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## ACTIVE LIST

Full Name : <sup>Dup 8/17/48</sup> (Tom) Satoshi Yoshizawa (MALE)

Age : 30

BIRTHDAY : March 17, 1918

BIRTHPLACE :

San Juan Bautista

California,

United States of America

PRESENT ADDRESS :

108-8 Chome Kaji machi  
Kokura, Kyushu  
Japan

RENOUNCED :

at Tule Lake Center

APPROVAL :

yes

Tom S. Goshirama  
8 Chome Kaji-machi  
Kokura, Kyushu

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

Dear Sir:

While in Tokyo I was informed by my friends that you and your organization are again helping the Japanese born in the United States of America who have repatriated to Japan. Kindly enter the names listed in a separate sheet with those inclosed in the mass equity suit No. 25294.

We are very much interested in points (1.) and (3.) of Article I. Though one might believe that the action was unconstitutional it is our true feeling that we make this plea "on the grounds that renunciations were caused by duress, coercion, undue influence, mistake of law or fact, the being governmental duress and also the private duress exerted by individual and groups in the W. R. A. camps. You can rely on our full support of your case and will gladly send you any additional information that you might need.

Your attention to the above request shall be most grateful.

Respectfully yours,  
Tom S. Goshirama

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PLACE WHERE I RENOUNCED: Tule Lake Center

DID YOU RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM  
A.G% OF APPROVAL? Yes

(Tom) Satoshi Yoshiyama  
c/o Kome Machi Kokumin Gakko  
Kokura, Kyushu, Japan  
July 6, 1948

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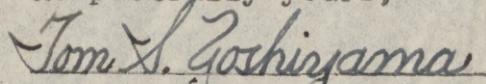
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of fact, the duress exerted being governmental duress and also  
the private duress exerted by the individuals and groups while  
in the W.R.A. camps." Never were we misguided and informed.  
You can rely on our full support of your case and will gladly  
send you and additional information that you might need.

Your kind attention to the above shall be most grateful and  
hope to recieve encouraging words from you soon. I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
(Tom) Satoshi Yoshiyama

November 10, 1948

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

Dear Sir:

NOTIFY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I wish to notify you that we have changed our address:

Tom Satoshi Yoshiyama  
811-2 Chome Denyen Chofu  
Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

I also wish to thank you for sending me your copy of the printed informations with full details regarding our present status. I am also happy to learn that I was made one of the 5,000 parties plaintiff in consolidated suit No. 25294, filed December 13, 1945, in the U.S. District Court at San Francisco.

*Joined 8/23/48*  
Can you tell me whether my wife, Hisako Yoshiyama, and also my sister-in-law, (Miss) Michiko Hiyeda, is included in the 5,000 parties plaintiff in consolidated suit No. 25294? And also is the children born in Japan of parents who have renounced their American citizenship under duress entitled to an American citizen?

Your kind attention to the above shall be most grateful, and hoping that all renunciaries receive a favorable reply soon, we beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

*Tom S. Yoshiyama*

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Tom S. Yoshiyama  
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P.S. At the present I am employed by the Lachman L. Mhohnani Inc. Exporter and Agent for the Asiatics.

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November 16, 1948

Mr. Tom S. Yoshiyama **ACTIVE LIST**  
811-2 Chome Denyen Chofu  
Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Yoshiyama:

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In reply to your letter of November 10th, Mrs. Hisako Yoshiyama and Miss Michiko Hiyeda were both joined in the suit on August 23, 1948.

It is my opinion that as and if the judgment restoring the citizenship of renunciants who are in Japan becomes final and conclusive that the State Department, as well as our courts, will take the view that children born to them in Japan will be U.S. citizens by birth even though born abroad, inasmuch as their citizenship is derived from their parents who are American citizens. This opinion is based on the fact that the renunciations of the parents will be set aside because they were executed under duress and therefore were void from the time of their execution and never became effective.

It is possible, however, that our courts may take the view that the renunciations were valid until such time as they were actually set aside by a final judgment in the United States District Court here. In such event, the State Department and our courts may hold, however, that children born during the period of time in which the renunciation was merely invalid and not void did not derive U.S. citizenship from their parents. However, it is my belief that the former view will prevail.

Very truly yours,

CROSS REFERENCE

August 10 1954

FILE OF: YOSHIYAMA, Satoshi (Tom)

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REFER TO FILE: \_\_\_\_\_  
WIFE: YOSHIYAMA, Hisako

CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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10/17/62

Satoshi Tomo Yoshimura  
deceased around 1962 in Japan

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