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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
ARVIN FARMS AND ARVIN MIGRATORY LABOR CAMP

November 2, 1939.

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*Melroy*  
Mr. R. W. Hollenberg  
Assistant Regional Director, RP  
Farm Security Administration  
85 - Second Street  
San Francisco, California

Subject: Real Property  
Arvin Migratory  
Camp

Attention: J. C. Henderson.

Dear Mr. Henderson:-

The following is a description of the Arvin Migratory Labor Camp and Garden Homes as shown on the attached diagram:

1. a. There are one-hundred-six (106) metal houses, ninety-eight (98) concrete platforms with tie-rails, and twenty (20) Adobie Labor Homes, as shown on the diagram. There are no trailer spaces. Four of the metal houses are Guard houses, and six of them are for Isolation purposes. The Guard houses and Isolation unit has separate Utility Buildings.
- b. The metal houses are divided into three Units, with 32 houses to the unit, as shown on the diagram. Unit one starting with 101 and ending with 132; Unit 2 with 201 and ending with 232; and Unit 3 with 301 and ending with 332. The concrete platforms consist of Unit 4 and 5, with 49 platforms to the unit. Unit 4 starting with 401 and ending with 449, and unit 5 starting with 501 and ending with 549 as shown on the diagram.
- c. The 20 Labor Homes are situated on 20 acres of land adjoining the west side of the Camp, with one adobie building on each .9 acre of land, and the Adobie community building and play ground on the remaining ground. The adobie homes consist of two rooms; one made of adobie, and one screened room (frame).
2. a. The Camp Community Hall is a one-story building with three rooms, a stage, two toilet rooms, and two dressing rooms. The large room has a hard-wood floor, which is used for dancing and Programs for the Camp. The other two rooms are used by the recreation Classes. The Adobie Community Building has one room for a meeting hall, one laundry room, one boiler room, one kitchen, and one toilet.
- b. All buildings and real property owned by the Farm Security Administration has been completed.
3. There are five Utility buildings for the Campers. One building to each of the three units of metal houses, one large Utility building for Units 4 and 5 of the concrete platforms, and one small utility building for the Isolation unit.

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*Fred W. ...*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HARVEY M. COVERLEY, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, RP

Subject: Comparison of Labor Homes and Apartments at the Arvin  
 Migratory Labor Camp (RF-Cf-25)

In answer to your verbal request of a few days ago I am able to offer you certain comparisons relative to the labor homes (single family dwellings) and the newly constructed multi-family dwellings or apartments at Arvin. The essential comparisons are as follows:

	Single Family Dwellings	Multi-Family Dwellings	
		Standard Apt.	Large Apt.
Rooms	3½	4	6
Sq. Ft. Area	400	704	886
Age	5 yrs. (1936)	New	New
Height	1 story	2 story	2 story
Frame	Adobe (8")	Wood	Wood
Foundation	Concrete	Concrete	Concrete
Roof	Metal	Composition	Composition
Floor	Concrete	1st.flr.concrete 2nd.flr.wood	1st.flr.concrete 2nd.flr.wood
Exterior finish	Paint over Adobe	Board and Batters	Board and batters
Gas	None	Butane	Butane
Stove	Wood and coal	Gas	Gas
Heater	None	Gas circulating	Gas circulating

A blue-print of each type is attached for your examination of details.

Although the single family dwellings (labor homes) have the utility of 3½ rooms according to FSA standards, they are actually but 2 rooms and kitchenette. The plan, furthermore, poorly provides for privacy and lacks greatly as to convenience.

The comparisons set forth above clearly show the advantages to be found in the apartments. It would seem proper, therefore, to adjust the rental rates in order to somewhat equalize the varying types.

Sincerely yours,

*E. Eugene Tucker*

E. Eugene Tucker, Chief.  
 Real Property Control Section



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