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Honorable Harrison C. Dale  
President, University of Idaho  
Moscow, Idaho

My dear President Dale:

I have your correspondence in regard to the Japanese situation as far as the University of Idaho is concerned.

I have no criticism at all of anyone who does not agree with me in my views on the Japanese question. I realize fully their rights. But as far as I am personally concerned, I have been worried considerably about the State.

Of course I understand that there are a great many of the Japanese who are all right, but we have to admit that the Government has evacuated them from the Coast because it can not determine the ones who can be trusted, therefore I feel that they should not be allowed to come in and settle in Idaho, but should be brought here under proper guard, and with the understanding that they be returned after the war. I have had very satisfactory understandings with the Army and there have been only a few instances where any trouble has come up, and those were where individuals went around me direct to the Army to have some of the evacuated Japanese sent into the State.

I am very much interested in the University of Idaho and its future. We have a great many men in the Army, fighting the Japanese, who would be attending school in Idaho were it not for this necessity. I think it would be just as well for the Japanese Americans, if they love their Country, to let their education go for the duration and put themselves in some useful work to help win the war.

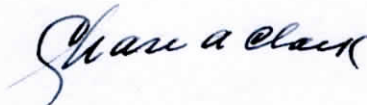
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There is another danger that is rather idle to mention, and possibly I should not influence anyone in connection with this Japanese matter, but nevertheless it exists, and that is that a great many people who, if we started to put Japanese into the University, would possibly call their children home.

Unfortunately, there has been some comment in the papers that quoted everyone a little too severely in this matter. However, I believe you have matters well in hand and that everything will work out all right. I am confident that you and the Board of Regents will be able to work all matters out satisfactorily.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



Chase A. Clark  
Governor