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MAEKAWA, SHOZO  
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Sept 2

Aug 27, 1945  
5204-A

Newell, Calif

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Civil Liberties Committee

Dear Sir:

I should like some advice  
+ aid in ~~add~~ order to cancel my  
application to Renounce United  
State Nationality. I was  
forced to due so by the social  
structure of the ~~and~~ camp.  
Being educated in Japan I  
was not able to understand what  
I was being lead into because  
of my language difficulties.  
Sincerely yours.

Shozo Maekawa  
Yone Maekawa

Family # 15636

Address. 5204-A  
Newell, California



SEP 12 1945

710 7-D  
Newell, Calif  
Sept 10, 1945

Mr Ernest Besig, Director  
216 Pine St  
San Francisco 4 California

Dear Mr Besig:

On April, I have applied for cancellation  
of renouncement of American citizenship.  
I haven't received any answer but  
from Army Dept I have received a  
notice that I am cleared.

From Justice Dept I haven't received  
any notice. so I would like to  
know what have happened to my  
case. I have wrote to Justice Dept  
but haven't received any answer yet.  
Will you kindly find out about  
this case.



If I can go out, I would like to be a fisherman and ride on the boat as I wrote before.

In case I am cleared in both, I would like you to find out the name of the owner of fishing boat who I am going to work under.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely  
J. M. Muroto



7107-D  
Newell, Calif

Sept 7, 1945

SEP 11 1945

Ernest Beeing  
American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

On August 10th I had a hearing, at that time, I had answered that I would be loyal to America. If they call me for draft, I am willing to do my share as army life. It has been a month since I had this hearing but I haven't received any notice or answer to this hearing.

If I can, I would like to work at Monterey, Calif as a fisherman. I do not mind working under conditions. I would like to have an answer to this letter, and also like to know my status if I have any chance to go out or not.

Thanking for your kind consideration.

Sincerely

José Maernato



September 26, 1945

Mr. Isami Maemoto  
7107 D  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Maemoto:

While your previous letters were answered by our form letter, let me say specifically that the clearance by the military doesn't serve to release you from the center in view of your renunciation of citizenship. The justice department refuses to permit any renunciants to leave the center and, indeed, will move them to internment camps and eventually deport them to Japan. The only answer to this problem, as I see it, is for renunciants to bring legal actions to defend their rights. If you are in a position to hire an attorney, I would certainly do so and without delay. First of all, of course, I would write to the attorney general repudiating my renunciation.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director

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4215-AB  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California  
August 30, 1945

Mr. Ernest Besig  
American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to the Department of Justice asking cancellation of my renunciation application. Please do everything possible to help me regain my United States citizenship.

Very sincerely,

*Lucy Hatsuko Maruno*

Lucy Hatsuko Maruno



4215-AB  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California  
August 30, 1945

Mr. Edward J. Ennis  
Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a girl of 22 years of age, unmarried, that had renounced her citizenship along with many thousands that reside in this center. In order to present a picture of the situation in which I was involved at the time of the citizenship renunciation I shall try to explain as far as I know what had lead to make me resort to such drastic action and what made me change my mind.

The whole affair dates as far back as the compulsory registration of the selective service act which was enforced throughout every relocation center, in February, 1943. Resulting from misinterpretation of the act, partly due to the announcements in mimeograph by the project director, the Heart Mountain residents had voiced varied opinions and conjectures which confused the minds of registrants in such a way as to form two schools of thought among themselves; namely, a loyal group and a so-called disloyal group. Those who could not see through the intentions of the W.R.A. had confused other people by demanding remuneration of damages and losses incurred by the involuntary evacuation from the Pacific coastal areas of the Japanese, citizens and aliens, alike. This medley of said registration and complaints arising from evacuation caused confusions. In my opinion, these issues should have been considered separately and presented through different legal channels, but at that time the people of Heart Mountain, from where I came, were in a state of mass hysteria, decrying the enforcement of registration when the rights as American citizens had been considered by the evacuees as completely disregarded for those of Japanese ancestry.

Being a girl, the issue of the registration of the selective service act had no bearing over the question of my loyalty to the United States, but since it had been the wish of my father who is the head of the family and who is a Japanese subject to return to Japan, my whole family merely followed his example of repatriation request without much of their own thinking or of choice. When the segregation took place in September 21, 1943 for Heart Mountain, my family was brought to the present center. My mother is a second generation (nisei) of Japanese ancestry and she has never been to Japan.

When the segregation was completed, there remained in this center a few thousand residents who were considered loyal but who wished to remain here due to some personal reasons. I understand there were some conflicts between these



loyal residents and the disloyal group which resulted in a demand for re-segregation by the latter. And again, at the time of crop harvest in the fall of 1943 it was an understanding of those residents of pro-Japanese government that it was a direct disloyal attitude toward the Japanese government to aid in the harvest; hence, they moved in favor of strike against crop harvesting. It also agitated them to see volunteer laborers from relocation centers to harvest the Tule Lake Center's agricultural products. I may be wrong in this assumption because being an uninterested party on the side-line I did not know what had actually took place that lead to this action of citizenship renunciation. Before I knew anything about its being talked about, there had been several mass meetings held in every ward in this center. Since my family had requested for repatriation and everyone was morally forced to attend such meetings, listeners were instigated by leaders and speakers to prepare for every question to be likely asked at the hearings of citizenship renunciation. I hereby declare that the majority of my answers at the hearing had not come from the thinking of my own but had been based on the result of the influence of the talks and rumors that prevailed in said meetings and among the general public in the center at that time. If I had not followed the general move, my personal safety might have been jeopardized and my family might have been a social outcast in this community, judging from the threatening atmosphere created by such radical elements that have been interned in detention camps in the last movement.

It has been and is always my desire to stay in the United States. I swear that I had no intention of going to Japan on my own motive and I believe I never will. Since the end of the war, the thinking of my parents has changed, and they began to realize that this is my country and this is where I should establish my future and life. It has always been my belief that I should never be happy and free in Japan since Japan is not my country and because of the fact that I have never been to Japan. I do not know anything about the ways of the Japanese thinking, their customs, and formality which are entirely different from those of America. I could not be qualified to the rights as a Japanese subject as I have no Japanese citizenship. Since I owe a lot to my father, I accepted to accompany him to Japan in order to please him but with the end of the war I feel my obligation towards him has been fulfilled, at least morally.

I hereby declare that I wish to cancel my request for renunciation of my citizenship and I further state that it is my desire to remain in the United States and would like to ask for parole. Will you kindly consider my case and in-



form me as to whatever necessary steps that I should follow in order to clarify my status.

Yours very truly,

*Lucy Hatsuko Maruno*

Lucy Hatsuko Maruno

Family Number: 32373

Date of Birth: *December 17, 1922*

Place of Birth: *Mtn. View, California*



MIYAMOTO, TSUTOYE,

Form letter, Sept. 8

I have enclosed a copy of my letter to the Dept.  
of Justice requesting for futher consideration.  
I will be glad if you will keep it in your file

Thank you

SEP 7 1945



4516-C  
Newell, California  
September 6, 1945

SEP 7 1945

The Hon. Edward J. Ennis, Director  
Alien Enemy Control Unit  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I request that my case be reopened for further consideration.

I am a native born American Citizen and I wish to retain and exercise all the rights of United States citizens and to be bound by all the obligation of such citizenship.

I would like to repudiate my renunciation of United States citizenship as I signed it under pressure.

Respectfully yours,

*Isutaye Miyamoto*



MIYAOKA, TOSHIAKI

*Form letter  
Sept 3*

Toshiaki Miyaoka  
8315-E  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

AUG 27 1945

Mr. Ernest Besig  
Director  
American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter in regards to the renunciation of my citizenship. I have already renounced my citizenship and now I would like to have it back and once more be a Citizen of the United States.

Being a citizen of this country and to be thrown in a camp like the aliens, has made me bitter toward this country and after one thing led to another I have come to Tule Lake and renounced my citizenship.

But now I regret this fact very much and would like to go outside and relocate.

Will you arrange it so that I can have my citizenship back again so that I can go out with my family and once more lead a normal life.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future I remain.

Yours very truly,

Toshiaki Miyaoka

*20 yrs of age*



November 7, 1945.

Mr. George Mori,  
Block 7206-B,  
Tule Lake Center,  
Newell, Modoc County,  
California.

Dear Mr. Mori:

I am returning herewith your letter of November 4th because it was addressed to me by mistake. Your letter of protest should be sent to Hon. Tom C. Clark, U.S. Attorney General, Department of Justice Building, Washington, D.C., and a like letter should be sent to Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge, Tule Lake Center, Newell, Modoc County, Calif.

On the copy of your application for non-repatriation question No. 2 should show that your nationality is "American"; the answer to question No. 6 should show that you wish to return to your home in "Hollister"; and either under No. 7 or 9 you should state, as you have, "I wish to state I wish to ~~stay~~ in this country for this is my country by birth and by choice".

I suggest that you have your committee prepare the letter for you addressed to Mr. Clark and Mr. Williams and that you deliver a carbon copy to them and ~~to~~ copy of the non-repatriation form also to send on to me.

Very truly yours,

WMC/W



SEP 13 1945

September 10, 1945  
913-D Tule Lake  
Newell, California

American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Attention: Mr. Ernest Besig,

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate any information concerning the position of Nisei who has declared himself disloyal to U.S. the result for being denied the full right as United States Citizen.

Now that the war is over, much sooner than one figured, I realize the mistake made by many nisei who has declared themselves disloyal even to the extent of renouncing their citizenship.

The damage is done but what is to be done about it is yet to be seen. So I would appreciate any information on possibilities of getting their citizenship back, or chances of these nisei relocating without their citizenship on parole.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Hiroshi Morimoto*

Hiroshi Morimoto



October 29, 1945.

Mr. Tadao Morimoto,  
2413-D,  
W.R.A. Center,  
Tule Lake, Calif.

Dear Mr. Morimoto:

I am returning herein  
your letter of protest which I assume was  
sent to me in error.

The protest should be  
addressed to Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer  
in Charge, Tule Lake Center.

A copy of said letter  
so sent to Mr. Williams should be attached  
to your questionnaire you fill out for your  
committee.

If the letter you sent me  
is only a copy of one you already have sent  
to Mr. Williams kindly send me the copy and  
let me know that the original was addressed  
to Mr. Williams.

Very truly yours,

WMC/W



October 23, 1945.

Miss Ruth M.O. Murai,  
Block 7002-C,  
Tule Lake, Calif.

Dear Miss Murai:

I am returning your letter  
of Oct. 22nd which was addressed to me in error.

Your letter revoking your renun-  
ciation should be addressed and sent to:

Hon. Tom Clark,  
Attorney General of the U.S.,  
Department of Justice Building,  
Washington, D.C.

A copy of the letter you sent to  
him should be attached to the questionnaire form  
you are filling out and be delivered to the com-  
mittee handling the matter.

Very truly yours,

WMC/W



3315-A  
Newell, California  
August 31, 1945

SEP 4 1945

Mr. Ernest Besig  
American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine Street  
San Francisco 4  
California

Dear Sir:

My name is Hiroshi Murakawa and I reside at 3315-A, Newell, California. My family number is 30-S.P. 305. I was born on March 4, 1916 at Sebastopol, California and my wife, Shizuko Murakawa (Maiden name--Shizuko Kimura) was born on May 7, 1921 in San Pedro, California. I hope this introduction of myself will give all necessary details.

I realize your time is very valuable, but with my problem I must come to you. Will you kindly assist me in cancellation of my renunciation of citizenship. I should also like parole if that is possible.

Due to incompetency of mind and education, multiplied with all kinds of rumors, I was compelled to renounce my citizenship under the influence of a certain pressure group here. I believe the influence and pressures of the group is well known. Also, at the time of evacuation, I could not help but feel discrimination, and this fear grew as days went by in the camp--living under uncertainties, rumors and pressures of a certain group. Life could not have been more miserable.

Now I come to a realization that the act I performed under the spell of this evil influence will greatly affect the lives of my two children, who are American citizens. I do not wish to bring injustice upon them through my stupid act; therefore, I am very anxious to undo my wrong, so please assist me. I am very much concerned with their welfare, especially their upbringing. Frankly, I want them to enjoy the Democratic way of life. Democracy is priceless, I realize that now.

My relatives have all relocated and they have convinced me deeply that I must take the same steps as they have. I am more than willing to join them. Could such arrangement be made of me as a parolee if not as a free individual? Prior to evacuation, my occupation was raising flowers. If possible, I would like to return to this field of work at the earliest possible moment.

Please advise me on this point as well as the cancellation of the renunciation. Thanking you for your time and service, I anxiously await for your answer.

Very truly yours,

*Hiroshi Murakawa*  
Hiroshi Murakawa

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3315-A  
Newell, California  
August 31, 1945

SEP 4 1945

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