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AT: 00:18:09 And um, can you tell me about when your family got word the evacuation orders and what that process was like if you, what you can remember?

LS: 00:18:21 Yeah. Well, I'm not sure, but I think we were probably given two, two weeks. I think probably instead of. I know they had signs posted in our neighborhood and everyone read them and so everyone heard about it, but I'm sure at church it must have been discussed more in detail. Um, so of, the thing was, we didn't have to sell a house because we didn't own the house. We rented a house and the owner of the house was especially kind and so he told my parents that we could just leave everything except our own, um, a private belongings and store them in the basement and he was going to rewrite the house and leave our furnishings out and every month he would send us a check to pay for the rental of our furniture. And I thought that was really, really nice of him. And he did, he sent us a monthly check for, I don't know how long, um, but, but he was really kind. This was a house we had moved to maybe two years before. Before that, because the house I was born in a was in a completely Japanese area right near Japantown. And they were going to tear up the whole neighborhood to make housing for defense workers. And I thought later on thinking how did they know that they needed defense workers, you know? But anyway, that's what I remember that we were told we had to move. So we moved to this house that had been remodeled, so it was a fairly nice house. In fact, it's still standing. I go to see it and when we go to Seattle. So uh the other house was big and old and I thought it was wonderful. But, you know, it was old.

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