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EARL WARREN ATTORNEY GENERAL
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO:

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Hon. Earl Warren
Attorney General
Civic Center
San Francisco, Calif.

ATTENTION: HON. WARREN OLNEY, Chief Criminal Deputy

Dear Warren:

Last Saturday I sent you by registered mail map showing Japanese land titles in Placer County. I was fortunate to be able to obtain the title company's records of both fee ownership, as well as leases, and these holdings appear on the map in the light red color.

In addition to the title company records, I had the assessment books of the county checked, and holdings, other than those furnished by the title company, appearing on the assessment records, are shown on the map in the dark red. I presume the reason why these two are different is that I had the Assessor include all land whether assessed in the name of a Japanese or not, if the tax bills were directed to be sent to a Japanese.

The title company record of leases covers a period of some three years, and may not be now in actual existence.

The County Agricultural Commissioner has not yet even started his survey, and therefore I did not desire to wait several weeks until he had completed his work. I do believe that the map will probably show most of the holdings anyway.

I will proceed immediately to obtain maps of city areas, but from the information I have received, I believe that there will be very few Japanese holdings in the incorporated cities.

This morning we received the form for the survey and will endeavor to devise some method of obtaining the information required.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
ASSIGNED TO:

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Hon. Earl Warren
Attorney General
State Building
San Francisco, California

Dear General Warren:

On February 7, 1942, I mailed you a map of Placer County showing Japanese land holdings in the unincorporated area. The land occupied by Japanese in our incorporated cities is of a very nominal nature. So far as we have been able to locate, there are no Japanese residing in either Lincoln, Colfax or Rocklin. There are only two Japanese residing in Auburn, one running a fish market and the other a general merchandise store. In addition to this, there is a building used as a Japanese Church.

The other incorporated city in this County is Roseville, and so far as we have been able to ascertain only two Japanese are in that city. In addition to these two, there is a name listed, K. Iseri, but we have not yet determined whether or not he is a Japanese, the Tax Collector believing that he is of some other nationality.

Herewith I am enclosing maps of these two incorporated cities.

At the present time I have employed two investigators, who are now engaged in filling out the form of questionnaire that you sent to this office.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours

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San Francisco, March 10, 1942

Honorable Lowell L. Sparks
District Attorney of Placer County
Auburn, California

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of three pages of the three-page map of your County which was sent to you in connection with the Alien Land Law survey being made by this office, together with maps of the cities of your County. Your courtesy and cooperation in connection with the completion and return of these maps are greatly appreciated. We are finding these maps generally useful in the National Defense work which is being carried on by this office.

I presume that there will probably be material changes in connection with the maps of your County which are designed to reflect the location of Japanese thereon. If, at any time in the future, any changes seem sufficiently important, I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me of these changes so that I can make the proper notations on the maps of your County which I have here in this office. If you should deem it advisable, I will be very glad to return to you all or a part of the maps which you previously sent into me, and thus give you an opportunity to make any changes, corrections or additions which may be necessary.

Very truly yours,

EARL WARREN, Attorney General

By

SHERRILL HALBERT
Deputy Attorney General

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