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Iseri, Shigeko

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Aza, Asai, Tatsuno Mura,  
Kamimashiki Gun, Kumamoto  
Ken, Japan  
April 14, 1947

Mr. W. M. Collins,  
1721 Mills Tower,  
220 Bush Street,  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing in behalf of my brother Isami and myself in regards to our property which is located in Dabob, Jefferson County, Washington.

We the American citizen were forced to evacuate from West Coast in June 1942 leaving our beloved property and friends behind like all Japanese aliens and were placed in Tulalake Concentration Camp until December 1945 when we expatriated to Japan. We renounced our citizenship because we were told that no citizen will be able to expatriate, they will be automatically be denounced, so to make it sure that we will be able to accompany our aged parents we renounced. After evacuation aged parents were in failing health because father is 70 and mother 68 years old, having to leave their beloved home and friends behind as well as us. They were hospitalized number of times during our camp living and they insisted that they want to go back to Japan to have graveside memorial services for their late parents before their health fails. It is the responsibility of my brother Isami to see and support the parents but he asked me to accompany too because I a nurse to comfort my aged parents on the trip.

Brother Isami was running a dairy on 160 acres farm and was selling milk to city, Army and Navy Department until evacuation which at that time had to sell all the livestock before we left our dear home and friends behind.

Our property is located at Dabob, Jefferson County, State of Washington. Our agent is paying our taxes during our absence from our Farm Account, so will you please kindly send me the necessary information what will be done to our property because we are in Japan. I would also like to know if the property can be turned over to an American citizen who is now residing in United States, if so, what procedure can I take to take action on it? Also, I would like to know about our Bank Account in State of Washington.

Brother is now working for Liaison Office and I am working for the Kumamoto Ken Public Health Department. This was our first trip to Japan as well as for my aged parents, its their first trip back in 50 years so I could not convince them to later date. To tell you the truth I am having a hard time because I only know English and am waiting for the day that I can get my foot on good ole States soils.



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Will you kindly address the letter to Major R. Hartman and he  
will forward it to me.

I will appreciate very much for your immediate action and will  
be waiting for your answer.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly,

(Miss) Shigeko Isari



August 25, 1947

Major Robert F. Hartman,  
Kumamoto Military Gov't Team,  
c/o Postmaster,  
APO No. 929, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Major Hartman:

I would thank you to forward the enclosed letter to Miss Shigeko Iseri, Aza, Asai, Tatsuno Mura, Kamimashiki Gun, Kumamoto Ken, Japan.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw  
Enc. Form letter.



April 25, 1947.

Miss Shigeko Iseri,  
Aza, Asai, Tatsuno Mura,  
Kamimashiki Gun, Kumamoto Ken,  
Japan.

Dear Miss Iseri:

In answer to your letter of April 14th, please be informed that under the provisions of Trading With the Enemy Act, the Alien Property Custodian, whose functions recently were assumed by the Attorney General, had jurisdiction over property of U.S. citizens and aliens and resident aliens who are outside our continental limits. The past procedure practiced by that office was to vest title to the property of each person and later convert the property into cash and deposit it in a special funds account of the Alien Property Custodian and thereafter await authority from Congress as to whether or not it would be appropriated by our government or be returned to the original owners.

If your agent is handling the property on your behalf it is my suggestion that you take no action in connection therewith except to enable him to cooperate the property for your benefit.

There is no reason for you to transfer your money to another person. It is likely that your bank account in the State of Washington still remains in your name. You may be able to draw upon that account when Congress or the President officially declares the war to be ended or when a peace treaty with Japan is entered into. It is my suggestion that you write to the Alien Property Custodian in the State of Washington and ascertain whether or not your bank account has been seized by the Alien Property Custodian acting through the Federal Reserve Bank.

Under Title 8 U.S. Code, Sec. 903, any person who claims U.S. citizenship is entitled to return to the United States if he does as follows: (1) Either files a suit or joins a pending suit in the U.S. District Court in the U.S. where he claims his residence "to declare his U.S. nationality", (2) prepares a sworn application stating that the claim to U.S. nationality



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Re: Shigeko ISERI

Her letter states that she regained her citizenship abroad and returned by U.S. passport.

Re sister: Hanako Iseri in Japan - she misplaced affidavits and would like another set sent to her.

She asks whether a repatriate who came to U.S. can be naturalized.



in said suit is presented in good faith and has substantial basis. Take or obtain such application from a diplomatic or consular officer of the U.S. in Japan. He will issue a certificate of identity stating his nationality is pending before the court. If the consul refused to issue the certificate, he can appeal to the Secretary of State in Washington, D.C.

If you and your brother desire to be included in equity suit No. 25294-S in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division, which already includes in excess of 1600 renunciants, which is a suit to declare the U.S. nationality of each of the parties plaintiff, it is my suggestion that you notify me immediately via air mail inasmuch as names cannot be added to that case after a decision is rendered. From day to day I am expecting that decision to be rendered.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw



April 26, 1947.

Miss Shigeko Iseri,  
Aza, Asai, Tatsuno Mura,  
Kamimashiki Gun, Kumamoto Ken,  
Japan.

Dear Miss Iseri:

You and your brother, Isami, have been included in equity suit No. 25294-S in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division, which is a suit to determine the U.S. nationality of each plaintiff. The American consul in Yokohama is being notified that you and your brother are plaintiffs in said suit.

Under the provisions of Title 8 U.S. Code, Sec. 903, any person who claims U.S. citizenship is entitled to return to the United States if he does as follows: (1) Either files a suit or joins a pending suit in the U.S. District Court in the U.S. where he claims his residence "to declare his U.S. nationality", (2) Prepares a sworn application stating that the claim to U.S. nationality in said suit is presented in good faith and has substantial basis. Take or obtain such application from a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in Japan. He will issue a certificate of identity stating his nationality is pending before the court. If the consul refuses to issue the certificate, he can appeal to the Secretary of State in Washington, D.C.

Please send me card or letter stating your full names, age, present address, address before evacuation, names of members of your family and whether in the United States or Japan, and requesting that each of you be included in the suit.

Correcting letter sent to you on April 25th, do not write to the Alien Property Custodian but to your agent in State of Washington who can inform you whether or not your account has been blocked.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw



3 June 1948

Mr. W. Collins  
Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

The undersigned Shigeko Iseri wishes to be included in the  
mass suit to restore my United States citizenship.

Shigeko Iseri  
Signature

Name: (Miss) Shigeko Iseri

Present Address: Asai, Tatsuno Mura, Kamimashiki Gun, Kumamoto Ken, Japan

Date of birth: February 10 1918  
Month Day Year

Place of birth: Seattle Washington  
City State

Place of citizenship renouncement Tulelake Concentration Camp,  
Tulelake, California

NOTE: State whether or not received a letter of approval on  
citizenship renunciation from Attorney General.

Yes



1019 Madison St  
Seattle 4, Wash.  
10 Nov. 1954

Wayne Collins  
Attorney-at-Law  
Miles Tower  
220 Bush Street.  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:-

I would like to enquire how  
JAPAN my sister Hanako and brother  
Samu Issei's case in regaining  
their citizenship is coming.

I know they have been unable  
to pay your fees, but if it is  
necessary for it to be paid before  
the case is over, I may be  
able to help them pay part  
of your fee for them until they  
can pay you in full, because  
I myself is trying to meet  
my expenses in attending school



Dec. 22, 1954

To: WMC

The writer, Shigeko Iseri, writes from Seattle, Wash. It appears from her file that she is a Japan renunciant. Therefore, she has returned to U.S. - but her letter does not indicate this fact. She never did send affidavits in to us.

She inquires as to her brother, Isami (Isamu?) Iseri in Japan. Apparently his affidavits are rejected tho cannot locate his file.

She inquires as to sister, Hanako Iseri, Japan renunciant; who has not sent in affidavits.

Shigeko Iseri is attending nursing school.

No part of her fee is paid, nor that of brother or sister.

She offers to pay part of their fee, if necessary, before case is over.

DP



of Nursing.

I would greatly appreciate  
your early reply in regards  
to above named personnel.

Sincerely

Shigeko Iwano

Could she be  
the same  
Shigeko Iwano  
in our care?  
(Japan)



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December 23, 1954

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
1019 Madison Street  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Miss Iseri:

In reply to your letter of November 10, 1954, please be informed that your sister, Hanako has not sent in the affidavits which were sent to her. Your brother's affidavits are inadequate and will be returned to him for further information.

Inasmuch as you were in the mass class action together with your sister and brother I would thank you to inform me immediately if you obtained a U. S. passport abroad and returned to the U.S.

Very truly yours,

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*Revised*

Iseri, Shigeko

St. Columbus Hospital  
School of Nursing  
1019 Madison St  
Seattle 4, Wash  
24 January 1955.

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

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of 23 December 1954  
and want to thank you for the information  
I inquired.

Iseri, Shigeko

Put on  
for Judgment "  
Group

In your letter you wanted to know if  
I obtained my U. S. passport abroad  
and returned to U. S., Yes, I regained  
my citizenship abroad and returned by  
U. S. Passport.

I would like to ask you a favor of  
sending an affidavit form to my sister Hanako.  
again, seems as though she misplaced  
it in moving and her address has been  
changed too. Her present address is as  
follows: Hanako Iseri Hamada, 400, 1 Chome,  
Samagawa, Okusawa, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo,  
Japan.

Iseri, Hanako  
(now HAMADA)

New  
and noted  
Active-Japan  
no payments

Also, I would like to know, if an repatriate  
came to U. S., how long will they have to be here  
in order to be naturalized or can they be naturalized?

I would appreciate your answer.  
Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours  
Shigeko Iseri.



February 3, 1955

FOR JUDGMENT

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
c/o Columbus Hospital  
School of Nursing  
1019 Madison St.  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Miss Iseri:

Affidavits are being forwarded to your sister, Hanako Iseri Hamada, in accordance with your request of Jan. 24, 1955.

You have asked the question that if a repatriate came to the United States, how long would they have to be here in order to be naturalized and can they be naturalized. I am unable to answer such a question inasmuch as I do not know the circumstances under which the repatriate would return to the United States. If you will inform me who the repatriate is and whether or not he or she once had U.S. citizenship, and how such person lost citizenship, I may be able to inform you how such a person could return to the United States, the basis thereof and whether or not such person would be eligible for naturalization.

Very truly yours,



1019 Madison St  
Seattle 4, Wash.  
18 August 1958

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

Dear Sir:-

I would like your favor  
in knowing if you have received  
my brother Izumi and sister Hanako  
Izumi Hamada's affidavits from them.

I am very much concerned  
about them and what their status  
are at present, and if they would  
be able to regain their U. S. citizenship.  
I would appreciate your early  
reply.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely

Shigeko Izumi

Izumi and Hanako - I-Q-R  
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August 22, 1955

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
c/o Columbus Hospital School of Nursing  
1019 Madison Street  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Miss Iseri:

In reply to your letter of August 18, please be informed that proposed answers to the affidavit forms for Isami and Hanako Hamada Iseri, which I prepared from their answers to the sample affidavit and questionnaire forms sent to them, were mailed to each of them. The proposed answers were mailed to Isamu Iseri on August 17, 1955; and to Mrs. Hanako Iseri Hamada on July 29, 1955. Neither has replied as of this date.

As soon as their affidavits are received, they will be forwarded to the Justice Department for administrative processing.

Very truly yours,



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12 Feb 1956  
500 Minor Ave  
Seattle 4 Wash

Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law.

Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.

San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:-

I would like to know if  
you have heard from the  
Justice Department in regards  
to my brother's, James Lee's  
affidavit which he supposedly  
have sent to you sometime ago.

I certainly would appreciate  
your reply in regards to his  
status.

Thanking you in advance!

Sincerely,

Thigick Lee

True  
W. W. J.

Processed  
10-20-55



February 14, 1956

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
500 Minor Avenue  
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Miss Iseri:

In reply to your letter of February 13, 1956, please be informed that as of this date, this office has not been notified by the Justice Department of its decision relative to your brother, Isamu. His affidavits were forwarded to that Department on October 20, 1955.

In checking over your file and your brother, Isamu and your sister, Hanako, I find no indication of any financial contributions from any of you. You may wish to commence remitting to this office sums to be credited to your account or to all. The total outstanding amount due is \$900; or \$300 due on each account mentioned. A financial arrangement convenient to you may be arranged on a monthly basis.

At such time that your account becomes paid in full, a certified copy of the judgment order which was entered on your behalf on August 12, 1955 will be mailed to you.

Very truly yours,



4 April 1956  
500 Minor Ave  
Seattle 4, Wash.

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

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed check  
for fifty (\$50.00) dollars to pay for  
my brother Isamu's and sister  
Hanako's for their fee for your  
services in regards to their  
citizenship status.

I may not be able to send  
every month but will try  
accordingly to my budget.

Sincerely  
Shigeko Isami

\*\* Isami Isamu (Japan)  
\*\* Isami, Hanako Mrs. (Japan)



~~Same~~  
500 Minor Ave  
Seattle 4, Wash.  
3 June 1957

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

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed check  
for Fifty (\$50.00) dollars to cover  
your expense.

Please credit \$25.00 for Hanako  
and \$25.00 for Same. / Trial Judgment

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely

Shigeko Ikeni / Trial Judgment



500 Minor Ave  
19 July 1957

Wayne McCalline  
Attorney at Law.  
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir :-

Please find enclosed  
check for (\$50.00) fifty dollars  
to cover the fees for F.J.  
my brother James \$25.00  
& sister Hanako \$25.00. F.J.

Sincerely,

F.J. Shigiko Kuni

8/12/55



500 Minor Ave  
Seattle 4, Wash  
16 Sept '57

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

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed check  
for Fifty (\$50.00) dollars to cover  
your expense for Tanaka Isami<sup>771-13-56</sup>  
for \$25.00 and Isamu Isami for  
\$25.00.  
77 3-21-56

I've been trying to pay monthly  
but last month I was unable  
too.

Sincerely,  
Shigeko Isami. -7.8,  
8/12/55

19-114/1251 \$50.00



500 Minor Ave  
Seattle & Wash  
5 Nov. 1957.

Wayne M. Collins.

Mills Tower, 220 Bush St

San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

Please find a check for Fifty  
(\$50.00) dollars toward the fees for  
my brother Isamu for \$500 &  
sister Hanako <sup>Iseri</sup> Hanada for \$25.00.

Sincerely  
Shigeko Iseri

ISERI, ISAMU F.I.  
3-21-56

ISERI, HANAKO F.I.  
1-13-56



500 Minor Ave  
Seattle, Wash.  
12 Dec 1957

Wayne M. Collins:

Attorney at Law.

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed check  
for fifty dollars (\$50.00). Twenty five  
dollars for Hanako's fee &  
the rest for Isami's fee.

Will it be possible for  
you to send me how much  
I have paid up for their  
fees, I would appreciate  
it.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely

Shigeo Isew

Final Judgment



WAYNE M. COLLINS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
MILLS TOWER 220 BUSH STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1915

December 17, 1957

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
500 Minor Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Miss Iseri:

In reply to your letter of December 12, 1957  
I wish to inform you that the balance of Hanako Iseri's  
share of the costs, fees and expenses involved in  
carrying on this litigation is \$150.00. Isamu Iseri's  
account also indicates a balance of \$150.00.

Very truly yours,



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

August 19, 1960

2/7/62  
sent bill c/o pd  
Isamu Iseri (bro.)  
2012 Cypress Way  
Seattle, Wash

Miss Shigeko Iseri  
500 Minor Avenue  
Seattle 4, Washington

2/19/62 - MR bill -  
Say she's married  
& probably in Japan

Dear Miss Iseri:

If you wish to receive your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancels your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declares you to be a U.S. citizen, you can obtain it from me by sending to me the \$ 300.00 balance due on your account. Sometime in the future you may need this document to prove your citizenship, to obtain a passport, to establish your right to vote, in applying for employment, Social Security benefits, various licenses, loyalty checkup, etc. If it presses you too much to pay your balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay the balance by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

W.M. Collins

Enc.