

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Whitcomb Hotel Building  
San Francisco, California

September 29, 1942

Mr. Joseph Smart, Regional Director  
War Relocation Authority  
Kittredge Building  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Smart:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of September 22nd and 23rd addressed to Captain M. H. Astrup, requesting information which may assist you in handling the movement of household and personal effects of evacuees to your project.

For your guidance, I am attaching a statement showing the location of all warehouses where property was stored by the Federal Reserve Bank at the time of the evacuation. These warehouses have been assigned to the Authority and the property stored therein is now under our control. It is our plan to ship this property to the projects as soon after the arrival of the evacuees as the Project Directors are in a position to receive it.

This property has all been marked and tagged and the warehouse receipts, issued on Federal Reserve Bank forms FRB-2, are now in the possession of this office. Each evacuee having property so stored has been issued a copy of the form FRB-2. All shipments will be made in full carload lots except the final or clean-up shipment. Shipments will be packed and crated as required to assure safe transportation to the project.

In the large majority of cases this property consists solely of household and personal effects which can be utilized by the evacuee owner at the project. In some instances, however, commercial property such as dental or medical equipment, barber or beauty shop supplies, etc., has been received for storage in the above warehouses. As a matter of economy it is advisable to forward all such equipment to the project where the evacuee owner is located. This will allow the Authority to remove all property from the warehouses and discontinue the rental thereof. In this region this type of property has been found valuable in establishing the various community enterprises.

The manner of handling evacuee household and personal effects in storage other than above is outlined in Pacific Coast Bulletin

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No. 21, a copy of which is attached for your files. The Transportation Division is now arranging the machinery necessary for handling this program and you will be notified in the near future where the central receiving warehouses will be located and the period during which this property will be received. You will also be provided the necessary forms to be executed by those evacuees desiring to have property forwarded to them under these circumstances.

Since the property of Mrs. Shisuko Kobayashi, covered by your Government Bill of Lading No. 9-736-43, will be shipped as part of a full carload, I am returning the Bill of Lading for cancellation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. M. Rowalt

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Acting Regional Director