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TO: Committee of Delegates on Cooperative
FROM: Guy Robertson, Project Director
SUBJECT: Relations Between WRA and the Consumer Enterprise

You have requested a statement concerning certain points to be covered in the operating agreement which will be executed between the WAR and the consumer enterprise at this center. Relations between WRA and the enterprise are controlled by regulations of the War Relocation Authority. They are as follows:

1. The War Relocation Authority will furnish subsistence to all employees of the consumer enterprise and their dependents.

2. The consumer enterprise will pay the War Relocation Authority a fair rental (including utilities and maintenance) for use of buildings constructed at Government expense. Rental rates are as follows:

a. 45 cents per square foot per annum for each barrack type buildings utilized as store, warehouse, or office.

b. 60 cents per square foot per annum for buildings constructed by WRA specifically as stores for the enterprise.

3 and 4. All equipment, fixtures, and transportation furnished to the enterprise by WRA will be purchased or rented by the enterprise from the Authority. A fair purchase or rental price will be negotiated between the enterprise and the project Procurement Officer.

5 and 6. Wages and clothing allowances of employees of the consumer enterprise and their dependents will be paid for by the enterprise on the same basis as similar payments are made by the War Relocation Authority.

7. Upon organization of a legal form of enterprise by the residents, the legal enterprise will, after execution of the operating agreement with WRA, assume all the assets, liabilities, and surplus of the present temporary enterprise.

8. When organized the legal enterprise shall have final power to decide what enterprise shall be maintained in the center in accordance with the will of its patrons, subject to the provisions of the operating agreement with WRA and WRA regulations and instructions.

9. The extent of WRA control over the legally organized enterprise will be the same irrespective of whether it is a trust or cooperative. Such control will be limited by the terms of the operating agreement and applicable WRA regulations.

Signed by Guy Robertson
Project Director