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UCHIDA, SUYEHIO

1948-1962

* (JAPAN)

* JUDGMENT LIST

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Tokyo-to, Ota-ku, Minami-
Senzoku-Machi, #45, Japan
June 24, 1948

Mr. Wayne Collins
American Civil Liberty Union
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Having read few articles on renunciation of citizenship test cases on Nisei's, I would wish to inquire if you will be able to give any information on our present status?

Will it be possible for you to include my name on the test case too? Few of the informations are:

Name: Suyehiro Uchida JUDGMENT
Age: 23 LIST
Date of Birth: Feb. 23, 1925
Place of Birth: Calexico, Calif.
Present Address: Tokyo-to, Ota-ku, Minami-
Senzoku-Machi, #45, Japan
Renounced at: Tule Lake Center, Newell, Calif.
Approved: Santa Fe Alien Internment Camp,
Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sept. 1945

Thanking you in advance for whatever information you can render on my humble letter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Suyehiro Uchida

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Rte. 4, Box 60
Lucretia Ave.
San Jose, Calif.

June 29, 1948.

Mr. Collins
The American Civil Liberty Union
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing you concerning my brother-in-law, Suyehiro Uchida, who is a repatriate and who wishes to be reinstated as a United States citizen.

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The following information was sent to me from him in Japan:

Name: Suyehiro Uchida

Sex: Male

Age: 24

Date of Birth: February 23, 1925.

Permission of Renunciation: Was after the War
Sept. 1945.

Japanese Citizenship: None (did not apply).

I would appreciate any advice or further information concerning your test cases.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Mae A. Uchida

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Ota-ku, Yukigaya Machi #702
Tokyo, Japan
December 26, 1951

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

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 29, 1951 and a letter from Mr. T. Kono, The Tule Lake Defense Committee, dated November 17, 1951. First of all I would like to thank you very much for your extraordinary legal work rendered to cancel my renunciation of U.S. citizen which I assure must have been an extremely difficult legal work.

I realize that you are a busy man but I would like to to take a few minutes of your time by this letter to inquire in the court procedure as I am slightly confused in the decision of the Circuit Court which reversed the ruling of the U.S. District Court in cancelling the renunciations in our favor. On October 10, 1951, Nippon Times, a newspaper in Tokyo, published an article stating that the Supreme Court denied a hearing to approximately 4,000 Nisei seeking U.S. citizen (a copy of this publication is attached on a separate sheet.)

My legal knowledge is very small and my interpretation of the Supreme Court denying a hearing meant that it had upheld the decision of the Circuit Court and an unfavorable decision to the renunciants. This I thought was the final verdict.

I am more than happy to pay the sum of \$300.00 for your past six years of tedious task but the reason for the inquiry is whether the decision is favorable or unfavorable in cancelling my renunciation and restoring my citizenship.

Hoping that I will be able to receive a reply from you and please note change of address.

Sincerely yours,

joined
8/23/48

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J.L.

Suyehiro Uchida
Suyehiro Uchida

NIPPON TIMES

TOKYO, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1951

4,000 NISEI SEEKING U.S. STATUS TURNED DOWN BY SUPREME COURT

Kyodo-AP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9--The Supreme Court Monday denied a hearing to approximately 4,000 persons of Japanese ancestry residing on the West Coast who seek official declarations that they are U.S. citizens.

All of them were born in this country. While held in relocation centers during World War II they signed renunciations of American citizenship. Their attorneys asserted these renunciations were signed because of coercion by Government agents.

The U.S. District Court in San Francisco agreed with the attorneys, ordered the renunciations canceled, and declared the persons to be U.S. citizens. This action was appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court in San Francisco by the Justice Department, where the finding of coercion was asserted by the Government to be "clearly erroneous."

The Circuit Court ruled in favor of the Department. It said many of the persons had voluntarily renounced their citizenship, some had been disloyal to the United States, many became interested in cancellation of the renunciations only when the collapse of Japan indicated living conditions in this country would be better than in the Orient, and many who had spent their youth in Japan were definitely pro-Japanese.

A companion appeal filed in the Supreme Court by 122 other Nisei also was refused by the high tribunal.

The 122 also signed denunciations and the Government issued orders for their removal to Japan, under an Alien Enemy Act of 1798. The Government contended that under Japanese law the renunciations were subjects of Japan.

The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the two appeals means that the cases now go back to the U.S. District Court.

JUDGMENT
LIST

Tokyo-to, Ota-ku, Yukigaya-Machi 702
Tokyo, Japan
February 28, 1952

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 29, 1952 and forwarding
same today.

My first name (Suiki) on the birth certificate differs from
the name (Suyehiro) as on file with the Justice Department. The name
(Suyehiro) was used as a child and known through school while attend-
ing in the United States. All my record should show Suyehiro or I
do not recall but it may have in the record alias: HENRY SUIKI
UCHIDA.

Apparently my name was filed erroneously to the registrar
by my father.

Sincerely yours,

Suyehiro Uchida
Suyehiro Uchida

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

Telephone: Garfield 1-1218
January 29, 1952

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Mr. Suyehiro Uchida
Ota-ku,
Yukigaya Machi 702
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sir:

According to my records you were born in
Calexico, California on February 23, 1925.

The records of the Justice Department apparently
show your birth date to be February 23, 1924.

IT IS IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO CLEAR YOUR CITIZENSHIP
STATUS THAT YOU NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY by returning
this letter filled out below with the correct date and
place of your birth and your name as shown on your
birth certificate.

NAME Suiki UCHIDA

BIRTH DATE February 23, 1925

BIRTH PLACE Calexico, California

Very truly yours,

Wayne M. Collins
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Ota-ku, Yukigaya Machi 702
Tokyo, Japan
Nov. 13, 1952

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney-at-Law
1701 Mills Tower
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of the judgment filed at U.S. District Court at San Francisco on May 29, 1952 in which I thank you for your marvelous work in bringing the case to a favorable decision.

I understand that the decision upheld by the district court reverse our status to the time of our birth if we return to the United States.

I am at present attempting to return to the United States by receiving a passport from the U. S. Consular Service and settling the debt I owe you at San Francisco. The question in my mind is that how long of a period must I reside in the United States in order to go abroad as a United States Citizen for business purpose, etc..

I am sure that this problem is entirely different from the litigation fee and I am willing to pay you separate. Hoping that you will give me an early reply and the cost of the information reasonable - thank you

Sincerely yours,

S. Uchida
S. Uchida

UCHIDA, SUYEHIRO
Judgment

August 26, 1960

Mr. Suyehiro (Suiki Henry) Uchida
792 Pacific
Monterey, California

Dear Mr. Uchida:

If you are Mr. Suyehiro (Suiki Henry) Uchida who was born in Calexico, California, on February 23, 1925, and who renounced U.S. citizenship at the Tule Lake Center and thereafter joined the class suit to regain your U.S. citizenship, I would thank you to communicate with me promptly so that arrangement may be made to deliver to you final papers in connection with the matter. Please send your reply in the enclosed envelope.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss
Enc: env.

DATA SHEET

Name: UCHIDA, Suyehiro (Suiki Henry)

Judgment: 1952 J Japan
(Date & kind)

Address: 1334 Lark Ellen 7 Id
La Puente, Calif 91561

Card: _____

Folder: _____

Address Information:
(Phone bk., C/D, etc.)

Born Calexico, Calif.
Japan

S.F.
Not in J/D Watsonville, San Jose, La Jolla
" " Jh/bk Berkeley

Id
There is a J/D
Henry Uchida
792 Pacific
Monterey, Calif
I D - AUG 26 '60

Letters, contact, judgment
order, etc.:

11/1/60 No MR
must be right

Payment information, billing:

12/7/60 MR - no succ #

Try Id To 7/12/12/60

no answer Mae A. Uchida
2255 Lucretia Ave
San Jose

Cross reference:

sister in law
Mae A. Uchida of San Jose
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Try Id To 5/15/61
Yoshihiro Uchida { *Id*
860 N. 5th St { *Orang.*
San Jose
// *answered*

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
GARfield 1-5827

November 1, 1960

Mr. Suyehiro Suiki Henry Uchida
792 Pacific
Monterey, Calif.

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Quite some time ago you received from me your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancelled your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declared you to be a U. S. citizen. However, you have not yet paid the balance of \$ 300.00 due on your account. If it presses you too much to pay this balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

W.M. Collins

Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
GARfield 1-5827

November 1, 1960

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Mr. Suyehiro Suiki Henry Uchida
792 Pacific
Monterey, Calif.

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Very truly yours,

W. M. Collins

Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-5827

December 7, 1960

Mrs. Mae A. Uchida
2255 Lucretia Ave.
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Uchida:

I would thank you to let me know the present address of Mr. Suyehiro Suiki Henry Uchida and Mrs. Tazuko Uchida so that final papers concerning their citizenship status may be transmitted to them. Please use the enclosed cards and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss
Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
GARfield 1-5827

May 15, 1961

Mr. Yoshihiro Uchida
860 N. 5th St.
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Mr. Yoshihiro Uchida:

I would thank you to let me know the present address
of Mrs. Tazuko Uchida, nee Ono, and Henry Suiki Suyehiro Uchida
so that final papers concerning ^{their}~~his~~ citizenship status
may be transmitted to ^{them}~~him~~. Please use the enclosed card
and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

W.M. Collins

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

Garfield 1-5827

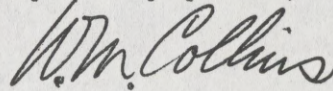
June 15, 1961

Mr. Suyehiro Uchida
1334 Lark Ellen
LaPuente, Calif.

Dear Mr. Uchida:

Quite some time ago you received from me your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancelled your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declared you to be a U. S. citizen. However, you have not yet paid the balance of \$ 300 due on your account. If it presses you too much to pay this balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,



Enc.

Henry Suiki Suyehiro Uchida

1334 Lark Ellen
LaPuente, Calif.

1334 Lark Ellen
La Puente, California
August 4, 1961

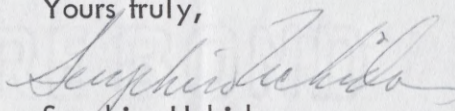
Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

I have received your invoice in the amount of \$ 300.00 which
I feel is incorrect.

What transpired in the past years is quite hazy, but I believe
an offer has been made for your service, but to my knowledge
no acceptance of your term and condition has been made.
I believe no valid contract nor assignment of an agent was
signed by the undersigned to engage your legal service.

Yours truly,


Suyehiro Uchida

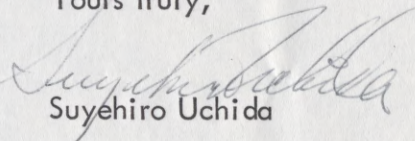
1334 Lark Ellen
La Puente, California
Sept. 6, 1961

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

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is my previous reply to you which should
be self explanatory.

Yours truly,



Suyehiro Uchida

September 18, 1961

Mr. Suyehiro Uchida
1334 Lark Ellen
La Puente, California

Dear Mr. Uchida:

In answer to your letter of August 4, 1961, I wish to inform you that you applied to be joined in litigation in the U.S. District Court in an endeavor to have your renunciation of citizenship canceled and to be declared a U.S. citizen. I informed you by letter of the fact that you were joined in the litigation as a party-plaintiff on August 23, 1948. Thereafter I wrote to you, as also did the Tule Lake Defense Committee which represented the renunciants in the litigation in dealings with me. I also wrote you and informed you, as did the Tule Lake Defense Committee, that I was successful in having a final judgment entered in the U.S. District Court.

Thereafter, I wrote and informed you that the Attorney General and other defendants had appealed the cases to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and that the Circuit Court had affirmed the judgment as to some and reopened the case as to a majority in order to enable the Attorney General to submit additional evidence against each of the plaintiffs. Thereafter, I notified you that the Attorney General and other defendants applied to the U.S. Supreme Court to review the cases and that that court declined to take jurisdiction of the cases. Thereafter, I wrote you and informed you that the mandate of the Court of Appeals was handed down to the U.S. District Court and that the judgment that I entered in your favor became conclusive and that the judgment canceled your renunciation and declared you to be a U.S. citizen.

I wrote to you several letters in Japan requesting you to notify me of the address to which you intended to return in the United States but you did not communicate that information to me. I have a letter from you stating in part "I am more than happy to pay the sum of \$300.00" for the services I had rendered.

A certified copy of the conclusive judgment canceling your renunciation and declaring you to be a U.S. citizen was forwarded to your Japan address. For your information, the legal services

Mr. Suyehiro Uchida

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September 18, 1961

I have rendered to you have been successful and have been concluded. You, however, have not paid to me a single cent. In consequence, I would thank you to remit to me forthwith the balance of \$300.00 you owe.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss

1334 Lark Ellen
La Puente, Calif.
Feb. 12, 1962

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

Dear Sir:

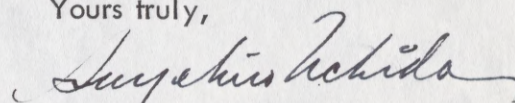
In reply to your letter of September 18, 1961, that my name was joined in the litigation against the Attorney General of the United States may have had legal benefit had I been physically present in the United States.

As you are aware as an attorney that the Attorney General of the United States never had or ever have jurisdiction to exercise the laws of the United States on Japanese soil and the United States State Department is vested with the authority to exercise the approval of applicants to be reinstated as U. S. citizen on foreign land.

Although, you state the case was conclusive, I had to file a litigation with the Japanese courts and be processed by the U. S. State Department as any normal citizen of Japanese ancestry applying to return to the United States. I believe this method has taken 5 years of my life since the judgment you claim was not conclusive to the U. S. State Department which I feel the loss^{of} time and monetary value is quite large. If the fee you claim is valid and judgment conclusive on foreign soil, I believe that I have a justified claim against the U. S. State Department for the delay of issuing the necessary paper for my return to the United States.

In view of the above, I feel that I did not receive an enforceable right to return to the United States from your judgment as a citizen and the fee you claim is exorbitant.

Yours truly,


Suyehiro Uchida

STRATNMORE BOND

FLUORESCENT

2 1/2" x 3 1/2" 100% COTTON PAPER USA