

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Washington

March 24, 1943

Mr. Arthur J. Altmeyer
Chairman, Social Security Board
1825 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Altmeyer:

Members of the War Relocation Authority staff have conferred with officials of the Bureau of Public Assistance regarding the possibility of furnishing assistance, under the program for providing temporary assistance to enemy aliens and other persons affected by governmental action, to former residents of relocation centers who have been relocated in a community and who need assistance.

Under existing regulations governing the relocation of evacuees, the Authority does not anticipate a great volume of cases which will need either assistance or service from some outside source. However, emergencies do arise and adjustment in a new community may fail unless emergency situations can be met. The budget of the Authority does not include funds for such assistance, nor will such funds be included in next year's budget.

At a conference held March 17, 1943, between members of my staff and officials of the Bureau of Public Assistance, the following plan was developed for providing public assistance:

- (a) The Authority will inform each evacuee leaving the center for outside employment that, should he need assistance or service in an emergency, it is available through the local public welfare agency.
- (b) Referrals to the public welfare agency may be made either by direct application of an evacuee, by a member of the War Relocation Authority staff, or through any other source.
- (c) Assistance or service will be given in accordance with state standards and with the agreement between the Social Security Board and the state agency.
- (d) After financial assistance has been furnished for a period or three months, the situation will be reviewed jointly by the Public Assistance representative of the Social Security Board and the Relocation Officer of the Authority. In those situations in which it is jointly agreed that a person is not able to adjust in the community, he may be returned to the relocation center.

-2-

This is in further clarification of the proposal contained in my letter of January 8 to Miss Jane Hoey, based upon earlier proposals presented by Miss Hoey as of November 28, 1942.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D.S. Myer
Director