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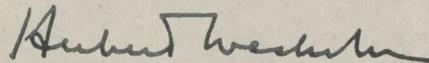
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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Yoshio Ebisu  
(born March 7, 1921, Petersburg, Alaska)  
2905-D  
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

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The attorney General  
Honorable Tom Clark  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

ROTHSTEIN

Yoshio Ebin  
2905-D-1  
Inle Lake Center  
Newell, Calif.

Sept 15, 1945

My Dear Attorney General,

I am appealing to your honor for a  
further hearing in regard to the renun-  
ciation of my citizenship

At the hearing of April, 1945, I was  
so upset and also I was not able to present  
the case clearly to Mr Rothstein because  
of my poor English

I <sup>REPUDIATE</sup> repudiate <sup>BOTH</sup> both my signature  
and <sup>my</sup> hearing of April, 1945. I would like  
to request for a chance to present my case  
again in minute detail.

yours very truly,  
Yoshio Ebin

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

SPECIAL DIVISION

Washington 8, D. C.

Department of  
Japanese Interests

November 13, 1945.

Ref. No. V-13

Mr. Yoshio Ebisu,  
2905-D,  
Tule Lake Center,  
Newell, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Due note has been taken of  
your request dated October 15, 1945,  
that your application for repatriation  
to Japan be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND  
Dept. of Japanese Interests

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Newell, California

February 13, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about February, 1945, 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,

*Yoshio Shino*  
(Name)

Address: 2905 D

Newell, California

Date February 13, 1946

Honorable Tom C. Clark  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

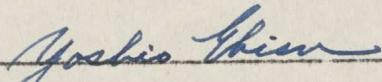
On October 12, 1945, I was requested by Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, to appear before their officer to register under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

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. Although within the non-repatriation form it indicated in Question No. 2 that my nationality was Japanese, 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 and informations furnished in Question No. 2 of the non-repatriation form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

  
Block 2905 D  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2131

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

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

Name (type or print) Yoshio Ebisu

Block No. 2905 D

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

Age: 25 years Date of Birth: Month: March Day: 7 Year: 1921

Place of Birth: (City) Petersburg (County) \_\_\_\_\_ State) Alaska

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: 24 South Main  
Street Lodi, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Farming

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as  
a dual citizen: Parents When: At Birth

Where: Lodi, California

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

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

What steps were taken to cancel it? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Month: February 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? Not Known

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 12, 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? September 15, 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? No Classification

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 Yoshibeï Ebisu Mother Not Known

Have they been released from detention? Living in Japan

Have they been relocated? \_\_\_\_\_

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 12, 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? Not Known

Did you protest registering as an alien? No

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.)

A<sup>D</sup> of this date

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? Yes

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? Sept. 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? October 15, 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: February 13, 1946

*Yoshio Ebisu*

Yoshio Ebisu

(Name)

Yoshio Ebisu  
P.C. Box 788  
Q-53-B-2  
Crystal City, Texas



VIA AIRMAIL

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

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my

Business

Q - 53 - B - 2  
Alien Internment Camp  
Crystal City, Texas

July 31, 1946

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
Mills Tower  
220 Bush St.  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

RE : Appeal for release  
YOSHIO EBISU

Dear Mr. Collins :

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of  
my appeal to Hon. Thomas M. Cooly.

Please examine and file the same accordingly.

Truly yours ,

*Yoshio Ebisu*  
Yoshio Ebisu



Q 53 B 2  
Alien Internment Camp  
Crystal City, Texas

July 31, 1946

Hon. Thomas M. Cooly II Jr.  
Director,  
Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Appeal for Release  
YOSHIO EBISU

Honorable Sir:

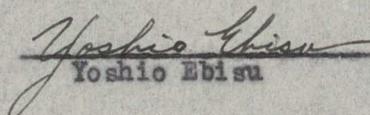
I, Yoshio Ebisu, 25, single, a U.S. Citizenship renunciant, now detained at Alien Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, hereby appeal to Your Honor for reconsideration of my case and a grant of release from internment, and in support thereof I hereby submit my statement set forth as follows:

1. That, I was born in Petersburg, Alaska, on March 7, 1921, and was taken to Japan by my parents in 1924 when I was 3 years old. My mother died while I was in Japan and my father retired in Japan. Seeking the land of my birth and opportunity, I returned to the United States in 1937 when I was 17 years old. After my landing at the port of San Francisco, I went to Lodi, San Joaquin County, California. There I worked in farms and attended a night school. In 1941 I went to Alaska for 2½ months as a cannary worker for Alaska Packing Co. Upon return from Alaska I went back to Lodi and started a small retail grocery business until the time of mass evacuation.
2. That, I was assembled in Walerga Assembly Center, and was transferred to Tule Lake Center in July 1943. In March 1946 I was transferred to this camp in Crystal City, Texas. I was always ready to cooperate with the Center Authorities and worked as a freight crew and later worked in the Center Canteen warehouse crew. I also worked in C.A. Public Announcement Department, during my sojourn in Tule Lake. I am now working in the Camp Shoe Shop at Crystal City Internment Camp.

3. That, I am classified 1-A by the Selective Service Local Board # 35 , Lodi, California under dating June 27, 1946.
4. That, being placed in Tule Lake Center where anti-American activity went rampant, and being a Kibei with English language difficulty, the clever tongued extremists of pro-Japanese agitators finally got the best of me, with false propaganda, fantastic claims and despotic attitude, combined with atrocious threat of violence. Under unavoidable circumstances I was made to sign application for repatriation followed by renunciation of my U. S. Citizenship against my will.
5. That, when the hostilities ceased and the dawn of new era awakened us, I was one of the first applicants to cancell my repatriation and appealed for cancellation of my renunciation, for it was not my own initiative by which my renunciation and repatriation were applied. I never felt at ease ever since I made my mistakes, for my only thought now is to restore my U. S. citizenship.
6. That, therefore I testify that I pledge my loyalty and allegiance to the United States of America the land of my birth and choice. That, I further testify that I am willing to serve in the U. S. Armed Forces or any branch of services to which I may be fit. My final goal is to become a full pledged American whereby I may contribute to this Democracy in redemption to my past mistakes.

In view of the merit contained the above statement, I hereby beseech Your Honor for reconsideration of my case and further beseech Your Honor for a grant of an early release, so that I may prove my loyalty to the United States.

Respectfully yours,

  
Yoshio Ebisu