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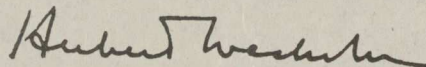
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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Iwao Imamura
(born Nov. 22, 1926, Parlier, California)
7806-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: May 3, 1945

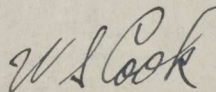


Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

Ft. Lincoln Internment Camp
Bismarck, N. Dak.

Date: 10-15-45

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Acting Officer in Charge

- Iwao Imamura



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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Iwaso Immigrants
(born Nov. 22, 1928, Portland, California)
7000-B
Tule Lake Center
Merced, California

On the basis of the facts stated in the foregoing, the Department of Justice, pursuant to the provisions of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your renunciation of United States nationality has been approved. The Department is not aware of any other 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.

May 2, 1945

Robert H. Jackson

Robert H. Jackson
Assistant Attorney General



U.S. 23-12
Date: 10-15-45
Ft. Lincoln Internment Camp
Bismarck, N. Dak.
Approved.
W. J. McCoy
Acting Officer in Charge



James Iwao Imamura
Box 300 334
Bismarck N. Dakota
January 2, 1946

Honorable Thomas C. Clark
Attorney of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January, 1945 I signed an application for renunciation of the U. S. nationality at the W. R. A. Segregation Center at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official and I have received a letter dated May 3, 1945, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General approving this renunciation.

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 continuously from April 28, 1942, 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 thus discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;
- (4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign said renunciation form while under pressure and 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 that country or nation any allegiance. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship through an act or acceptance upon my individual part.

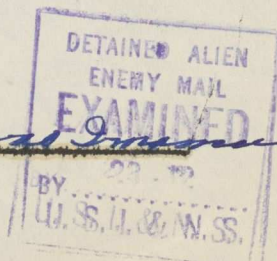
I ask therefore that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is herewith repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me and that you recall, withdraw, cancel and revoke your approval of said renunciation form as well.

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 word 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,

James Iwao Imamura



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Committee No. _____

(For Use Only of My Attorney) Atty. No. _____

Name (type or Print) JIMMIE IWAQ IMAMURA
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address at present: Box 300 331 FORT LINCOLN N. DAKOTA

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 19 year. Date of birth: Month: NOVEMBER Day: 22 Year: 1926

Place of birth: City: FRESNO County: PARLER State: CALIFORNIA

Permanent residence at time of evacuation: 12329 WICKS STREET
ROSCOE CALIFORNIA

Occupation at time of evacuation: STUDENT

Have you dual citizenship? NO

Did you ever have dual citizenship? NO

Did you ever take steps to cancel dual citizenship? _____

On what date did you sign an application to renounce your citizenship?

JANUARY 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at that time? YES

Were you given a hearing on that application? YES

Where was the hearing conducted? TULE LAKE CALIFORNIA

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? MAY 3, 1945

On what date did you receive that letter? OCT. 15, 1945

(Attach that letter and the envelope it came in to this
questionnaire.)

Who signed that letter of approval? HERBERT WECHSLER

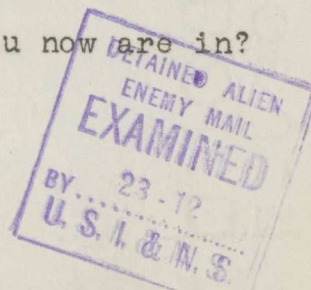
Have you written a letter to Attorney General Tom Clark revoking your
renunciation? YES

What is the date of that letter? JANUARY 2, 1946

(Attach your carbon copy of that letter to this questionnaire).

From what camp were you removed and taken to the camp you now are in?

TULE LAKE CALIFORNIA



Have you served in our military forces? NO

If you have, what type of discharge did you receive:

What was your last draft classification? NONE

Were you ever classified "4-C"? NO

Did you refused to be drafted? NO

Are your parents U. S. citizens? NO

What are their names? _____

Have they been relocated? NO

Where do they live now? _____

What members of your family are serving or have served in the military forces: NONE

Have you been registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? YES When? MAY 1945 Where? BISMARCK, N. DAK.

Did you protest that registration in writing? NO

Have you filed a "non-repatriation" form? YES

When? AUGUST 1945

Are you single or married? SINGLE

What is your wife's name: _____

What is her present address? _____

Is she a renunciant? _____

Have you any children? NO

What are their names and where are they living? _____

Are there any other renunciants in your family? YES Who? SISTERS
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The following space is for any remarks you wish to make:

At the age of eighteen I was influenced by the address and by the pressure groups. I wanted to prove my loyalty to the U.S.A. I was born as a citizen and educated.

Dated: January 3, 1945

Jimmie Iwas Imamura
(Name)

