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# CAMP LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

Date July 9, 1943

Name Norikane George none Age 22 Date of Birth July 31, 1920  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address 45-11-F, Jerome WRA, Denson, Ark. Telephone none

Church Methodist Member? yes Weight 150 Height 5'8"

Present Occupation School teacher

Father's Name Kinnosuke Norikane Address same Occupation farmer

Are you married? no How many children? none

If in college, give name and year Graduated from Bakersfield Junior College (1941)

If graduate, give college, year and major subject Associate of Arts in science

If not in college, do you expect to go? yes Where & When St. Cloud State Teachers' College

List your chief high school and college interests? athletics, journalism, club work

List High school and college organizations and give offices or positions held class officer

pres. of Quill & Scroll, varsity club pres., Japanese student club pres. in

J.G., Hi-Y club, Renegade Knight (honor society)

Have you had experience as a leader in camp? \* Where & When? \*None in a "Y" camp  
but worked as a recreation leader in the assembly center and as a physical  
education instructor here. Special Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use tobacco in any form? no Do you use alcohol as a beverage? no

Can you swim? yes Have you any physical ailments or disabilities? none

What connection have you had with the Y.M.C.A.? Have been a "Y" and Hi-Y member

Have you had experience in leading other groups during the year? some

What kinds of groups? teen-age groups as an advisor

What kinds of activities? mostly outdoors--some social

With what age levels do you prefer to work? teen-age group preference

What courses of study have you had that could apply to a camp experience? have had  
health work and first aid. Also some studies of how to take care of groups  
since coming here.

Give names and authors of two or three books you have read which deal with psychology,

sociology, religion or education I do not recall the name of the books we used in  
our courses in psychology (two semesters) by Thorndike and Woodward.

What contribution did they make to your thinking? Comment: Explained some of the  
reasons why people do peculiar things. Also broadened my thoughts from my-  
self to the group, and my relationship to groups.

What Books have you read recently? all recent books have had to do with instructing  
as I am a physical education instructor.

CHECK THE DEGREE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION AND TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE IN THE ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW:

| Participation |      |       | ACTIVITIES         | Teaching Experience |      |       | Participation |      |           | ACTIVITIES        | Teaching Experience |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|------|-------|---------------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------|
| Much          | Some | Never |                    | Much                | Some | Never | Much          | Some | Never     |                   | Much                | Some | Never |
|               |      |       | <u>ATHLETICS</u>   |                     |      |       |               |      |           | <u>CAMPCRAFTS</u> |                     |      |       |
| X             |      |       | Baseball           | X                   |      |       | X             |      |           | Simple Chemistry  |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Basketball         | X                   |      |       |               |      |           | Biology           |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Volleyball         |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | First Aid         |                     | X    |       |
|               | X    |       | Tennis             |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | Carpentry         |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Track & Field      |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | Radio             |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Boxing             |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | Signalling        |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Wrestling          |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Cookery           |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Horseshoes         |                     |      | X     | X             |      |           | Hiking            |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Football           | X                   |      |       |               | X    |           | Photography       |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Fencing            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Leathercraft      |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Tumbling           |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Tutoring          |                     | X    |       |
|               |      | X     | Archery            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Sign Painting     |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | <u>AQUATICS</u>    |                     |      |       |               |      | X         | Modelling         |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Swimming           |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | Outdoor Cookery   |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Diving             |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Electricity       |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Water Sports       |                     |      | X     | X             |      |           | Indian Lore       |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Life Saving Re-    |                     | X    |       |               |      | X         | Overnight Hikes   |                     | X    |       |
|               |      |       | suscitation        |                     |      |       |               |      | X         | Landscape Gar-    |                     | X    |       |
| X             |      |       | Boating            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | dening            |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Canoe Sailing      |                     |      | X     |               |      |           | Surveying & Est-  |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Canoeing           |                     |      | X     | X             |      |           | imating           |                     | X    |       |
|               | X    |       | Sailing            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Riflery           |                     |      |       |
| X             |      |       | Fishing Lore       |                     | X    |       |               | X    |           | Archery           |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Canoe Trips        |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Astronomy         |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | <u>NATURE LORE</u> |                     |      |       |               |      | X         | <u>CAMPFIRES</u>  |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Grasses            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Dramatics         |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Trees              |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Stunt Programs    |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Flowers            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Ministrels        |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Non-Flowering      |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Circus            |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | Plants             |                     |      |       |               |      |           | Glee Club or      |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Birds              |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Quartet           |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Insects            |                     |      | X     |               |      | X         | Song Leader       |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Moths & Butter-    |                     |      | X     |               |      | harmonica | Musical Instru-   |                     |      |       |
|               |      |       | flies              |                     |      |       |               |      |           | ment (Give Name)  |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Stones             |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Orchestra Play-   |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Fish               |                     |      | X     |               |      |           | ing               |                     |      |       |
|               | X    |       | Water Life         |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Camp Newspaper    |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Reptiles           |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Entertainer       |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Stars              |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Story Teller      |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Animals            |                     |      | X     |               | X    |           | Pagesantry        |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Forestry           |                     |      | X     |               |      |           |                   |                     |      |       |



| Participation |      |       | ACTIVITIES                   | Teaching Experience |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|------------------------------|---------------------|------|-------|
| Much          | Some | Never |                              | Much                | Some | Never |
|               | X    |       | <u>RELIGION</u>              |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Religious Talks              |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | World Friendship Talks       |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Discussion Leader            |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Bible Study Ldr              |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Worship Services             |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Religious Music              |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | <u>TALKS &amp; ADDRESSES</u> |                     |      |       |
| X             |      |       | Health                       |                     | X    |       |
|               | X    |       | Sex                          |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Educational Topics           |                     | X    |       |
| X             |      |       | Athletics                    | X                   |      |       |
|               | X    |       | HORSEBACK RIDING             |                     |      | X     |

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|---------------|------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|------|-------|
| Much          | Some | Never |                       | Much                | Some | Never |
|               | X    |       | <u>ADMINISTRATION</u> |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Storekeeper           |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Bugler                |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Librarian             |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Care of Boats         |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Care of Machinery     |                     | X    |       |
|               |      |       | Repair Camp Equipment |                     | X    |       |
|               | X    |       | Chauffer              |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Purchasing Supplies   |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Dining Room           |                     |      | X     |
|               |      |       | Steward               |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Bookkeeper            |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Business Assistant    |                     |      | X     |
|               |      | X     | Stenographer          |                     |      | X     |
| X             |      |       | Typewriting           |                     |      | X     |
|               | X    |       | Curator               |                     |      | X     |

#### CAMPING RECORDS:

| Camp                       | Year | Length | Chief Interests |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------|
| none since early childhood |      |        |                 |
|                            |      |        |                 |
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(Place a check opposite those in which you were a counselor or on the staff of the camp)

Are you a Red Cross Senior Life Saver? no Examiner? no

Here follow six typical situations which arise at camp. Describe how you would deal with each case if you were the counselor. (Where space below the item is not adequate for your statement, use a separate sheet and attach to this form.)

- John Brown, 12 years old, persistently refuses to follow the simplest rules of personal hygiene, such as brushing teeth, combing hair, washing hands, etc. I would counsel with him personally and try to explain to him the possible harms that might result by such refusal. Camps usually have some sort of rules in this regards and counselors should not let the campers forget that these are to be followed.



2. The Camp Council has decided not to have prizes offered for the athletic and swimming meets. Many boys lose their interest in the meets and do not participate.

Athletic and swimming meets are not put on for the purpose of giving out prizes. The fact that events like these are put on for the recreational satisfaction of both participants and for the spectators should be impressed. Participants should get satisfactions from the showings they make in these events.

3. George, 13 years of age, is away from home for the first time. His younger brother, almost 12, is also at camp. The father brings the boys to camp in mid-season to spend the remainder of the summer. The older boy becomes dissatisfied a few days after his arrival and insists he wants to go home.

I would make an effort to find out why George is dissatisfied and try to iron out things. It may be the fact that it is the first time he has been in such a crowd and does not know how to mix. It might be that in such a crowd he can't have things the way he has had it at home. I think also, that it would be very worth the time in trying to winning his brother over into staying--this in turn might change George's attitude.

4. Your fellows have decided to spend the night "sleeping out" near the Council Ring. After a supper prepared around the campfire and a program of stories and songs, the boys turn in. The ground is hard and the weather cool so the boys get little sleep. After 12 o'clock three or four suggest that they go back to the cabin.

If the weather is so cold that the boys might possibly catch cold, I certainly get them to where protection could be afforded. If there are no real possibilities of harm, I think a good old time "pep talk" would do much to change their minds. They should stay for their own respect, because when children of this age set out to do something of this kind and a few fail to carry on they usually look down upon the few as "softies".

5. A mother discovers that her son is in the same cabin with a Jewish boy. She demands that the boy be moved to another cabin.

I have had this happen to me, because I am one of a racial minority. I think that there isn't anything else that can hurt boys of this age as an incident of this kind. As you grow older you begin to understand society and why you must learn to be liberal in incidents as these, but for a boy who is still in school and who has had democracy drilled into him in some form almost everyday in school it can do a lot of harm. It may make him self conscious of his race. I don't think there is any place for things like in any "Y" camp.

6. Jimmy is a younger boy who persistently refuses or neglects to make his bed and do his share of work about his cabin. He would spend much of his time reading books in the camp library. He does not seem to care for group activities but prefers to play alone or go out in a canoe or sailboat alone.

If it is a case of inferiority complex, some understanding person should try to get enough of his confidence so that he can draw him into group activities requiring his most talented gifts(it could be in book discussions in this case). This would build up some of his confidence in himself and he might gradually come out from his "shell". If the difference in his age and that of the others is too great, he will naturally have the tendency of neglect, especially if backward, because the older fellows will naturally do their duties better and might taunt him for his shortcomings.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:

1. What do you consider to be the function of a counselor of a group of boys?
2. As a counselor in camp, what results would you want to achieve in the behavior of campers coming under your leadership?
3. When the camp is spoken of in terms of an agency for the developing of character or personality, what do such terms mean to you?

Give the names and addresses of two or three persons whom we can approach for references. (If you are working, one of these persons should be your last employer. If in college, give the name of the college dean or faculty advisor.)

Mr. Harold R. Olson, principal, Delano Joint Union High School, Delano, Calif

Miss Grace V. Bird, dean, Bakersfield Junior College, Bakersfield, Calif.

Mr. Wm. F. Hays, principal, Denson High School, Denson, Arkansas

When you have given all the information asked for, mail this form to:

Paul B. Bremicker,  
General Camp Director,  
Y.M.C.A.,  
30 South 9th Street,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FOR INTERVIEWERS ONLY:

Reports of Interviewers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM LAST SHEET:

1. I believe that the function of a counselor of a group of boys is to see that the boys under his charge get along together in the most desirable manner. He should not be a restricting force who is there to say, "you can't do this and you can't do that"; but be a helping factor when boys run up against situations that they themselves cannot cope with adequately. He should enforce rules, yes; but he shouldn't take away the chances for the boys to show their initiative.
2. As a counselor in a camp, the results I would want to achieve in the behavior of campers under my leadership would be to see that whatever they did would be for the best interests of the campers as a whole and of the organizations sponsoring such an event. Each camper should be made to feel that he is a part of the program and everything that he does helps or discredits the program of many.
3. The camp is an agency for the developing of character or personality. It is here that those with certain gifted personality traits are encouraged to further improve upon these traits, and where those with a lack of it receive their encouragement to try to make an effort to improve. Things will happen almost everyday in camp and you should take advantage of some of them to explain right from wrong. I think all you can ask of a man is whether he knows right from wrong. If he does wrong knowing full well what he is doing there is not much we can do for him. If he does it unknowingly, it is our duty as fellow men to come to his aid.



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Amache, Col.  
July 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Mother finally came out of the hospital and seems to be doing very nicely.

I had planned on going to Minneapolis sometime near the 11 of July but that date has been extended to after the 17. The reason for this is that I promised one of my girl friend that I would sing at her wedding which will be on the 17 of July.

I received a letter from Miss Weinlich and she told me that it was quite impossible for her to hold the job open and therefore had hired another girl. So I guess that position has gone with the wind.

Being in camp has made me very complacent and rather lazy. Since I have been here I haven't had a job so that hasn't made things better.

If you come across any type of work that you think will be well suited to me, that is after the 17th of this month, will you let me know about it. Living here will retard rather than progress me so I'm going to force myself to go out as soon as possible.

Will you give my regard to Mary and tell her that I plan to write to her immediately.

Sincerely,

Mayme Kishi

*Mrs. Staefel*

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308-6-A  
Poston, Arizona  
July 1, 1943

C. H. Swenson, Manager  
U. S. Employment Service  
307 So. Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Swenson:

Please consider me an applicant for a secretarial position in Minneapolis.

I am very anxious to relocate myself and would appreciate very much your help in informing me of opportunities for outside employment. I am now working as secretary at the project Medical Clinic.

I am also interested in civil service positions. My Federal rating as Jr. Typist is 96.72. Prior to evacuation, I was employed by the State as stenographer.

Attached is a data sheet for your information.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Narumi Sadahiro*  
(Miss) Narumi Sadahiro

Enc.

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DATA SHEET

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DATE July 1, 1943  
NAME Narumi Sadahiro  
ADDRESS 308-6-A, Poston, Arizona  
AGE 21  
CITIZEN United States  
BIRTHPLACE Guadalupe, California  
HEALTH Good

EXPERIENCE: State Division of Highways, San Luis Obispo, California. Four months, 1942  
Stenographer--typing, dictation, filing, mimeographing, adding machines, calculators.

Armstrong Business College, 2222 Harold Way, Berkeley, California. One year, 1941  
In same capacity as above.

Medical Clinic, Poston 3, Poston, Arizona  
Secretary--typing, dictation, filing

EDUCATION: Armstrong Business College, 2222 Harold Way, Berkeley, California  
Private Secretarial course

Arroyo Grande Union High School, Arroyo Grande, California  
Commercial Course

REFERENCES: Mrs. Emma Cesmat, Rt. 1 Box 271, Arroyo Grande, California  
Mrs. R. P. Wisecarver, 889 Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley, California  
Mr. E. H. Duclo, State Division of Highways, San Luis Obispo, California  
Miss Sara J. Smitheram, Arroyo Grande Union High School, Arroyo Grande, California  
Mr. A. J. Kent, Armstrong Business College, Berkeley, California  
George Wada, M.D., Poston General Hospital, Poston, Arizona  
Mrs. Bill Williams, Rt. 1, Arroyo Grande, California



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Rec'd July 13  
Ans 7-14

815 East 2nd St  
Northfield  
Minn.  
(180)

July 9, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

My friends in Minneapolis have informed me of the work you are doing in relocating the Japanese and told me that I should write to you concerning jobs. I should like to inquire as to the job possibilities in Minneapolis or St. Paul for a middle-aged couple and a fifteen year old boy. They are my parents and my brother who are presently in the relocation camp at Hunt, Idaho.

I, myself, came here to Northfield just two months ago from Hunt to be employed by Dr. and Mrs. L.A. Headley. Mrs. Headley has said that she knows you and spoke very highly of you. She said that I should by all means write to you. Dr. Headley's brother and his wife of St. Paul, who came down to Northfield over the holidays, also spoke well of you and told me to write and ask your aid.

The friendliness and kindness of the people in Northfield and the cities have impressed me very much, and I feel that my parents would be very happy in these surroundings.

My parents managed a hotel in Seattle prior to their evacuation, so I thought that they might be able to find a job along that line since they are best fitted for it. My father is about 55 years old; my mother, about 50. They are both in the best of

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health and very hard workers. My father is working as a boiler-man in camp, and my mother is working as a Nurses' Aide. While managing the hotel, my father also worked at the Burnett Bros. jewelry store as a porter for about 25 years. Perhaps there may be some work along that line.

They have three sons and a son-in-law in the army, and you can be sure that they are very proud of them. Two of them are volunteers.

I am very anxious to get them out of camp as soon as possible and hope that you will be able to help me. If there are any questions, I will be very glad to answer them.

Waiting anxiously to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Hiroko Sato*

July 9, 1943

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Dear Mr. Bremicker

I received your application blanks today in the mail and am returning them filled. It is urgent that I get out soon from this relocation camp if I am to get into school in September. I have been trying for some time to get out and earn some money to help me get started. All of the jobs on file here are of the permanent variety and I didn't want to take one of these knowing that I would be leaving the job when school began. I would like to come up to Minneapolis because it will be fairly near my destination. If you do not have anything for me to fill, it might be possible that you may know of openings in St. Cloud since you probably know that section of the country well.

I know that September isn't too far away and that you may not be able to have a camp leadership position open for me. I would be willing to take other types of work that you might think me capable of as I am anxious to acquaint myself with people and environments of your section of our country.

I can come almost on a day's notice if that should be your desire. I want to thank you for your considering me as an applicant, and would appreciate whatever you could do for me there.

Most sincerely yours,

*George Norikane*  
George Norikane



THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

WRA  
John R. Bennett  
GENERAL OFFICES

Ninth Street and La Salle Avenue  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.  
MAin 2431

July 9, 1943

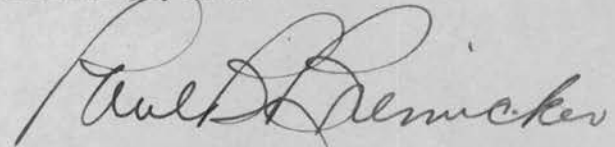
Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
United States Employment Service  
407 South 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Our area Y. M. C. A. office at 641 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, would be very glad to employ a woman Nisei stenographer and would be willing to start such a person at \$100 a month.

If you have someone to suggest will you please have her communicate directly with Mr. Guy Aldrich, Area Y. M. C. A., at the above address in Milwaukee.

Cordially yours,



Paul B. Bremicker  
Associate General Secretary

PBB:wa

JUL 30 1943

Referred young woman from  
Chicago who will apply  
Aug 2 on permanent way  
back to Chicago

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
842 Metropolitan Life Bldg.  
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

July 3, 1943

Father L. W. Forrey  
Chaplain of the University of Minnesota  
1228 Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Forrey:

Perhaps you recall a conversation several weeks ago with Mrs. Steefel of the volunteer War Relocation Committee. On the basis of your conversation with Mrs. Steefel, we attempted to locate a couple who would be interested in taking the position you offered. Unfortunately we have not been successful and the last word we had from the relocation projects is a note indicating that they are not too hopeful about getting someone because of the relatively high salaries that are being offered to persons in the projects.

There has been a great demand for people of the qualifications you had in mind and unfortunately the level of salaries in this area is much lower than in other parts of the Middle West.

If you would like to have us continue our efforts to locate someone, we shall be glad to do so.

Sincerely,

C. L. White  
Relocation Officer

CLW:mk  
cc: Mrs. L. Steefel

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407 South 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 14, 1943

Miss Hiroko Sato  
815 East 2nd Street  
Northfield, Minnesota

Dear Miss Sato:

I am greatly interested in your letter concerning the plans for relocation of your family. Perhaps I could help most if I might have their full names and addresses so that I may correspond with them. Or is it better that I write you so that you can translate or send on the material?

There are various possibilities for married couples here in Minneapolis. I have some call for caretakers of apartment buildings. It is possible that I may be able to open some work in the hotel field. It would help me to know whether your parents' work included restaurant work. Institutions, hotels and restaurants are very shorthanded.

In all plans for relocation it is important that we know what the preferences in various lines of work may be. A direct expression, in a letter of the order of preference for types of work, and some indication as to your family's long-time plans would be a help. We can always plan domestic work with a well-to-do family to serve for time during which the family is orienting itself in the community, laying plans for getting into the most preferred field of work, and looking over the ground.

Here are some of the plans which employers have brought to me.:

One friend, who runs a hotel now is planning later to open a down-town restaurant close to a large newspaper building where she has many past, friendly clients. She has worked on the West Coast with Nisei and likes to work with them. She has discussed with me the possibility of staffing the restaurant with Nisei men and women.

A man who has two residence clubs for young business women now employs five Nisei women. He is opening the second club about the middle of August and will want someone able to handle the kitchen work of meals for a large group of residence, perhaps fifty to seventy-five. He pays well and limits hours of work strictly to eight a day. Maintenance is provided and uniforms, laundered.

One man with apartment houses wants a couple who will keep three apartment buildings up, caring for stokers and upkeep of buildings. The hours in this case are long, however. The pay includes an apartment in one of the buildings, but otherwise is not very high. However, we might well be able to open something similar at a higher level.



Very wealthy private families are eager for dependable couples and pay maintenance and a hundred and fifty a month for two people who will divide the work between them.

As for your brother, I suspect his plans will include finishing school. A job for Board and Room is always a possibility. The plan there is usually four hours work a day six days a week, in exchange for board, room, carfare and laundry.

It is hard for me to know whether this information is aimed in the direction of your family's hopes and plans. If it is not, tell me, in detail what they would most like to see work out for their future and I will be glad to explore possibilities here in the community for realizing their plans. I will be frank with you if the prospects seem unpromising, for I'm sure you, and they, would rather know the actual situation than to be encouraged by false promises.

If you come to Minneapolis, I should be very happy to meet and talk with you. My desk is open Monday Wednesday and Friday from two to five. My phone number there is At. 0192, ask for War Relocation Desk.

Mary Hayano is living with us this summer. Perhaps if you are in town you would like to stop in for a visit with us. We are enjoying Mary very much. She is a delightful addition to our family.

Sincerely yours,

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

Subject:

Name

Date

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BUREAU  
DAILY MEMORANDA SHEET

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28-4-C  
Hunt, Idaho  
July 14, 1943

Secretary  
Young Women's Christian Association  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

I am a resident of Minidoka WRA project in Idaho and am planning to relocate in Minneapolis. I have met with some difficulty in the formality of leaving the project. In May, I wrote you inquiring if there were any rooms available and received your letter stating that they were available. At that time, I understood that if I had a definite place to stay that I could leave here. Now I am told that I would need a sponsor in order to leave. Would it be asking too much to ask you to sponsor me? I understand that all it involves is a letter from you stating that there is place for me to stay and to sign my arrival card when I arrive in Minneapolis. In some of the cities as in Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, etc., there are hostels set up to serve this purpose, but as Minneapolis has no facility of this sort I am asking you to sponsor me. I will not incur any burden whatsoever on you. I have been cleared by all necessary agencies and am set to leave except for this sponsorship. If there is any further information you desire, I will send it to you immediately. I am certain that Mr. C. L. White, the Relocation Officer, in your city can give you any particulars concerning sponsorship if you need it.

I am enclosing a WRA 26 form, my personal history record which might help you in deciding to sponsor me and also a self addressed envelop for your reply. Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration, I am

Sincerely,

*Jane Maeda*

Jane Maeda

# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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JUL 14 1943

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## Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name Anne Harue Watanabe

Birth Date Apr. 2, 1922 Country of Birth United States

Block Number 74-12-C

Height 5' Weight 98 Sex female

Post Office Rivers

Citizen of U.S.? yes If alien give

State Arizona

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying domestic

Social Security No. [REDACTED]

Do you speak x read x write x English?

Draft Status \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak x read no write no 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                  | Atlanta Montecito, Calif.<br>Montezuma Stockton, Calif.    | 1928<br>Dec 1936 | 1936<br>Jun 1936 |                                       | yes                       |
| High                        | Stockton Stockton, Cal.                                    | 1936             | 1940             | academic science                      | yes                       |
| Business or Trade School    |  |                  |                  |                                       |                           |
| University--give name       |  |                  |                  |                                       | Degree                    |
| Other Education or Training | San Joaquin Gen. Hosp.<br>Stockton, Calif.<br>Where Served | 1941             | 1942             | nurses training<br>Trade and Industry | 8 months<br>Completed? no |
| Apprenticeship              |  |                  |                  |                                       |                           |

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 July<br>Yr 1941 | Mo present<br>Yr 1943 | W.R.A. Rivers, Arizona                                | nursing          | student nurse                  | \$16.00 |
| Mo May<br>Yr 1942  | Mo July<br>Yr 1942    | W.R.A. Turlock, Calif.                                | nursing          | " "                            | \$12.00 |
| Mo June<br>Yr 1940 | Mo Sept.<br>Yr 1941   | 1024 N. Butler<br>Stockton, Calif.<br>Mrs. B.N. Drake | domestic         | general<br>part-time housework | \$10.00 |
| Mo<br>Yr Summer    | Mo<br>Yr 1941         | 231 E. Willow<br>Stockton, Calif.<br>Miss Lovejoy     | domestic         | general<br>companion housework | \$10.00 |
| Mo                 | Mo                    |   |                  |                                |         |
| Yr                 | Yr                    |   |                  |                                |         |
| Mo                 | Mo                    |   |                  |                                |         |
| Yr                 | Yr                    |   |                  |                                |         |

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JUL 2 1943



If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook? No, with children?

yes, care of grounds? No, serving at table? yes, laundress? no, general housework? yes. If you take shorthand, give present speed — Typing speed —.

List tools you own in business or trade none.

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? No To what professional, technical or union organizations do you belong? — If you have supervised other workers, give number and describe your work briefly. Nurses' aides (20)

Supervising technique in wards Is your health good X fair — poor —? List any physical defects or infirmities you may have —

—. How do these affect your work? —

Have you ever been bonded? No 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 —

1. Have experience in domestic work while going to high school.

2. Student nurse, therefore understand people

Your Signature

Anne Marie Watanabe

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.

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6-20-E  
Heart Mt., Wyoming  
July 14, 1943

Mr. Frank Reese  
113 S. Tenth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Reese:

Mr. Tom Oki of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Heart Mountain, Wyoming, has informed me that you are earnestly trying to help relocate evacuees. I am one of those evacuees who needs the assistance that you are giving. Therefore, enclosed is my application for a position as a stenographer or a typist in hopes of you being able to find me a position in Minneapolis.

At the present I am a secretary to the Block Managers in the Administration Building. During my three months' stay in Pomona Assembly Center, Pomona, California, I was a typist in the Supply Office.

You may contact the following persons as my references:

1. Mrs. F. M. Warren, c/o John Marshall High School, 3939 Tracy Street, Los Angeles, California
2. Miss Edna Howard, c/o University of Redlands, Infirmary, Redlands, California.
3. Miss Ruth Torgeson, 704 E. Fairview Boulevard, Inglewood, California.
4. Miss Tomi Kimura, Block 8-4-F, Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

I would like to leave this Center about the latter part of August or the beginning of September. I am planning to be there by myself, therefore, I would appreciate it very much if you can give me all the needed information as to the living costs, accommodation, and etc.

I have also sent my application to Mr. C. L. White, W.R.A. Relocation Officer, in your city and he informed me there isn't any position open for me at the present. Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to my application.

Yours very truly,

KIMI KO UMEMOTO (signed)

C-O-P-Y

## COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

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297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

July 14, 1943.

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel,  
407 South 4th St.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

I expect to be in Minneapolis Wednesday, July 21st, and hope that some time during the day you can find time for us to meet and discuss the resettlement of Japanese American evacuees.

Your report of the work of your Committee published in our Resettlement Bulletin indicates that you people in Minneapolis have done an excellent job in making it possible for some of the people to leave the Centers and resettle in an interested and friendly community.

I believe that I am particularly partial to the Minneapolis Committee because your city was one of the first places of call and your committee was one of the first to be organized when the resettlement of the evacuated people became possible. Mr. Holland and I were much encouraged with the way in which you people undertook the organization of a local committee. And the pattern of your organization, that is, the setting up of various sub-committees for particular jobs, guided me in suggestions to other groups who indicated their interest and willingness to cooperate in the resettlement program.

I will stay at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis, arriving there on the evening of July 20th. Would you be good enough to drop me a note at that address and tell me where and when I might call upon you?

Very sincerely yours,

*George E. Rundquist*

GEORGE E. RUNDQUIST  
Executive Secretary.

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Mr. Guy Aldrich  
Area YMCA Secretary  
641 North 4th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Secretary \$100.00

407 So. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 14, 1943

Mr Paul Bremicker  
Young Men's Christian Association  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Bremicker:

The Volunteer Serving at the desk on Monday phoned me the contents of your letter. Since I knew of no one here interested in relocating to Milwaukee I referred the opening at the regional YMCA office in Milwaukee to Mr. Craig, Relocation Officer in that city.

If he does not have on his files someone suited to the position I shall be glad to correspond with some of the young women whose records we have at the desk. In many cases these girls wish to come to Minneapolis for a special reason. It might not be easy, therefore, to interest them in Milwaukee, where relatives and sweethearts are here.

Please let me know if Mr Aldrich does not have satisfactory results from the Milwaukee office.

On another matter: you will be pleased to know that as a result of the talk to the Altrusa Club which you so kindly made it possible for me to give, a gift of thirty-seven dollars and a half, representing the equivalent of the Club's investment in the War Effort has been turned over to the Volunteer Staff at the Desk to be used in the work of Relocation as seems most helpful. We are planning to use it as a revolving fund for repair of broken lenses, emergency dental work, and such matters where Nisei are short of funds and in immediate need of care.

I am greatly heartened at the increasing spread of our work. The best argument for it comes in the quality of service being given by the employees we have placed. Mr. White is coming to know his community better, and is beginning to take leadership in unifying policies and plans. We need that to avoid confusing conflicts in the advice given individuals. Where all of us are untied in our approach, there is a clearer picture drawn for the applicant.

With thanks for all you have done for us,

Sincerely yours,

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BUREAU  
DAILY MEMORANDA SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subject:

favorable, but, as you said, I hope that there is something better.

My brother will depend on my parents for his livelihood, I'm sure, so that the wages will have to be quite good. However, if maintenance is provided, wages will be secondary.

My fiancé was very interested in the position in the residence club mentioned in your letter as a possibility for his father. He wrote to his parents immediately to ask their opinion. I shall let you know of their plans as soon as they write.

I should like very much to go to Minneapolis and talk to you, but it is rather difficult to do so.

the job that they come out on prove satisfactory, they will remain there.

As to the preference for the types of work, I believe they would like a job as caretakers of an apartment, first. If that isn't possible, their next preference is domestic work. They have never had restaurant work, but I'm sure they would be willing to learn and work hard at it if there are good possibilities there. However, because of their long experience in hotel work, I'm sure that they will do best in something along that line. Perhaps apartment work would be better than hotel work.

The caretaker job mentioned in your letter does not seem very



I would have to go up with my fiancé,  
but being a student at Carleton College,  
his classes prevent him from taking  
many trips to the cities. We  
shall try to go up at the first opportunity.

Mary is indeed fortunate to be  
staying with you this summer. Please  
give her my best regards. I hope to  
see her, also, on my next trip to the  
cities.

I have conveyed your greetings to  
the Headleys and the Bryn-Jones.

I hope to hear from you soon  
with more encouraging news.

Sincerely yours,  
Hioko Sato

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JUL 22 1943

Dear Mrs. Stügel,

It made me very happy to receive  
your encouraging letter. Thank  
you very much for your prompt  
reply.

Although my father understands  
and writes English, I think it  
best that I do everything for them.  
If you should still like their names  
and address, they are:

Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuro Sato  
40-6-B

Hunt, Idaho

They have no long-time plans  
as yet. Perhaps after having stayed  
in Minneapolis for a while, they may  
find a business of their own, or if

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PH 7F  
Amache, Colorado  
July 17, 1943

JUL 22 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Mother is so much better and the big wedding at which I am to sing has finally arrived. These two events signify that I should start worrying about coming back to Minnesota.

I wonder if you can tell me when it would be best for me to start heading towards that direction. Of course I would feel more at ease if I left after I find that there are possibilities in obtaining work.

Are there any type of work that is well suited for me? I will be able to leave at any time.

Thank you so much for all the trouble.

Sincerely yours,

*Mayme Kishi*

Mayme Kishi

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July 19, 1943

Miss Jane Maeda  
28-4-C  
Hunt, Idaho

My dear Miss Maeda:

I have talked with Mr. White's secretary in the WRA office in regard to your request for sponsorship. She tells me that you have not quite understood what sponsorship means, and that it does imply that the person sponsoring will be responsible if you need any financial assistance.

I find that there are one or two people who are members of the Minneapolis War Relocation Committee who have sponsored various Japanese Americans who wished to be released and come to Minneapolis. I shall be very glad to talk with members of the committee as soon as I can get in touch with them, and I think possibly we can find someone who will be willing to be your sponsor. Because of my position in an organization which cannot assume financial responsibility for anyone, it will not be possible for me to become your sponsor, but I shall be glad to do everything possible to find someone else and since there probably is no eventual financial obligation, I think it ought to be quite easy to do so.

You will hear from me again within a few days as to whether or not I have been successful.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna H. Porter  
General Secretary

EHP:MC



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Additional information:

Since dictating this attached letter, I have talked with Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, who is one of the persons who has sponsored several Nisei girls. Mrs. Steefel is also in charge of Placement, as a volunteer doing part time work for Nisei girls and women. She suggests that I ask you about your financial situation and whether or not you expect to get a job to support yourself after your arrival in Minneapolis. She thinks she might be able to assist you but could not be sure unless she knew definitely what kind of work you wanted. If you have some other means of support, she would want to know definitely about it before she assumed any responsibility for sponsorship, so in reply to my letter will you please let us know definitely what you expect to do and whether or not you have adequate income for your care.

7/19/43

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Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date July 20, 1943Name Samuel J. I. FujitaBirth Date 6/18/43Country of Birth United StatesBlock Number 8K-11-FHeight 5' 10" Weight 146 Sex MalePost Office AmacheCitizen of U.S.? Yes If alien giveState Colorado

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying General OfficeSocial Security No. [REDACTED]Do you speak Yes read Yes write Yes English?Draft Status Class 3Do you speak Yes read Little write Little Japanese?Marital Status Married-no children

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                  | Carlsbad, California Grammar School               | 1920      | 1927    |                                   | Yes                |
| High                        | Oceanside (California) Union High School          | 1927      | 1931    | College Prep.                     | Yes                |
| Business or Trade School    | Davis Beauty School San Diego, Calif.             | Jan '41   | Dec '41 | Beauty Culture                    | Yes                |
| University--give name       | U. of Cal at Los Angeles                          | 1931      | 1934    | Coll of Commerce                  | Degree             |
|                             | U. of Cal at Berkeley                             | 1934      | 1935    | Foreign Trade                     | None               |
| Other Education or Training | Where Served                                      |           |         | Trade and Industry                | Completed?         |
| Apprenticeship              |   |           |         |                                   |                    |

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 Apr Yr '43  | Mo July Yr '43 | Granada Reloc. Center Amache, Colorado                  | WRA              | Case Aide Worker Social Welfare      | \$19 per mo  |
| Mo Oct Yr '42  | Mo Mar Yr '43  | Colo. River Reloc Ctr Poston, Arizona                   | WRA              | Asst Supervisor of Block Managers    | \$19 per mo  |
| Mo July Yr '42 | Mo Aug Yr '42  | Santa Anita Assembly Ctr Arcadia, California            | WCCA             | Foreman Grade "A" Registrar's Office | \$16 per mo  |
| Mo Apr Yr '42  | Mo July Yr '42 | Santa Anita Assbly Ctr Arcadia, California              | WCCA             | Senior Clerk in Personnel Section    | \$12 per mo  |
| Mo Jan Yr '42  | Mo Apr Yr '42  | Japanese American Citizens League San Diego, California |                  | Executive Secretary Varied Duties    | \$135 per mo |
| Mo May Yr '35  | Mo Jan Yr '41  | Vista, California                                       | Truck Farming    | Owner and Operator                   |              |

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If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook? No, with children?  
Little, care of grounds? Yes, serving at table? No, laundress? No, general  
housework? Little. If you take shorthand, give present speed \_\_\_\_\_ Typing speed 55.  
List tools you own in business or trade Misc Farm equipment and garden tools.  
If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and  
expiration date Cosmetology in California to expire Jan '44 List any farm, factory or  
office machines which you can operate Tractors and other farm equipment, typewriter,  
adding machine. List any machines which you can repair or service  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Can you drive an automobile? Yes To what professional, technical or union  
organizations do you belong? None If you have supervised  
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly. Up to 30 people on the farm  
About 100 people in the Centers Is your health good Yes fair \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_? List  
any physical defects or infirmities you may have None  
\_\_\_\_\_. How do these affect your work? No  
Have you ever been bonded? No Ever had bond refused? No  
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 Thirty units in economics which has  
given me a general background. Did not receive a degree in college because of only  
3 years attendance. Office procedure learned through experience outside and in the  
Assembly and Relocation Centers.

Your Signature

Samuel J. Dwyer

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.



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28-4-C  
Hunt, Idaho  
July 21, 1943

Miss Edna H. Porter  
General Secretary  
Young Women's Christian Association  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

Thank you for your kind reply.

In asking you or the YWCA to become my sponsorer I did not mean to ask you to assume any financial responsibility.

I am very glad that you have asked Mrs. Steefel to consider helping me and would appreciate it very much if she can help me. If you will be so kind, will you please pass the following information as to my financial situation and my plans as to employment to her. If I have a sponsorer, the WRA will give me my train fare and a grant. With this and a little money I have saved I should be able to live for about a month while looking for employment. I am interested in finding employment either in statistical or clerical work. If after looking for work along these lines and nothing can be found, I will do domestic work until something better comes rather than to ask anyone for any financial aid. Furthur more, as soon as I find a place for my family to live, I am having them come out. With my father, who is a dental technician, and I working I am certain that we can make a go of it.

I want to express my appreciation to you for spending some of your busy time on helping me.

Yours truly,

*Jane Maeda*  
Jane Maeda

July 21, 1943

JUL 26 1943

My Dear Mrs. Steffel-

Today is my third  
day here at the Children's  
Home Society and  
it has just been wonderful.

I thank you kindly for  
your encouraging me to  
take this job for I am  
more than happy here.

Of course, a little

I wish to thank you personally and shall in the near future, but till then please excuse my "thanks" through the mail. I shall never forget your tireless efforts and kindness.

Thank you.

Very sincerely yours.

Alice Goddard

difficult at times trying to learn so many things but Mr. Dow is forever encouraging me and the others are ever so nice to me.

This job is a very important one and I am going to put all my efforts into it so that you should not be ashamed of recommending me, and, too, Mr. Dow for employing me.



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July 21, 1943

Mrs. Russell Duncan  
128 W. Elmwood Pl.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am interested in applying for domestic work in your city. I have taken the liberty to write to you personally.

I would like to work for an elderly couple with no children. I prefer not to have responsibility of cooking but I am willing to help with the cooking. I have had 1 year's experience in general housework.

I feel confident that with my ability, willingness, and pleasant disposition I would be of great asset to my employer. I feel that with my qualifications I am able to ask for the beginning salary of \$65.00 per month.

A specification sheet has been enclosed for your convenience. Any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Sue)

*Sumi Yawata*

Sumi Yawata  
15 - 10 - C  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

JUL 30 1943

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S P E C I F I C A T I O N      S H E E T

NAME: Sumi Yawata  
15 - 10 - C  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

AGE: 20 and single

HEIGHT: 5 ft. 3 in.

WEIGHT: 115 pounds

EDUCATION: High School Graduate

EXPERIENCE: Jerome W. R. A.-- Employment office as  
Typist - file clerk  
  
Manzanar Center--Hospital Warehouse as  
Typist - file clerk  
  
Los Angeles, Calif. 1 year's experience in  
general housework

REFERENCE: I have permission to use the follow names for  
character references:

Mr. Wm. C. Love  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

Mr. John L. McCormick  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

PREFERENCE: I have two friends, Yoshiko and Toyoko Hoshiko,  
who are applying for similar jobs in your city,  
and I prefer to be in the same neighborhood as  
they are.

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JUL 26 1943

July 21, 1943

Mrs. Russell Duncan  
128 W. Elmwood Pl.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I am taking this opportunity to ask for your kind assistance in securing a domestic work or any work with children. I am greatly interested in children.

At present I am teaching the 5th grade in the local elementary school. My first choice in work will be in an orphanage home where I may direct playground activities or assist in teaching. However, I feel that the above work will be difficult to locate. My second choice will be to work in a home with children where I will take full responsibility of them. I will also take responsibility of the cooking.

I have had 2 years of experience in general housework and care of children. I prefer to have the children over 8 years of age, and I would not like them to be over 12 years old. For further details of my experience and education I have enclosed a specification sheet.

I feel sure that with my ability, experience, personality, willingness, and confidence I will be an A-1 help. I believe that I will fully satisfy my employer. I am asking for the minimum wage of \$30.00 per month with private room and board.

I will appreciate it very much if you will give this your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours,

*Toyoko Hoshiko*

Toyoko Hoshiko

29 - 3 - C

Jerome W. R. A.

Denson, Arkansas

Enclosure



JUL 26 1943

S P E C I F I C A T I O N   S H E E T

NAME: Toyoko Hoshiko  
29 - 8 - C  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

AGE: 20 and single

WEIGHT: 105 pounds

HEIGHT: 5 ft.

EDUCATION: I am graduate of the Caruthers Union High School  
and Central California Commercial College.

EXPERIENCE: 1 year in general housework and cooking  
1 year in caring for children 8 years old and  
10 years old, and assist in cooking.

FRESNO ASSEMBLY CENTER--Assistant Cashier  
I supervised the work of 6 girls.

JEROME W. R. A.--5th grade teacher

REFERENCE: I have permission to use the following names  
for reference.

Mr. B. S. Thompson  
Education Department  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

Mrs. H. F. Bishop  
Rt. 1, Box 677-A  
Fresno, California

Miss Marie Stolker  
c/o 4 C's College  
Fresno and L Streets  
Fresno, California

If it is at all possible, I would like to  
be in the neighborhood of my sister, Yoshiko  
Hoshiko and my friend, Sumi Yawata, who are  
both asking for your kind assistance.

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JUL 26 1943

July 21, 1943

Mrs. Russell Duncan  
128 W. Elmwood Pl.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I have taken the liberty to write to you personally in applying for domestic work in your city.

I am a graduate of the Caruthers Union High School. I am 5 ft. 3 in. in height and weigh 110 pounds. I have had little experience in serving at parties, but I have no experience in housework. I am 19 years old.

I am more than willing to learn. I prefer a place where I will have responsibility of watching children and no housework and cooking, or a place with elderly couple with no children and have responsibility of the housework. Since my older sister, Toyoko, is applying for work in this same city, I would appreciate it very much if I could be placed in a home in the neighborhood of her place.

I feel sure that with my willingness and personality I would be able to thoroughly satisfy my employer. The salary I will ask for will be about \$65.00 per month with room and board.

I will greatly appreciate any assistance you may give me.

Very truly yours,  
*Yoshiko Hoshiko*  
Yoshiko Hoshiko  
29 - 8 - D  
Jerome W. R. A.  
Denson, Arkansas

JUL 30 1943

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113 South 10th Street

July 22, 1943

Miss Kimiko Umemoto  
6-20-E Heart Mountain R. C.  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Miss Umemoto:

I am referring a copy of your letter of July 14 and individual record to Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, Chairman of the Non-Domestic Employment Section of our Committee. I have talked with Mrs. Steefel about you, and noting that you wish to leave Heart Mountain in about a month, we will hope to be able to line up suitable employment for you. At the present time office jobs are scarce but we think there will be a better demand in the fall when schools start and a good many high school students leave their summer employment. Business activity also is usually greater after the summer vacation season.

Yours very truly,

Chairman,  
Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

FR/w



July 23rd (190)  
Friday evening

JUL 26 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefels,

I write to you from Mrs. Huntington Bruche's home on West 28th St. You can't imagine how relieved and happy I feel to be finally settled in a home and I do realize all that you have done in trying to place us in suitable jobs. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your personal interest in our welfare.

I just moved in this morning right after breakfast at Mrs. Colby's.

to you too. I am sure.

Sincerely yours,  
Emi Matsumoto

I stayed over there Wed. and  
Thurs. night. I feel so obligated to  
Mrs. Colby, too, for all that she  
has done for us. I can't thank  
both of you enough for your kindness.

Mrs. Brown is so friendly  
that I am sure I will like my  
short stay here. I'm so glad I  
can stay with the understanding  
that I am to stay for only 6 weeks.  
Since she knows that and still  
offers to let me stay, I feel  
better than if I had come in  
without her knowing it.

Masako and Grace would  
want me to send their thanks

9H-11B

July 24, 1943  
Amaechi Colo.

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Mrs Laurence Steefel  
407 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

I have written before concerning my prospect of a job there, and have also written out your application blank which you so kindly sent me. At that time I was not too anxious but I did expect some information concerning different types of jobs as I mention.

Of late, I am very seriously considering taking a job in Minneapolis or there about and am anxiously waiting to hear from you as to different prospectives. Then too I might add that I am very anxious to make novelties, such as lapel pins, place cards, favors for parties, lentils designing on handkerchiefs and materials. If there are such a place that would make originals in these lines, I would appreciate your effort.

I am hoping to hear from you soon, as I am hoping to go out by the first of the month if possible.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs. Sachie Terai  
9H-11b



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407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 24, 1943

Miss Kai Kumai  
Lakeville College  
Lakeville Missouri

Dear Miss Kumai

Some weeks ago I gave a copy of your WBA 26 to Miss Emily West of Elliott Park Neighborhood House in answer to her request that I put her in touch with an experienced Kindergarten or Nursery School Director.

Perhaps if I give you a little information about the community it will be of some assistance to you in coming to a decision as to whether you should accept the job or not.

Elliott Park Neighborhood House is the best of the settlement houses here for standards in training of staff. Experience there would be of value anywhere in the country. The salary you are offered there may not seem very high, but it is a professional salary and one which stays about the same through good times and bad. It is in keeping with the levels of salary for the type of work, in this community.

An apartment, living room and bedroom, bath and kitchenette will be available soon in the same apartment house in which Miss West lives. It costs 37.50 a month furnished. If you share it with another young woman your rental cost will be nineteen a month. Food costs for home cooking are not high in Minneapolis. You can buy food for preparation in your own home for seven dollars a week for one person, something less than twice that for two. There are laundry facilities available at small cost in the building.

Of course all appointments of this character depend upon the interview. You meet all professional qualifications easily, but as in all cases of employment in this field personality is of great importance. I should be happy to invite you to come to my home as our guest until you are settled here, if you would care to come for an interview. When we expend hospitality on this plan it is always with the understanding that if something in your own field here does not open to you you will be willing to accept other work.

We have had several girls stay at the house here until they had started their jobs, found housing, and were ready to settle. We have had four, and all of them have gotten the jobs they came out for.

I am not writing to urge you to come. Your own judgement must lead you there, but to give you more information on which to build a decision. We have another girl who has been here for some months who is very eager for this job. She is not as well qualified as you are in training. But she has had enough training to be able to handle it if we have no one else. She also is Please let us know your decision.

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407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 25, 1943

Miss Jane Maeda:  
28-4-C  
War Relocation Center,  
Hunt, Idaho

Dear Miss Maeda:

Mr Reese turned over your letter of June 11 to him, and Miss Porter tells me that you have written recently telling her you are very eager to leave the Center.

Some weeks ago I had had your WRA 26 record from Mr White the Relocation Officer here. Since your training is that of a statistical clerk, and the summer months here have opened almost nothing in the clerical line I have not written to you. We always try to place Nisei at as close to their top skill as possible.

Until I heard from Miss Porter I had not known that you were interested in completing your college work, and that it was not necessary for you to have a job to get along. If these last two facts are accurate, I suggest that you pick the college at which you intend to study this fall, and let us know whether you wish to carry work along with your college work.

If you are interested in finding work between the present and the opening of the college term, I think we can place you in domestic work.

Please let me know your preferences and plans, and I shall do whatever I can to help you carry them out.

Sincerely yours,

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



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407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 25, 1943

Miss Anne H. Watanabe  
74-12-C  
Rivers War Relocation Center  
Pivers, Arizona

Dear Miss Watanabe:

Your application blank has been turned over the War Relocation Desk,  
and to the Volunteer Committee.

I am sure that we can find domestic work for you here in Minneapolis  
if that is what you prefer. The salary ranges from 50 a month with maintenance  
to 75 a month depending on the amount of experience you have had and  
the amount of responsibility you can take.

One job opening the fifteenth of August is in a girl's residence club.  
The pay is 50 a month the first month, with maintenance, uniforms, and laundering  
of uniforms. For chambermaid work the hours are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
For waitress the hours are on a split shift, but are kept to an average of eight  
hours daily. Work from 6-8, 5-10 one day. 6-8, 4-7 alternate days.  
The residence clubs are close to town and are in fine neighborhoods. Living quar-  
ters are good. We have four Nisei girls working in one now, and they seem to  
like it very much.

I notice that you were a student nurse in the Center. That would qualify  
you for work as a Nurse's Aide at Glen Lake Sanatorium, a T.B. sanatorium.  
(To be admitted there as a member of the staff you must have a positive Mantoux  
test and clear X-ray.) Pay there is 75 a month and maintenance.

Other possibilities for Nurse's training or for Hospital work are opening.  
If this latter work interest you please let me know and I will try to  
open something for you. The important thing is that we know which type of work  
you prefer.

Sincerely yours,

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



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407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 25, 1943

Mr. Samuel J.I. Fujita  
8K-11-F Amache War Relocation Center  
Amache, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Fujita:

I have studied the Application blank you sent on with a great deal of care. Your experience has trained you for responsibility, but you have a degree in field in which, in Minneapolis, there is little or no call for help. We are too far from the seaboard to handle much commerce, and wartime restrictions limit the rest.

I notice that you have a license as Beauty Operator. We have arranged for two or three Nisei women to get a Minnesota license, and could doubtless do the same for you, if you are interested. I have, now, over half a dozen calls for Beauty Operators. If you are interested I will make inquiry to see if they could be opened to a man.

Because of the short season in this northern climate in truck farming, I fear you would find little opportunity in that field.

Please tell me how you feel about the Beauty Culture field, and I will be glad to make plans in accordance with your decision.

If you plan to come out, let me know if Mrs. Fujita is also interested in employment. If so, I shall be glad to have a transcript of her record of education and work experience also.

Sincerely yours,

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

407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 25, 1943

Miss Mayne Kishi  
9h-7F War Relocation Center  
Amache, Colorado

Dear Mayne:

I have been very much disappointed that you were not here to take the job Miss Feinlich offered at Unity House. Where we would find another such opportunity I have not the slightest idea. There is none other open in the cities at this time.

My only suggestion to you is that you get in touch with St. Olaf's college where you have studied and ask them if they know of opportunities for you in your field.

Of course it is much easier to get a job if you are here to be interviewed. I am afraid that the apparent ease with which the job at Unity House opened to you gave the impression that such opportunities come frequently. They do not.

If I know of any similar work I shall be glad to let you know of it. Of course we can always find domestic work for you which you could manage on until something better opens. Some other Neighborhood house might need a musical director, when fall comes.

Sincerely yours,

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



*Community Contacts*

407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 25, 1943

Miss Weinlich  
Unity House  
250 17th Ave North  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Weinlich:

I am sending on to you the record of a man in whom you may be interested.

I greatly regret that Mayme Kishi failed to return from the Center as she promised. Apparently her mother underwent a very serious operation and she was hesitant to leave the family until her mother was able to return from the hospital and care for the younger children.

If you have no opening for Mr. Kubota perhaps you could suggest to me some opening for which he might be eligible.

With thanks for your cooperation and help.

Sincerely yours,

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



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July 26, 1943

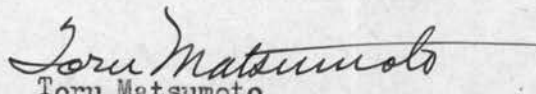
Mrs. Laurence I. Steefel  
2808 River Road West  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Mr. Rundquist has instructed us to send you material on resettlement, which is being sent you under separate cover. Please distribute the same in your circle.

In the future we shall automatically send you ten copies of everything sent out to our mailing list. If you should need additional copies, please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,



Toru Matsumoto  
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

TM:cl

WPA.

July 26, 1943

Dear Mr. White:

Don't let the form of this stuff startle you. I thought it a good idea to set it up so that as more information is available I can send it along and you can just tack it to what you have. It makes for continuity in case either of us turns over to someone else, and gives the background at a glance.

In the questionnaire, I did the best I could without making a community wide WPA survey of it. As to the suggestions, strictly speaking, they should be cleared with the committee. I jotted down my own gleanings of committee opinion which I have picked up during the months. A broader survey would doubtless alter the statement somewhat.

As for the personnel situation in your office, I hope the suggestion is in line with your own wishes. It implies no criticism of present conditions beyond the fact that it again states a well-known fact. No one can be in more than one place at one time. Certainly Miss Kato has done everything as well as she could. But she has shown on many occasions that with all the goodwill and conscientiousness in the world one cannot make judgements about employment situations without experience and background beyond what she has.

I'll call you if and when I can get some further action on the Club Room set-up.

Sincerely yours,

# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident

Date July 27, 1943

Name Grace Tomiko Shimizu

Birth Date 2/9/23

Country of Birth U.S.

Block Number 2-21-E

Height 5'1" Weight 120 Sex F

Post Office Heart Mt., Wyoming

Citizen of U.S.? yes If alien give

State Wyoming

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying Comptometer operator  
Machine calculator Social Security No. [REDACTED]

Do you speak yes read yes write yes English? Draft Status \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak yes read no write no 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                  | Muscotel Grammar Rosemead, Calif.                 | 1934      | 1937    | General                           | yes                |
| High                        | El monte Union High El Monte, Calif.              | 1937      | 1941    | Comptometry Commercial            | yes                |
| Business or Trade School    | Metropolitan Busi. L. A. California               | 1941      | 1942    | Bkkg. Mach. (Burroughs)           | finished course    |
| University--give name       |   |           |         |                                   | Degree             |
| Other Education or Training | Where Served                                      |           |         | Trade and Industry                | Completed?         |
| Apprenticeship              |   |           |         |                                   |                    |

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 June Yr '43 | Mo Yr         | Mr. Scott Taggart WRA-Heart Mt.                           | Com. Enterprize   | Office Clerk-add cash receipts and | \$16.00   |
| Mo Jan Yr 43   | Mo June Yr 43 | Mrs. A. V. Tyrrell 3711 Pioneer Ave. Cheyenne, Wyoming.   | Housewife         | Gen. housework                     | \$7.50/wk |
| Mo Dec Yr 42   | Mo Jan Yr 43  | Mr. Boyd Larson   | WRA-Auditing Dep. | Audit Clerk                        | 16.00     |
| Mo sep. Yr 42  | Mo dec. Yr 42 | Mr. J. M. Grace   | WRA-Cost Acctg.   | Sr. Clerk                          | 16.00     |
| Mo may Yr 42   | Mo sep. Yr 42 | Mr. J. F. Groggin   | WCCA-Acctg. Dep.  | Secretary                          | 16.00     |
| Mo sept. Yr 41 | Mo may Yr 42  | Mrs. O.A. Ingram 337 S. Camden Dr. Beverley Hills, Calif. | Housewife         | School girl                        | 15.00/mo. |



If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook? yes, with children?  
yes, care of grounds? no, serving at table? yes, laundress? yes, general  
housework? yes. If you take shorthand, give present speed no 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 comptometer, Burroughs Calculator; adding  
machines; typewriter; Burroughs Sunstran adding machine; Bkbp machine;  
Monroe Caluclator/ Marchant calculator. List any machines which you can repair or service  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Can you drive an automobile? no To what professional, technical or union  
organizations do you belong? none If you have supervised  
other workers, give number and describe your work briefly. none

\_\_\_\_\_ Is your health good X fair \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_? List  
any physical defects or infirmities you may have wear glasses  
\_\_\_\_\_. How do these affect your work? very little

Have you ever been bonded? no 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 Accurate in figures; always  
proof work; had good educat on in High School and Business School both  
with excellent teachers.

Your Signature (miss) Grace T. Shimizu

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.

# YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

CHARTER MEMBER OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF U.S.A.



1130 NICOLLET AVENUE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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July 27, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I am enclosing the correspondence I have had up to date with Jane Maeda and I rather think you will have to pick up from here, if you will please do so.

Miss Maeda sounds as if she had a real plan and a great deal of determination, so I think that we might expect that she will come through all right.

I am glad to be able to turn this correspondence over to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edna H. Porter*  
Edna H. Porter  
General Secretary

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61-9-D  
Rivers, Arizona  
July 27, 1943

Mr. Clement L. White  
Relocation Officer  
Room 842, Metropolitan Life Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. White:

I am writing to you with the hope that you may be able to assist me in finding employment in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I am twenty-four years of age and a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, California. I have received my B. A. degree in 1940, majoring in English and history and minoring in education and psychology. I have worked in the child welfare department and the library, both a part of the university. I do not know shorthand, but I have done some typing and filing.

Since evacuation, I have been teaching. I taught English in the junior and senior high schools, as well as a course in literature for college students, in the Tulare Assembly Center, Tulare, California. Since being relocated to this center, I have been teaching English and history at the high school.

If at all possible, I would like to secure a position in some line of personnel or interviewing work, librarianship, or social service, although I may be interested in some type of defense work.

I have already obtained my project and Eastern Defense Clearance, and I have applied for my war work permit.

I am most anxious to leave the center as soon as possible and once more become a working unit in the defense of our country. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Florence T. Hasegawa*

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Beauty Operator?

Mr Sam Fujita,

8K-11-F

Amache, Colorado

July 28, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you for your very kind letter of July 25. It certainly is heartening to know that an organization, such as the one which you represent, has taken such an active part on our behalf. You can rest assured that your efforts are truly appreciated.

In reference to your inquiry regarding my interest in beauty work, it is true that I have a California State license in cosmetology but I doubt very much if I have the necessary experience. You see, my professional practice has amounted to actually only about two months. After Pearl Harbor, circumstances necessitated my taking the secretarial position with the J. A. C. L. as is indicated in my employment record.

Since entering the camps I have devoted my full time to office work because of my desire to build up experience in various office procedures. Consequently, I haven't done a bit of beauty work. Of course, beauty workers must be rather scarce at the present time due to the demand for defense workers. So perhaps one with very little experience may be considered where ordinarily he wouldn't. Inasmuch as you have so graciously offered your services, I would appreciate it very much if you would inform me of any possibilities for a male operator. Of course, my primary choice is some other type of work but during these days of readjustment we must realize the opportunities as they present themselves.

My wife doesnot have any employment record but I am sure that her general and educational background will qualify her as a receptionist, which is the particular type of work that interests her. I am enclosing a record of her education and other general information.

Mrs. Lawrence K. Steefel  
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Again, I thank you for the considerate attitude that you have shown, and hope that something agreeable may result.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel J. I. Fujita*  
Samuel J. I. Fujita

P. S. If you have a need for female beauty operators, I could refer you the names of some girls or have them write to you directly.

S. J. I. F.

## INDIVIDUAL RECORD

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|   |                              |                                 |            |  |            |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| 1. Name: Last First Middle<br>FUJITA MARY SHIGE   |                              |                                 | OFFICE USE | 14. Individual number:   | OFFICE USE |
| 1a. Other names: (Include maiden name if a married woman)<br>MARY SHIGE SHIBATA   |                              |                                 |            | 15. Family number:   |            |
| 2. Relocation Center: Address Entry date<br>GRANADA 8K-11-F 3/6/43  |                              |                                 |            | 16. Sex: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female  |            |
| 3. Assembly Center: Address Entry date  |                              |                                 |            | 17. Race: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Spouse's race: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |            |
| 4. Previous address: Street and number, or R.F.D. number City State<br>4290 47th Street San Diego, California   |                              |                                 |            | 18. Marital status: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Single 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Separated  |            |
| 5. Parents: Name of father; maiden name of mother Country of birth<br>Father: CHOSABURO SHIBATA JAPAN<br>Mother: CHIYO SHIBATA JAPAN  |                              |                                 |            | 19. Relationship to head of family group:  |            |
| 5a. Father's occupation: in U. S. Silver Polisher Abroad  |                              |                                 |            | 20. Birthdate: 5/27/16 20a. Age: 27  |            |
| 6. Person to notify in case of emergency: (Relationship, name, and address)<br>Chosaburo Shibata<br>11H-6-A Granada Relocation Center<br>Amache, Colorado   |                              |                                 |            | 21. Birthplace: (City, county, state or province, and country)<br>San Francisco<br>San Francisco County<br>California  |            |
| 7. Education: Name and location From— To—<br>Grammar school Emerson San Francisco, Cal 1924 1929<br>Junior high school Hamilton " " 1929 1930<br>High school Lowell " " 1930 1933<br>Business school<br>College San Francisco State SF, Cal 1934 1936<br>Postgraduate |                              |                                 |            | 22. Alien registration number:   |            |
| 7a. Degrees, educational specializations, honors, and significant activities:<br>Music Major in College   |                              |                                 |            | 23. Attending school: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |            |
| 8. Residence outside the United States: Country From— To—<br>None   |                              |                                 |            | 24. Grade:   |            |
| 9. Military or naval service: Country Branch From— To—  |                              |                                 |            | 25. Language: Speak Read Write<br>English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Japanese <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br>German <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br>Italian <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |            |
| 10. Public assistance: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to dependent children 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to blind 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Old age assistance   |                              |                                 |            | 26. Major activity or status:  |            |
| 11. Pension: Source Amt. \$ Pay period  |                              |                                 |            | 27. Occupation:<br>Pri.<br>Sec.  |            |
| 12. Height: (Inches)<br>62  | 12a. Weight: (Pounds)<br>107 | 13. Physical condition:<br>Fair |            | 27a.   |            |
|   |                              |                                 |            | 27b.   |            |

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Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart, Mountain, Wyoming  
July 28, 1943

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

Dear Mr. White:

I am glad to recommend Miss Kai Kumai to you. Miss Kumai had full charge of a third grade this past school year here on the project. She did an outstanding job of teaching. Her pupils cooperated with her very well, and there was a feeling of enthusiasm and understanding between pupil and teacher when one entered her room.

Miss Kumai has a very nice personality; she is friendly and cooperative. She dresses well and is a nice looking girl. She is a tactful person and I am sure she will get along with parents as well as children.

If I am able to answer any further question, I shall be very glad to do so.

Sincerely,

J. K. Corbett  
Acting Superintendent of Education

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July 28, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steffel,

I want to thank you for obtaining this job for me. I enjoy staying with Mrs. Wheeler and I don't mind very much where I stay. It's just the people you stay with that counts and the Wheelers' are very nice people. Again I want to thank you for obtaining this job for me.

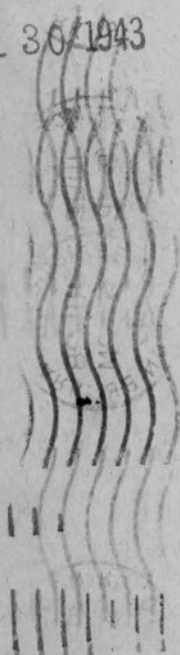
Yours Truly,

David Seto



| Available,                | Yes                | No                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ben Masuda<br>3-9-B       | .....              | <del>X</del> ..    |
| Geo. Kenmotsu<br>19-3-8   | .....              | <del>V</del> ..... |
| Junichi Fukumoto<br>1-5-C | <del>X</del> ..... | .....              |

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

AUG 4 1943

GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
BUTTE CAMP  
RIVERS, ARIZONA

74-12-C

July 29, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Steefel;

Thank you ever so much for trying to help me but it is too late. I have been accepted by the Hamline University for the Fall class and requested a domestic job till class commenced.

Since September is so soon I have given up the idea of getting a job. I did have hopes of finding one but feel it is too late now. I wanted a job so that I could get accustomed to Minnesota plus earning some extra money.

Now I wish your letter had come to me a month earlier!

Thank you again, Mrs. Steefel, and hope to see you someday in Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,  
Ann Watanabe



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Mrs. Laurence Steefel  
2808 West River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Your letter of July 14 has gone unanswered too long. We are now in the middle of vacations and it happens that Martha Fletcher who is particularly concerned with the Japanese-American Relocation Program of the Service Committee has been away since your letter arrived. However, I have discussed the matter presented in your letter with the Home Service Committee and have been in conference with a sub-committee on Japanese-American Relocation.

We, here, react to the settlement of an Episcopal minister to serve evacuees in ways similar to our own. An adequate minister could serve such a constituency in telling ways but he could also misuse the opportunity to the ends of proselytizing them. Mr. Kitagawa seems to be of the right sort; perhaps the Episcopalians have others as well equipped and sensible. If so we would certainly appreciate the service he could render.

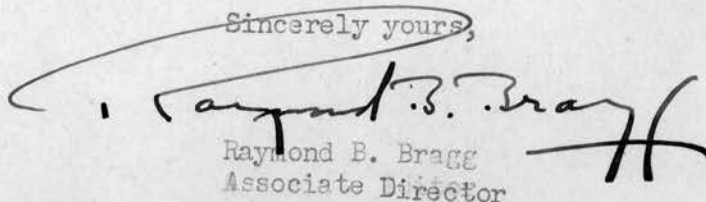
I will suggest to Martha Fletcher that on her next trip to New York that she see Dr. George Weiland. A conference with him may yield a clear understanding in regard to any general program that his Committee has in mind. It may even be that we could find a way in which to cooperate.

Our summer has been a pleasant one in spite of the fact that we are living in the heart of Boston and the weather has been oppressive. We have found that our location is one of the best, the night have been quite tolerable. Our children enjoy playing on the Esplanade.

My duties have been constant. I have been to New York three times since our coming and I shall be there again next week. The Service Committee has matured to unimagined strength and since the responsibility of keeping it going for the time being is entirely mine, I have had no great amount of time for vacationing. Nonetheless the change is welcomed.

My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Raymond B. Bragg  
Associate Director

RBB:VT

Mr. Jack Kudo is (~~is not~~) available  
for work if it opens in Minneapolis.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

WAR RELOCATION DESK  
c/o UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
407 S. 4th Street  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



2-24-E  
Heart Mountain  
Wyoming

July 30, 1943

Mr. Frank Reese  
113 So. Tenth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Reese:

I am very interested in securing a position in Minneapolis and was referred to you by Miss Umemoto. Mr. White of the War Relocation Authority in Minneapolis advised me to come out sometime ago and stay at the "Y" and he would find me a job. Since my resources are so limited I felt that I did not want to take the risk of going out without a definite job lined up. Is there a good possibility of finding a position now? If so, I would be willing to come out and look for a job.

Enclosed please find my application, I am very anxious to relocate in the next two or three weeks and would appreciate your considering me for any position opened for a stenographer, typist or clerk.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

JUNE YAMASHITA

If you seek work as a domestic, are you experienced as a cook? yes, with children?

yes, care of grounds? no, serving at table? yes, laundress? yes, general

housework? yes. If you take shorthand, give present speed 120 Typing speed 70.

List tools you own in business or trade Typewriter.

If you hold a business or professional license, give type, State in which valid and

expiration date none. List any farm, factory or

office machines which you can operate typewriter, adding machine, calculator,

comptometer, mimeograph. List any machines which you can repair or service

none

Can you drive an automobile? no To what professional, technical or union

organizations do you belong? none If you have supervised

other workers, give number and describe your work briefly. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Is your health good X fair \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_? List

any physical defects or infirmities you may have none

\_\_\_\_\_. How do these affect your work? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been bonded? no Ever had bond refused? no

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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature June Yamashita

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.

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*Application for Private Employment by Relocation Center Resident*

Date July 30, 1943

Name June Yamashita

Birth Date June 28, 1921 Country of Birth U.S.

Block Number 2-24-E

Height 4'11" Weight 116 Sex Female

Post Office Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Citizen of U.S.? yes If alien give

State Wyoming

date of entry into U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which Applying General Office

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak X read X write X English?

Draft Status \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak fair read poor write poor 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                  | Ivanhoe Los Angeles, Calif.                       | 1927      | 1933      |                                   | yes                   |
| High Junior                 | Los Angeles Los Angeles                           | 1933 1936 | 1936 1939 | Commercial "                      | yes yes               |
| Business or Trade School    | Metropolitan, L.A.                                | 1941      | 3 mo.     | Stenography                       | (summer no school)    |
| University--give name       | Los Angeles City College                          | 1940      | 1942      | Secretarial Shorthand.            | no few units          |
| Other Education or Training | Where Served                                      |           |           | typing, business training         | because of evacuation |
| Apprenticeship              |   |           |           |                                   |                       |

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 Aug Yr '42  | Mo pres Yr    | WRA Heart Mt. Wyo. Mr. Boyd N. Larsen              | War Relocation Authority      | Secretary-dictation typing      | \$19 mo. |
| Mo May Yr '42  | Mo Aug Yr '42 | WCCA, Pomona, Cal. Mr. I. D. Hess                  | WCCA Assembly Center          | Accountant-Clerk Type, file     | \$12 mo. |
| Mo June Yr '41 | Mo Aug Yr '41 | NYA, Los Angeles Mr. J. Merritt                    | National Youth Administration | Secretary-dictation Typing      | \$21 mo. |
| Mo Yr          | Mo Yr         | Worked during summer vacation                      |                               |                                 |          |
| Mo Yr '40      | Mo Yr '41     | Worked part time NYA assisting teachers            |                               | Attendance records check papers | \$21 mo. |
| Mo Yr          | Mo Yr         | (Was attending L.A. City College until evacuation) |                               |                                 |          |



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Granada Project  
Amache, Colorado

In reply, please refer to:  
GR:CS:JJOM

July 30, 1943

Mrs. Laurence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary WRC  
417 Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Re: Sam Fujita

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I am very much interested in your recent letter addressed to Mr. Fujita, who is one of our competent case work aides, and I am writing you in order to pass on to you something of our evaluation of him in regard to permanent relocation.

I have tried to recall if I have ever met you personally as I am well acquainted with the Twin Cities and have a large number of friends there connected with the professional social work group. I took the liberty last week of writing Mrs. Sickels in St. Paul<sup>minn</sup> whom I am well acquainted in a professional way. I am hoping, between you and Mrs. Sickels, you may be able to refer suitable prospective employment for both Mr. and Mrs. Fujita.

Sam Fujita joined the Welfare staff here at the Granada Relocation Center last spring when he and Mary transferred from Poston in order to be with their parents. He had had opportunity in Poston to work in the Welfare Section under one of the most competent professional social workers with long experience in Hawaii and unusual understanding of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. Immediately on transfer to Granada, the Welfare Section employed Sam as a case aide, and he has had opportunity here to work under the supervision of Mr. Moore, our chief Counselor, who is a man of exceptional skill and professional training in community organization and social group work; and also, Sam has worked under the supervision of trained and experienced professional social case workers. I have watched him grow during the two and a half months I have been in the department. He has developed rapidly using the self discipline he experienced



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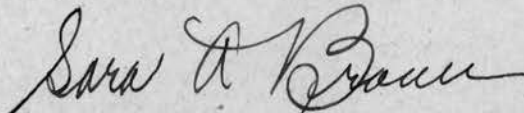
in business prior to evacuation, ~~and~~ has a very keen, clear mind on questions of administrative organization relationship with people as human beings and other qualities so essential in human relations.

We have no thought that Sam is qualified for a position calling for professional social work training. I have given you this much of a picture in order to point out the excellent experience he has had since evacuation in this whole field in work with and among people of all kinds and always under skilled supervision. Sam organizes his work unusually well, is accurate, able to turn out a tremendous amount of work because of his clear thinking and organization ability. He has an excellent mind, is able to evaluate situations involving people and materials, and works splendidly with both the Japanese community and the Administrative Personnel. Mr. Moore and I agree that he is particularly well qualified for a position in a merchantile or business house dealing with materials and people. Knowing the Twin Cities as I do, I feel sure there are innumerable business houses and whatnots who would welcome the opportunity to employ a young man of Sam's qualities.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fujita are very attractive young people, cultured, gracious, outgoing in their relationships, and able to command the confidence and respect of any community fortunate enough to secure them. I am not as thoroughly familiar with Mrs. Fujita's qualities, but she would make a charming receptionist in an office, club, or settlement house. She has considerable background in music though I am not familiar to what extent. In community activities, both Mr. and Mrs. Fujita are active in protestant church groups and such recreational groups as Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, etc.

If you and Mr. White would like further evaluation of our acquaintance with these young people, please write us.

Very respectfully yours,



Sara A. Brown, Associate Counselor  
Public Welfare Section

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Miss Toyoko Koshiko  
Miss Yeshiko Koshiko  
Miss Suzi Yawata

29-4-0 Jerome War Relocation Center  
Duncan Arkansas

Dear girls,

I am writing to all three of you at once, because I shall be planning for all three of you together if possible.

First of all I ought to tell you that the scale of pay in Minneapolis is from 60-75 a month. In a few exceptional cases they work up to \$80, but that is unusual.

If this scale of pay interests you I am sure I can get work for all three of you. Our system has been this. We find it ever so much better if you wait to make your final decision about a job until you reach the city. We can arrange for you to come out on the hospitality plan, sponsored by one of the committee, and you can stay at the YWCA at \$1.00 a night.

If you can visit the home in which you are going to work, and make the acquaintance of your employer, it is much more satisfactory than planning it by letter.

Please let me know if you would like me to arrange for your release. I can assure you that there will be a number of jobs for you to select from in and around Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary

P.S. I am writing this letter for Mrs Duncan who is absent from the city for a brief vacation.



I am very anxious to  
receive information on this  
matter.

I would appreciate it if  
you would favor me with  
your further information  
at your earliest convenience.

yours truly,

Mrs. Pat Hirashima

42-6-F

Topaz, Utah

July 30, 1943

Mr. C. L. White  
842 Metropolitan Life Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Dear Mr. White:

My husband has volunteered  
for enlistment in the  
United States Army at  
Camp Savage, Minnesota.  
He is to be inducted in  
the latter part of August.  
I, therefore, would very  
much like to relocate  
myself and our 3 month  
old baby in Minneapolis.  
If possible, I would like  
to accompany him when  
he is inducted as it  
would be easier to travel  
with the baby. However,  
to do this, I must know  
if there are any housing  
problems in the city. Is  
immediate housing available?  
Are there furnished apart-  
ments? How do the rents  
run?

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July 30. [1943?]

My dear Mrs. Steffel-

May I say thank you  
for the very pleasant evening-  
and sumptuous banquet which  
we had with you last week? -  
We both agree that you and  
May must know some magic  
to make such a delicious  
meal possible in these days  
of rationing. As you already  
know we enjoyed the food-  
and we also enjoyed having



an evening of friendly conversation with you and Mary and your husband.

We find busy people trying to solve the problem you are working on in each city we stop at. It's inspiring to find people so concerned - and while it seems as the results are slow to come, they do get some results which are gratifying.

I was glad to meet you. Perhaps we shall be able to meet again. I sincerely hope so. Thank you again for your hospitality to us -

Sincerely,

Alice P. Rundquist.

John by letter (2)

407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 30, 1943

Mr. C.L. White  
842 Metropolitan Life Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. White:

I enclose such information as I could gather on this job. Thought I'd better not take responsibility of further action until I'd cleared with you.

Mr. Luger sounded like a good person. Literate, and fair. I couldn't satisfy myself as to the permanency of the work. Looks like duration stuff. They have never used the dorm before. Their idea I guess of solving the housing question. Let me know what I should do. I once had some cabinet makers, and one of the Shapcoe boys was eager to learn the trade.

As to Frank Ishikawa:

I have talked to the Social Work department at the University Hospital and she tells me the County must pay for Frank there if there are no other funds. (I shall be able to clear on Monday with Mrs. Devaney, Head of Hennepin County Welfare Board as to whether the state funds she controls require that the boy and his family accept Relief Status to get them.) The private agencies will take over only if

1. The Public Agencies Refuse
2. The Family refuse their conditions.

I strongly urge that no situation be created which will place this boy on relief. The standards of relief are too low to be adequate for nutrition even if the whole Relocation Movement could tolerate it.

I am seeing Mr. Murimato tonight, who can give us some idea of the family's resources, and whether I should write them direct, or, perhaps with Mexican's aid as interpreter.

If relief status is required and refused, I suspect we can arrange for hospitalization at Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, but that, too will probably depend upon the family's relations with the County Welfare Board. The free bed in the Pediatrics Ward at Abbott accepts children only twelve and under.

The doctor's written diagnosis has not yet come.

Kay Kumai's brother is here in the city, but I've not met him. I suggested he see Miss Emily West. (He has not picture of the sister with him!)



Mr Mike Kurotomi has left the Center and is in a suburb of Chicago. His son, here, may know how to reach him. I'm calling the boy, tonight, to inquire. Maybe he's en route here?



Miss West to  
write about  
coming or not.

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Park College (1943)  
Parkville, Mo.  
July 31, 1943

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

Thank you very much for your  
air mail letter. I received your letter  
soon after I ~~received~~ mailed a letter  
to Miss West asking for further  
information such as the type of  
work, hours and days required,  
the wages, possibilities for advance-  
ment, and other conditions. I  
would like to know as much as  
possible before I decide to go to  
Minneapolis, as my funds are now  
very low, and I would hate very  
much to go there to find I would  
not qualify or receive the position.  
I hope you understand my position,  
and think it not selfish on my  
part to ask all these questions.  
I have not as yet received  
an answer from Miss West.

but think it will come soon.  
Until that time I shall wait  
anxiously for her reply.

Thank you again for your  
interest. I am enclosing a  
brief record of my history, and  
perhaps you can help me  
locate other positions if this  
this <sup>does</sup> not turn out successfully.

I have been looking for an  
office position here, but wages are  
very low \$80 - \$100! How are the  
opportunities there?

I have some office experience  
and my shorthand, which I am learning  
now, should be ready for dictation  
in the near future. My typing speed  
is approximately 55-60 words.

I do hope I can hear from  
you again.

Sincerely yours,  
Ray Kurnai

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Heart Mountain Relocation Project  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming  
July 31, 1943

Mr. C. L. White  
Relocation Officer  
War Relocation Authority  
842 Metropolitan Life Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. White:      Subject: Miss Kai Kumai

Reference is made to your letter of  
July 24, 1943, in connection with Miss Kai  
Kumai.

I am attaching hereto a letter from  
Mr. J. K. Corbett, Acting Superintendent of  
Education, which should be sufficient.

Sincerely,

Joe Carroll, Chief  
Employment Division

Enclosure

cc: Miss Emily West  
Elliot Park Neighborhood House  
2215 Park Avenue, Minneapolis

Mrs. L. Steefel  
War Relocation Committee