

Letter, Harry S. Truman to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Ward, April 28, 1942; with attachment, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Ward to Harry S. Truman, April 20, 1942. Papers of Harry S. Truman: Papers as U. S. Senator and Vice President of the United States.

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Washington, D. C.
April 28, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Ward
Pomona, Missouri

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ward:

Appreciate very much your letter of the Twentieth.

I am assured that despite numerous newspaper statements on the question, a wage policy in connection with public work by Japanese evacuees has not been determined. Enclosed is a report of the War Relocation Authority, which may be of interest to you.

Every effort is being made to get employers to relax some of their rules in regard to birth certificates. If you are having difficulty along this line, I suggest that you write to the Census Bureau. They do not furnish birth certificates, but they are sometimes able to furnish records which are accepted by Federal, State and other officials as evidence in support of age and place of birth.

The pension act to which you referred has been repealed.

I appreciated having your views on these subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

HST/ro
Enc.

Pomona Mo.
April 20, 1942

Dear Sir:-

From all reports I understand that the Japanese that are in internment camps here in United States are being paid from \$50.00 to \$95.00 a month. If this is so from what source is this money coming from?

Do our boys get such pay in the Jap concentration camps. That question I can answer, NO.

The unemployed and old aged people need this compensation so I think it about time someone is looking into this.
Yours truly
W. W. Infield Ward

P.S. There are number of people
having difficulty in getting
birth certificates, I am one of
them. We can vote and
go in military service without
questions being asked of us
so I wonder why this is so
difficult to get a birth certificate
or proof for a passport you
aren't even born.

I am enclosing a clipping out of
the paper dated April 17-42

How is it that the Congressmen
have guts enough to vote

themselves a pension and then
^{how can} ~~let~~ people on a pension of \$6
exist, I think it would be a
shame for them to be shot rather
than starve to death -

Mrs + Mrs. Winfield Ward
Thanks for your vote for the pension for
the senators -