



[Wither's letter to Head re: factory buildings (unsigned)]

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Mr. Wade Head
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Dear Mr. Head:

On October 19 I received an undated, unsigned letter from your office requested authority for the use of the new camouflage shed at your project for the WRA Exposition to be held October 16, 19, and 18. Since the letter arrived too late to enable me to do anything about it, it is regretted that I was unable to take any action. I have since learned from talking to Los Angeles that you did not make use of our camouflage shed for the exposition, and I am sorry to hear this. The Los Angeles office was apparently unaware of the difficulty you had in getting permission from the contractor, and if they had known, I am sure they would have been only too glad to have arranged matters so that the building could have been used. Apparently there was some misunderstanding in connection with this. Please always feel free to deal directly with the District Engineer's office at Los Angeles on any matter connected with camouflage nets.

While we have, as yet, been unable to work out a satisfactory method for payment for the garnishing of nets due to legal difficulties encountered by the WRA, and are continuing work on the basis of the old agreement, it is hoped that production is now getting started at Poston and that everything is working out as satisfactorily as could be expected under the circumstances. I understand that one of the buildings is now complete and everything is ready to make a start. It is expected that the complete installation will be constructed in the near future. Please do not hesitate to advise the Los Angeles office or this office in case any unforeseen difficulties arise, or if there is any way in which we can be of help as the urgency of this work is very great at this time.

I wish to thank you for your hospitality on the occasion of my visit on September 30, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly
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