Basic Aims of the War Relocation Authority

At the present time, the War Relocation Authority is working toward two fundamental objectives: (1) to help as many of the evacuees as possible in effecting a personal relocation outside the evacuated area; and (2) to make the relocation centers as livable and productive as wartime conditions will permit for those evacuees who are unable to effect a personal relocation while the war is going on.

Looking to the future, the first of these objectives is by far the more important both for the great majority of evacuees and for the Nation. In normal American communities you will have a far better opportunity than in the relocation center to develop the kind of home and family life you really want. You will probably be able to use your energies more productively and effectively. The returns for your work—the wages you earn—will certainly be greater and your chances of making a successful adjustment in the post-war period will be tremendously enhanced. The WRA recognizes all these advantages and earnestly hopes that all able-bodied residents of relocation centers, and especially those who intend to remain in the United States after the war, will eventually take advantage of the opportunity to leave the relocation centers after proper clearance is granted.

Every effort will be made to provide the residents who continue to live within the centers with adequate living quarters, nourishing food, sound medical care, education for children of school age, and a variety of work opportunities.