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122 East Second Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Arkansas

December 3, 1942

Mr. E. B. Whitaker, Regional Director
War Relocation Authority
Pyramid Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

I am attaching hereto a self-explanatory memorandum from our manager at Norfolk in reference to the securing of Japanese which has already been discussed with Mr. Baker of your office.

I discussed with Governor Adkins yesterday the urgent desire of the contractors to secure 34 Japanese to work on the Federal Reservation there. He was sympathetic with the needs of the project as presented to him, but he indicated that without further study he was unwilling to take the risk of guaranteeing law and order in view of the danger that conflict might arise in that area. I am presenting his attitude as best I can but like you do not want to start any pressure on him in reference to the matter.

He indicated that, if he could see any way whereby he could accept this responsibility, he would call you today.

I am, therefore, transmitting this letter to you, as I believe any further action in the matter would have to be between you and Mr. B. Williams, Superintendent of Construction.

Yours very truly,

P.

D. Palmer Patterson
Director for Arkansas

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