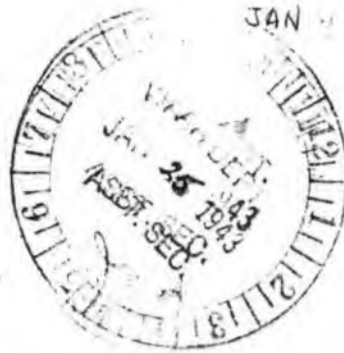


Box 14  
Folder 10  
Item 19  
Page 1

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Washington



CONFIDENTIAL

Colonel William P. Scobey  
Executive Officer for  
The Assistant Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Scobey:

Thanks for your letter of January 14 transmitting the "confidential" memorandum dated January 6 on the situation at the Jerome Relocation Center. It is apparent that the information contained in this brief report had the same origin as the newspaper story which was given wide circulation by the Scripps-Howard Syndicate. I am referring, of course, to Mr. Hobbs. I am certain "Hodges" in your report should have been "Hobbs".

From information which we have been able to gather through our own investigation I am convinced that Mr. Hobbs is pretty well worn out with physical and mental strain under which he has been placed, and this has made him much more excitable than he would be under normal circumstances.

I am attaching a photostatic copy of the newspaper story to which I refer, which, from all appearances, was inspired by Mr. Hobbs. Along with it is the report of our Assistant Field Director.

Sincerely yours,

DECLASSIFIED  
NNDC 740082  
ERC Date 6/27/74

*E. M. Rowell*  
Assistant Director

Enclosure



254 Jerome

R Rowell

1-23-43