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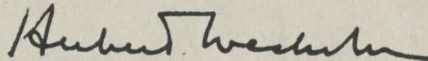
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Edna Kinoshita  
(born June 8, 1914, Courtland, California)  
7815-I  
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 5, 1945

Mr. Edw. J. Ennis  
Enemy Alien Control  
Dept of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I, Edna Kinoshita (born June 8, Courtland California) received your notice dated 3/22/45 for renunciation of U. S. Citizenship per previous hearing.

Since the hostility in the Pacific ended and according to Army announcement that my husband, Zengo Kinoshita (born Oct. 20, 1897 in Japan) is now free to relocate to anywhere in U. S. I feel now that I have made a great mistake in renouncing my U. S. Citizenship.

I have renounced my citizenship because at that time rumors were circulating that we are subject to forced relocation, while report from outside indicated frequent happening of Anti-Japanese incidents. In the event of forced relocation, we have



3 small children and have no financial mean to support our family, especially during the tensioned feeling out side.

Now the long awaited Peace has come and I strongly wish that if I could regain Citizenship, but if such is not possible, I pray that I may have another hearing so I can relocate with my husband and bring my three children up to good loyal American in normal American Community.

And I could swear that I could rectify my past fault by bringing up next generation into a group of defenders of Democracy.

Yours truly

Edna Kinoshita

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Truckee Lake Center  
Newell, Calif.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 25

September 26, 1945

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Mrs. Edna Kinoshita  
7814-E  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

Dear Mrs. Kinoshita:

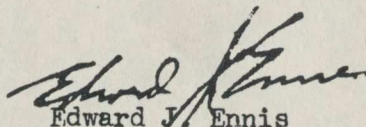
I have for reply your letter of September 5, 1945.

With reference to your statement that you desire to withdraw your renunciation of United States nationality, you are advised that no such procedure is possible. Under the law, neither the Attorney General nor any other official of this Government has any authority whatsoever to permit you to reconsider your action in renouncing United States nationality. Immediately upon the approval of your renunciation by the Attorney General you ceased to be a United States national.

Your request for clearance to relocate, I am sorry to say, cannot be granted at this time. However, your letter will be made a part of your file for consideration in the event that your case is re-examined at a later date.

I regret the hardship to which you may now find yourself exposed as a legal consequence of your renunciation. It was to prevent such hardship, wherever possible, that a hearing was required prior to the approval of any renunciation application.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Ennis  
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

FOR DEFENSE





October 29, 1945

Honorable Tom C. Clark  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January 29, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of United States nationality form at the W. R. A. Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California, at a perfunctory appearance before a government official, and I have received a letter dated March 22, 1945, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, approving the same.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation 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 was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of law;
- (3) I then and there was and continuously from May 28, 1942, had been detained in the said W. R. A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;
- (4) I was intimidated, coerced, and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by displays of force and intimidation to myself and members of my family made by a pressure group in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, as was my family. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation and approval thereof were, and each of them is, invalid, null 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 also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw, recall, cancel, and revoke your approval of said renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted to me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace fraud and undue influence and mistake of law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Edna Kinoshita*

Mrs. Edna Kinoshita  
7815-I  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California



CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 3039

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print) Mrs. Edna Kinoshita

Block No. 7815-I

Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female X

Age: 30 years Date of Birth: Month: June Day: 8 Year: 1914

Place of Birth: (City) Courtland (County) Sacramento State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: \_\_\_\_\_

1950 Beloit Ave., West Los Angeles, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Housewife

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as

a dual citizen: Mother When: At birth

Where: I don't know.

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

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: 29 Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that

renunciation form? No

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? I don't know.

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 30, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler, Asst. Att. Gen.

\_\_\_\_\_. (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, personal letter.

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? Oct. 30, 1945 - FORM LETTER  
Sept. 5, 1945

(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? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Sakichi Kato, father; Sato Kato, mother

Have they been released from detention? Deceased

Have they been relocated? \_\_\_\_\_

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? Pvt. Masao Kato, Camp Hale, Pando, Colorado

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: Oct. 25, 1945

Where: Tule Lake Center 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? Ivan Williams and staff.

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.? Not yet

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 July 1945

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? About Sept., 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:

Hiroshi Kato, brother, age 24, renunciant  
Mrs. Minnie Saito, sister, age 30, renunciant  
George Kato, brother, age 29, free, relocated  
Itaru Kato, brother, age 41, free, relocated  
Zenzo Kinoshita, husband, age 48, relocated  
Roy Yoshikazu Kinoshita, son, age 8, free  
George Issamu Kinoshita, son, age 4, free  
Kazue Kinoshita, daughter, age 8 months, free

Since I have three small children, I want to relocate and join my husband as it is almost impossible for me to get along without him.

Date: October 29, 1945

Mrs. Edna Kinoshita

Mrs. Edna Kinoshita

(Name)



MEMBERS:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Address</u>	<u>New Address</u>	<u>Committee No.</u>
Edna Kinoskuta	7814-EF	1936 - Sawtelle Blvd. West Los Angeles, Calif. <del>42415 Buena Vista Dr.</del> <del>Van Nuys, Calif.</del>	3039

Your cooperation on the matter will be appreciated.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE



Edna Kinoshita # 3037

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