me a little while ago and said that both you and he would like to make arrangements for you to take work so you could leave the Center with the baby and be settled before he is called upon to make any change. I am therefor, writing to you, and sending to him a copy, a letter about a position which is open to you.

The position is in the home of a woman who has recently had an accident. She is still in bed, in a cast, but she will later be able to be wholly well. There are four in the family, husband, wife, two children, boy 12, girl 14 years. She wants someone who will take full charge of the cooking under her supervision, take care of the laundry, using a machine she has, and a mangle as well. There are six rooms in the house besides your own, and an upstairs bath and downstairs lavatory-toilet. Your own and the baby's room is the seventh one. It is on the first floor, near the lavatory. She has had help before where there was a child to be cared for by the mother. If the baby is well, she will be glad to have you bring it. She offers ten dollars a week with food for the baby including fruit, milk etc according to doctor's recommendations.

She is desperately in need of help, and would try to make the position not too difficult for you. The house is not large and the family customs are simple. This would be a permanent job if you like it but you need not stay if conditions do not warrant it.

Will you please write me at once if you are interested. I will then arrange to have the job cleared through the local WRA office, and O.K'd if for leave clearance. This position is in St. Paul. If you should care to write or Prvt Uno wishes to visit the family to know them better before you decide, the name is Mr. Roy W. Brand,
711 Stewart Lane S.
St. Paul, Minnesota

I hope this will be of help in aiding you to make permanent plans

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence Steefel,
Volunteer Placement Secretary

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

In reply, please refer to:

Emp - Placement
#8619

April 5, 1943

Mr. C. H. Swenson, Manager
War Manpower Commission
407 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Enclosed are applications for registration, Form USES 511, for
Ichiro Fukutome and Kikuko Shimazaki, as per your request.

You will note that Miss Shimazaki's card has been left blank
but the postal card attached is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

By

Claude C. Cornwall

Claude C. Cornwall
Chief, Employment Division

Enclosures



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407 S 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 5, 1943

Pvt. Cosma Sakamoto
Barrack C
School and Student Detachment
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Dear Private Sakamoto:

We have a great many calls at this time for farm workers, single and couples who have had turkey raising experience, poultry raising, packing and processing experience, dairy experience or market garden experience with vegetables, potatoes or corn.

We have calls for gardeners, and domestic service couples. These are paid \$100-\$150 a month and maintenance if both members of the couples work. There are some jobs for skilled nursery workers, and for houseboys.

For women, a few secretarial jobs, where they are well-trained and have high speeds and have used their shorthand and typing recently. These come rarely, but we are hoping there will be more of these.

There are domestic jobs at \$60.00 to \$75.00 a month with full maintenance. Sometimes there are jobs for two girls in the same home, one for cook and the other for upstairs, second girl, or nurse maid duty.

I hope this information is of help to you. Will you write to this desk or have your relatives do so if they are interested in employment here, or write to Mr C.L. White State Supervisor for WRA 842 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota

If there is any further help we can give, please let us know. I'm sorry to have been so slow in answering. But when your letter came there was little open. Our work here is beginning to bring results. One thing you must remember is this: Minneapolis is a place where there are many unemployed people, locally. We are sending workers away to work all over the country. This means that save in the fields I have mentioned, there is no need to bring people in. They would not find work open to them. It is expected, however, that by fall this will change. Perhaps by early or mid-summer.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

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407 S 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 5, 1943

Professor B.J. Robertson
Professor Mechanical Engineering
510 Administration Building
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Professor Robertson:

Thanks for your letter of the twenty-second. I have not heard further from Mr. Loye, nor from Dr. Priester.

I enclose still another record which may have some interest for you. I have sent for a regular registration on the USES blank for this man, but I should be grateful for the return of this record after it has served any purpose you might be able to put it to.

I should greatly appreciate the return of the four letters I sent on to you, as I must keep all correspondence here on file. If you can use it, however, I shall be glad to see that you get copies of anything you want.

It seems a great waste of good training and native ability while these men are not being used. If there is any way in which we can help them to a fair chance at employment I think we should do it. They are American citizens, and college trained men. I will be glad to follow any suggestions you or Mr Loye or Dr. Priester may make, if it might lead to employment opportunities for these people.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

407 S. 4th St.
April 5, 1943

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Miss Mae Kuroda
306-7-D
Poston, Arizona

Dear Miss Kuroda:

Your letter has been turned over to this desk by the YWCA. All inquiries are handled at this central desk. We already have on file your Registration blank filled out with full information about your work experience and education, and we are on the look-out for a job as secretary for you.

To answer the questions in your letter:

1. Housing: the YWCA has a number of rooms for transients which can be used up to a period of two weeks. We also have a number of rooms listed in private homes, where people are willing to rent rooms to girls who have office jobs.
2. Secretarial jobs: we have placed five secretaries here. The jobs have all called for shorthand, typing, high speeds, and considerable work experience. One required bookkeeping as well, one was for a rapid and accurate stencil cutter. They pay about 90-95 a month.
When more will open I cannot say, but we are working hard on that.
3. Domestic work: there are more than a hundred and fifty very good domestic jobs here. They pay from 45 to 75 a month with full maintenance according to experience and the work carried. We can assure you and your friends employment in this field. If you are interested please write and we will arrange to have an employer contact you.
4. As to your friends, have them write me and ask for Registration blanks, which I will send to the Placement Officer to be filled out. For yourself I need no more information than we have. The reason you have not heard has been that I wanted a secretarial job for you if I could possibly find one. If you are eager to leave, however, I can assure you a domestic job. We have more domestic jobs here than we can fill. We also have good jobs for couples, Isei or Nisei at good pay.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

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April 4, 1943
Camp Savage, Minn.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have put in application for a job for my brother who at the present time is in the Tulelake Relocation Center. The application was put in at your desk on or about March 24, 1943.

I have enclosed this letter from the YMCA to be attached to your files in hopes that it will help in getting his release from the Relocation Center.

He has decided to come out and look for a job but in the meantime I would appreciate it greatly if you would keep looking for a job for him.

Very truly yours,

Sgt. Arthur Kurney

4-6-43- Letter from "Y" ~~releases~~

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407 S 4th Street
April 6, 1943

Sgt. Tsutomi Kumagai
Student Department
Camp Savage, Minnesota

Dear Sgt. Kumagai:

I am returning the letter from Mr. Jordan because it is one which should be sent by you to the Project Director at Tulalake, Mr Roger Coverley. On the basis of this guarantee of hospitality accompanied by a letter from you stating that you will be responsible for your brother, he can, I beleieve be released.

At the same time, you should write a letter to Mr C.L.White, 842 Metroplitan Life Building, Minneapolis, stating that the YMCA assures shelter, and that you are sponsoring your brother. Then, when the Project director asks his O.K. it will be given.

As for work for your brother. As soon as he arrives in town please have him come to our desk at the USES, 2-5 Wednesday, Friday or Saturday, and we will talk to him about jobs we know are open. I am very hopeful that we can place him either as a nursery worker or as a Gardener.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND FACTS

Name: Kuwanichi George Ono Age: 26
Address: 37-9-A Topaz, Utah Weight: 170 lbs.
Physical Condition: Excellent Height: 5 ft. 7 in.
Citizenship: United States Evacuation Family No: 14996
Marital Status: Married Draft Status: 3A
No. of Dependents: 2 including Wife

Education

Majored in Electrical Engineering at University of California, Berkeley, California from August 1935 to May 1940.

Received B. S. Degree in Engineering from same institution on May 25, 1940.

Experience and Facts1. June 1940 to July 1941 -

Jr. Electrical Engineer for Yokohama Branch of United Engineering & Foundry Co. whose Head Office is located at Pittsburgh, Pa. Duties were selecting proper electrical equipment, motors, and controls for rolling mill machineries. Left organization at the advice of U. S. Consulate at Yokohama.

2. August 1941 to May 1942 -

Jr. Electrical Engineer for U.S.D.A. Farm Security Administration, San Francisco, California. Duties were making layouts, details, specifications, and estimates of pole lines, interior wiring, and illumination for defense housings and migratory labor camps. Left organization due to Army's order for evacuation of all U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry from the Pacific Coast.

3. May 29, 1942 -

Received efficiency rating of "very good" or numerical 2 for the position of Jr. Electrical Engineer from U.S.D.A. Farm Security Administration, San Francisco, California.

4. May 1942 to July 1942 -

Electrical Maintenance Engineer (Evacuee Position) for

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W. C. C. A. Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, California. Duty was having charge of 21 electricians who maintained all camp electrical equipment and did new wiring. Left position in order to prepare for transferring to W.R.A. Central Utah Project.

5. July 15, 1942 -

Received eligibility rating for Assistant Electrical Engineer (P-2) from U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

6. October 1942 to January 1943 -

Electrical Engineer (Evacuee Position) for W. R. A. Central Utah Project, Topaz, Utah. Duties were making layouts, details, specifications, and estimates of pole lines, interior wiring, and illumination for new building construction on this Project. Was advanced to Chief Engineer (Evacuee Position) at same Project.

7. January 1943 to March 1943 (still working) -

Chief Engineer (Evacuee Position) for W. R. A. Central Utah Project, Topaz, Utah. Duty is supervising the design engineers in charge of electrical, sewer, water, staking, roads, walks, heating, and ventilating for new building construction at this Project.

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407 S. 4th Street
April 4, 1943

Mr. Kuwanichi George Ono
37-9-A
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Ono:

I have the excellent record you sent on file. In fact I am showing it, this week, to the Placement Officer at the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota.

Today I have put in the mail a Registration blank for the United States Employment Service which will give us a few details omitted in your record. I should greatly appreciate your filling it out at the office of the Placement Department of your Center. There, the interviewer will complete it with personal recommendation and comments. This will give us just what is needed to keep on file both here and at the office of the local WRA State Supervisor. In that way you will be able to reach every opportunity any of us can open to you.

Will you please note your draft status, and also state as to whether you could afford to make the trip here to be interviewed if there were an opening in your field or in an allied one which interests you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence Stuefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

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6814-E Tule Lake, W.R.A.
Newell, California
April 3, 1943

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

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Dear Mrs. Steigel:

I have received your letter in regards to any help you may be able to give us in order to establish ourselves in Minneapolis.

Things have changed the plan since my application was sent to you last.

My sister, Yuriko, has accepted a job in Chicago, which came on such short notice that neither of us had informed you as to date.

I do not remember saying that "without Yuriko's financial assistance, I would be unable to come to Minneapolis";

But as you know that on my monthly benefit of \$12⁰⁰, might be barely enough to meet necessities. — as I hear that the living cost is very high outside. I would

naturally have to work, and I had thought that if Yuriko could share some of the expenses, it would work out well for us all.

I have my parents and one other younger sister in the W.R.A. Center here. Of course, someday would like to have them join me up in Minneapolis.

But at the present time the children and myself would appreciate your kindness in helping us to relocate ourselves and so to join my husband.

I am willing to try any kind of work besides domestic where experience is not required necessarily. I can do simple stenographic work but my lack of experience handicaps my chances it seems. Then too - a part time office work would be difficult to find I imagine.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs) Hisako Nishimoto

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c/o United States Employment Service
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 9, 1943

Mr. Harvey M. Coverley
Project Director, Tulalake,
Newell California

Dear Mr. Coverley:

It has just dawned on me that probably my last to you was addressed to Mr. Roger Coverley! Is that right? If so it shows that the Roger de Coverley papers have not wholly faded from my mind! I'm sorry. Please excuse it.

Being a volunteer in this work is no joke! We get good jobs and try to have them cleared before they are filled with local applicants. By the time the clearances at last are made, we have lost the jobs.

A Mr Kuechle here has asked Mr White's O.K. on Edwin Kuniyoshi. Mr White said to me that he approved. However, he is in Chicago, has been out of town for two days earlier in the week, and we can have no action taken by that office until he returns from Chicago next Monday. Mr. Kuniyoshi's address is 2613-D, Tulalake. His job pays \$80.00 a month and maintenance. He has accepted it, and has written to say that he is informed by Tulalake authorities that Mr. Kuechle should ask Mr White, there, to wire his approval to expedite leave. Mr. White tells me he did this. Can you trace this through for me? Mr. Kuechle says he cannot wait much longer.

Item 2: Since Mr White is out of town we would have to wait until next Monday to send calls out for another opening. It is for a Dental Technician in a Dental Laboratory. It would be open either to a man or woman, and, according to experience would pay from \$25.00 to fifty a week. We have no dental technician on file. Do you have one? If so could we have a complete record of formal education and work experience. This is a steady job and we are most eager to have it for a Nisei provided that the endless procrastination of our past experience is spared us. The work entailed is constructing dentures, repairing dentures, baking inlays and bridges, etc. I enclose forms for your convenience, and would so greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Item 3: We are, as committee having many sad experiences in setting right the bad placements being made by the soldier-husbands of many of the girls. The girls accept jobs at five-to-six a week, are overworked yet do not dare to leave where their jobs are in the homes of officers in the camps where their husbands work. We would greatly appreciate your telling these young women that if they will write to the War Relocation Committee Desk, c/o United States Employment Service, 407 S 4th Street, we will be able to do far better for them than this. As a Committee volunteering its time to set right a bad situation we are indignant that there continues to be this bad placement procedure which creates problems in the community for which we are held responsible, and for which we are not to blame. At this time we have over a hundred and fifty calls for domestic workers at \$45.00 for inexperienced workers and from \$60.00 to \$75.00 for experienced. Couples. Issei or Nisei, \$100 to \$150 with maintenance.

Sincerely yours,

April 9, 1943

Captain Lawrence P. Dowd
Public Relations Officer
Camp Savage
Savage, Minnesota

Dear Captain Dowd:

I have your letter dated April 8 and note it is your apparent feeling that Nisei men should have unlimited visiting privileges. Employers are entitled to know what to expect prior to entering into the employment agreement.

It was the understanding of our Placement Committee that visiting would be limited to the time stated in my letter to you of April 7. So far as I know the only complaints have been in cases where this understanding was completely disregarded. In the instance selected as an example of such disregard, I understand the soldier did not go overseas but was transferred to another post.

The question raised in my letter was merely one of keeping faith with the employer. We would be as quick to try to do something about it if the employer did not keep faith with the employee. If the understanding with the employer is to be that the men may visit at any time, we should be so advised. The Placement Committee can then so advise employers and make such placements as can be obtained under that handicap. In these days of rationed food, unlimited visiting is a practical consideration which cannot be solved by putting this employment on a basis of patriotic duty or necessary sacrifice in the interest of Army morale.

It is my duty as Chairman of the volunteer Committee to attempt to iron out difficulties as they develop, to the end that the work of placing Nisei in the community be done well. As friends of the Nisei we want to avoid situations which will react unfavorably to them. I feel sure the Nisei also wish to accomplish this same purpose. As a group they are very co-operative, and appreciative of friendship.

I am unable to determine that your letter gives any clear cut statement of policy in the matter of leaves, on which the Placement Committee can base their representations to employers. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Russell

#2-Capt. Lawrence L. Dowd, 4/9/43

Duncan who is in charge of Domestic placements for our Committee, with the request that she have a clear understanding of the matter with the soldiers who come to her seeking opportunities for employment for their wives or fiancées. If there are any present employers who find the situation intolerable, it would be my suggestion also that they release the girls and let us try to find replacements among those still in Relocation centers.

I would appreciate it if you would state the policy to be followed in such language as you would wish it stated to the Committee, and which our Placement Committee can quote to the soldiers seeking employment for their women. We are talking about civilian wives and fiancées to be employed in a non-combat zone and the language "restrict their employment to Fort Snelling and other nearby Army Posts" might be interpreted to mean the Army had started drafting of women."

I want the full Committee to understand the situation as to relatives of soldiers at Camp Savage, and I assure you it is not my wish to act in any way contrary to the judgment of the Committee.

Yours very truly,

Chairman
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

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[Cyr. 9, 1943]

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Mr Harry Yamamoto
c/o Russell's Hatchery
Paynesville, Minnesota

Dear Mr Yamamoto:

I called the Oxboro Produce Co to inquire if they would like to have you interview them for the chicken processing job. They have decided, however that they want a couple.

As for the other jobs we spoke of, there are gardening jobs and houseboy jobs. They pay from 60 to 80 a month depending on experience and duties to be performed. Full maintenance is also included in most cases.

As you know, domestic jobs do not promise regular hours, but they are apt to give definite time off at intervals through the week. Half a day Wednesday or Thursday and Sundays.

Perhaps you would like to write Mr Day, Oxboro Produce Co. 6119 Lyndale Ave So. Minneapolis, to apply for the job. If he can't get a couple before next fall he may be interested. Do not use me as a reference, however, as he is very angry with me for telling him he ought to offer more salary to get the approval of WRA for releases. He talked, once of \$80.00 a month. I don't know what he wants to pay now.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

407 S. 4th Street,
Minneapolis

[Apr. 9, 1943]

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War Relocation Desk
407 S 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr Harry Yamamoto
c/o Russell's Hatchery
Paynesville, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Yamamoto:

We just filled a job recently with Mr Kuechle, Double-Wear Shoe Co. Lake Street, Minneapolis, Residence 1636 West 26th Street, Minneapolis. Mr Kuechle also has a place at Lake Minnetonka. The man we placed, however only used the job to get out of the center, then left for Detroit. This job calls for the care of five cars, and some work as house boy. There is no driving called for, and no union involvement that we can find. The cars are family cars or are used in the business. The work in the house is to wash the halls of a duplex in the city, to care for heavier work at the lake, windows etc. There is a gardening work but that is optional he says.

The pay is \$80.00 a month and maintenance.

If you are interested will you please write to Mr H.G.Kuechle, 1636 West 26 for an interview. He wants a couple if he can get one. But he might consider a single man.

There is also a job calling for the care of a low pressure boiler, and a license for low pressure boiler(not hard to get) at a Furniture Co. here. It is a four story building. There is also cleaning etc. It is open shop, AFL 544 is the union there. It is a 40 hour week, and pays time and a half over time. This probably pays about a hundred a month. This is, of course without maintenance.

For more details write to Mr. Jones, New England Furniture Co., Eighth Street at Marquette Ave Minneapolis. We have not been able to get an exact statement of salary and duties.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary

[cyl. 9, 1943]

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

Miss Kiyoko Tsuyuki
21-2-C Heart Mountain WRC
Heart Mountain Wyoming

Dear Miss Tsuyuki:

I received a letter from you dated April 12 stating that your Brother at Camp Savage had told you to write us. You said, at that time if there were further information needed to help you get a position you would be glad to provide it.

The enclosed letter came this morning. It is hard to understand unless there has been an error. Can you tell me what your final plan is? If you are interested in employment in Minneapolis, I shall be glad to try to arrange it for you in the field of work for which you are trained and which you prefer.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary.

[Apr. 9, 1943]

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War Relocation Desk
c/o U.S.F.S.
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dean Theodore Blegen
Graduate School
University of Minnesota

Dear Ted:

As you know, I believe, that I have been doing some volunteer work on the Relocation of Japanese-American citizens, you will not be surprised to have this letter which I enclose.

Is there anything useful that a girl with this training could do at the Historical Society or in some other capacity? It seems a great pity if we cannot use the hard-won training of these American citizens and give them a chance to adjust to the normal life of the community and to contribute to it at the same time.

If you have any suggestions, I shall be most grateful for them. The policy to date has been to try to place them at the prevailing level of pay for the work done, neither above nor below it. As you know all Nisei are cleared by the FBI and are known to be loyal Americans before they are released from the Centers, or concentrations camps.

With greetings and salutations,

Re: -

MA History - Stanford Univ.

MASago Shibuya

28-B-24. Heart Mountain Wyo.

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April 19, 1943

Mr. James Kimoto
c/o Green Lake Pvt. Haven
6470 Alden Drive, Green Lake
RFD no 5, Pontiac Michigan

Dear Mr Kimoto:

Will you and Mr Sano please send me a letter giving full information about your work in High School and the kind of work you have done for pay at any time.

I think I should tell you that at present Minneapolis is a reservoir of labor and is sending thousands of people away to work in other cities. Although we have defense industries here there is no shortage except of highly skilled workers. Even in these jobs it is hard for us to place people who come from other parts of the country, because the employers want to use local people, women first. The housing problem then is easier.

We have good jobs for houseboys and for gardeners for people who are experienced, or for those who wish to learn. The salaries for inexperienced workers are fifty a month with full maintenance, For experienced, more.

Later we may have more openings. There have been two boys who came and took the NYA training and were placed. They stayed at the YMCA. There is lots of part time work for boys willing to work for room and board. But it is hard to promise anything definite.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

April 11, 1943

Mrs Edna Porter
Winneapolis J. C. A.
Winneapolis, Minn.

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Dear Mrs Porter:

Mrs. Florence Zmedgen, Sec. of St. Paul International
Institute has suggested that I write to you.
I am informed that you are in charge of the
resettlement program in Winneapolis. I want to
congratulate you on your courage to undertake
such an immense and unpopular problem, and
I also want to thank you with all my heart
for the interest you take in my people. They are
in dire need of help, and you don't know what
I mean to them to have a person like you
working on this problem.

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Miss Porter, I have a sister 22 yrs. of age who is planning to leave for Minneapolis soon. She wishes to attend Revere Academy of Trades, eventually; but is, if it is an outstanding dressmaking and designing school, as I am told to believe. In all probability my sister will have to work for a short while. I am wondering whether you can help her find employment when she arrives in your city. She has had considerable experience in housework, but she also can ~~run~~ sew (run power machine) or work in a florist. She is well versed in floral design. My sister is an American citizen; but her English is equivalent to only that of High School sophomore, for she lived for many years in Japan. She is very Americanized, however, and gets around well.

Miss Porter, I know I am imposing on you by asking so many favors, but I have no one else to turn to. Will it be possible for her

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to live at Dr J. W. residence hall? If not, can you
help her find a place to live?

Her brother, P. F. C. Tera Kasahara, has been
transferred recently to Camp Seward. I shall
write him to come and see you in regards
to his sister.

Hoping I have not been too impetuous in
asking so many favors,

Very truly yours,

S. Kasahara

Kasahara

C O P Y

The Young Women's Christian Association of Chicago
Metropolitan Executive Offices
203 North Wabash Avenue

April 12, 1943

Miss Edna H. Porter
General Secretary
1130 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

Miss Venable has asked me to answer your letter of March 29th where you asked about Mr. Shirrell and our experiences with the War Relocation Authority.

Some months before the W.R.A. office opened in Chicago the Y.W.C.A. was represented on a community advisory committee for the Japanese-American evacuees. This committee worked as best it could with the handicaps of slow and confused procedures existing. At the request of Mr. Shirrell this committee is still functioning. He seems to value its community contacts and ability to interpret.

The Industrial Department of the Y.W.C.A. began to do household employee placement. Quite naturally they were flooded with employer applicants, but found the releasing of girls a tedious procedure which blocked accomplishment. Since the W.R.A. office has been opened they have taken over this part of the work and the Y.W.C.A. has discontinued it. They convinced the Industrial Department that they were set up to do satisfactory placement.

Our Service Department did considerable placement of the voluntary evacuee and is still placing girls. Of course, all offers of a job must be registered with the W.R.A. office whose confirmation is required, but the Service Department says they find it very satisfactory.

Releasing of the evacuees is proceeding much faster than it did at first. The W.R.A. now has "leave" officers at each camp and they are gradually breaking down the various bottlenecks in the release proceedings. With more and more people the application for release has been completed, except for the offer of employment.

The camps require confirmation from the W.R.A. office of the job offer before they actually release the applicant. The W.R.A. office has been wiring those confirmations so as to speed releases.

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Miss Edna H. Porter
April 12, 1943

We have had very pleasant relationships with Mr. Shirrell. The impression he gave you about trouble with the Y.W.C.A. probably goes back to the time we dropped the placing of household employees. We are very sorry he feels he had difficulties because we had no such reaction ourselves. As I have already stated he convinced us that he was prepared to take over the work. In the light of that conviction we very willingly dropped the work. The Service Department who are still working with him find him very cooperative. We are not familiar with all of his staff but we do know Miss Prudence Ross. She is a very efficient and competent person, having been head of the Illinois Public Aid here in Chicago.

The Service Department also is playing a big part in the housing of Japanese-American girls in Chicago. Naturally this is very difficult, calling for a great deal of interpretation. A number of the girls are being housed in Y.W.C.A. residences, some permanently, others temporarily.

In addition, the Chicago Y.W.C.A. is setting up an "Orientation Committee" who will try to meet the Japanese-American girls at the train when they arrive, help them adjust to the community and generally advise and befriend them to the best of its ability.

I am not sure that this resume of our work in Chicago entirely answers your questions, but I hope it will help some. If there are any additional questions you would like to ask or if I can be of assistance in any way, please feel free to write me.

Very truly yours,

Helen P. Bull
War Service Coordinator

HPB:WM

-Copy to Mrs Steefel-

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April 12, 1943

Miss Sue Kunitomi
Block 20 - 3 - 1
Manzanar Relocation Center
Manzanar, California

Dear Miss Kunitomi:

The Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. has only transient rooms which may be occupied for two weeks as the maximum period. In case you find that you have been able to secure a position in Minneapolis, I would suggest that you write immediately asking us to reserve a room for you. The rate for rooms is \$1.25 per night and we do have a few small cubicles which rent for 75¢ per night.

Permanent housing for girls in Minneapolis is done by the Womans Christian Association; a separate organization from ours. Although they have a number of residences, every residence is full and the waiting list is so long that they will not take new names at this time. The W.C.A. residences furnish room and board at a reasonable rate. There are several other clubs for employed young women but all of them are filled at the present time and there is not much prospect of securing a place on the waiting list.

Our Y.W.C.A. has a rooms registry service, listing rooms in private homes. The minimum room rate per month is about \$15.00 and there are not many rooms available at that price. The War Relocation Authority sub-committee on housing can occasionally secure rooms at a lower rate than this but it would not be wise to count on it.

The Y.W.C.A. works very closely with the War Relocation Committee and Mrs. Lawrence Steefel and her sub-committee are responsible for all placement. I do not know what you may have heard from her in regard to the possibility of securing a position. My advice to you would be to consider household employment since in that case you would be provided with your living arrangements which at the best will probably be more expensive than your probable income will allow. Since you are not a stenographer, it would be my opinion that it will be much more difficult for you to secure a position which would pay an adequate salary. I am quite sure that local Minneapolis girls face this same difficulty and if they are not equipped to do stenographic work they do not have much opportunity to secure reasonably good salaries.

Miss Sue Kunitomi -2-

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If in your present position you can secure some practice in mimeograph work, it would be well to add that to your other skills and it would probably be helpful in securing a better position. It might be that if you could take a household position for a year or so, you could work out some opportunity for learning shorthand.

I have not talked with Mrs. Steefel before writing this letter to you and if my suggestions do not coincide with hers in regard to employment, I am sure you will understand that she has the information and experience in that field and her suggestions will be more valuable than mine.

The Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. has a large club of household employees and we have done a great deal of work in trying to improve standards of work in this field. Members of the Priscilla Club are some of the finest girls we have in the Y.W.C.A. and if you should decide to take a household position, I think you would enjoy the club and its members.

If you wish to make reservation for a transient room, or if we can be of assistance in any way, I hope you will let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

EHP:MC

cc: Mrs. Lawrence Steefel

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Topaz, Utah
April 12, 1943

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Mrs. Lawrence Steefel
Volunteer Placement Secretary
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee
c/o United States Employment Service
407 S. Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Lawrence:

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter of April 4. I am very grateful for what you are doing for me.

In accordance with your suggestion I was interviewed this morning.

I wish to give you information concerning my draft status. Prior to evacuation I was classified as 3A because of my having a wife and baby. During my stay in assembly and relocation centers I was reclassified to 4C which was given to all Japanese-Americans in the centers. Due to the recent Selective Service Registration at our relocation center, I will be reclassified again. I will probably fall into the 3A Class because my baby was born on December 29, 1941.

Even though I would like to make the trip to be interviewed, I will not be able to do so because of financial difficulty. Therefore, I prefer some temporary position until some definite engineering job is available.

Sincerely yours,

Kuwanichi George Ono

Kuwanichi George Ono

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APRIL 12

DEAR MRS STEEPEL,

THANKS A MILLION FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY. WOULD IT BE ASKING YOU TOO MUCH IF I ASKED YOU TO LOOK ME UP A JOB - EITHER GARDENING OR HOUSEBOY - THAT PAYS \$0 A MONTH WITH FULL MAINTENANCE? YOU SEE -

I DON'T THINK THAT AMOUNT IS TOO MUCH, CONSIDERING I USED TO MAKE $2\frac{1}{2}$ TIMES AS MUCH BEFORE WARTIME.

OF COURSE I CAN'T EXPECT MUCH, CONSIDERING MY POSITION, BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE? IF YOU DO FIND A FAIRLY GOOD OFFER, PLEASE INCLUDE ALL THE DETAILS -

ONCE AGAIN - THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS -

SINCERELY,

Harry Yamamoto

P.S. I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN BOTH GARDENING AND HOUSEBOY WORK.

H. YAMAMOTO
c/o RUSSEL'S HATCHERY
PAYNESVILLE, MINN.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



MR. LAWRENCE D. STEEFEL

407 S. 4TH. ST.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Block 21-2-C
Heart Mt., Wyoming
April 12, 1943

Miss Stiefel
War Relocation Center
407 Fourth Street South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Stiefel:

My brother, who is stationed at Camp Savage, has given me your address and has told me that you may be able to help me in regards to relocation in Minnesota.

I would like to go out either as a Stenographer, Sr. Typist, or Clerk. I have had two years of shorthand and typing in high school and about five months of Stenographic Course at the Wilson's Modern Business College in Seattle. While at Wilson's Modern Business College, my shorthand rating was between 100-120 words per minute and my typing between 60-65 words per minute.

For reference you may write to:

Mrs. Madge Warner, Supt.
Wilson's Modern Business College
2005 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Miss Dorothy Webster, high school teacher
P. O. Box 793
Wapato, Washington

For character reference you may refer to:

Mrs. Kathryn Trowbridge
2647 Cascadia Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Miss Stiefel

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April 12, 1943

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Mrs. Wilma Williams
Route One
Wapato, Washington

Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Walter
Wapato, Washington

If there is any further information you would like to know, I will be very glad to help you. Hoping that I may hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Kiyoko Tsuyuki

Kiyoko Tsuyuki

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32-12-A
Denson, Arkansas
April 14, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
War Relocation Committee
United States Employment Service
407 South 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel;

Having received your card this morning, I went to the Leaves Office and inquired if they had received the blank as you had stated in the card. They told me that they had not received the papers as yet but will forward the papers to me immediately upon its arrival. I am sure that it will get here in the next couple of days. I will fill it out and forward it to you upon its arrival.

Thank you very much for your very kind attention!

Yours very truly,

Toshio Enokida

Toshio Enokida

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

In-reply, please refer to:

Emp - Placement
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April 14, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel
Volunteer Service Secretary
407 S. 4th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

We have received your letter regarding the employment offers for Sumiye Akagi and Yoshiko Matsumura.

Since they did not hear from you immediately they have already accepted job offers elsewhere.

However, we have offered the jobs to the people here and as soon as anyone becomes interested we shall have them contact the employer directly.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

By Claude C. Cornwall
Claude C. Cornwall
Chief, Employment Division



Copy to Mrs. Steefel -

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(Don't know where the gentleman got
his flammy ideas about my contribution
to J. A. replacement etc.)

April 14, 1943

Mr. S. Kasahara
1270 - Yale Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Kasahara:

We have a very active Japanese-American Relocation Committee in Minneapolis and the sub-committee on employment has established an office in the United States Employment Service. Mrs. Lawrence Steefel is in charge of placements and I will send your letter to her. When your sister arrives, I am sure she will be glad to interview her and I hope it will be possible for her to help your sister secure a position.

The Pepin School is located very near to the Y.W.C.A., and as far as I know, the school has good standing.

We do not have accommodations for permanent housing of young women but we do have transient rooms; so if you or your sister will write in advance of her coming we will reserve a room for her available at the time of her arrival. The rate for rooms is \$1.25 per night and we have a few cubicles renting at 75¢ per night. Since our rooms are filled and since reservations are often made in advance, it would be well for you to let us know as soon as she has set a definite date for her arrival in Minneapolis.

Since your sister has several definite skills, it would seem quite possible that she could be placed in some position without much delay. If she really wishes to get ahead financially so that she can save for her training, I think probably she would get ahead faster doing housework than in any other field. Rooms close in are hard to secure at any time and at the present we have very few on our rooms registry list. Rooms farther out require both time and carfare and by the time expenses are paid, it is hard to save enough out of wages to get ahead very rapidly. In housework, it would be possible for her to save a great deal of her income and positions pay very well.

Mr. S. Kasahara -2-

We shall be glad to do everything possible to help your sister make a satisfactory adjustment in Minneapolis. I am glad to know that her brother will be at Camp Savage for she will not feel as much a stranger in Minneapolis as she would otherwise. We have one Japanese-American girl as a member of our clerical staff and another young woman is a member of our Business Girls' Club. I am sure they will both do everything possible to make your sister feel at home.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

EHP:MC

Copy for Mrs. Steefel

April 14, 1943

Miss Helen P. Bull
Young Women's Christian Association
203 - North Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Bull:

Thank you very much for your reply to my letter in regard to Mr. Shirrell. I hope I did not give you a wrong impression in regard to Mr. Shirrell's feeling toward the Chicago Y.W.C.A. He spoke very favorably of the cooperation which was taking place at that time but I gathered that in the beginning there had been some considerable adjustment to be made. We were somewhat confused at that time because Mr. Shirrell seemed to be willing to set up a branch office here without adequate personnel to be responsible for placements and the attendant community adjustments which are inevitable at the time of placement, and wanted to make sure that he had arranged for a more efficient set-up in Chicago. It is a help to us to know that the Chicago placement service, under W.R.A., has been taken over by an efficient and competent director.

Since writing to Miss Venable, our Committee has made a more satisfactory adjustment in relation to the W.R.A. Minneapolis office and Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, serving in a volunteer capacity, continues to keep a desk in the U.S.E.S. offices and carries responsibility for placements cooperatively with the W.R.A. office in regard to the releasing of Japanese-Americans from relocation centers. Mr. Clement White, the district W.R.A. director, is most cooperative and we are sure that all adjustments will be made satisfactorily.

I am interested to know that the Chicago Y.W.C.A. is setting up an "Orientation Committee" and think this will probably give us some suggestion in regard to ways in which our local Relocation Committee, or the Y.W.C.A. if necessary, can help in the relocation of Japanese-American girls.

May I thank you again for your letter and the helpful information it contains.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter
General Secretary

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Manzanar, California
April 15, 1943

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War Relocation Desk
c/o United States Employment Service
407 South Fourth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

The above address was given to me by a Sergeant Tsutomu Kumagai of Camp Savage of whom I inquired about positions in the vicinity of Minneapolis. I would appreciate the further information of the same, including the wages and the possibilities of advancement.

I graduated from Bainbridge High School in Winslow, Washington, the summer of 1939 at which time I majored in business. I have had some experience as a bookkeeper and also as an office girl before evacuation, however I have had no experience in shorthand. Here in Manzanar, I have been employed as a chief clerk in the Relocation Office for the past six months.

Enclosed please find a self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

Kiyoko Nishimori

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Mr. C. H. Swenson, Manager,
United States Employment Service,
407 South Fourth Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir;

I has been suggested to me that it would be advisable to have my Individual Record form on file with your office in the event I wanted employment in Minneapolis.

Enclosed you will find War Relocation Authority form 26 which is self-explanatory.

The reason I am seeking employment in your city is that my brother in-law is now stationed at Camp Savage and attending the University of Minnesota. I believe it would greatly help the morale of my brother in law to have his sister close to him.

Dr. John Powell who is a native of Minneapolis, and who I am presently employed by, is expecting to visit your city shortly. In the event he should visit your office, you can inquire about my character and capabilities.

Your influence in placing me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Lazumi Radaoka

Block 14-7A
Poston, Arizona