

November 13, 1995

Japanese American
National Museum
Att.: Buddy T. Takata
Director of Administration
369 East First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Takata

I'm sorry to be so slow in sending you a copy of the enclosed report. I had it copied in September but felt I should write some kind of letter to accompany it. Perhaps you may remember that my son and I visited the museum on Sunday September 17. We told you that we had lived in Manzanar and that my husband, Cecil F. Prichett, had worked in the Welfare department from July 1944 till the project closed. After that we continued to live there until February 1946 while Cecil helped to write the final report.

As you will see, this is a report of activities of the Welfare Dept. and others in other departments wrote reports of their activities.

This copy was made from a carbon copy (remember carbon copies?) and some pages were more faint than others. Unfortunately nothing compensates for the human error typos those ancient days without computers and spell checks, so you have them in the original.

One thing that didn't occur to me the day we were there is that my husband took a course in conversational Japanese from a professor whose name I cannot bring to mind. He had been a professor at Cal-Berkeley and offered a course to interested employees. He called his technique "controlled interview". In effect, he taught the students relevant questions that they could use in interviewing clients, and then taught them as many possible answers to each question as possible. My husband was good with languages and it turned out that he was able to use what he had learned during the twenty years he was the Sutter County Welfare Director. It pleased him to be able to interview the older Japanese residents and it pleased them that they could talk to him without a

n interpreter.

I wonder how many others continued using the Japanese they learned in camp.

If you know or can find the name of that professor, I would be glad to have it. I hope this report will be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

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