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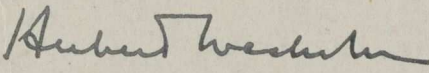
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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Kei Ishihara  
(Born June 22, 1922 at Los Angeles, Calif.)  
4415-C  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Section 401(i) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as Amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your renunciation of United States nationality has been approved by the Attorney General as not contrary to the interests of national defense. Accordingly you are no longer a citizen of the United States of America nor are you entitled to any of the rights and privileges of such citizenship.

Date: March 22, 1945

  
Herbert Wechsler  
Assistant Attorney General  
War Division



HONORABLE TOM CLARK  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. nationality form at the W. R. A. Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official, (and I have received a letter dated August 1, 1946, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, approving the same.)

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation upon the following grounds and for the following reasons:

(1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the laws;

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was and continuously from October 7, 1943, had been detained in the said W. R. A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by a pressure group of aliens in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, (as was my family) that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation (and approval thereof) were, and each of them is, invalid null and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said re-



nunciation form which is repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me, and that you recall, withdraw, cancel, and revoke your approval of said renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace, fraud and undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

*Hei. Ishihara*

BLK 4415-C

*Newell, Calif.*

Address

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October 25, 1945

Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Department of Justice  
Tule Lake Center, Newell, California

Dear Sir:

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Although I appeared before your office to comply with the provisions of the Alien Registration Act, I wish to state that said registration form was signed by myself under protest.

I am an American Citizen. I hereby wish to protest said designation as I am not a citizen or a national of Japan, but a citizen and a national of the United States.

Therefore I shall appreciate your accepting this letter as a documentary evidence that my signature affixed on said Alien Registration form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

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Newell, California



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CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 632

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print) Kei Ishihara

Block No. 4415 C

Sex: Male X Female \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 23 years Date of Birth: Month: 6 Day: 22 Year: 1922

Place of Birth: (City) Los Angeles (County) L A State) Calif

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: P.O. Box 1840  
Ontario, Calif.

Occupation at time of evacuation: Student

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as  
a dual citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? Yes

When: November 1941 Where: Elmonte Japanese Association

What steps were taken to cancel it? I sent application to  
cancel Japanese citizenship but received no answer as war started

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: January Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that  
renunciation form? No

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? don't know

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? Yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend that hearing alone? Yes If not, who went with  
you? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you have, what date does it bear? March 22, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? May 24, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

\_\_\_\_\_. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received  
a letter approving your renunciation? No



If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you a copy of that letter? \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? Yes

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? October 26, 1945

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? \_\_\_\_\_ When were you discharged or released from military service? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of discharge did you receive? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your last draft classification? didn't receive any

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Father : Iwaichi Ishihara Mother deceased

Have they been released from detention? Yes

Have they been relocated? Yes

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? No

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 19, 1945

Where: Tule Lake Center Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? No one Were you represented by anyone at that time? No

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? don't know

Did you protest registering as an alien? Yes

Did you write your protest on the form? No

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer?

Yes (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)



Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? No

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? No If you did, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? \_\_\_\_\_

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, by whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you write the protest on the form? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? \_\_\_\_\_

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A.

Social Welfare? July 1942

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? October 26, 1945

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? No If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

~~Single~~ ~~I am only one renounced in the family~~  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: October 26, 1945

Kei. Ishihara

Kei Ishihara  
(Name)



Department of State  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Special War Problems Division

I, Kei Ishihara requested repatriation and exchange  
to Japan on July 1942 at Poston Center.  
(Date)

I now certify that I wish to cancel that application and to remain in the  
United States. I respectfully request that my name be taken off the list  
of persons to be considered for exchange.

Kei Ishihara

NAME

JAPANESE SIGNATURE, If Any

October 26, 1945

DATE

3437

FAMILY NO.

June 22, 1922

Los Angeles, Calif.

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

Dual

CITIZENSHIP: U.S. JAPAN DUAL

P.O. Box 1840  
Ontario, Calif.

ADDRESS BEFORE EVACUATION

California

INTENDED DESTINATION ON LEAVING  
CENTER



JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
OF LOS ANGELES  
258 E. FIRST STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

TO MR. WAYNE M. COLLINS:

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ wishes  
to be included in the mass suit to restore my United States  
citizenship.

Kay. Ishihara  
Signature

Name KEI. ISHIHARA 8/17/48

Present address 228. EAST 2nd St

Date of birth June 22 1922  
Month day year

Place of birth LOS ANGELES CALIF  
Township State

Place of citizenship renouncement Tule Lake

Note: State whether or not received a letter of approval  
on citizenship renunciation from the Attorney General.