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C O P Y

Norfolk, Arkansas
December 2, 1942

Mr. D. Palmer Patterson
Director for Arkansas
United States Employment Service
122 East Second Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Superintendent and Project Manager, Mr. B. Williams, of the Utah Construction & Morrison-Knudsen Construction Company, prime contractors for the Norfolk Dam has asked this office to supply him with 34 Japanese laborers, from the War Re-Location Center, located in Arkansas.

These men will be used as laborers on construction work on the Norfolk Dam. The rate of pay is \$.50 per hour, 48 hours per week. Time and a half for overtime over 8 hours, or 48 hours.

Living quarters will consist of one large barrack, 90' by 20', with suitable space between each single iron bed. There are adequate toilet facilities, hot and cold water; heating equipment; electric lights and out lets; and laundry facilities. This is a new building, properly constructed and maintained in the best of order.

The board is of the very highest quality, supervised by an experienced Chef and handled by persons passing doctor's examinations. The mess hall is open 24 hours a day and is accessible on all shifts. This board and room may be obtained at the rate of \$1.35 per day.

The Norfolk Office has been unable to supply an adequate number of laborers for this project. Recruitment has been carried on in all communities within a radius of 50 miles, and bus transportation has been furnished in most cases.

Clearance orders have been placed for 150 laborers, and direct contacts have been made with various local offices in trying to supply these laborers.

We, therefore, feel that Mr. Williams is justified in asking that these Japanese evacuees be sent here to assist in the construction of this project.

Yours very truly,

/s/
John M. Bramlette
Manager II

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cc: B. Williams