

State of Idaho

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

ESTABLISHED 1906

GOODING, IDAHO

September 21, 1942

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War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

Attention: Com. Mgt.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your communication of September 11 regarding the possibility of enrolling twelve to fifteen Japanese children in this institution, I wish to say that I delayed answering your letter in order to study the situation here.

In regard to housing, I find that we can, if necessary, accommodate that many evacuees in the event they are interned in Idaho.

At a recent meeting of the State Board of Education, I approached them with the possibility of enrolling Japanese children, since we expected there might be a number interned in Idaho. They felt that it would be only fair for the United States government or the state from which they are evacuated to pay the tuition to the state of Idaho. The tuition has been set at \$500.00 per pupil per school year, with the understanding that this means we are under obligation to furnish food, instruction, and all housing facilities for nine months of each school year. If you are able to effect such an understanding with the government or with the state from which they come, then it will be agreeable to offer them the advantages at this institution. I might say that the states of Utah and California impose a registration fee of \$500.00 per pupil for all out of state students, whether white or colored, from states which do not have an institution of this character.

I should appreciate it if you would keep me advised as to the exact number to expect and when they might anticipate enrolling here. It will be necessary for us to know in advance so that we can properly take care of them.

For your information, our school commenced on Monday, September 14.

Very truly yours,

Burton W. Driggs
Burton W. Driggs, Superintendent

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Arkansas School for the Deaf

John L. Caple, Superintendent

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sept. 19, 1942

War Relocation Authority
Att'n Harvey M. Coverley
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

In re: Com. Mgt.

We have your letter of September 11th, regarding a possible arrangement for placing twelve to fifteen deaf Japanese children in our School.

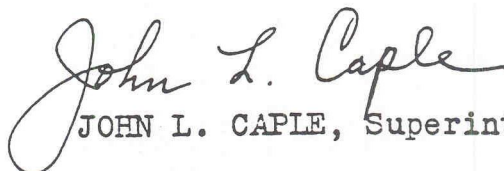
Since we have no precedent for handling a matter of this type, the question will, of necessity, be one for our Board of Managers to decide upon. The next regular meeting of our Board will be September 28th, and I am sure that some decision will be reached at that time.

Any additional information that you are able to furnish me prior to this Board meeting will be a great deal of help in making our decision on this matter.

Information I would especially like would be ages, grades, and last school attended, if any. I imagine most of this group have attended one of the schools for the deaf in California. If so, a transcript of their grades would help us in arranging to fit them into classes already organized.

I will appreciate any additional information you can furnish us in this connection, and assure you that our Board will give the matter very careful consideration.

Very truly yours,


JOHN L. CAPLE, Superintendent

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

RELOCATION BRANCH
McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

In reply, please refer to:

January 16, 1943

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Miss Gifford

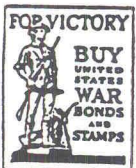
Dear Mr. Myer:

We have in this Center two children who are deaf, one of whom is a child ten years of age who has had some time in an institution for a child thus afflicted. The other is a child six years of age who is now ready to go to school. The older one is greatly in need of being placed in an institution where he can proceed with his studies. He is a keen young fellow and comes from a family of very fine spirit and attitude.

There is a very fine school in Berkeley, the California School for the Deaf. The parents of this child attempted to place the boy in that institution, but were on the waiting list when evacuation made it necessary for them to leave California. This child is [REDACTED], 14-8-F. I am writing especially about him but the other child should be provided the same privilege which can be secured for this lad.

I have written to a number of institutions mostly under state auspices. Only one of these institutions has been willing to accept this evacuee child. This is Central Institute for the Deaf, 818 Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri. This school is very highly recommended, but the tuition is beyond the reach of this family. It is \$1250 for the school year. Of course, this includes instruction, board, lodging, supervision, laundry, etc. In fact, the family has used up the small savings which they had on hand at the time of evacuation. There are two small children, so the father alone is able to work. He receives \$16 a month for attending one of the boilers on the Project.

If the War Relocation Authority has been able to meet this problem at any one of its Centers, I should like to know about it. Perhaps there is a Center to which families with children thus handicapped might all gather and benefit from a school which could take care of the group. Perhaps this child could return to the



institution in Berkeley to which he would be entitled if he were still in that area. The situation distresses me very much, and I hope that someone in your office can help me.

With sincere regards, I am

Yours very truly,


Joseph B. Hunter
Chief of Community Services

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Manzanar, California

September 15, 1942

FROM: Genevieve W. Carter
Superintendent of Education
Community Services Division

TO: Harvey M. Coverly
Assistant Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

SUBJECT: Education of Deaf Children Outside of
Relocation Areas

Dear Mr. Coverly:

Through a conversation with Mrs. Lucy Adams of the Regional Office, we understand the policy of the War Relocation Authority is to have handicapped children attend special schools outside relocation areas when such relocation areas are unable to provide the necessary schooling. With this knowledge the enclosed correspondence was started on two deaf children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], now living with their parents in Manzanar.

The parents, knowing that the educational facilities at this center are totally inadequate for schooling in such cases, were very anxious that provisions were made that would prevent further loss of time in educational progress already retarded by the children's handicap. The parents have been informed of War Relocation Authority policies and we have indicated to them that the procedure for placing such students was being established, which information we received from Miss Saline Gifford, Public Welfare Administrator from Washington, on the occasion of her recent visit to Manzanar.

We would like to call your attention to the letter of September 7, 1942, from Mr. Edward A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley, California. This letter indicated that neither of the above mentioned pupils will be able to attend that institution. In the case of [REDACTED], whose parents were residents of the State of Washington, it may be possible for her to be accepted by the Vancouver School. We have refrained from writing the Vancouver School until procedures and policies were cleared through your office.

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Mr. Edward A. Stevenson

September 15, 1942
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Financial assistance in both cases may be necessary regarding transportation, tuition, and maintenance. Could you clarify for us the procedure by which admission to such special schools outside of the State of California would be made possible for these and other handicapped students.

Sincerely yours,

ROY NASH
PROJECT DIRECTOR

Edward G. Chester
By: Edward G. Chester, Director
Guidance and Counseling

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cc: Mr. Robert A. Petrie
Executive Assistant to Regional Director
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

Captain Mark Astrup, Liaison Officer
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

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SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
810 DEXTER AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

January 25, 1943

Dr. Lester Ade
Educational Consultant
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Ade:

When Dr. Elise Martins was here last week she suggested that you might be able to help us solve a problem concerning the education of some of our Japanese deaf children who have had to leave our School for the Deaf for relocation areas. So far none of them is in school and we are greatly concerned about them.

I have written four times to the relocation area in Manzanar, but there has been such a change in personnel that they have not been able to follow a case through. I appreciate that these handicapped children present a problem that is not easy to solve, but in the meantime these poor children are paying a drastic price for something for which they have no responsibility. Is there anything that an outsider can do to expedite matters? Is there a national policy concerning the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing children in the relocation areas?

██████████, 3-10-2 at Manzanar is a deaf girl who has had 10 years of schooling in our special school. She has a little brother who is also deaf and who has never attended school as yet. It is tragic that ██████████ can not be in school, for this is an important year in her life, and she won't be interested indefinitely unless something is done. Then we have at Minidoka, Idaho, a ██████████ who is 17. She is so hard-of-hearing that she can not get along in a hearing school, and is not going to school at all. She needs a hearing aid. If she could have trained assistance in learning how to use it she might be able to make a fairly normal adjustment.

We have worked so many years with these girls and have had hopes that they would be able to lead happy and fairly independent lives when they were through school. I don't know what can be done for them, but have been

unable to get any response to the four letters I have written to the eudcation directors at Kanzinar. I realize that they have many problems, but I am not willing to let the matter drop. Can you make any suggestions as to how we might help further the education of these Japanese deaf children? I shall be grateful to you for any encouragement you can give us.

Sincerely,

Elvena Miller

Elvena Miller, Supervisor
Speech Education and
The School for the Deaf.

Final School Report

California School for the Deaf

MASTER FILE

Name Toru Gotori, Jr. Admitted September 12, 1940
Age at Admission 14 yr. Left April 3, 1942
Attended this School 2 Years Grade Completed Fifth

Birth June 27, 1926

Type of Classroom Work Accomplished: Very good the second year; average in class standing

Special Subject Difficulties: Spelling

Personality:

Attitude toward Classroom Work: Good

Special Interests:

Remarks: Toru was in a class that used a hearing aid machine all day. He was taught orally. Very hard of hearing

Date September 24, 1942

Mary W. Robinson
Supervising Teacher

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COLORADO RIVER WAR
RELOCATION PROJECT
September 3, 1942
Poston, Arizona

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Robert A. Petrie

FOR: MR. W.H. Fryer, Regional Director
War Relocation Authority, San Francisco, Calif.

SUBJECT: Transfer of deaf persons from Poston to Tule Lake

We are replying to your memorandum of August 29, 1942 regarding the transfer of deaf persons from Poston to Tule Lake to continue their education.

The families of George Jutaro Kubotsu and Kanyomon Gotori have been contacted. At present they do not wish to send their children alone to Tule Lake, nor are they desirous of transferring the family group. They prefer to wait longer before making any definite decision.

FOR: W. Wade Head
Project Director

BY Signed
Mary M. Kirkland
Social Worker

Kirkland
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE
WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING

NOV 27 1942

Mr. E. W. Tillinghast
Superintendent
Arizona State School for the
Deaf and the Blind
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Tillinghast:

Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning the possible entrance in your school of two evacuee deaf children now located at the Colorado River Relocation Center.

Although we do not yet know the results of your Board meeting scheduled for the latter part of October, this is to advise you that a report from the Colorado River Project Director reveals that one of the students in question has adjusted himself satisfactorily there and his family does not wish his removal. The parents of the other child are hesitant to have her leave the center now; however, the Project Director indicated they may later decide to request that she be given the advantages of a special institution.

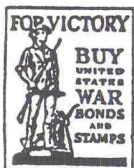
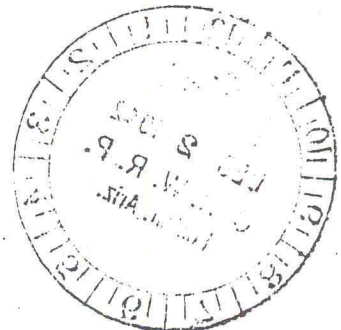
We would still appreciate knowing the results of your Board meeting, however, and whether you would be able to accept the one in the event her family eventually desires her attendance at a special school.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED)

Harvey M. Coverley
Assistant Regional Director

cc: Wade Head ✓



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COLORADO RIVER
WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

WHITCOMB HOTEL BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, OFFICE

In reply, please refer to:
Com. Mgt.

SEP 23 1942

SEP 26 1942

PARKER ARIZONA

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center

SUBJECT: Educational care for deaf children,
families of George Jutaro Kubotsu and
Kanyomon Gotori.

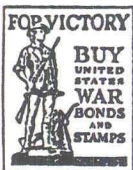
Reference is made to our previous correspondence wherein it was determined that the above named families would not be willing to move to the Tule Lake Relocation Center so that their children would be eligible to return to the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley.

In attempting to make arrangements for all the deaf evacuee children in this region, we have written to most of the Schools for the Deaf in the Western United States. The Arizona State School for the Deaf and the Blind at Tucson, Arizona, has indicated there might be a possibility of entering a very few children if they reside in relocation centers located in Arizona and if they have previously attended a school for the deaf.

Although your memorandum of September 3 and wire of September 8 indicated a neutral feeling on the part of the families involved as to whether or not the two children attend deaf school, we are wondering if they might not feel somewhat differently if arrangements could be completed for their entrance in the Arizona school. We shall appreciate your obtaining this information for us; also, to what extent might the families be able to meet any tuition charges which will be necessary for out-of-state enrollees.

E. M. Rowalt

E. M. Rowalt
Acting Regional Director



INDIVIDUAL RECORD

1. Name: Last First Middle KUBOTSU TERUKO none			OFFICE USIA	14. Individual Number 31320-F	USE OFFICE
1a. Other names: (Include maiden name if a married woman) NONE				15. Family number: 31320	
2. Relocation Center: POSTON	Address 14-11-B	Entry Date 5-15-42		16. Sex: 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	
3. Assembly Center: NONE	Address	Entry Date		17. 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 RE 5 Box 97 Bakersfield				18. Marital status: 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single 2 <input 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 Father: KUBOTSU, GEO. J JAPAN Mother: KAMEYAMA, SHIKANO JAPAN				19. Relationship to head of family group: daughter	
6. Person to notify in case of emergency: (Relationship, name, and address) (father) KUBOTSU GEO. J POSTON 14-11-B				20. Birthdate: 2-6-29 20a. Age: 13	
7. Education: Name and location From— To— Grammar school STATE SCHOOL FOR DEAF & BLIND (BERKELEY) 1935 1942 Junior high school High school Business school College Postgraduate				21. Birthplace: (City, county, state or province, and country) Bakersfield Kern Calif U.S.A	
7a. Degrees, educational specializations, honors, and significant activities: NONE				22. Alien registration number: none	
8. Residence outside the United States: Country From— To— none				23. Attending school: 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Military or naval service: Country Branch From— To— none				24. Grade: GRAM. 5	
10. Public assistance: SCHOOL FOR DEAF & BLIND. 1935-1942 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to dependent children 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to blind 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Old age assistance				25. Language: Speak Read English <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Pension: Source none Amt. \$ Pay period				26. Major activity or status:	
12. Height: (Inches) 60	12a. Weight (Pounds) 95	13. Physical condition: DEAF AS RESULT OF SCARLET FEVER WAS IN STATE SCHOOL OF DEAF & BLIND AT BERKELEY, CALIF. PRIOR TO EVACUATION		27. Occupation: Pri..... Sec.....	
				27a.	
				27b.	

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To—

Occupation

Industry

Place

None

- READING, SEWING.

30. Religion..

CHRISTIAN (no sect)

31. **Additional information:** (Enter here additional information on any item for which adequate space is not provided. Indicate in the margin next to the item that it is continued here, and number each entry here according to the item number)

PARENT'S DESIRE IS TO HAVE
TERUKO RETURNED TO SCHOOL AT
BERKELEY TO COMPLETE HER
EDUCATION.

Date of interview:

Signature of interviewer:

mother

6-27-1942

Signature of interviewer: *[Signature]*
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AUG. 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM: Mr. Wade Head, Project Director
Colorado River War Relocation Project

SUBJECT: Transfer of deaf persons from Poston to Tule Lake

It has been brought to our attention that there have been several evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry, who prior to evacuation were enrolled in the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley, who wish to be allowed to continue their education in that institution. It is obvious however, that these persons will not be eligible for admission to this state supported institution unless they are residing in the State of California.

We are endeavoring, therefore, to transfer all deaf persons to Tule Lake Relocation Project. We have been informed that two such families are now residing at Poston. They are the George Jutaro Kubotsu family, #31320, and the Kanyomon Gotori family, #34018.

Will you kindly explain this situation to these people and if they wish to be transferred to Tule Lake so that their children may be eligible for enrollment in the California School for the Deaf, instruct them to apply to this office for the necessary permits, giving full name, age and sex of the persons requesting the transfer. Only those members of the immediate families of the deaf persons concerned are eligible for transfer to Tule Lake.

Signed

Robert A. Petrie
For: E.R. Fryer
Regional Director

INDIVIDUAL RECORD

1. Name:			Last	First	Middle	OFFICE USE	14. Individual Number	USE OFFICE
KUBOTSU TERUKO			none				31320-F	
1a. Other names: (Include maiden name if a married woman)							15. Family number:	
NONE							31320	
2. Relocation Center:		Address		Entry Date			16. Sex:	
POSTON		14-11-B		5-15-42			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
3. Assembly Center:		Address		Entry Date			17. Race:	
NONE							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			18. Marital status:	
RE 5 Box 97 Bakersfield							1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single	2 <input 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				19. Relationship to head of family group:	
Father: KUBOTSU, GEO. J			JAPAN				daughter	
Mother: KAMEYAMA, SHIKANO			JAPAN					
6. Person to notify in case of emergency: (Relationship, name, and address)							20. Birthdate:	20a. Age:
(father) KUBOTSU GEO. J							2-6-29	13
POSTON 14-11-B								
7. Education:		Name and location		From—	To—		21. Birthplace: (City, county, state or province, and country)	
Grammar school	STATE SCHOOL FOR		1935	1942			Bakersfield	
Junior high school	DEAF & BLIND (BERKELEY)						Calif.	
High school							U.S.A.	
Business school								
College								
Postgraduate								
7a. Degrees, educational specializations, honors, and significant activities:							22. Alien registration number:	
NONE							none	
8. Residence outside the United States:		Country		From—	To—		23. Attending school:	
none							1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Military or naval service:		Country		Branch	From—	To—	24. Grade:	
none							GRAM. 5	
10. Public assistance: SCHOOL FOR DEAF & BLIND. 1935-1942							25. Language:	Speak Read
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to dependent children							English.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Aid to blind							Japanese.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Old age assistance							German.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11. Pension:							Italian.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Source: none Amt. \$ Pay period								<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12. Height: (Inches)		12a. Weight (Pounds)		13. Physical condition:			26. Major activity or status:	
60		95		DEAF AS RESULT OF SCARLET FEVER				
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							27b.	

FINAL SCHOOL REPORT
California School for the Deaf

Name..... Admitted..... Sept. 26, 1938.....
Age at Admission... $7\frac{1}{2}$ yrs..... Left..... March 26, 1942.....
Attended this School... $\frac{4}{2}$ Years Grade Completed..... Almost completed
grade 2 (fourth yr. work)
Birth: March 18, 1931 Age at present: $11\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Type of Classroom Work Accomplished:

Excellent work along all lines. Always led her class.

Special Subject Difficulties:

Had no special subject difficulties along any line. Good oral pupil with good aptitude for both speech and lipreading. Knows signs and fingerspelling because this means of communication was used outside the classroom.

Personality:

Dependable--mature--cooperative. Very pleasing personality.

Attitude toward Classroom Work: Excellent

Special Interests: Did everything well.

Remarks: The grading in this school is as follows:

Class A	first year work	Grade 1	third year work
Class B	second year work	Grade 2	fourth year work

Kazuko would be perfectly capable of holding her own in a Grade 3 i.e., fifth year work.

Date. September 24, 1942

/s/ Edna L. Wolf

FINAL SCHOOL REPORT
California School for the Deaf

Name.....
Admitted.....Sept. 15, 1941
Age at Admission.....11 yr.....
Left.....March 26, 1942
Attended this School.....One Year.....
Grade Completed.....special work
assigned to third grade
Birth: March 31, 1927

Type of Classroom Work Accomplished: Unable to do the regular work in the classroom. She was given special coaching in language and reading. She was ^{up} to grade only in arithmetic.

Special Subject Difficulties:

Personality:

Attitude toward Classroom Work: Very eager to learn; improved a great deal during the year.

Special Interests:

Remarks: Yoshiko had only one year in the school. She had been in public school, but had no language or reading foundation. She was not taught orally.

Date.....September 24, 1942.....
/s/ Mary W. Robinson.....
Supervising Teacher

Arkansas School for the Deaf

John L. Caple, Superintendent

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sept. 29, 1942

Mr. E. M. Rowalt, Acting Reg. Dir.
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, Calif.

In re: Com. Mgt.
14874-42

Dear Sir:

At the regular meeting of our Board yesterday the question of admitting Japanese children to our School was discussed at great length. While all members of the Board showed considerable interest in the subject, the problem of finances for our School is so critical at present that they were not willing to pass on it until a plan for payment, acceptable to your department, has been worked out.

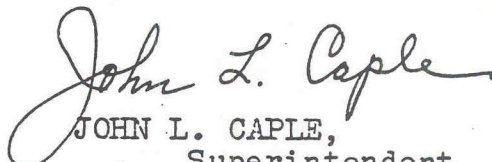
Our School is located in a defense area where the cost of living has increased so much as to cause alarm concerning our meager budget. We are now planning to make an emergency appeal to our State for more funds.

With this thought in mind, the Board suggested that I take the matter up with you, thinking you may have worked this out in some of the other states, and that the same plan might be satisfactory here.

With this information in hand, as to what your department would be willing to pay per child, I am sure the Board would be ready to take action at the next meeting.

Awaiting your further advice, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,


JOHN L. CAPLE,
Superintendent

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October 7, 1942

Mr. E. M. Rowalt
Acting Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, California

In re: Com. Mgt. 16106 - 42

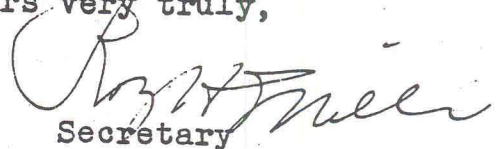
Dear Sir:

Your requests of September 15th and October 3rd that we accept some Japanese children for instruction at the Oregon State School for the Deaf were presented to the State Board of Control today and were not granted. Both the boys' and girls' dormitories are crowded and we do not have sufficient teachers to take care of a larger enrollment.

Inasmuch as the Attorney-General for this state has ruled that the Board of Control has full authority to pass on the acceptance of Japanese children, this decision must be accepted as final. We trust that you will be able to work out some other solution to the problem.

It is the suggestion of the superintendent of our school that these children be retained in the Japanese centers and trained teachers employed to instruct them, which plan would probably be less expensive and cause less criticism from the public.

Yours very truly,


Secretary

RHM:DU

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Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona
Individual Summary

January 13, 1945

Name: GOTORI, Yoneko
Address: 4-8-C&D
Family No: 34016

Sources of Information:

The following information was obtained from WRA Forms 26, 95, and 126 for the family members remaining in the center. Information was also available from a Family Welfare Case Record extending back to August, 1942. An initial family planning interview was held with Mr. Gotori in November, 1944, and another interview was held with Yoneko on January 10, 1945.

Family Composition:

The Gotoris have nine children, five of whom are living with their parents in Poston. Two daughters are married, one of whom is in Poston with her husband; the other is in Grandda Relocation Center. A son is in Chicago on indefinite leave and another daughter has been hospitalized in Phoenix with tuberculosis for a year and a half. Yoneko is the oldest child still at home. She was 17 in November, 1944. The youngest child is now 7.

Pre-Evacuation History:

Before coming to Poston the Gotoris lived in Riverside and had lived there for thirty-four years. From 1911 to 1925 Mr. Gotori worked as an irrigator in citrus orchards. In 1925, he started a grocery store which he operated until 1942. After the outbreak of war in 1941, he was interned and detained until August, 1942, at which time he was paroled.

The family still owns the store, and a passenger car and truck. Yoneko mentioned other pieces of property in Riverside, but she was not definite as to what was involved.

Relocation Center History:

The Gotoris have not felt at home in Poston because they were not used to associating entirely with Japanese. Their friends in California were city people, whereas their neighbors here have been largely farming people, correspondingly more conservative in their outlook and more willing to censure what they consider to be unconventional behavior. The family has had its troubles: two of the children are handicapped by a degree of deafness, and one of them has in addition a slight speech impediment. The

latter is the only child to be educated in Japan, and has not been too successfully adjusted to her own family and to her social group since her return to this country. In addition, as was mentioned above, one daughter is now hospitalized in Phoenix. These sources of friction have meant that the family has led a somewhat turbulent existence, both in regard to relationships within the family itself and between the family and its neighbors. However, the situation is not one of acute maladjustment by any means, and while Yoneko is particularly aware of the curiosity and criticism of the other people in the block there is no evidence that emotional instability has resulted. Her school records reveal average grades, B's and C's, and on the whole a normal adaptation to school life. Her teachers indicate that she is mature for her age, that she is very self-assured and poised in the classroom, and that she occasionally exhibits considerable intellectual curiosity. She is responsible, takes her work seriously, and has more than usual concern in regard to social problems, particularly related to her own problem of membership in a minority group.

Mr. Gotori attended cooking school and worked for a while in the block kitchen. At the present time he is working as a carpenter. Yoneko has been in school full time until this year. She is now spending part of her time teaching kindergarten.

Future Plans:

Yoneko wishes to take advantage of an offer of temporary hospitality from Mrs. Hutchinson of Riverside, California, while she finds a part-time domestic job, probably with friends of the Hutchinsons. She will continue her schooling in Riverside, and will graduate next year. She says her parents are very anxious for her to go, partly because she can help straighten out some of their business matters. She thinks her parents will return to Riverside for a few years, but would like to move eventually to the east. They are reluctant to make any move now, or in the near future, because of the daughter in Phoenix who does not wish to leave the hospital there to transfer to California.

When asked what she wished to do after finishing high school, Yoneko remarked that she would probably help her parents in the grocery store. She indicated both at school and in my conversation with her that she was much interested in working with younger children, either as a grade teacher or as a physical education instructor. However, she does not expect to be able to do this because of the necessity for helping her parents. She said that some day she would like to go to Des Moines, though she was not sure why she picked that particular city. She said only that she did not wish to go any place like Chicago where there were already members of Japanese-Americans. Her plans are still very tentative and will involve her family for some time to come. In the meanwhile, she is looking forward to being with her old friends in Riverside and in finishing her high school course there.

Yoneko agreed to take a medical examination, although it was not necessary for her to have one. The report of the examination will not be available until January 20, and the results will be forwarded if they are significant.

Kathrine French

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Welfare Section
Unit I

Approved:

Ella H. Keelings

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
461 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

In reply, please refer to:

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JAN 15 1945

Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mills:

RE: Kubotsu, Teruko, age 15 (f) deaf
Family number 31320

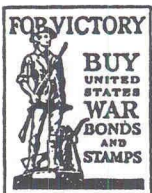
The California School for the Deaf has requested a formal admission application for Teruko Kubotsu. This is to be prepared in duplicate on the attached forms. When it is compiled, will you kindly return both copies to this office, so we may continue our efforts to have her readmitted.

We are negotiating with the representative of the U. S. Office of Education and the California State Department of Education, as well as with the California School for the Deaf, so we will appreciate your assisting us by returning the forms as promptly as possible.

The question of providing clothing, incidental expenses and vacation care will undoubtedly be raised again, so we would find it helpful if you would include a report on her family's present situation and their plans for relocation.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Cozzens
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Assistant Director



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Sheldon Building
461 Market Street

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AUG 12 1944

Commanding General
Headquarters Western Defense Command
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Attention: Civil Affairs Division

Dear Sir:

We are desirous of arranging for the transfer of two evacuee children from the Colorado River Relocation Center to the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind at Berkeley, California. Before making formal application for re-admittance for these evacuees to the schools, we consider it desirable to have evidence that their return has the approval of the military authorities. We are, therefore, requesting the issuance of two travel permits as follows:

1. Teruko Kubotsu, 15 years, DEAF (female)
Family number: 31320
Former address: Bakersfield, California
Father: George Jutaro Kubotsu
14-11-B, Colorado River Center
Attended State School for the Deaf, Berkeley, for seven years. 1935-42
2. Heromu Ishino, 16 years, BLIND, (male)
Family number: 23130
Former address: Los Angeles, California
Attended the California School for the Blind from September 1939 until May 1942, completing the sixth grade.

As the exact date of travel is not known, we suggest that the permit provide for travel at any time between August 15 and September 15. War Relocation Authority will furnish the necessary escort.

Yours very truly,

Victor L. Furth
Deputy Assistant Director

Agnes Olsen ✓
cc: ~~JapanesssXxxxx~~
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WELFARE FAMILY SUMMARY

NAME: Kubotsu, Teruko
ADDRESS: 14-11-B
FAMILY NO: 31320

Referral: Teruko, age 15 (February 9, 1929) desires to enter the State School for the Deaf, in Berkeley, California.

Information contained in this summary was obtained from project records and from interviews with Teruko and her parents.

Family Composition: Mr. and Mrs. Kubotsu, ages 48 and 40, respectively, and two daughters, Masaye, age 18 and Teruko, age 15, compose the family group in Poston. A son, Kiyoshi, age 20, is in the U. S. Army and is now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. A married daughter, Yoshie Hasegawa, has relocated to Twin Falls, Idaho. Mr. K. has a father and three sisters in Japan. Mrs. K. has a mother and one sister in Japan.

Pre Evacuation Background: Mr. Jutaro Kubotsu, Alien Registration No. 4686927, was born in Japan and came to the United States in 1911, at the age of 15 years. He returned to Japan to be married in 1919. Mrs. Shikano Kubotsu, Alien Registration No. 4686926, came to the United States with her husband in 1921.

The children have never visited Japan. Mr. K's father formerly lived in Bakersfield, California.

Prior to evacuation Mr. and Mrs. Kubotsu and family lived at Bakersfield, California, where Mr. K. was employed as a painter in the shops of the Santa Fe Railroad. He also had a share in a farm but that has been lost. Excepting some money in the bank for the children's future, he says he is without resources. He lived and worked in Bakersfield for sixteen years. The children were born and educated in California.

Teruko has been deaf since early childhood. Her handicap was discovered after an illness when she was about one month old. Teruko attended the State School for the Deaf, Berkeley California, for seven years.

Relocation Center History: Mr. and Mrs. Kubotsu and family came to Poston, May 25, 1942. Mr. K. has been employed in the bean curd (tofu) factory. He had an operation for appendicitis last year. He considered going out on seasonal work but the doctor advised him to be careful about lifting anything heavy, so he decided to postpone seasonal work until he had entirely recovered.

Kiyoshi left the center in January, 1944 to enter a college in Colorado. When he received his Selective Service classification of 1A he returned to Poston and remained with his parents until called for active duty in June, 1944.

Masaye graduated from Poston High School in June, 1944 and is now employed as stenographer and typist in the Family Welfare Office. Teruko attended Poston I school, part-time, for the academic year, 1943-44. Her teachers felt that in spite of her handicap she did sufficiently satisfactory work to complete the sixth grade and to be recommended for promotion to the eighth grade. Teruko did not attend school in the fall of 1944 as it seemed there would soon be a possibility of entering the special school in Berkeley. On September 29, 1944, through the efforts of the WRA in San Francisco, Teruko received a Certificate of Exemption from the Western Defense Command permitting her to return to Berkeley, California for the purpose of attending the School for the Deaf. At the same time word came from the WRA office saying information regarding entrance to the School for the Deaf, had not yet been received. Teruko is exceedingly anxious to return to the school in Berkeley. Association with normal children seems to have made her even more conscious of her handicap and more eager to attend a special school in order to overcome such a handicap as far as it is possible to do so. Teruko is an attractive girl, intellectually capable, and serious in purpose. She is especially interested in reading and sewing. She seems to be in good physical condition.

Future Plans: Teruko has had permission from the Western Defense Command, to return to California for the purpose of attending school at the School for the Deaf, Berkeley, California, since September 29, 1944. Since that time, she has been waiting for permission to enter the school. On October 16, 1944 a letter was received from Mr. Furth, WRA, San Francisco saying it was necessary to refer this case to the State Department of Social Welfare and that until they receive an answer, the case will have to be held in abeyance. On November 11, 1944 a teletype was received from Mr. R. B. Cozzens, WRA, San Francisco, saying final decision will be made by the State Department of Education and that they are still attempting to get an answer. On November 28, 1944, a teletype was received from WRA, San Francisco saying they expect to receive an answer soon. Nothing further has been heard.

Teruko is eager to return to the school which she has already attended and at which she was enrolled prior to evacuation. We hope that approval may be obtained in time for her to enter at the beginning of the new school term early in January, 1945.

Lou E. Butler

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Poston, Arizona
December 4, 1943

SURVEY OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

History of deaf child: Kubotsu, Teruko. Age 14, female.
Block 14-11-B
Birthdate: 2-6-39

Education: 5th grade. Attended State School for Deaf, Berkeley, California for 7 years. Began school at 6 years of age. Average student.

Special skill or ability at present time: Likes reading, weaving and sewing (beginning).

Length of residence U.S.: 14 years. Poston: Since May 1942.

Description of present physical or mental handicap: Deaf--complete.
Can reply to written statements.

History of development of handicap: When 1 month old, she was sick, had fever and was vomiting. Later noticed that she did not hear.

Health history: Measles, meningitis, mumps, smallpox and scarlet fever. Patient had scarlet fever prior to Poston. Mother thinks that this was the illness that caused her daughter's deafness. Patient has been well since coming to Poston.

Operations: Tonsillectomy

General information: Brothers and sisters speak sign language. She has never learned to talk. Had a little lip reading but is not yet proficient.