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*Attn  
Governor*

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August 15, 1942

*to J. C. Cram*

Hon. Homer M. Adkins  
Governor of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Governor Adkins:

I have your letter of August 11, suggesting that we give further consideration to the Otwell area, south of Jonesboro, as a site for a war relocation center.

As you know, this site was approved for this purpose several weeks ago both by the War Department and by the War Relocation Authority. However, at that time we were planning to provide for some 130,000 Japanese. The War Department then revised its plans. At the present time we require facilities for not more than 115,000 people. The ten relocation centers established prior to the Otwell selection will provide facilities for this number.

It is possible that the evacuation program may develop further. If it does, and our present facilities are inadequate to meet our requirements, I promise you we shall give first consideration to the Otwell site.

Sincerely yours,

*E. M. Rowalt*

E. M. Rowalt  
Acting Director

