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Heart Mountain, Wyoming
October 19, 1942

Mr. C. E. Rachford, Project Director
War Relocation Authority
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Rachford:

As you are aware, our families have settled to this W.R.A. Center from the Pacific Coast, without any preparation for the winter.

When we entered to each Assembly Center, we were limited to take only our most necessary belongings to the least possible extent. Therefore, preparations for two or three months clothing were only brought with us. These clothes are practically worn out while we were in those Centers.

We were then moved to Heart Mountain Relocation Project under the official promise to supply us with full winter outfits, to each and every person. All of us were compelled to move to an extremely northern state, where the weather is of no comparison to California's.

Nevertheless, it is two months since we came to this center. The severe snow weather is here, and we are all still unprepared, as yet, on winter clothing.

Frequently, we learn through announcements in the Heart Mountain Bulletins that our clothing allowances will be given by cash and that it will be permissible to advance the allowances to those who are in need. However, these statements have not been carried out into effect, up to this date.

The residence here in this Center are all in great need and indigent people. We are depending greatly upon your shoulder. The cold winter season is approaching and we haven't any clothes to protect us.

The Center Bulletin which was issued on October 10th, have announced that clothing allowances will be given immediately to those who are in greatest need. Really, this will take a great time to investigate, as to what extent of poorness are considered. We are afraid that this will cause to lose the opportunity to rescue the majority of the people from this cold winter weather unintentionally.

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The schools are now opened. All the children are attending schools with thin summer clothes, in spite of this cold weather. Although they are able to go and study in the mornings, these children are soaking wet, from top to bottom when coming home from school. Under these circumstances, the majority of students found it impossible to go to school in the afternoon, as they haven't any changeable clothes in reserve. We consider this a very serious problem on their health as well as their education.

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We, the women of this Center, bring this matter to your attention. Upon our careful investigation you will note from enclosed lists, the immediate average cost of each person will be at least \$30.00. Therefore, we see that your immediate relief is now necessary and required at this time.

This above requirement, however, we wish you will understand that it is separate relief from our monthly allowances, which we are expecting within the few days. Our monthly allowances are merely applicable to replace our worn out daily clothing.

All the women of this camp, hereby, request that this above requirement must be carried out effectively at once. Your immediate action is greatly appreciated. This application is most seriously important to all of us.

Our respectable Mr. Rachford, we ask your kind assistance and co-operation to give us your serious consideration on our present lives.

Trusting you will understand our present standpoints and we sincerely wish that you will comply with our request at once.

Earnestly awaiting your most satisfactory reply.

Yours truly,

THE WOMEN OF HEART MT. CENTER

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