

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

GRANADA PROJECT  
Amache, Colorado

In reply, please refer to:

February 18, 1944

Mr. Kaneji Domoto  
7727 York Road  
Towson-4, Maryland

Dear Mr. Domoto:

Many thanks for your letter of February 7 and the enclosed advertisement of farms offered for sale in North Carolina. The information contained in your letter is enlightening and I shall pass it on to any of our people who might be interested in resettling in your area. There seems to be possibilities of economically successful relocation in the region, but the unfavorable public sentiment toward us of Japanese descent seems to be a formidable obstacle.

To cite an example on which you no doubt are well informed, James Makimoto just received a letter from a Mr. Guilford of Aurora, North Carolina withdrawing the letters offer made through you, on a farming deal.

Mr. Makimoto's associates on the deal had already departed from this center on their way to the farm when this land owner changed his decision on the matter. They were picked up twice by the police before reaching their destination, and now, after conferring with Mr. Guilford, they have returned as far as Chicago, where they are in search of other resettlement possibilities.

In his letter to Mr. Makimoto explaining his decision on the matter, Mr. Guilford stated, quote, "Feeling is so high against your people here until you can't stay here and do good work." He also stated that, although he has tried to help, things are getting worse, instead of better.

The foregoing case which I have related turned out unfortunately and disappointing to the persons concerned, but still may or may not indicate the usual result to be expected. In view of the facts however, I personally am of the opinion that WRA and other friendly organizations will have to conduct an active educational program in the area to bring about a better understanding of our position in order to formulate favorable public opinion so as to make successful relocation possible in the area.







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Dear Mr. Makimoto:

Washington, Maryland

135 York Road

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Drunk Soldiers on train.

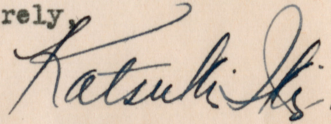
Baltimore report



We were all glad to learn that you personally have not been subjected to too strong discrimination, and we trust that you will be able to gain the good will of the people in your community.

With all best wishes for your success, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katsuki Iki".

Katsuki Iki  
Executive Secretary  
Relocation Advisory Board