

May 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Sugiyama:

Thank you for your very interesting letter of May 15, with the attached newspaper clipping.

I am glad to know that you have decided to leave Poston because I do not like to see loyal American citizens who are capable of doing something towards the war effort, remain in these centers. I am sure that you will make a valuable contribution in whatever work you decide upon, and I commend you for your determination.

I have been somewhat disappointed in the slow movement of the volunteers out of the centers and into the reception centers. I took occasion to investigate the delay and discovered that the administration was primarily responsible. While the record checks in the War Department are expedited, the F.B.I. reports are often delayed and the greatest delay is occasioned through the transmitting of the papers through the Selective Service System of the state where the Nisei originally resided. At least it is now rolling along and I am told that the volunteers are coming into Salt Lake City from all of the centers.

We have had information recently of one or two unfortunate instances which do not serve to increase the morale of the volunteers. However, all the inductees should look upon these as merely incidences which do not reflect the general attitude of the War Department and the Army.

I was interested in your account of the send-off of the first bunch of inductees from Poston. I would have loved to have been there to see it.

I notice that you have a brother in the Ninth Infantry. This regiment belongs with the Division which I served with part of the time in the last war. It is a

fine outfit and he should be proud to belong to it.

I trust that you do not feel that this will close out our correspondence as I shall always be glad to hear from you, and possibly I may be able to help you out in some way in the future.

Sincerely,

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