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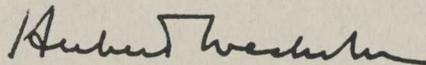
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Hisako Arimura
(born August 28, 1925, Los Angeles, Calif.)
7201-E
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: March 22, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

Sept 19, 1945

Attorney General

Dear Sir:

This is an earnest request on my part to have you reconsider my case in regards to renunciation of citizenship. At the time I renounced I was 19 years of age and my parents had decided to return to Japan to make a living as everything we had, had been wiped out due to the evacuation orders. There was nothing I could do except to accompany my parents wherever they wished to go, as we have no relatives in the U.S. that I could have gone to. During the time renunciation was taking place people encouraged me to renounce, saying that if I had my U.S. citizenship I would remain in the U.S. while my parents were repatriated to Japan, thereby causing a separation in our family ties. So not wishing this to happen I hesitantly took this action in spite of the fact that I thought it was drastic.

My parents are aliens and have never had a right to U.S. citizenship because of a certain law passed some years ago.

Checking with the authorities here I was informed that my parents are on the Free list.

As this is the case and because of the fact that they are from Takushima-ken near Kanaya Air port where everything tangible was blasted from the earth, my parents believe that there would be no place to go and whether our relatives are dead or alive is another question. Due to these facts, my father & mother are now anticipating to go outside and start all over again.

When I am confronted with this, I, too wish to go wherever my parents go. I am now on the Immigration Stop list because I renounced. However wish to make an earnest request to have you review my case once again. as I wish to ~~be~~ be paroled out from this camp,

when my parents decide to go. I have
lived all my life in U.S and have
never made a trip to Japan

Sincerely,

Hisako Arimura

Oct 1, 1945

(Mr. Ennis)

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you again, to plead for your mercy. As I have already written you before, I am a renouncee, which I regret with all my heart.

I was young in my sense of reasoning and lost control. I was driven in to take such an action, because of the rumors and the atmosphere of this center, at that time. It was like an epidemic, that swept over me, which made me move automatically in taking such a step. Today I realize, I have lost the most precious things I owned and feel the pain of my drastic mistake.

My parents are planning to relocate and I wish to go together with them. I have never been to Japan before and it is a strange country to me.

As I understand, my parents' birthplace

"Kagoshima-ken" was quite damaged by this war, which is one reason, that made my parents to refrain from returning to Japan. I do not wish to go in a strange war-torn country all by myself.

I am pleading, for your mercy. Please parole me, from deportation and permit me to relocate together with my family.

Would you please, give your kindness consideration to my case and please hear my plea.

Sincerely

Hiako Arimura

Notes

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2106

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) HISAKO ARIMURA

Block No. ~~7201E~~ 7106C

Sex: Male _____ Female X

Age: 20 years Date of Birth: Month: Aug Day: 28 Year: 1925

Place of Birth: (City) Los Angeles (County) _____ State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____
1519 E. Sycamores Ave Compton Calif.

Occupation at time of evacuation: student

Have you "dual citizenship"? no

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? _____

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as a dual citizen: _____ When: _____

Where: _____

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? _____

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: January Day: 8 Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that renunciation form? yes

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? yes

What was his name? not known

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? no

If so, who? _____

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? March 22 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? June 5, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received a letter approving your renunciation? no

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? _____

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? yes

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? Sept 17. Oct 1, 1945. Jan 31, 1946

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? _____

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? _____

Did you refuse to be drafted? _____

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either

becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? yes ^{about two months} but ~~withdrew~~

Are your parents U. S. citizens? no

What are their names: Takesuei Arimura (father) Masuo Arimura (mother)

Have they been released from detention? _____

Have they been relocated? Walteria, Calif.

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? _____

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? yes When: about Oct 26, 1945

Where: Fule Lake Processing Building who was present with you at that time, if anyone? no one Were you represented by

anyone at that time? no

Was any hearing given to you at that time? no

Who registered you, if you know? not known

Did you protest registering as an alien? yes

Did you write your protest on the form? yes

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer?

no (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? yes

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? no If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? _____

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone? _____

Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? _____

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A. Social Welfare? about Nov. 1943

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? about Nov. 1945.

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? no If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:
I am single. My parents and brothers
are already relocated in Calif

Date: Jan 31, 1945

Heiko Arimura

(Name)

Jan 31, 1946

HONORABLE TOM CLARK,
Attorney General of the United States,
Department of Justice Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On or about Jan 8, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. Nationality at the Tule Lake Center, Newell, Modoc County, California.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract and revoke the said renunciation upon 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 then and there was held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace, undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was and for a period of time prior thereto had been detained in said Tule Lake Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen and was treated as though I were an alien enemy and thus was discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated, coerced and compelled to sign said renunciation form by reason of the duress in which I was held by the government and the duress, fraud, menace and undue influence of groups and individuals within said Center, against which the government failed to protect me.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation was fictitious and is invalid and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and by choice. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part,

I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form, and the approval thereof if any approval thereof was given.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted me in order to prove the said renunciation application was executed under the circumstances above-mentioned when I was not a free agent in any sense of the word but was acting under duress, menace, fraud, undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Hisako Arimura
(Name)

Address: 7106-C
Newell, Calif

MEMBERS:

Upon relocation, will you kindly notify Mr. Wayne M. Collins, 1721 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, the following information immediately:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Address</u>	<u>New Address</u>	<u>Committee No.</u>
HISAKO ARIMURA	7106- 8 NEWELL, CALIF	P.O. Box 248 WALTERIA, CALIF	2106

Your cooperation on the matter will be appreciated.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE