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Mr. Walter Moore Royal, Jr.  
Ontario Apartments  
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Royal:

Your communication of February 13th addressed to Governor Osborn has been referred to this office for handling, and I will endeavor to answer all of the questions you have asked.

We have Veterans' Information Centers set up in this State through the U. S. Employment Service or through Selective Service, and they are located in the following cities: Phoenix, Yuma, Tucson, Nogales, Douglas, Safford, Globe, Holbrook, Flagstaff, Kingman, Prescott, Bisbee and Clifton. This office also has representatives in Tucson and Prescott, besides the ones located in Phoenix.

In regards to housing, the question is a little bit hard to answer because you do not state any particular town, however, I can advise that any of these centers that I mentioned above can give you information for their areas regarding housing. Here in Phoenix there is a Housing Bureau set up at 25 East Van Buren Street, specifically for that one purpose. Also, the Chambers of Commerce of the various towns have accurate data on the housing situation, and they too are in a position to advise you regarding it.

We do not have a list of cities that are not congested, because every town in Arizona is more than filled because of the influx of veterans coming into the State, plus others, have created a situation which, I might say, is critical, and the result is that it is exceptionally hard to even get a hotel room. As a matter of fact, the hotels are booked through the month of May, at the present time.

We have not as yet been able to print a booklet giving general information on industry, business, employment opportunities, etc., however, the employment is not as bad a factor as the housing, although it is becoming short at the present time, and we do not know just how soon it will become critical.

We therefore advise that if you have a family and intend to come West, that you come alone if possible, get established and then send for the family, not so much because of lack of work but because of lack of housing, and please do not underestimate my statements that it is CRITICAL.

Yours very truly,

Spencer Thompson  
Veterans' Service Officer

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cc: Gov. Osborn