

MEMORANDUM

To: Kaneji Domoto
Public Service

From: Public Welfare Section

Subject:

*Will you please confer
with the Hospital
(Mrs. Hudson + Dietician
before making any final
arrangements in diet
cases.*

*I shall appreciate hearing
from you on this.
Thanks for the interest.
J. O. M.*

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Granada Project
Amache, Colorado

July 8, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Council
FROM: John J. O. Moore
SUBJECT: Special Housing Needs

Attention: Housing Committee

Attached please find a report on special diet cases, children without parents, and persons needing special care because of disabilities.

May I explain the reasons for my interest in providing accommodations for these groups. The first is that the persons in these groups are the responsibility of the Public Welfare Section along with the Hospital. The second is that, as you perhaps may know, the Housing Department has been placed under the Public Welfare Section as a part of our responsibility.

Special Diet Cases

You will note that there were 54 special diet cases as of June 22. Of these only 7 desired to move, while 47 were willing to go to another block for their meals. You will also note that in 7 blocks, there are a maximum of three cases and that in four blocks, there are from six to eight cases. My recommendation at this point is that, in the light of the fact that there are so few cases in each block, the individual cases be cared for in the blocks in which they reside. This would have to be done in cooperation with the Hospital Dietician; but it should not provide a great deal of extra work.

An alternate suggestion would be to provide special tables located in two or three blocks accessible to the person's needing special diet, and cooks assigned to care for these tables.

Children Without Parents

You will note that all but one of the children without parents in this Center are living with relatives or friends.

However, it is all together possible that they could be better cared for in a separate supervised unit. Whether or not this is true would have to be determined by a study of each case.

However, there are a number of boys in the Center who have been in trouble, or are now in trouble, and in which one contributing factor is probably crowded conditions at home. It is my belief that a number of these boys, perhaps ten or a dozen of the, could be benefited by a supervised group living arrangement. Such a plan would, of course, not be undertaken for any individual except with the cooperation of the parents.

It is my suggestion that three housing units be secured to be set up on an experimental basis with the thought in mind that if the experiment is successful, and if the need increases, additional units could be utilized.

Single Unattached Individual Unable to Work, Because of Age or Disability and Convalescents

You will note from the report that as of March 9, there were 87 such individuals.

Those who need special attention (but not hospitalization) would have to be determined by a clinic, which the Hospital has signified its willingness to hold. It is probable that such a clinic would reveal quite a number of individuals who are now suffering for lack of care, and who should be under the general supervision of the Hospital in a special unit.

I believe we would be justified in counting on at least one barrack, and perhaps two, for these persons.

Quarters for Administrative Functions

Lastly, you will note that the report does not deal with the quarters for administrative functions previously under discussion. This is due to the feeling on the part of the administration that, at this time, we should think in terms of protecting all present living units for possible residents.

This factor is then no longer a part of the general problem with which we are dealing.

Summary

In summary, I am suggesting: (1) the care of special diet cases in individual mess halls or through two or three

special tables located in convenient mess halls; (2) the setting up ~~for~~ an experimental dormitory for boys in three living units for the present; and (3) the utilization of at least one barrack building for aged sick and convalescents.

I trust that these ideas, along with the report, will be helpful, and that upon the basis of the facts and ideas set forth, your committee will be able to suggest an equitable solution to this problem.