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LEWIS JONES, PRESIDENT= BENNINGTON COLLEGE

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BENNINGTON COLLEGE

MRS. WYCOFF TALKED WITH ME TODAY AND SAYS THERE MAY BE A POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING EVACUEE FARMERS ON BENNINGTON COLLEGE FARM. SOUNDS TO ME LIKE VERY DESIRABLE OPENING FOR RELOCATION AND WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH YOU OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COLLEGE. WILL YOU OR REPRESENTATIVE BE IN WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE=

THOMAS W HOLLAND

CHIEF EMPLOYMENT DIVISION.

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January 7, 1943

Mr. Thomas W. Holland
Chief, Employment Division
War Relocation Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Holland,

I am very much interested in your telegram of January first in regard to the possibility of relocating evacuee farmers at Bennington College. I have deliberately delayed answering this telegram until I had an opportunity to sound out the feelings of this community on the proposal you suggest. I can see every good reason why the loyal Japanese-Americans should be given an opportunity to become productive workers. At the same time I am acutely aware of attitudes which exist in this part of the country which would make such a plan entirely unworkable. I shall be glad to discuss this matter with some of our Board members but I am quite sure that this scheme would meet with such local hostility that it would be impossible for us to participate in it.

Mr. Thomas P. Brockway, a member of our faculty, is on leave of absence with the Board of Economic Warfare. I would be very glad to appoint him as college agent to discuss the project.

I may be in Washington some time in February. If so, I should be glad of the opportunity of talking with you.

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Sincerely yours,

Lewis Webster Jones
President

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Washington

January 11, 1943

Lewis Webster Jones, President
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

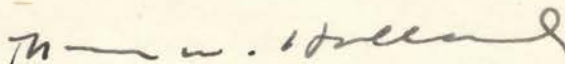
Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of January 7 with regard to my telegram. I sent you this telegram after a discussion with Mrs. Weycoff who called on me in my office. She said that you might be interested in employing Japanese-American labor on the farm at Bennington College.

It is my understanding from Mrs. Weycoff that the possibility had already been considered and that community sentiment would not be unfavorable. It is not the policy of the War Relocation Authority to urge prospective employers to employ Japanese-Americans who have been evacuated from the West Coast if the community attitude would be so unfavorable as to prevent the evacuees from making a satisfactory adjustment in the community.

I do not want you to interpret my telegram as urging your consideration of the employment of evacuated people in the face of your judgment that the community sentiment would be adverse. If you are in Washington sometime in February and have time to do so, I should be very glad to talk with you about our relocation program.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas W. Holland
Chief, Employment Division

