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Agricultural Trade Relations, Inc., concerning AHS visit to Los  
Angeles Japanese evacuation camps, 1942.

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

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AU WASHINGTON DC AUG 13 VIA CLEVELAND OHIO 13

RABBI ABBAS HILLEL SILVER  
BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL. BANFF.

WE HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE U S ARMY TO INVITE YOU AND A FEW OTHER  
NATIONALLY KNOWN RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO GO TO LOSANGELES CALIFORNIA AND  
VISIT FROM THERE ONE OR MORE ASSEMBLY CAMPS IN WHICH JAPANESE EVACUEES  
ARE LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING INFORMATION BY PERSONAL OBSERVATION  
AND INTERVIEWS OF CONDITIONS THEREIN AND UNDER WHICH THE ARMY HANDLED THE  
EVACUATION. ALL EXPENSES WILL BE PAID ARRIVAL IN LOSANGELES SHOULD BE  
WITHIN TWO WEEKS. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL TELEPHONE ME COLLECT  
AT MY OFFICE REPUBLIC 3443 OR AT MY RESIDENCE EMERSON 6248 FOR FURTHER  
DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER.

EDWIN W STILLWELL.

VICE PRESIDENT,

AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS INC  
726 JACKSON PLACE WASHINGTON DC

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RABBI ABBAS HILLEL SILVER

BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

NEGLECTED TO STATE IN TELEGRAM SENT YOU EARLIER TODAY THAT UNTIL  
PROGRAM OUTLINED THEREIN IS COMPLETED IT IS TO BE TREATED ON A  
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THANK YOU

EDWIN W STILLWELL

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# AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS, INC.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - ECONOMIC RESEARCH

BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

August 14, 1942

RAYMOND W. MILLER  
PRESIDENT

LUTHER SHARP  
SECRETARY AND ECONOMIST

DIRECT REPLY TO THIS LETTER TO  
AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS, INC.  
CONTINENTAL BANK BUILDING  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Dr. Abbas Hillel Silver  
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My dear Dr. Silver:

This note is being written to confirm the telephone conversation you had with my associate, Mr. Edwin Stillwell of Washington, D. C.

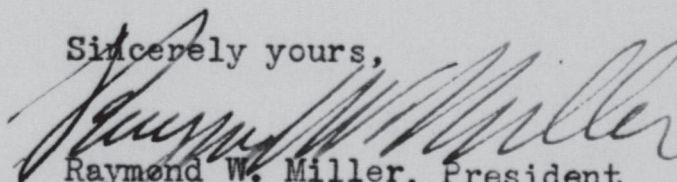
Our organization, with others, has been acting in an advisory capacity to those responsible for the evacuation of the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. As you probably know, there have been many religious leaders who have taken occasion to criticize this evacuation and the handling of the Japanese people. Some weeks ago, we recommended that certain nationally known religious people be invited to visit one of the assembly centers to the end that they might see for themselves first hand the entire situation and be in a position to know the truth if and when they were asked by others.

Our suggestion was accepted and we have been authorized to invite a few outstanding religious leaders to make the trip to the assembly center near Los Angeles. With this thought in mind, we made investigation among various sources and your name was suggested as being one truly representative.

If you can return by the way of Los Angeles, and make the trip there within the next ten days, we would be very happy to underwrite the additional transportation costs involved. One of my associates in Los Angeles will meet you and you will be taken to the assembly center and allowed to make your own personal investigation of things there.

You do not know me personally, but we have a few mutual friends, one of whom is Dr. Henry Neumann of Brooklyn, New York, who is one of the group we have invited. Another is Rabbi Gordon of Salt Lake City, whom I have had the honor to know for the past several months. Please wire me collect as soon as you have made your decision in this matter so that we can arrange to advance the necessary transportation costs to you.

Sincerely yours,



Raymond W. Miller, President  
Agricultural Trade Relations, Inc.

RWM:bb

cc: E. W. Stillwell



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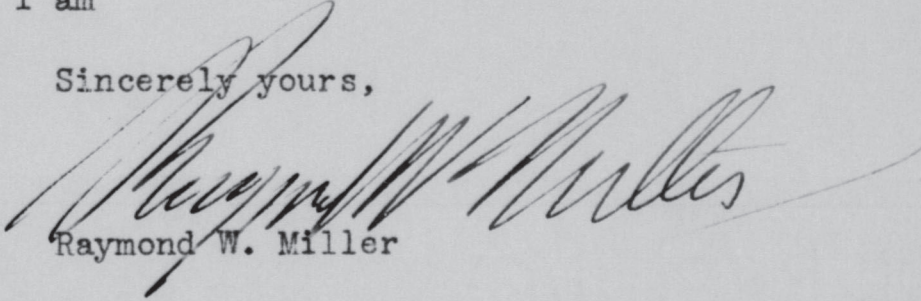
This morning, not knowing the exact time you would arrive in Los Angeles, I sent you a wire asking that you communicate with my associate, Mr. Roy K. Cole, Agricultural Trade Relations, 1002 W. M. Garland Building, Trinity 1183.

Mr. Cole is very familiar with the whole Pacific Coast area and is particularly well versed in the problems presented by Japanese evacuation. He will put you in touch with the proper authorities to make your own investigation of the assembly center and explain to you the reasons for this recommendation on our part.

Will you also give him a listing of your expenses in this connection so that he may reimburse you before you leave Los Angeles.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this entire matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Raymond W. Miller

RWM:bb

cc: E. Stillwell

R. Cole



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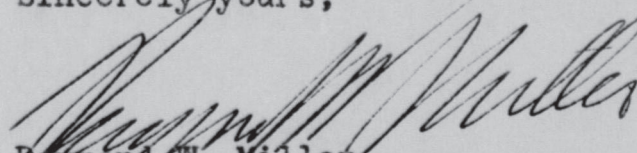
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PLEASE CONTACT ROY COLE, AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS, W M GARLAND BUILDING, TRINITY 1183 LOS ANGELES WHO WILL PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE ASSEMBLY AUTHORITIES AND HELP IN YOUR INVESTIGATION AND ALSO ADVANCE YOUR EXPENSES CONNECTION THIS TRIP. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND AM SENDING COPY OF PREVIOUS LETTER AT STILLWELLS SUGGESTION. YOUR WIRE DID NOT GIVE YOUR ITINERARY SO

PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH COLE ON ARRIVAL=  
RAYMOND W MILLER.

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AGRICULTURAL TRADE RELATIONS, INC.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

REMITTANCE ADVICE

WHEN DETACHED AND PAID THE ABOVE CHECK BECOMES A  
RECEIPT IN FULL PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT.  
NO OTHER RECEIPT NECESSARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	Spec. Assign "V"	
	Expenses, August 15 to and including August 22, 1942	\$293.82
	Meals	\$22.50
	Hotel	48.00
	Railroad & Plane	215.32
	St. Car, Taxi, etc.	8.00



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W. M. GARLAND BUILDING

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ROY K. COLE  
GENERAL MANAGER

August 24, 1942

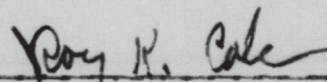
Dr. A. H. Silver  
246 E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are enclosing herewith our check in the amount of \$293.82 which covers your expenses on account of the trip to California to inspect the Santa Anita Assembly Center.

You may be sure that we sincerely appreciate your help and cooperation in this matter.

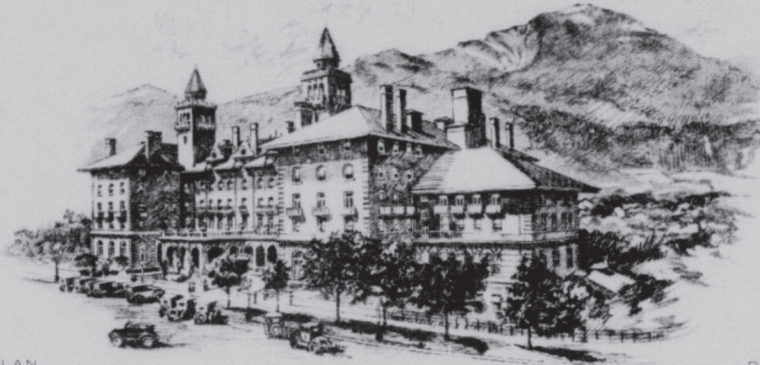
Cordially yours,

  
ROY K. COLE

RKC:DG



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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

As from:

Shreveport, Louisiana,  
September 2, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed you will find the first draft of a hurriedly dictated article on the Japanese evacuation. You will find in it nothing new. It is really a compilation of what I saw, heard and read during my recent visit to the West Coast.

I shall be greatly indebted to you if you will read this over, check it for accuracy, also for any statements you think it would be indiscreet to publish. You will note it is double-spaced, and you may feel free to write in your suggestions.

I should like to know, also, how my conclusions compare with yours, for I know you are a very keen observer. You may be very frank, for I realize the article needs considerable revision before it will be in proper form for publication.

Please remember me to Mrs. Silver. I am eager to have Mrs. Dawson meet her.

With sentiments of personal esteem, I am -

Sincerely yours,

*Wanda Dawson*

Enc: 1



September 6, 1942

Dr. Dana Dawson  
Shreveport, La.

My dear Dr. Dawson:

I enjoyed receiving your letter and the article on the Japanese Evacuation which you enclosed. I read it with great interest. It is a completely fair account of the evacuation program and of what we saw at Santa Anita. I was myself, as I told you, tremendously impressed with the humanity and the intelligence which the Army used in evacuating the Japanese and in looking after their needs in the various centers. Every provision that could have been made for the care of these people was made, considering the short time in which everything had to be done. I am hoping that in the permanent settlements, the very last vestige of confinement will have been removed, and that the Japanese will be able to carry on a completely normal existence.

I feel that as rapidly as possible provision should be made to return those Japanese of whose complete loyalty the authorities will have convinced themselves, to the completely free life to which their American citizenship entitles them. I do not believe that it is necessary for military security to keep all of the Japanese in these permanent relocation centers for the duration. I hope that you will publish your article.

I enjoyed so much meeting you and I hope that we will have the pleasure before very long to renew our acquaintance.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.