

Programs with Respect to Relief
and Release of Refugees Other
Government Agencies.

Department of Interior

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I take pleasure in sending you herewith
a copy of my final summary report on the ac-
tivities of the War Refugee Board.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Enclosure.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Inasmuch as over-all responsibility for the Emergency Refugee Shelter has been transferred from the War Refugee Board to the Department of the Interior, I am referring to you herewith a letter addressed to the Board by Senator Edwin C. Johnson under date of August 22, 1945, and its enclosure, concerning one of the residents of the Shelter.

Senator Johnson has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

Signed William O'Dwyer

William O'Dwyer
Executive Director

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Enclosure.

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"Says News"*

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MAY 30 1944

Dear Leland,

Let me think the War Refugee Board ungrateful, I have attached a copy of my letter to Mr. Baker thanking him for making "The Challenge to Democracy" available to us. I had assumed that he had passed our thanks on to you. The showing was very successful and your help in the matter very greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Ward Stewart

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Attachment.

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Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you very much for making "The Challenge to Democracy" available to the War Refugee Board. Aside from a slight flurry when the first copy of the film failed to arrive as expected, everything went very smoothly and the staff members of the Board enjoyed the showing immensely. I am sure that the War Relocation Authority's experience and "know how" in the field of camp management can be of great assistance when and if refugee camps may be considered in this country.

Please express to Mr. Barrows and Miss Van Tassel our appreciation for their assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Signed) Ward Stewart

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May 6, 1944

My dear Mr. Chapman:

I want to thank you for your courtesy in making arrangements through Mr. Barrow's office for my visit to War Relocation Centers. I have just returned to the office after visiting the centers at Jerome, Arkansas, Gila River and Canal in Arizona, and Granada Center at Lamar, Colorado. Every courtesy was extended to me through the national office and local project officers of War Relocation Authority.

The opportunity was given me to study at close range the operation of the centers. I lived on the projects, while out, and insisted that I not be given a Chamber of Commerce tour. I was more interested in studying the weaknesses of community living and its effect on evacuees than I was on the obvious successful operations.

Mr. Chapman, I am frankly amazed at the splendid work that has been accomplished in the operation of the War Relocation Centers. I believe any person objectively viewing the work would be similarly impressed, for the job accomplished is so superior to the impression held by the public due to newspaper publicity.

The time spent at the projects will prove very beneficial to me in my work with the War Refugee Board, and again I want to thank you for making the arrangements. If you would like a detailed report of my visit, I will be happy to make such a report to you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Laughlin
Special Assistant to Director

Honorable Oscar Chapman,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Interior.

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