

Gila River Project  
Rivers, Arizona

AIRMAIL

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G. Raymond Booth  
Relocation Officer  
226 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Mr. Booth:

Fred Fumio Takano, 33-8-D, 30 year old citizen, married with no children is planning to relocate about August 1. Although we have assured him that he would have no difficulty, whatsoever, in obtaining satisfactory job placement, he has asked us to write you specifically regarding opportunities available in your area.

He graduated from high school and Frank Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles where he majored in auto mechanics. He has a chauffeur's license, a seaman's certificate, and is a member of the AFL Produce Drivers Association. Immediately preceding evacuation, he was employed by the California Packing Company as head engineer in charge of operating marine diesel engines. Prior to that time, he was employed as a truck driver, auto mechanic, retail produce salesman, and construction laborer. Here at this project, he has been employed as plumbers' foreman in the engineering section. He is strong and husky, speaks good English, answers readily and intelligently, and is decisive and capable of exercising initiative.

He has received Washington clearance after being on the stop list as a result of original negative answers in the military registration. We have advised him that, as a result, he may have difficulty obtaining employment which requires Provost Marshall General's clearance. He is anxious, nevertheless, to obtain employment as closely identified with the war effort if possible. Although he would prefer to return to his former occupation as a diesel engine specialist, he will accept employment as an auto mechanic, plumber, pipe fitter, or any similar job. We would greatly appreciate your advising us of any



Mr. Takano, after some time, realized what that answer meant, but was informed that the answer to the questions had to be either both "yes" or both "no". He told me that his original intention again was to answer question 28 as "yes", that he was unable to do so, and therefore went on record as answering both of them "no".

I feel that I would be remiss, both from a personal viewpoint, and in an official capacity, if I did not stress my conviction that Mr. Takano is honest in his explanation and a loyal citizen.

I don't mean to put this on a personal basis, but I cannot close without saying that any consideration you might give Mr. Takano will certainly be appreciated by me.

Respectfully yours,

Firman H. Brown  
Deputy Project Director

cc: Mr. Fumio Fred Takano ✓  
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