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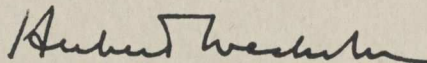
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Takako Kawahara  
(born August 11, 1924, Parkdale, Oregon)  
5412-F  
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



October 20, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

On February, 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 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 denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the law;

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was continuously from September, 1943, 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 and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by a pressure group of aliens in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. 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 the country or nation my allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am 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.

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 fact



and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Takako Kawahara  
Takako Kawahara  
5412-F  
Newell, California



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October 24, 1945

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1721 Mills Tower  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

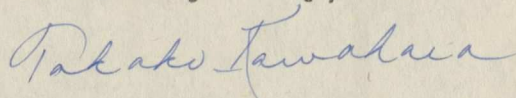
On October 23, 1945, I was requested to appear before the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

Although I appeared to comply with the provisions of the Alien Registration Act, I wish to state that said registration form was signed by myself under protest.

I am an American citizen. Although within the finger printing form it was indicated that my nationality was Japanese. I hereby wish to protest said designation as I am not a citizen or a national of Japan, but a citizen and a national of the United States.

Therefore I shall appreciate your accepting this letter as a documentary evidence that my signature affixed on said Alien Registration form and informations furnished in finger printing form was done so under protest, as I am an American citizen.

Yours very truly,



Takako Kawahara  
5412-E  
Newell, California



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(For Use Only of My Attorney)

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

Name (type or print) Takako Kawahara

Block No. 5412-F Rt 1 Box 85, Spokane 16, Wash.

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

Age: 21 years Date of Birth: Month: Aug. Day: 11 Year: 1924

Place of Birth: (City) Parkdale (County) Hood River State) Oregon

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: Parkdale, Oregon

Occupation at time of evacuation: Student

Have you "dual citizenship"? No

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? No

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: About February Day: --- 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? I do not 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? July 3, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler, Assistant

Attorney General. (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? October 1945 (I have no copy) and one on October 22, 1945.

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

Have you served in our military forces? No

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: Father: deceased Mother: Ei Kawahara

Have they been released from detention? Yes

Have they been relocated? No

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? None

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Not as yet. When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you represented by anyone at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

Was any hearing given to you at that time? \_\_\_\_\_

Who registered you, if you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you protest registering as an alien? I will protest when I go to register tomorrow.

Did you write your protest on the form? \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)



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

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan?\_\_\_\_\_ 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?\_\_\_\_\_ January 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? September 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. Besides myself two other brothers have renounced:

Tom Tamotsu Kawahara - married- 26 years old, and Takeshi Kawahara -

will marry next month - 25 years old. I have another brother,

Yoshio Kawahara - 18 years old, who has not as yet renounced.

Date: October 22, 1945

Takako Kawahara

Takako Kawahara

(Name)