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SUBJECT: Relocation of Lt Okusako's Family

TO : Commanding General, Western Defense Command, Presidio
of San Francisco, California.
(Thru Channels)

It is very difficult for me to express all my thoughts but what is written is with my deepest sincerity. The following is a story of my family:

My parents today are in the Tule Lake relocation camp and have been there since its inauguration. Today the war is over and they wish to return back to their former abode. Due to faulty reasoning and wastable emotions during the hasty departure from their home my parents made a statement that they would remain in Tule Lake and return to Japan to a son who is a success there. Due to strict upbringing, love for their parents and their old age my brothers Messrs. Harry, Tom, and Fred Okusako and my sister Mrs Minnie Yamamura decided to remain with them. Many have said, if they were Americans, true, they would have relocated but is the love of parents a sin? It was indeed a momentous decision for them and for them it was a right decision and stuck by it.

Later my brother Tom Okusako filed a notice to W. R. A. of his desire to leave Tule Lake but because they reacted so slowly to it, he gave up completely. After that, he never made any attempt again no matter how much I urged him through mail.

The above story is common throughout the camp. You no doubt have heard of many and have made decisions on them. Again I say my parents, brothers, and sister wish to leave Tule Lake and return again to their home and start life anew. Those years in the camp have been a hardship in itself for all of them and their appreciation of the kindness of the American government has increased. When they are released I am sure they will be a benefit to democracy so I ask that you review their case. Shall be most anxious and will wait for the good news from my parents.


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