

Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Memorandum

April 6, 1944

To: Community Council  
Agriculture Committee

ATTENTION: Mr. Shoji Naguma  
Mr. Tosaburo Oka

As you know for the past several weeks we have been investigating the employment situation at the poultry project. Coincidence with the termination of Mr. Hoshizaki, in our investigation we have ascertained the following facts:

1. The achievements of egg production and of poultry meat at the poultry project has been one of the outstanding accomplishments at the center with consideration of the limitation of the facilities which are only now reaching the point permitting efficient operation.
2. The methods of handling the laying flock are satisfactory.
3. Control of sanitation throughout the project is exceptionally well handled.
4. The principle weak spot in the organization appears to be the rather heavy loss which have occurred in the baby chicks. This loss may be almost entirely attributed to fluctuations of temperature in the brooder houses. Control of such temperature can only be brought about by a reorganization of that portion of the project placing responsibility to definite individuals for the proper maintenance of temperatures. This is particularly true during the night time. Steps will be made to correct this situation prior to the arrival of more baby chicks.
5. There has been submitted to this office by twenty-one employees of this poultry project a letter expressing satisfaction with both the management of the project and Mr. Saijo as the foreman. Six of

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these signees also signed the letter opposing Mr. Hoshizaki's termination and four signed the letter criticizing Mr. Saijo as a foreman. This letter is available in my office in case you wish to examine it.

In view of the outstanding results secured under the difficult operating conditions at the poultry project and in view of our utmost confidence in Mr. Saijo, both as a poultryman and as an honest, straightforward individual, we feel sure that he can continue his operation if permitted to do so without undo interference from outside sources. No evidence has been presented which we feel justifies any further action with respect to this situation.

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Chief of Agriculture

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