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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Region

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

MEMORANDUM

August 27, 1942

TO: Lieutenant Green

FROM: C. E. Rachford

SUBJECT: Instructions

I have requested, and you have complied promptly, for a guard to be placed around the blocks occupied by Japanese residents. I have discussed with you the reasons for such a guard. It is primarily as a protection to the Japanese themselves and to prevent interference with work which a large influx of people around the Administration Buildings and elsewhere might occasion.

In accordance with our recent conference, you may instruct your guards as follows:

1. It is their duty to prevent, by any necessary means within the discretion and judgment of the Military Police, all Japanese without passes or badges from crossing the roads now marking the outside boundaries of the occupied area. The passes indicated above will be issued by an officer of the War Relocation Authority stationed in the area and will be for legitimate purposes such as reporting for work, seeking a position, answer of telephone or telegraphic calls, and other matters of a personal nature. All Japanese employed will have a green bar pinned to their sleeve. This is only a temporary device and will be changed as soon as badges are available.
2. Your guards may be instructed that they should, consistent with courtesy, refrain from all familiarity and contact by conversation or otherwise with the Japanese, excepting such contact as is necessary in the performance of duties.

3. You may instruct your guards that all Administrative personnel, and others making frequent visits to the occupied area, will have a white, oval, enameled badge with their name printed thereon. In addition to these badges, all Administrative personnel will be driving in cars with WRA stickers. Persons or cars having these identifications may be passed without further inquiry.
4. In the very near future the WRA expects to have a police force to handle all internal questions. That force will cooperate with the Military Police by circulating instructions to the fullest possible extent to the people within the area, and by breaking up groups as they gather around patrol posts.

I shall be pleased if you will issue any additional instructions you believe the circumstances justify and inform me of them.

Should you wish to have the above instructions mimeographed for your men and you do not have the facilities for doing so, I shall be glad to have it done here at this office.

C. E. Rachford
Project Director

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