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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY
207 GIANNINI HALL
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

December 24, 1942

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Director Joseph H. Willits
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

Dear Joe Willits:

At the suggestion of Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, head of our University War Council, I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to intervene in a personnel situation which is sufficiently serious to jeopardize a part of the Study.

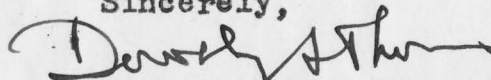
The enclosed letter to Local Board No. 2, Selective Service System, Santa Fe, New Mexico, will give you the background of the situation. The University, as you will see from Professor Chaney's telegram, is planning to ask occupational deferment since Spencer is essential, and because of his serious eye defect will be classified for limited service only.

The situation is unduly complicated by the fact that Spencer received no notification of 1A classification but received orders of induction directly while in classification 4F.

If you are willing to write such a letter will you kindly send it Airmail, Special Delivery, to Dr. Ralph Chaney, University War Council, Office of the President, University of California, but address it to Local Board No. 2, Selective Service System, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I shall certainly appreciate anything you can do in this matter. With cordial regards.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

DST:vp
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to our study

November 7, 1942

Local Board No. 2
Selective Service System
Santa Fe County
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Robert F. Spencer
Member of the staff of
Evacuation and Resettle-
ment study

Gentlemen:

Re: the case of Robert Francis Spencer (call number 1291-local order number 230) which is now being reopened, I respectfully ask your consideration of the following facts:

The University of California has been granted large funds from the Rockefeller Foundation of New York and the Columbia Foundation of San Francisco and is itself adding other funds for the support of a study on enforced mass migration with particular reference to the Japanese now in America. This study is focused on the serious situation which many of us believe will face this country in regard to displacements of population at the end of the war. In this very real sense it is a war project, for total war, in our opinion, involves totality of planning for the postwar period. General David P. Barrows of this University has said that "this is one of the most important research programs now being carried on and will be of tremendous aid in the reconstruction period." President Robert G. Sproul has said, "We hope that out of this study there will come information which the University of California can offer to the world as another contribution to the successful solving of postwar problems." The government departments concerned with the evacuation, including Army agencies and the Department of Justice, deem the research important enough to offer it the fullest measure of cooperation and support.

As you well know, problems of personnel are a serious matter. Spencer cannot be replaced. He is the only member of our staff who knows the Japanese language and has been able to observe their behavior and attitudes of the Japanese in Japan and Hawaii as well as in America. With full recognition of the responsibility which such a request involves, I earnestly request that you grant him a deferment to enable him to continue his invaluable work with us.

Because of his very defective eyesight, which up to now has kept him in classification 4 F, Spencer is obviously unfit for combat service. If accepted for the military forces at all, he will undoubtedly be in the class of "limited service" personnel. It seems improbable that any desk job given him by the army would allow him to do work of such permanent value to his country's welfare as the task on which he is now engaged.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

DST/vp

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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To Colonel Russell C. Charlton

Street and No. State Director of Selective Service

Place Lensic Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Robert Francis Spencer, Order Number 230, Local Board 2, Santa Fe
County, classified 4f. Received screen test November 27. No
notice 1A classification received. Has induction order for December
28. University War Council requests permission to appeal 1A clas-
sification and will recommend occupational deferment. Please wire
answer collect.

Ralph W. Chaney

University War Council

University of California

RWC:JN

Thursday, December 24, 1942: 2:00 P.M.

SENDER'S ADDRESS
FOR REFERENCE

CC Dr. Thomas

SENDER'S TELEPHONE
NUMBER

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

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NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The stand-

ard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

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WEEK-END LETTERS

Similar to Cable Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rate is approximately one-quarter of the full rate; minimum 20 words.