Colorado River War Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona
May 8, 1942

Lt. Col. B. F. Cress
Deputy Director
War Relocation Authority
Whitcomb Hotel Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Col. Cress:

Mr. Henry Smith has mentioned to me your conversation regarding the possibility of evacuees being permitted to bring their pets to Poston. I, personally, feel that they should be allowed to bring them, providing the number they wish to bring is within reason. No doubt, if they are permitted to keep a few of their pets, it will give them a better attitude towards the resettlement program.

The evacuees should understand that the full responsibility for the care of these pets rests upon them; also, that all dogs and cats should be vaccinated for rabies.

We are extremely anxious to begin receiving evacuees for several reasons, but, mainly, due to the hot weather coming on; they should be arriving in order to become acclimated before the heat becomes too severe.

We are looking forward to that promised visit from you; advise us in advance so we can meet you and take care of you while you are here.

Sincerely yours,

Wade Head,
Project Director.

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