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University of California
Enemy Alien Study

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Dear Professor Thomas:

On Saturday I sent you a telegram approximately as follows:

WIRED SPROUL YESTERDAY PROPOSING GRANT IN AID OF SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER FOLLOWS TO YOU.

My telegram to President Sproul read as follows:

REFERENCE DISCUSSIONS PROFESSOR DOROTHY THOMAS RE STUDIES COMPULSORY MASS MIGRATION OF JAPANESE, FOUNDATION OFFICERS PREPARED RECOMMEND GRANT IN AID SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TOWARD EXPENSES ONE YEARS EXPLORATORY WORK TO DEVELOP ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY ADDITIONAL SUMS NEEDED FOR YEARS EXPLORATORY WORK BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES AND THAT ADVANCE PLEDGE OF COOPERATION BY RELOCATION AUTHORITY SHALL BE FURNISHED TO ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND THAT THOUGH FINDINGS WILL BE EXAMINED AT END OF YEAR THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO COMMITMENT OF ANY KIND FOR THE FUTURE. IS THIS ACCEPTABLE CALIFORNIA?

Formal action can be prepared as soon as we hear that this is satisfactory at the California end and the assurances from the Relocation Authority have been received.

While the \$7,500 is \$2,000 below your minimum figure, it was the maximum possible by prompt action. (I might say parenthetically that Mrs. Gaynard of the Rosenberg Foundation was in my office on Friday. I discussed the problem with her at length. I think it might be worth your while to call on her with a view to possible substantial support. Understand, she made, - and could make no commitment; I am just passing along the fact of our gossip. She had asked me to call her attention to any California research possibilities of which we heard, so I felt free to tell of your project.)

Of course you will be disappointed that there is no indication of a three-year grant. What the officers are prepared to recommend is a grant-in-aid of \$7,500 to let you explore your problem, organize your project administratively, and develop your research techniques. We shall, of course, examine any proposal should California care to make

one on the basis of the year's work, but we can make no commitment whatever for anything beyond this grant-in-aid, and the proposal will have to be weighed against other opportunities available at the moment.

Does this seem fair to you?

I assume there will be questions you want to raise, so fire away.

My best to Dick Neustadt.

It was good to have the chance to chat with you.

Sincerely yours,

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