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May 10, 1947

Rose S. Hirata  
515- Ikeda Mura  
Kibigan  
Okayama, Japan

Attorney Collins  
Mills Tower  
220 Bush St.  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

I entered Japan in the middle part of January 1947 after coming aboard the Voluntary Ship U.S. Gordon with my parents and I have been trying every source I can find in making my return to the States as soon as possible, but in my position I haven't been able to do anything.

In the states I have been residing in the Full Lake Center and I have been caught in force to renounce my citizenship, but to my prayer it was not approved by Attorney Biddle. I was free to go outside to relocate which were my greatest wishes then, but after

so many harsh quarrels with my family and due to strong ties I was forced to come back with them.

Prior to leaving the Full Lake Center I was escorted by a Canadian worker to the Justice Department and there I was being registered by taking identification photo of face, taking fingerprints and necessary other physical identifications. This was to enable my return to the United States.

No papers, no documents were issued before departing the center. I have gone to the American Council in Yokohama and without some certified identification documents as to my returning to the U. S. am I able to make any application to get back.

I will appreciate it very greatly if you will take this matter into more than a consideration for my greatest desire is to return to the United States and reside all my life. Would like very much if you will answer me at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,  
Rose S. Hirata

NAME: ROSE SHIZUKO HIRATA  
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

AGE 20

BIRTH DATE: JUNE 9, 1926 PACOIMA CALIFORNIA  
(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR) (CITY) (STATE)

ADDRESS IN CENTER

Block 35 Apt. 6-D

TULE LAKE CENTER, NEWELL CALIFORNIA

FATHER: MOKUICHIRO HIRATA  
BORN: OKAYAMA JAPAN  
AGE: 58

MOTHER: MOTO HIRATA  
BORN: OKAYAMA JAPAN  
AGE: 51

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - DEATH + ETC.

Notify NEAREST KIN FATHER,

MOKUICHIRO HIRATA

EDUCATION - POSTON, ARIZONA

PHOTO AND FINGERPRINTS TAKEN.

June 9, 1947

Miss Rose S. Hirata,  
515 Ikeda Mura,  
Kibi Gun,  
Okayama, Japan.

Dear Miss Hirata:

If you were under 18 years of age at the time you signed a renunciation application in the Tule Lake Center, the Attorney General would have refused to approve it, and consequently, you would not have lost your U.S. citizenship. If you were 18 years of age or over and the Attorney General did not approve your application you are still a citizen of the United States.

If you are still a citizen of the United States you are entitled to return to the United States by applying to the American Consul and submitting to him a proof of your birth and citizenship. It is my impression that he would ask you to fill out an application and to supply a certified copy of your birth certificate and other evidence of your U.S. citizenship. It may be that the American consul would ask you for a letter from the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice stating that although you submitted an application for renunciation, that your application was cancelled by you or was not approved by the Attorney General.

In the event that the consul refuses you the right to return to the United States, you would then have the right under Title 8 U.S. Code, Sec. 903 to file a suit to determine your nationality in a U.S. District Court in the district in which you claim permanent residence in the United States and thereupon submit affidavits and other evidence to the American consul showing that your claim to U.S. nationality in such suit is presented in good faith and has a substantial basis. Whereupon he would issue you a certificate of identity and you would be permitted to return to the United States when passage could be obtained.

In any event the American consul to whom you apply will inform you what the requirements are for you to be able to return to the United States.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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P.S. I am writing to the Attorney General concerning your political status, that is, whether or not your renunciation application was rejected.

June 11, 1947

Charles M. Rothstein, Esq.,  
Alien Enemy Control Unit,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothstein:

I have a letter from Rose S. Hirata, 515 Ikeda Mura, Kibigun, Okayama, Japan, that she executed a renunciation application while at Tule Lake and that her application was not approved by the Attorney General. Apparently she is desirous of returning to the United States and has insufficient documents to prove that she is a citizen.

I would be grateful were you to inform me whether or not her renunciation application was approved or rejected.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRM:wp

146-54-418

June 23, 1947

Wayne M. Collins, Esq.  
Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Re: Rose Shizuko Hirata

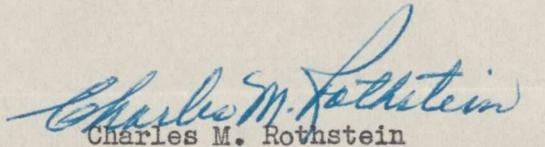
Dear Mr. Collins:

I have your letter of June 11, 1947, inquiring as to whether this subject's renunciation of United States nationality had been approved or rejected.

The Departmental records indicate that Miss Hirata renounced her United States citizenship on January 15, 1945, at Tule Lake, California, that she voluntarily repatriated to Japan on December 28, 1945, and that her renunciation was approved by the Attorney General on April 18, 1946.

The notice of approval of her renunciation has just been mailed to Miss Hirata at the address you gave for her in your letter. It was because her address in Japan was heretofore unknown that she had not been sent the notice.

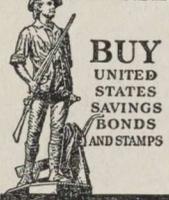
Sincerely,



Charles M. Rothstein

Acting Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

FOR DEFENSE



June 30, 1947

Miss Rose Shizuko Hirata,  
515 Ikeda Mura,  
Kibigun,  
Okayama, Japan.

Dear Miss Hirata:

Enclosed find copy of a letter I received from Charles M. Rothstein, Esq. which informs me that your renunciation application was approved by the Attorney General on April 18, 1946. In view of that fact your renunciation apparently was approved.

If you desire to take steps to protect your rights you should send to the Attorney General a copy of the enclosed letter addressed to him and make a copy for your own records. Thereafter if you wish and you request me so to do, I shall join you in equity suit No. 25294-G if I receive your request to be joined before the judge renders his opinion. If you are joined in such suit you will be entitled to apply for a certificate of identity from the U.S. consul as outlined to you in my letter to you of June 9th, 1947.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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Shinbashi 1-chome 32  
Tokyo c/o Dai Iiti Hotel  
Japan  
2 January 1948

Mr. Wayne Collins  
Attorney At Law  
Mills Tower 220 Bush Street,  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am again writing in regard of the Renunciation of U.S. Citizenship case of the niseis. I am very anxious to keep up with the case and would like very much to know which court the case is being reviewed at the present.

I have written you before regarding my status and received your reply with the letter addressed to Attorney General Tom Clark and its one copy letter. I have filled out the blank spaces and had mailed it to him August 1947. As yet, I have had no answer.

I will certainly be very happy to hear from you about the Renunciation Case at your earliest convenient time.

Yours very sincerely,

*Rui S. Hirota*

東京都港区新橋  
一三二  
一木テル内  
平田静子様

Rose S. Hirata  
Shinbashi 1-chome 32 Minato Ku  
Tokyo c/o Dai Itri Hotel  
Japan

January 12, 1948

Miss Rose S. Hirata,  
Shinbashi, 1-Chome, 32 Minato Ku,  
Tokyo, c/o Dai Iti Hotel,  
Japan.

Dear Miss Hirata:

In reply to your letter of January 2nd, 1948, please be informed that Judge Goodman has not yet rendered a decision in the equity cases which are to determine whether the 2300 plaintiffs therein are to have their citizenship restored or not. When the decision is rendered newspapers in Japan will carry an account thereof and each of the interested parties therein will be informed as to its nature by letter from me.

I have not joined you as a party plaintiff in the case because, to date, you have made no request of me to do so. In my letter of June 30, 1947, I informed you that if you wish to join the suit that you could do so by requesting me so to do. Inasmuch as once the case is decided a party may not be added as a party plaintiff thereto, I would thank you to inform me immediately by air mail if you wish to be joined as a party plaintiff. In addition I would thank you to send me your age, and date and place of birth.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Minato-ku, Shinbashi 1-32  
Tokyo, Japan  
c/o Dai Ichi Hotel  
31 May 1948

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Wayne Collins  
Attorney at Law  
220 Mills Tower  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I understand that the renunciants of American citizenship (renunciation which took place in Tule Lake Center in 1945) are to register at your office within the 90 days prior to the news that appeared end of the month April... if one desires to have their citizenship restored. I wish to request that my name be registered at your office at your office at once.

Below, I am listing down a few informations. If I have left out any important information, I will be more than happy to answer your letter if you will write and tell me.

Name: Rose S. Hirata *[dup]*

Date and Place of Birth: June 9, 1926 Pacoima, California

Fathers Name: Mokuichiro Hirata Born: Ikeda Mura Kibigun, Okayama, Japan

Mothers Name: Moto Hirata Born: Jobogun, Okayama, Japan

Identical mark on face: Mole on right side of nose

Weight: 115 lbs. Color of Eyes: Brown

Height: 5 ft. 1 in. Color of Hair: Black

Renounced U.S. citizenship on or about the 5 January 1945 upon the influence of certain individuals in camp with their pressure and violence. *at Tule Lake Center California*

If there has been any important information omitted, I will be most grateful if I may be informed at your earliest convenience.

Most sincerely,

*Rose S. Hirata*

*Sherry*  
*AK*

Mr. Wayne M. Collins.,  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Minato-Ku  
Shinbashi 1-32  
c/o Dai Iti Hotel  
Tokyo, Japan  
29 May 1948  
*[Signature]*

Dear Sir: **JUDGMENT  
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I, Rose S. Hirata, understand that the U.S. Citizenship renun-  
ciants that are residing here in Japan are to register at your office  
within ninety (90) days in order to have citizenship restored. I  
would like to request to have my name registered there as I had re-  
nounced my citizenship during the time in Tule Lake Center, California,  
and desire to have my citizenship restored more than anything and  
return to the United States.

Below, I am listing the information that you may need.

Name: Rose S. Hirata  
Born: June 9, 1926 Birth Place: Pacoima, California  
Name of Father: Mokuichiro Hirata  
Birth Place of Father: Ikeda Mura, Kibigun, Okayama, Japan  
" " " Mother: Jobogun, Okayama, Japan

Identical mark on Face: Mole on right side of nose  
Height: 5 ft. 1 in. Color of Hair: Black  
Color of eyes: Brown Weight : 115 pounds

My address at where I am now employed is:

Minato-ku, Shinbashi 1-32, c/o Dai Iti Hotel, Tokyo, Japan.

If there are other information that I have neglected to list, I  
would be more than happy to answer your letter if you will write and  
tell me.

most sincerely,

*Rose S. Hirata*

JUDGMENT,  
LIST

Minato-ku  
Shinbashi 1-32  
c/o Dai Ibi Hotel  
Tokyo, Japan  
June 2, 1948

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law  
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.  
San Francisco, 4, California

Dear Sir:

I would like to request you to enter my name in the Equity Suit in the U.S. District Court.

I am including the necessary information below, which I was told you would need in the suit.

Full Name: Rose Shizuko Hirata  
Age: 21  
Birthplace: Pacoima, California  
Date of Birth: June 9, 1926  
Present Address: Minato-ku Shinbashi 1-32  
c/o Dai Ibi Hotel  
Tokyo, Japan

Place and time of renunciation: Tule Lake Center, California  
January 5, 1945.

Address before evacuation: P.O. Box 115, San Juan Capistrano,  
California.

Members of the Family:

Father's Name: Mokuichiro Hirata  
Mother's Name: Moto Hirata  
Brother's Name: Harry Isao Hirata  
Sisters Names: Grace Fumiko Hirata--request that her name  
be included in the suit.  
Midori Hirata

All the members are in Japan.

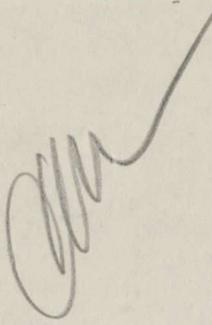
Please include my name in the suit and also that of my sister, Grace Fumiko Hirata, age 24.

Most sincerely,

*Rose S. Hirata*

*P.S. I've written again since I had left out some of the necessary data.*

*OK*  
*joined 8/17/48*  
*dup*

  
Rose S. Hirata  
c/o Dai Iti Hotel  
Shinbashi 1-32 Minato-ku  
Tokyo, Japan  
17 July 1948

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law  
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, 4, California

**JUDGMENT  
LIST**

Dear Sir:

I would like to request to have my name included in the suit for restoration of U.S. Citizenship.

Following is the necessary data:

NAME: Rose S. Hirata

DATE OF BIRTH AND PLACE: June 9, 1926 Pacoima, California

PRESENT ADDRESS: c/o Dai Iti Hotel, Shinbashi 1-32 Minato-ku,  
Tokyo, Japan

PLACE OF RENUNCIATION: Tule Lake Center, Newell, California

ADDRESS BEFORE EVACUATION: P.O. Box 115 San Juan Capistrano, California

DATE OF RENUNCIATION: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 5th January 1945

MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY:

FATHER: Mokuichiro Hirata

Mother: Moto Hirata

Brother: Harry Isao Hirata

Sister: Grace Fumiko Hirata

Sister: Midori Hirata

All are residing in Japan

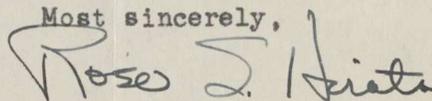
Would also like request to have my sister Grace Fumiko included in the suit.

AGE: 24 Born 13 August 1923

PRESENT ADDRESS: 515 Ikeda Mura, Kibigun, Okayama, Japan

Request that my sister and I be listed in the suit.

Most sincerely,



*Joined  
8/17/48*

*ppp*

ROSE S. HIRATA  
1 CHOME 32 SHIMBASHI  
MINATO-KU TOKYO JAPAN  
C/O DAI ITI HOTEL  
24 AUGUST 1948

**JUDGMENT  
LIST**

MR. WAYNE M. COLLINS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
MILLS TOWER 220 BUSH ST.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS REQUESTING TO HAVE YOU JOIN MY NAME TO THE LIST OF PLAINTIFFS FOR THE CASE ON THE RENOUNCIENTS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP. I AM WORRIED AS I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM YOU--AND WHETHER OR NOT MY NAME HAS BEEN ADDED ON TO THE LIST. I WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF I MAY HAVE A REPLY FROM YOU AT YOUR VERY EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

MOST SINCERELY,  
*Rose S. Hirata*  
ROSE S. HIRATA

E. F. McMahon  
Jama APO 704 Box 231  
c/o PM San Francisco  
California  
27 December 1948

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney-at-Law  
Mills Tower, 270 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

I would like to inform you that I, Mrs.  
Rose S. Hirata, was married last month  
to Mr. Eugene F. McMahon. I am a  
renunciant of United States Citizenship and  
am listed in the suit of the District Court  
for restoration of U. S. Nationality. You  
may now get in touch with me at the  
address - MRS. E. F. MCMAHON JAMA APO 704  
Box 231 c/o PM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

nee Rose S. Hirata

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. F. McMahon

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HONORABLE TOM CLARK,  
Attorney General of the United States,  
Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On or about \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_, I signed an application for renunciation of U.S. Nationality at the Tule Lake Center, Newell, Modoc County, California.

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 then and there was held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace, undue influence and mistake of fact and law;
- (3) I then and there was and for a period of time prior thereto had been detained in said Tule Lake Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen and was treated as though I were an alien enemy and thus was discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;
- (4) I was intimidated, coerced and compelled to sign said renunciation form by reason of the duress in which I was held by the government and the duress, fraud, menace and undue influence of groups and individuals within said Center, against which the government failed to protect me.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation was fictitious and is invalid 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 by choice. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form, and the approval thereof if any approval thereof was given.

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

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_