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Telephone Conversation between Captain Hall and Mr. Rowatt

- : --wire in every once in a while or call in about when our people are going to be inducted for the Japanese American Unit. What is the status of that?
- H: Well it is proceeding apace, but the apace is slow. The bottleneck isn't here; it's somewhere in the machinery of Selective Service. We have been sort of annoyed and surprised that it hasn't gone a little bit faster. Specifically, to find out what the situation actually is, Col Scobey has asked that the matter be taken up with Selective Service in an attempt to find out what is slowing the whole thing down
- : Have any of them gone to Shelby yet?
- H: Twelve have been actually inducted from Manzanar. That is what I understand. Of course, others have gone from other sections of the country, but not from Relocation Centers.
- : A number of boys who worked over here have already gone.
- H: Apparently, what has happened is the papers when they are cleared over here go to Selective Service. Selective Service sends them to State Headquarters. State Headquarters sends them to the original local board. The original local board takes a look at it, refers them back to the State Board with the request that they be transferred through the nearest local board and then the State Headquarters transfers the papers to the nearest local board. The nearest local board, depending upon the situation there, as far as their calls are concerned, then orders the man to report for induction. It was estimated to us that the process would take about less than three weeks. Apparently it is taking longer. We are going to get an answer on that pretty soon.
- : You see what has happened is these boys quit their jobs as soon as they volunteered. They had only a short time to think and they quit their jobs. Now they are getting impatient and people are giving them the raspberries, and they want to get out of there fast.
- H: Well, I don't blame them at all.
- : Well, I can tell them what is holding it up is the paper work involved in the draft situation. That is what it is, isn't it?
- H: Yes, the local board of origin has got to release them.
- : Does the local board get credit for these people.
- H: Yes. I hope that we will have an answer to give you something definite on it.
- : As long as they know that they are going to go, it doesn't matter so much.
- H: Right, Goodby.