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2140 California Street  
Berkeley, California

January 10, 1943

War Relocation Authority  
Employment Division  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi; character reference in connection with application to leave a relocation center for employment, education, or residence elsewhere.

Sirs:

We received your request for information concerning Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi, and are glad to assist you in this matter.

We met Tomoye Takahashi while we were students at the University of California (at Berkeley) in 1935. Since that time we have come to know her well. Upon numerous occasions we have entertained her in our home and been entertained in hers. At various times she has expressed her ideas of Japan which could well be those of any other United States citizen regardless of race, or parentage. After Pearl Harbor, she and her husband were as much interested in defeating Japan and the other enemies of the United States as the rest of us are. In early 1940, Tomoye Takahashi expressed disapproval of Japanese aggression in China. Her father considers himself to be a refugee from Japan and the Japanese way of life, with the result that he instilled in his children a respect and love of the United States and its institutions that is unequalled in most citizens of this country. At the Tanager Assembly Center (San Bruno, California) she taught Americanization to her fellow evacuees. In our minds, there is no question of the loyalty of Tomoye Takahashi. She is as much American as any one can be.

As for education, she attended Girl's High School in San Francisco, which is a public institution of envi-



able reputation. At the University of California, she earned the respect and esteem of all her professors, was an honor student, and graduated with honor grades in two majors: Household Arts, and Oriental Language. She speaks Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, flawless English, and studied Spanish. In everything that she has undertaken, Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi has shown herself to be efficient, self-assured, and competent. She is an exceptionally intelligent person, with excellent personality, unusual poise, character, and self control. One of her caliber can be invaluable to our country at this time. With our present shortage of competent men and women, it would be a shame not to make good use of a person with such high potentialities.

Sincerely,

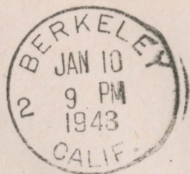
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