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KOYAMA, TSUYAKO, ne SHIOTSU

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1345 W. Lomita Blvd.

Harbor City, Cal.

Nov. 1, 1948

Dear Sir:-

~~May~~^{Do} I join the Civil Liberty Union in order to restore my citizenship. I had renounced my citizenship at Tule Lake last 1945.

I was forced to do it at that time because I was told my family will be splitted. My husband is an alien, and at that time my 4 children were very small. I did not want to be separate.

Now I regret I had done it. Can you please do something about it. I did not join at the center because I had no money with me and was told I can regain my citizenship by doing nothing.

Yours truly
Mrs. Tsuyako Toyama

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

November 3, 1948

Mrs. Tsuyako Koyama
1345 W. Lomita Blvd.
Harbor City, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Koyama:

I am not positive that additional parties can be joined to the renunciation cases inasmuch as the interlocutory judgment was signed by the Judge and filed on September 27, 1948.

However, before that judgment becomes final about January 29, 1949, it may be possible to join additional persons if the government does not object thereto. In consequence, if you will send me the following information immediately, I shall include your name in a subsequent motion to be made to the court for inclusion.

1. Full name, including middle name (also maiden name, if married woman). TSUYAKO KOYAMA *married name*
TSUYAKO SHIOTSU *maiden name*
2. Date of birth. MARCH 30, 1914
3. Place of birth. MONETA, CALIFORNIA.
4. Place and approximate time of renunciation. TULE LAKE
MAY or JUNE of 1945
5. Name under which you renounced. TSUYAKO KOYAMA
6. Whether or not you received a letter from the Attorney General approving your renunciation. If you have such a letter in your possession, please forward it to me immediately.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Collins

Dear sir:
I have no letter from Attorney General approving renunciation but will send you the letter of a release from center.
I think I lost it. I am not sure.
Thank you
Yours truly
Tsuyako Koyama

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In the Matter of

TSUYAKO KOYAMA

Alien Enemy

D. J. File No.
146- 54-3266

O R D E R

The above-named alien enemy having been interned by order dated August 31, 1945 ; and it appearing from a reconsideration of all the evidence bearing upon this matter that said alien enemy should be released; NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that said order dated August 31, 1945, be, and the same hereby is vacated and set aside; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that said alien enemy be released.



ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated, 2-13-46

Final Judgment \$100.00 Pl.
12/4/56 24425 1/4 Harborview.
Lomita, Calif. *Done*

Dear Sir: -

Last December I wrote
to you asking what my
status was on renunciation
of citizenship.

May I please know as
soon as possible how I
can regain my citizenship
quick. I would like to
register for voting this year.

My old address was
1345 Lomita Blvd. Harbor City
Calif. We moved away
July 1956 from Harbor City.
to 24425 1/4 Harborview.
Lomita, Calif.

Yours truly
Mrs. Tsuyako Koyama

[Dec. 19, 1957]

24425 1/4 Marbonne Ave
Lomita, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know
as soon as possible what
my standing is on my
U. S. A. Citizenship Case. I
have moved away from
1345 W. Lomita Blvd. Harbor City
years ago, but still waiting
to hear from you.

My new address is
24425 1/4 Marbonne Ave
Lomita, Calif. *Noted*

F. J. 12/4/56

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Yours truly

Mrs. Tanyako Kobayama

February 14, 1958

Mrs. Tsuyako Koyama
24425-1/4 Narbonne Avenue
Lomita, California

Dear Mrs. Koyama:

In reply to your recent letter I wish to inform you that on December 4, 1956 I had entered a judgment in your favor cancelling your renunciation and also declaring you to be and ever to have been a native born citizen of the United States. If you wish a certified copy of the judgment cancelling your renunciation and stating that you are and ever have been a U. S. citizen you should write to your Tule Lake Defense Committee at 124 South San Pedro Street, Room 215, Los Angeles 12, California.

Very truly yours,

WMC:fd

cc: Tule Lake Defense Committee

Tsuyako Koyama

Original not included

Not notarized

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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 Tsuyako Koyama		Date of Birth March 30, 1914	
2. If born prior to December 1, 1924	(A) Have you ever renounced Japanese nationality?	When	Where
	I do not recall		
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: none			
Date		Purpose	
From	To		
5. Give details concerning any formal education in Japan: none			
School		Period of Attendance	
		From	To
Specify subjects studied (attach additional sheet if necessary).			
6. Have you ever made application for repatriation to Japan? yes If so, give date July 1943 , and your reasons for so applying: Because my husband broked his right hand at Santa Anita and was unable to do the work so he chose to come back to California but he could not at that time. He then applied for repatriation. I also did so I can be with him and my four children.			
7. (A) Have you ever expressly indicated that you would not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States? no		Have you ever declined to answer when asked whether you would swear unqualified allegiance? yes	
Or have you ever given a qualified answer to such question asked at War Relocation Centers? yes If so, give your reasons: I did not want to be separated from my alien husband.			
(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? yes If so, state when you changed your mind and your reasons therefor: Spring of 1945 when California was free for the Japanese people to go to. My husband canceled his repatriation and was preparing to go back to California.			

(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?..... If so, give reasons:

I did not want to be sent out of the camp to make our own living. I knew well we would starve. My husband had broken right hand and could not work or even to take care of himself my children at that time were two, five, six, and eight years old. I wanted to stay in the camp and work as I took care of my family.

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)		no	
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)		no	
Central Japanese Association of Southern California		no	
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan) (Hokubei Kai)		no	
Heimuska Kai, also known as Hokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai Zaibei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and		no	
Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese residing in American Military Conscripts Assoc.) Heimusha Kai		no	
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)		no	
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a Group of Japanese War Veterans)		no	
Hokubei Zaigo Shoko Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)		no	
Japanese Association of America (Zaibei Nihonjin Kai)		no	
Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai)		no	
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940		no	
Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)		no	
Jikyoku Iin Kai (Current Affairs Association)		no	
Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)		no	
Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)		no	
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)		no	
Northwest Japanese Association		no	
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society or Cherry Association—composed of Veterans of Russo-Japanese War) (Cherry Blossom Society)		no	
Shinto Temples		no	
Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)		no	
Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association Los Angeles)		no	
Hokoku Seinen-Dan		no	
Hokoku Joshi Seinen-Dan		no	
Sokoku Kenkyu Seinen-Dan		no	
Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi-Dan		no	

(B) Give reasons for becoming a member:

(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:

(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:

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

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

About the summer of 1944

There were rumors that if I do not give up my citizenship I would be separated from my alien husband.

Another reason is I thought why have citizenship for America when I can not make use of it. Citizens or alien we were treated just the same,,kept under army watch at all time.

(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:

I wrote to the Attorney General to withdraw my application as soon as the law was passed for the persons of Japanese to re enter California State.

(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:

(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.

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:

Brothers

Relationship

Toshiro & Tsutomu Shiotsu

Name

Co H 442nd Inf. Regt.

36468639

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Service Co A B R S. TA. BS.

Branch of Service

Serial Number

Buyako Koyama
(Signature in full of applicant)

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