

Newell, California  
January 15, 1944

Mr. Willard E. Schmidt  
National Chief, Internal Security  
War Relocation Authority  
Newell, California

Or to Whomever it May Cocern:

At such time as consideration is given to the appointment of a permanent Chief of Internal Security for the Tule Lake Center, to head the Internal Security Division, the undersigned officers, knowing that Mr. Fenton Mahrt is a man of long police experience, has been an employee of War Relocation Authority for some time, and therefore knows the conditions with which the Internal Security Department of Tule Lake Center is faced and knowing that Mr. Mahrt commands the respect of all of the appointed officers at this Center, respectfully ask that serious consideration be given to the name of Mr. Mahrt for the position of Chief of Internal Security.

The undersigned do not desire that this in any way be considered as a petition or demand, but merely a statement of the feelings of the members of the Internal Security Department in the matter of the appointment of a Chief of Internal Security.

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