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Alien Travel Permits

For a short period after December 17, some United States Attorneys were apparently under the impression that they had no authority to issue travel permits to Japanese aliens for travel to the evacuated area. This misunderstanding has been called to the attention of the Justice Department and instructions are being sent out to all United States Attorneys that they are authorized to issue permits in such cases provided the applicant has not been individually excluded from the evacuated area.

Eligibility of Reinductees for Relocation Assistance

The handbook provision that all relocated evacuees must secure advance approval of the appropriate relocation officer for return to a center went into effect on July 20, 1943. Consequently, all center residents reinducted or admitted into the centers without such approval at any time after that date are ineligible for relocation assistance under Manual Section 150.1.8B(1). Those reinducted previously are, of course, eligible on the same basis as other center residents.

Modifications of Visiting Policy

Two changes in the policy governing visits to the centers have been approved and are now being incorporated into the manual. The first will make it possible for members of the armed forces on furlough or awaiting a call to active duty to visit the centers under Section 150.1.10C(2). They were previously omitted through inadvertence. The second will broaden the sections covering visits for relocation planning purposes [150.1.10C(5) and 150.1.10G(1)] so as to include evacuees who need to visit the centers in order to develop relocation plans with potential associates in a business or agricultural enterprise. The sections as they now stand apply, of course, only to development of plans with close family relatives. However, the requirement that the visit must be requested by the center residents with whom the planning is to be done [150.1.10G(1)(b)] will be retained.

Denial of Admission to Visitors at the Gate

In most cases where evacuees appear outside the center gates asking permission to visit without having secured advance approval, it seems desirable to admit them temporarily and process them under Manual Section 150.1.10H. However, in cases where the would-be visitor obviously does not fall in any of the visitor categories set forth in 150.1.10C (with the revisions noted above), the Project Director is authorized at his own discretion to deny admission at the gate. A manual revision to this effect will be forthcoming shortly.

Group Relocation

Handbook Section 60.13.11, dealing with group relocation, is being modified and copies of the revisions should arrive at the centers and field offices soon. The most important change is deletion of the sentence which now reads: "Approval will not usually be given [For travel assistance covering investigatory trips] where more than three families are to reside on contiguous farms or in an immediate neighborhood." The Authority will, however, continue its policy of not encouraging the relocation of groups consisting of more than six families except in cases where the relocation officer feels it might be advisable.

Social Visits

Several centers have asked whether evacuees living in nearby communities may be permitted to visit the centers over weekends or during the day for social purposes. Our answer is that no visits exclusively for social purposes are to be permitted. However, in cases where an evacuee in a nearby community has valid reasons to visit the center for relocation planning and where his presence is requested by center residents, he may, of course, be admitted under the procedure outlined in 150.1.10G.

In view of the fact that so many questions have been raised about visiting, a comprehensive explanation of the thinking underlying our whole policy on this matter will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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