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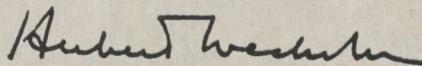
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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Kiyoshi Hidaka
(born Oct. 4, 1915, Honolulu, Hawaii)
1913-B
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: April 26, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

HIDAKA, KIYOSHI

Form letter, Sept. 8

SEP 8 1945

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→ *Case 7011*

1913-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California
September 4, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a letter (copy) I sent to Mr. Ennis of the Department of Justice. If there is anything you can do to help me regain my United States citizenship or to help me get a parole so that I may return home to my home in Hawaii, I will appreciate it more than you will ever realize.

Many people like myself have taken a great deal without a chance to do much about it. I just cannot believe that the United States Government would let our citizenship renunciation be approved under the circumstances and not give us a chance to clear our names.

Please do all you can to help us regain our citizenships so that we may have a chance upon returning to our respective homes.

Very truly,

Kiyoshi Hidaka

Kiyoshi Hidaka

SEP 8 1945

1913-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California
September 4, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

First of all, I wish to state that since I am not very good in English, I am having a friend assist me in writing this letter.

Several months after the outbreak of the war, I was suddenly interned in Hawaii for some reason unknown to myself. I am certain of my innocence, but since I had no trial, I have had no chance to prove my innocence. After a few months following this incident, I was sent to the mainland along with hundreds of others and was again put under Army guard at the Topaz War Relocation Center. At the time of the Army registration in that center, just about all of us from Hawaii registered as a "No" because we were all very mad about being interned for no apparent reason and also because we were afraid of forced relocation within the mainland. We all wished to be returned to our homes in Hawaii, but was not in favor of living on the mainland because we were all very poor in English and was not familiar with the land.

After being moved to Tule Lake Center, I both applied for expatriation and renunciation because the pressure groups made it impossible for me to stay in this camp without doing so. It is very true that in some blocks, the pressure groups were not as active, but I was not fortunate enough to be in one of those blocks.

Before I was interned, my late brother Pvt. Eiji Hidaka was drafted by the Army, I am positive that had I been drafted instead of interned, I would have served in the Army in whatever way I possibly could for the good of the United States. Incidentally, my brother gave his life in Italy along with many of my friends from Hawaii in 1944.

I am very anxious to return to my home in Hawaii and live there as I did before this mess happened. Please inform me of my chances of regaining my United States Citizenship. However, if I cannot get back the United States Citizenship at this time, I would like to appeal for a Parole so that I may plan my relocation to Hawaii.

Very sincerely

Kiyoshi Hidaka

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Committee No. _____

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Kiyoshi Hidaka

Block No. 1913-B

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 30 years Date of Birth: Month: Oct. Day: 4 Year: 1915

Place of Birth: (City) Honolulu (County) _____ State) Hawaii

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

1333 River St., Honolulu, Hawaii

Occupation at time of evacuation: Fisherman

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

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

a dual citizen: Parents When: October, 1915

Where: Honolulu, Hawaii

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: February Day: _____ 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? 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? April 17, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? August, 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, Oct. 29, 1945 ^(Form Letter)

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? September 13, 1945 ^(Personal Letter)

(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? 3A

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

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 Kizuo Hidaka Mother Fuku Hidaka

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.? Brother: Eiji Hidaka
Killed in action.

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 15, 1945.

Where: Tule Lake, California Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ 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? No

Did you write your protest on the form? No

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

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

Sent letters of protest to Clark & Williams Oct. 29, 1945

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? February, 1944.

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? October 26, 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:

Marital status: single. Only renuncee in family. Other members of family: Father Kizuo age 64 and mother, Fuku age 54. I also have a brother in Hawaii, Yayo age 24 yrs. Since my brother was killed in action, serving in this country I feel that I cannot part with this country as for my parents they feel the same. I can not very well leave my aged parents and go to Japan form I wish to support them.

Date: October 29, 1945

Kiyoshi Hidaka

Kiyoshi Hidaka

(Name)

October 29, 1945.

Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Sir:

On October 15, 1945, I was requested by you, to appear before your officer to register under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

Although I appeared before your office 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 non-repatriation form it indicated in Question No. 2 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 Question No. 2 of the non-repatriation form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

Kiyoshi Hidaka

Kiyoshi Hidaka
1913-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

October 29, 1945.

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

Sir:

On October 15, 1945, I was requested by Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, to appear before their officer to register under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

Although I appeared before your office 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 non-repatriation form it indicated in Question No. 2 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 Question No. 2 of the non-repatriation form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

Kiyoshi Hidaka

Kiyoshi Hidaka
1913-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

October 24, 1945.

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

Sir:

On about 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 a perfunctory appearance before a government official, and I have received a letter dated April 16, 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 March, 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, coerced, and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by threats of physical violence to myself made by a pressure group 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 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,

Kiyoshi Hidaka

Kiyoshi Hidaka
1913-B
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

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AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit should be specifically addressed to the circumstances of your particular case and should not consist of generalities. When you are uncertain as to matters related in your affidavit write "uncertain". Where you claim that any action was taken by you as the result of fear, you should state in each instance, with the greatest possible particularity, what was feared and why. If it is claimed that the fears were caused by threats from individuals or groups of individuals, the nature of the threats, the names of the individuals making them, if known, and the time, place and occasion for the making of the threats should be given.

If more space is needed for answers to particular questions, separate sheets of plain white paper should be used. Each separate sheet so used should be plainly marked with the number of the question being answered and your name.

1. Name <p style="text-align: center;">Kiyoshi HIDAKA</p>	Date of Birth <p style="text-align: center;">October 4, 1915</p>
2. If born prior to December 1, 1924	(A) Have you ever renounced Japanese nationality? <p style="text-align: center;">No.</p>
3. If born since December 1, 1924	(A) Was your name ever registered with a Japanese Consulate for the purpose of reserving your Japanese nationality?
If so, did you thereafter renounce your Japanese nationality?	When Where
4. State periods of visits to Japan and purpose of each visit:	
Date	Purpose
From 1920 To 1930	My mother took me with her to see her parents.
Mar. 1941 May 1941	To see my old grand-mother and for sight-seeing.
5. Give details concerning any formal education in Japan:	
School	Period of Attendance
Tanami-village Primary School	From 1922 To 1930
Specify subjects studied (attach additional sheet if necessary). <p style="text-align: center;">General education</p>	
6. Have you ever made application for repatriation to Japan? <u>yes</u> . If so, give date <u>Feb. 1944</u> , and your reasons for so applying: I don't know English so well, so I was not intimated with the correct and adequate informations about the situation at that time, and as a matter of fact, I was likely to be carried away by rumors. The great fear that my old parents might be expatriated to Japan enforced me to make such an unwilling application for repatriation to Japan, because my parents would have died, having no one to support them except me, if we had been separated.	
7. (A) Have you ever expressly indicated that you would not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States? <u>no</u>	Have you ever declined to answer when asked whether you would swear unqualified allegiance? <u>no</u>
Or have you ever given a qualified answer to such question asked at War Relocation Centers? <u>no</u> . If so, give your reasons:	
(B) If your answer to any of the questions in (A) is affirmative, then did you ever subsequently change your mind and express your willingness to swear an unqualified allegiance or would you have been willing to do so if an opportunity had been afforded you? <u>yes</u> . If so, state when you changed your mind and your reasons therefor: There could never be my disloyalty to my country, because I previously had registered to my local draft boards under the draft law, with 3-A class. As a matter of fact, my younger brother served in the U.S. Army and died in action in Italy.	

(C) Did you ever indicate that you would not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States either expressly or by refusal to answer, or a qualified answer, knowing that by so doing you would be sent to the WRA Segregation Center at Tule Lake?.....NO..... If so, give reasons:

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If more space is needed for answers to particular questions, separate sheets of plain white paper should be used. Each separate sheet used should be clearly marked with the number of the question being answered and your name.

8. (A)	Answer		Period of Membership
	Yes	No	
WERE YOU EVER AT ANY TIME A MEMBER OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:			
Black Dragon Society (Kokuryu Kai)		X	
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)		X	
Central Japanese Association of Southern California		X	
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan) (Hokubei Kai)		X	
Heimuska Kai, also known as Hokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai Zaibei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and		X	
Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese residing in American Military Conscript's Assoc.) Heimusha Kai		X	
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)		X	
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a Group of Japanese War Veterans)		X	
Hokubei Zaigo Shoko Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)		X	
Japanese Association of America (Zaibei Nihonjin Kai)		X	
Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai)		X	
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940		X	
Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)		X	
Jikyoku Iin Kai (Current Affairs Association)		X	
Kibe Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)		X	
Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)		X	
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)		X	
Northwest Japanese Association		X	
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society or Cherry Association—composed of Veterans of Russo-Japanese War) (Cherry Blossom Society)		X	
Shinto Temples		X	
Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)		X	
Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association Los Angeles)		X	
Hokoku Seinen-Dan		X	
Hokoku Joshi Seinen-Dan		X	
Sokoku Kenkyu Seinen-Dan		X	
Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi-Dan		X	

(B) Give reasons for becoming a member:

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(C) State nature of your activity and offices you held:

(D) If you voluntarily discontinued membership in any of the aforementioned organizations, give approximate date and reasons for so doing:

(b) If your answer to any of the questions in (A) is affirmative, then did you ever subsequently change your mind and express your willingness to swear an unqualified allegiance or would you have been willing to do so if an opportunity had been afforded you? If so, state when you changed your mind and your reasons therefor.

There could never be any disposition to be a member of any of the organizations mentioned in (A) if you were not a member of one of them. As a member of the Japanese Protective Association, I was a member of the Japanese Protective Association, which was a recruiting organization for the Japanese Army in the United States. I was a member of the Japanese Protective Association from 1940 to 1942. I was a member of the Japanese Protective Association because I was a member of the Japanese Protective Association.

(E) If you claim that your membership in any of the aforementioned organizations, your activities therein, or your acceptance of an office was due to misunderstanding of the purpose or nature of the organization, explain fully:

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(F) If you at any time wished to discontinue membership, activity, or office and were prevented from so doing, explain fully:

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9. (A) When did you decide to apply for forms upon which to renounce your United States citizenship? Feb. 1945
Give reasons for so doing: Feb. 1945

- (1) I believe that I have been a good and honest U.S. citizen since born, always loyal to this country, working hard in fishing, yes, I had never been asked even a question by police or others since my birth. However, I was confined by FBI shortly after the break of the war by the reason why I didn't know. I presume that my answer at the investigation at that time might have been not proper owing to my poor English chiefly. When I was confined, however, I couldn't understand the attitude of my country and couldn't deny my resentment for the un-justice, for many of my friends and competitors in the fishing circle were not confined. Since then, I was always bothered by the fear that my citizenship was ignored by the authority without my knowledge.
- (2) Although I was not threatened directly by the extremists in the camp, but generally speaking, I also couldn't be free from the influence of the general atmosphere created by their propaganda and activities, and it lead me to such a deed as the renunciation of my citizenship that is stupid, the the viewpoint of the present time too.
- (3) To be mentioned on other papers.

(B) If reasons given in answer to preceding question differ from reasons given to officer who held renunciation hearing, give your explanation for difference: ---

(C) If you claim that your renunciation was caused by fear, you should explain fully why such fear extended from the time of the application for renunciation papers until the date of actual renunciation:

(D) If the fear did not extend from the date of application to the date of approval by the Attorney General, you should state whether you made any effort to withdraw your application, and if not, explain fully:

(E) If, after approval, you requested the Attorney General to withdraw his approval of your renunciation or to cancel your renunciation, give the reasons for the delay in making such request:

I supposed that it was hopeless to send such a letter after the approval was made once, though I much repented of my application for renunciation all the time since it was made. I didn't know that it could be done, until Mr. Collins suggested.

(F) If there are any other facts which influenced your action in renouncing your United States citizenship, state fully below or on a separate sheet if necessary.

- (1) Anyway, I think I was too much influenced by other's way of thinking and rumors. As I repeated previously, the compulsory confinement and long separation was my first experience in my life, and it made me very nervous. In addition, my beloved younger brother died in action in action in Italy front. My parents were almost mad at his death, mourning and weeping over him from morning to night for long years. This fact irritated me to a kind of nervous prostration. Under the circumstances, I was apt to be moved by the crowd psychology.
- (2) A fact that I have been always an loyal citizen to The U.S. is proved by that I hurried to turn back to Hawaii from Japan on my sight-seeing journey, ^{in 1941} having heard that it might break the war between Japan and America, in spite of the fact that my grandmother strongly wished me to stay with her as longer as possible: She died during the war.
- (3) to be mentioned on another paper.

10. (A) If you now are in Japan, give your reasons for having returned to Japan. ---

(B) If you are in Japan, have you since you returned to Japan taken any action to resume or acquire Japanese citizenship?..... Answer Yes or No

If you have, state nature of action taken and reasons therefor. ----

11. (A) If you have served or are serving in the military or naval forces of the United States fill in the following: ---

I enlisted (or was drafted) on..... in the.....; my Serial number is.....
State the date State the Branch of Service

I still am in such service.....; I was released from active duty on.....and received my Discharge
Answer Yes or No

on.....

(B) If at any time while in a war relocation center or since then you volunteered for military or naval service but your offer of service was rejected state the time when and the place where you volunteered. ---

(C) State why your offer of such service was rejected, if the reason was made known to you. ---

(D) If you were rejected for military or naval service by your Local Draft Board since your release from a war relocation center state the reason for the rejection if known to you. ----

12. If any member of your family has served or is serving in the military or naval forces of the United States state the relationship of such person to you, the name of such person, the branch of service and serial number of such person:

Younger brother
Relationship

Eiji Hidaka (Died)
Name

CO.C100, Inf. BN.
Branch of Service

A.S. No. 30102145
Serial Number

(Signature in full of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of....., 19.....

This affidavit may be executed before any person authorized to administer oaths.

(Supplement)

Question(2-A) : I am an American citizen by birth, and had never thought that, to have Japanese nationality interfered with my loyalty to The U.S.A., because that nationality had been automatically given without my knowledge about it.

Question 5 : My parents were poor in Hawaii when I was infant, so my mother left me to her mother's care until she could call me to her home in Hawaii. Consequently, I had to stay in Japan, with the result that I studied in the primary school in her native place.

Question (9-A)

(3) My only brother died in action in Italy, so my parents had only me to support them. Consequently, my parents much feared of my possible death by being drafted to the U.S. Military service. This fear of them pressed me to unwilling direction for me., all the time. I always worried about their lives in future. If I was separated from them, they might be dead, having none to support them either in Japan or in America.

Question (9-F) :

(3): The confinement, I thought, and evacuation themselves meant the renunciation of my citizenship by my beloved country; namely, it meant that the citizenship was only nominal. I thought that, if they continue to ignore the intention of individual, they might compel me to be deported to Japan. Thus, it came to the conclusion that it made no difference whether I had or not the citizenship. At that time, the situation was nothing but pessimistic future for me.

March 5, 1946

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>
Kiyoshi Hidaka	Bk 1913-13	██████████ P.O. Box 813 c/o J. Hashimoto	# 2011,

Your cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

Honolulu
DEFENSE COMMITTEE
Hawaii

Honolulu, T. H.

May 26, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

I am Hiroyoshi Hidaka, one of the members, who has renounced their citizenship while interned in Tule Lake Segregation Center. I did not mean to be disloyal to the United States by renouncing my citizenship but due to my occupation as a fisherman during the prewar days I was questioned by the D. B. I. after the outbreak of the war and was forced to be evacuated from the Territory of Hawaii to the mainland and finally was interned in Tule Lake Center which made me lose hope and thought of giving up my citizenship which it was a very wrong thing to do.

I understand that you are in charge of The Defense Committee, and now that I am back in the Territory I would like to have your help if it is possible

to get my citizenship back. I am in
the fishing business again and I will
need my citizenship very badly. Is
there anything I can do to regain
my citizenship back? and can you
let me know just where do I stand?

I will be waiting anxiously for
your reply.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours.

Kiyoshi Hidaka

May 31, 1946.

Mr. Kiyoshi Hidaka,
402 Keawe Street,
Honolulu, T. H.

Dear Mr. Hidaka:

Replying to your letter of May 26th, please be informed that if you wish to protect your rights you should fill in the enclosed form of letter and send the original on to Hon. Tom C. Clark, the Attorney General. A copy thereof should be filled in and sent to me for my files.

In addition thereto, if you wish to have your name added on to the equity suits which I have brought to restore citizenship, fill in the enclosed questionnaire form and send it to me at your earliest convenience. Each of the renunciants in the suit who was able has contributed the sum of \$100.00 to the suit and if you are in a position to make the same contribution, you are expected to do so.

If you wish your name to be included, air mail the questionnaire to me immediately, inasmuch as the matters are coming on in court for a hearing very soon.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2011

(For Use Only of My Attorney) Atty. No. _____

Name (type or Print) Kiyoshi Hidaka
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address at present: 402 Keawe Street.

Sex: Male Female _____

Age: 30 year. Date of birth: Month: Oct. Day: 4 Year: 1915

Place of birth: City: Honolulu County: Honolulu State: T. H.

Permanent residence at time of evacuation: Honolulu, Hawaii

Occupation at time of evacuation: Fisherman

Have you dual citizenship? Yes.

Did you ever have dual citizenship? Yes.

Did you ever take steps to cancel dual citizenship? Yes.

On what date did you sign an application to renounce your citizenship?

February, 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at that time? No

Were you given a hearing on that application? Yes

Where was the hearing conducted? Tule Lake Center

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? August, 1945

On what date did you receive that letter? August, 1945

(Attach that letter and the envelope it came in to this questionnaire.)

Who signed that letter of approval? Your office has the custody of my letter. For details, please look in that letter.

Have you written a letter to Attorney General Tom Clark revoking your renunciation? Yes.

What is the date of that letter? Sept., 1945

(Attach your carbon copy of that letter to this questionnaire).

From what camp were you removed and taken to the camp you now are in?

Tule Lake Center. I am now working in Honolulu.

Have you served in our military forces? No.

If you have, what type of discharge did you receive:

What was your last draft classification? 3 A

Were you ever classified "4-C"? No.

Did you refused to be drafted? No.

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No.

What are their names? Father - Kizo Hidaka Mother - Fuku Hidaka

Have they been relocated? Yes

Where do they live now? Honolulu, T.H.

What members of your family are serving or have served in the military forces? Brother - Eiji Hidaka

Have you been registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When? Feb. 10, 1946 Where? Tule Lake Center

Did you protest that registration in writing? No.

Have you filed a "non-repatriation" form? No.

When? _____

Are you single or married? # Single

What is your wife's name: _____

What is her present address? _____

Is she a renunciant? _____

Have you any children? _____

What are their names and where are they living? _____

Are there any other renunciants in your family? No. Who? _____

The following space is for any remarks you wish to make:

I repatriated under duress and coercion, and am very anxious to regain my citizenship as soon as possible.

Dated: June 3, 1946.

Kiyoshi Hidaka

(Name)

P.S. I have already contributed my share of \$100.00 to the fund.

Honolulu, T.H.

June 3, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about Feb. 15, 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 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,

Kiyoshi Hidaka
(Name)
Address: 402 Keame Street
Honolulu
Hawaii

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-Jebocian 2, 1952

Mr. Stayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street.
San Francisco 4, California.

ACTIVE LIST

Dear Mr. Collins:

It has been sometime since I have received a letter from you, dated March 19, 1951. Would you please write us again and let us know how things are turning out.

I also would like to give you my new address at this time.

<u>NEW ADDRESS</u>	<u>OLD ADDRESS</u>
KIYOSHI HIDAKA 1349 River St. Apt. #3 HONOLULU, 22, T. H.	KIYOSHI HIDAKA 2556 Date St. HONOLULU, T. H.

Please give this matter a quick attention and reply me at earliest possible date I thank you.

HIDAKA, Kiyoshi

ACTIVE LIST

11-13-45

Sincerely

K. Hidaka

File

2620-A Pauoa Road
Honolulu, Hawaii

Nov. 29, 1953

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins :

I'm very sorry for my long silence to you in spite of the fact that you have always kindly exerted your best efforts to make me regain my citizenship, for which I am very very grateful.

On the other hand, I sometimes received the notice from Tule Lake Defense Committee, asking me to pay the balance of \$150.00.

In this connection, I would like to know about the development heretofore of my case. To be frank, I am worrying about when I'll be able to get the citizenship back. I beg you to let me know as to whether there is a possibility for me to restore it in the near future if I pay the balance. Or are there already some persons who got it? If there is in the near future, I am willing to pay the balance. However, as you know maybe, there are those who are optimistic in restoring it without taking any legal proceedings, and waiting the chance to regain it automatically with no paying even one cent.

Re-acquisition of American citizenship is essential for me who am working as the captain of the Tunaafishing boat, by which I have to go to Pearl Harbour districts to catch the bait where the person without citizenship cannot go into. Nowadays, even those who voted in Japan are restoring their citizenship. I hope sincerely you will help me so that I may get it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your endeavor and guidance, and ^{am} looking forward to your further help and earliest reply.

Very truly of yours,

Kiyoshi Hidaka
Kiyoshi Hidaka

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2620-A Pauoa Road
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jan. 22, 1954

File

Mr. Wayne M Collins
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4
Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins :

I appreciate it much for your kind notice of Jan. 12, 1954, concerning Annual Address Report to the Attorney General of the United States. I am glad to advise you that I already notified it two weeks ago as I did last year.

I would like to call your attention to my previous letter to you, inquiring about the process heretofore of the case of restoring of our citizenship. I had asked you how the matter was going and what was the prospect if I paid the balance of the expense. It is un-reasonable that some paid while others un-paid yet in our joint case. In fact, there are some in Hawaii who are waiting the re-acquisition of citizenship without paying the court expense.

I'll be willing to pay the balance as soon as you will kindly let me know what you prospect about the developement of the case. Please encourage me by your hopeful suggestion .

I am second to none in thanking you for your strenous efforts in our case.

Thanking you for your attention and looking forward to your kind reply, I am

Very truly of yours,

Kiyoshi Hidaka
Kiyoshi Hidaka

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