

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM  
GILA RIVER PROJECT  
RIVERS, ARIZONA

June 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Interviewing Committee

SUBJECT: Fumio Fred Takano -- 33-5-D

Please consider this memorandum in the light in which it is given, a considered opinion after the last nine months of intimate contact with the subject evacuee. I hope that the following recommendation will be evaluated as an addition to the interview which you will eventually give Mr. Fumio Fred Takano.

I have known this man ever since we first started maintaining the utilities system with evacuee personnel. I have found him to be exceedingly conscientious in his work, cooperative in his attitude to carry out the instructions of his superiors, and also extra-curricular activities in attempting to teach the residents of the Center their degree of responsibility in the maintenance of this Center.

On the numerous occasions where I have had reason to deal with this man personally, I have found that he quietly and sensibly attacked our problems, not hesitating to give his idea of the solution, but if he was in disagreement, he would proceed under my instructions without question, in order to get the job done as I saw fit.

Mr. Takano has come to me, somewhat in the relation of a personal friend, to get advice about the interview which you, as a committee, will have with him. He tells me that his original reason for answering "no" to question 27 was purely personal, and, as I interpret his statement, I believe that he took this opportunity to record his personal objections to the general evacuation program. I think that I can understand such an attitude and want to stress my interpretation so that you may consider it in the same light.

specific opportunities which are available for Mr. Takano and his wife in your area. He is particularly concerned about the type of employment available for him in view of his previous leave clearance status, and whether he will be able to secure a job which will make him eligible for draft deferment under present Selective Service regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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