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Dir to  
Ernest Besig

Family No. 24424  
4505-17 WRA  
Tulelake, Calif.  
August 23, 1945

Dear Sir:

I was born in Pennyr, Calif. on October 24, 1917. I was ill and in the hospital bed most the time here due to nervous trouble. I still never had worked here in the Center. So at the time of hearing for citizen renunciation I didn't know what I said. When I renounced my citizen This whole center was in an atmosphere of renunciation, especially the application paper was so easily procurable That I just filled it. Therefore please excuse for what I said and return my good American citizen back. Please understand me

Sincerely  
Yutaka Uehara



September 9, 1945.

Mr. Yutaka Uyehara,  
4505-A,  
Tule Lake Center,  
Newell, Calif.

Dear Mr. Uyehara:

I just have your letter of September 6. I want to impress upon you that you should write to the Attorney General at once repudiating your renunciation and requesting a further hearing. A do-nothing policy because you think action is futile is going to get you nowhere. In view of the fact that you are the only member of your family who has renounced you may still be able to salvage something out of your case because of the hardships that would be created if the family were separated.

Those who are not dual citizens are in a better position than those who are, although it is my feeling that dual citizenship should not mean anything in this country. I contend that we cannot legally recognize it.

If you are not in a position to hire an attorney, I'm afraid you'll have to stay at Tule Lake to await the pleasure of the Justice Department. Maybe we'll know in a little while what the Justice Department intends to do in the various types of cases.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director.



4505-A  
Julius Center  
September 6, 1945

Dear Sir:

SEP 7 1945

I Thank you for a letter of  
information.

I regret over the renunciation that  
was made at the time of my nervous  
breakdown but give up all hope  
of getting my citizen back since  
the further effort seems futile anyway.  
If I renounced the citizen while I  
was in normal mental thinking  
I would not regret at all now.  
My man of nervous prostration  
is out of ~~the~~ reasonable mental  
condition as one should understand.

However, who has more poss-  
ibility to stay in this America  
between the renunciants <sup>who</sup> ~~&~~ held  
a dual citizenships and one  
no dual citizenships?



Please tell me how I can stay in this country while other renunciants will be deported to Nippon? I am 27 years old and single. With myself included, there are 6 members in my family. Beside me <sup>the rest</sup> ~~of my~~ can go any place in America (U.S.A.) They want to relocate soon but they would want me with them to support the family. Incidentally, which is heavier in crime between the renunciants of dual citizen holder <sup>and</sup> one citizen holder?

Sincerely yours,  
Yutaka Iyehara



UYEKAWA, HENRY

*I have send the  
first copy to Mr. Edward J. Ennis.  
I wonder if you could help me out.*

September 17, 1945  
Newell, California

SEP 28 1945

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

Dear Sir:

Prior to the evacuation of all Japanese ancestry from the west coast, I, as a citizen of the United States of America, was put into concentration camp without entitled to any of the rights and privileges of such citizenship.

Further more, the rights were taken from the Japanese - Americans alone.

This meant, being a citizen of the United States having a citizenship meant, but just a plain disgrace.

Upon being transferred to camp further inland, there came the Army registration for us citizens from the ages varying from 18-21.

I was no longer contrary to the interest of national defense after what had happened to us citizens prior to evacuation and so answered the questions # 27 and 28, "No".

In early June, there came along the problem of segregation and by late September, I was soon transferred to Tule Lake Segregation Center, where being made under pressure of numerous groups within the project, I had to give up my citizenship, unless that, I was not being called a regular Japanese, instead many unpleasant names which I just could not bear along with my fellow Japanesees. After the pressure groups were being removed from the Department of Justice, I had realized that some one else had been running my own life.

I more than regret my renunciation of United States Nationality and hope you will take this in consideration and when and if I should receive my citizenship again, I will be the one to run my own life, without the interference of others.

I like America, for the standard they uphold, and want to make my living here ever after.

Very truly yours,

Henry Uyekawa

*Henry Uyekawa*  
5402-C



October 3, 1945

Mr. Henry Uyekawa  
5402 C  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Uyekawa:

It seems to me that your letter to Mr. Ennis, a copy of which you sent me, is insufficient. Expressing hopes for the return of your citizenship will not suffice. You must absolutely repudiate the action which you previously took in renouncing.

Thereafter, you should challenge in the courts the validity of the renunciation. Such action should not be delayed any longer. I hope you will join other persons at Tule Lake who are likewise affected and bring the matter to a head. If you delay further, you will find yourself at an isolated internment camp with little chance to secure help. Thereafter, of course, the government will deport you to Japan.

With reference to the alien registration, which the justice department is about to conduct, may I suggest that persons who challenge the validity of the renunciation should register under protest and assert their U. S. citizenship by a statement on the registration card claiming such United States citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

EB:AR

Ernest Besig, Director



WATIMOTO, TSUTONU  
, MARGARITA ROSE (WIFE)

ans by form letter, 9-5-45

September 4, 1945

SEP 5 1945

Mrs Ernest Besig  
American Civil Liberty Union  
216 Pine St.  
San Francisco, Calif

Dear sir:

I am enclosing one copy each of the three letters I have sent to Mr. Edward J. Ennis of the Department of Justice.

Would you please read each of them carefully and help us? We would appreciate any help you can give us. We were told by a friend to write to you and that you may be able to help us.

Please reply.

Sincerely yours,  
Margarita Rose  
Watimoto  
7206-A  
Newell, California



August 24, 1945

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

COPY

SEP 5 1945

Dear sir,

I would like very much to cancel my renunciation of United States citizenship. I fully realize now that it was a grave mistake and if it is at all possible, would like to cancel it.

When I made my request to renounce my citizenship it was because there was a certain amount of pressure in this camp. I realize now that I should not have let that intimidate me and should have kept my citizenship as I had intended to. I should never have done anything so rash.

I have a brother (T/4 Satoshi Ben Kurokawa, A.S.N. 39865272; 685th Repl. Co., 29 Repl. Depot; A.P.O. 238, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California) stationed in Manila during his spare for United States. I also have an aged father-in-law in a Stockton Mental Institution. We have been told that he cannot re-enter this camp again and it is my husband's and my duty to look after him. In order to do so, we will have to leave camp. Because as I stated before, he cannot re-enter this camp.

My brother in the army was quite disappointed when I told him what I had done. I do not blame him. I dread to think of what he may have thought of me. So won't you please grant my request and



cancel my renunciation?

I will try to make myself worthy of my citizenship and not abuse its rights.

Please reply.

Sincerely yours,

Margarita Rose Wakimoto

7206-A

Newell, Calif.

My former address:

7215-E

Newell, Calif.



August 24, 1945

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

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SEP 5 1945

Dear sir,

My wife, Margarita Rose Wakimoto has written her reasons why she would like to have her renunciation cancelled.

I also would like to have my renunciation cancelled. My case is the same as hers, so I would like to add my request to hers to have our renunciation cancelled.

Sincerely yours,  
Isatoru Wakimoto



August 30, 1945-

SEP 5 1945

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

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Dear sir,

On August 24, 1945 I wrote to you regarding the possibility of cancellation of my husband's and my renunciation of U. S. citizenship. Since then we have learned that my brother T4 . Satoshi Ben Kurokawa, A.S.N. 39865272; 685th Repl. Co., 29 Repl. Depot, A.P.O. 238, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California) was killed in a plane crash at Okinawa on August 13, 1945.

This death has been a great yolt to us and has awatered in us the graveness of our mistake in renouncing our citizenships.

So wout you please consider our requests of August 24 and grant our requests.

Please reply.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Margarita Rose  
Wakimoto

my husband's signature:  
Satoru Wakimoto

7206-A  
Newell, California



YABUMOTO, MITSUAKI A  
, CHIYOKO (WIFE)

AUG 28 1945

4312-D.

Newell, Calif.

Aug. 26, 1945

Form letter  
Sept. 1

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

Dear Sir:

I am trying to take the proper procedure to cancel my renunciation of citizenship. I have written a letter to Mr. Cunnis, the head of the Justice Department, concerning this matter. However if the cancelation is impossible, I should like to be permitted to leave this center even as an alien; so I sincerely hope that you would also do with-in your utmost ability to restore my citizenship back to me or else to aid me in getting my leave - clearance.

I am sending you the exact copy of the letter which I forwarded to Mr. Cunnis, the head of the Justice Department, to give you some idea of the reasons for my renunciation and the reason for my wanting to have my citizenship restored or to be permitted to leave this center.

I truthfully plead for your help.

Sincerely Yours  
Mitsuaki Yabumoto



AUG 28 1945

4312-D  
Tule Lake WRA  
Newell, California  
August 22, 1945

Mr. Edward J. Ennis  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Enemy Alien Control Unit

Dear Sir:

This is an appeal to you for the cancelation of our renunciation of citizenship. In case you are unable to restore it back to us, we would appreciate it very much if you would allow us even to leave this center as aliens. I am "free" on the Army List; I am only detained by your department.

I have served in the U.S. Army for fifteen months and was given an Honorable Discharge (Certificate of Disability Discharge) on account of my Stomach Ulcer. I was inducted into the army at Presidio of Monterey, California on January 20, 1942 and had my basic training in the Medical Corps at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Later I was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas and on April 23, 1943 I was discharged from the Headquarter Detachment 1747th S.C.U., Fort Riley, Kansas.

When I was discharged from the army, I was quite sick and my wife Chiyoko was pregnant, so both of us were unable to work; therefore, we could not do anything to earn our living. While they were waiting for their disability discharge from the army, all of my Caucasian patient friends in the same ward were saying that they were intending to go back to their homes to take ample care of themselves. However, in my case it was an entirely different matter because I had no money or a home to return to and take care of myself as my folks were evacuated to Tule Lake Center. As my parents were earning only \$16.00 per month, it was impossible for me to plead for their help; therefore my wife and I decided to come to this center, thinking that this was the only place for us to make our living.

During our residence here a great many persons began encouraging us to renounce our citizenships, and in addition to that many rumors were prevailing----rumors that confused us altogether. One of these rumors was that if we did not renounce our citizenships, we would be forced out of this center. I believed that. Thinking that we would encounter hardships in earning our living because of my physical condition, in addition to our two little children, we applied for the renunciation of our citizenships in the confusion of our thoughts, which is now much to our regret.

We have been peaceful citizens and haven't committed any violation of the laws of the United States on the outside or in this center.



When the War Department called me into the army on January, 1942, I was glad to serve the United States. I had an excellent record in the army. If I had been given the chance to fight at the front I would have gone with pleasure in my heart to serve the cause of the United States to maintain her glory-----the democratic principles.

My wife's three brothers are all in the army, serving with this purpose deeply implanted within them. One of them, Cpl. George Susumu Nakamura, has sacrificed his life to uphold the dignity, prestige, and the intellectual possessions of America while fighting heroically with the 442nd Infantry in France during his effort to rescue the "Lost Battalion". He fought gallantly until the end and was awarded the Bronze Star from the War Department. Other two brothers, Pvt. Harry Nakamura is attending aircraft mechanic school at Keesler Field, Mississippi and Pvt. Thomas Nakamura is at the Military Intelligence School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

I certainly would appreciate it, if you would kindly reconsider my great folly of renouncing my citizenship and restore it back to me. If that is impossible, I should like to supplicate to you again for the permission of leaving this center even as an alien.

Sincerely yours,

*Mitsuaki A. Yabumoto*  
Mitsuaki A. Yabumoto

*Chiyoko Yabumoto*  
Chiyoko Yabumoto

P.S. My wife, Chiyoko Yabumoto, has applied for renunciation of her citizenship at the same time but as yet has not recieved the notice of approval. I hope it remains unapproved.



Aug. 24, 1945  
1416-B  
Newell, Calif.

AUG 27 1945

Mr. F. Bessie,  
American Civil Liberties Union  
216 Pine St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Today I received a letter from the Asst. Adjutant General, - that I am no longer a sequegee but rather a excludedee now. which I believe will permit to go to other part of United States other than the restricted zone of Western Defense Area.

I also received a letter from you, requesting to let you know of what the Army's action in my appeal hearing was, which was as stated above.

I think the only thing that is holding me back now is the justice department "stop list"

I hope you can help me in some way so that I may be able to leave this center in some near future.

I am forever indebted to you

Sincerely  
Albert S. Yamanaka



Newell, Calif.

Aug. 18, 1945

American Civil Liberties Union

210 Pine St.

San Francisco 4, Calif.

AUG 20 1945

Dear Sir:

Recently I sent you a letter asking you in some way you can help me relocate from this center, since I've renounced my citizenship I find it hard to take step in relocating.

A few days ago I've heard from friends, who are in same position I'm in, that, even though we have renounced our citizenship, much to our regrets, that Justice Dept. has no rights to hold us in center. and that your organization are willing to bring such case before the court and do what you can for us.

I've had my Army rehearing on July 26, so I should be hearing from them as to my status in very short time, Now I've got my clearance from the Western Defense Command the only thing that hold me will be the stop list of Justice Department.



So if such action can be taken to have  
me cleared of my holding in this center  
I will be ~~very~~ much indebted to you.  
In thanking you I remain

Sincerely

Albert S. Yamanaka

August 20, 1945

Mr. Albert S. Yamanaka  
1416-B  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Yamanaka:

It is quite true that we are  
interested in helping renunciants whom the Western  
Defense Command has permitted to leave the center  
but who are on the Justice Department's "stop list".  
No doubt, you will hear from the army very shortly  
since you had your appeal hearing on July 26.

If the report is favorable, may  
I suggest that you get in touch with us at once and  
I will take some action in your case.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director

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SEP 19 1945

Tule Lake, Calif.  
Sept 11, 1945Mr. Ernest Bisio  
American Civil Liberties Union  
2316 Pine St.  
D. F. Calif.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if my case could be a name of Aliens and relocate. As I have renounced my citizenship by falling in too much of Center pressure that I have loosed my mind, but didn't know what I have been doing. I am feel very ashamed of myself by saying like this now.

My only beloved old aged mother was living in a Center of Hiroshima City and now the Atomic Bomb have disappeared her and our home. So I do not have no hope to go back Japan any more, I will appreciate if you will help me, and I will be waiting for your reply. I thank you.

I am

Sincerely yours

Hatsuo Yamasaki  
2318 E.



August 28, 1945  
Newell, California

AUG 31 1945

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to have aid from you concerning as to what tough predicament I am now in.

I, Masaru Yamashita, born in Concord California was raised and educated there. I am a graduate of Tri State High School. As I did not have opportunity for higher education, because I graduated in this center. As to my Japanese education I did not attend any outside, nor, here in this center.

I have never lived in Japan, but I have visited Japan for a month or two that is when I was rather young.

I wanted to relocate many times before, but due to many reasons I did not relocate. During the registration time I have answered yes to question #28.

I renounced my citizenship which I do regret at this time, therefore, I am asking for your suggestion as to what I can do. Also, Asking what you can do for me. I have written to Mr. Edward J. Ennis. Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter that was forwarded to him. If any other information is necessary for clarification please let me know as I am very anxious to clear my status.

Please inform me at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you.

Truly yours,

*Masaru Yamashita*  
Masaru Yamashita  
5114-E  
Newell, California



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August 20, 1945  
Newell, California

AUG 31 1945

Edward J. Ennis  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I, Masaru Yamashita, would like to cancel my renunciation.

Pre-evacuation I was a resident of Concord, California at which time I was quite satisfied with the living and everyone was very nice to us.

War was declared and I, being an American Citizen was forced to evacuate into a center which we as citizen had nothing to say.

Many years my parents worked hard to live a normal life, which was just accomplish by my folk, and which was shattered because of evacuation. Tho' it was hard to explain what I thought at that time, and how my family felt, we evacuated into a center. We stayed in the center and the pressure of prejudice grew quite strong.

Being an American Citizen I was very peeved at such action taken against me. If at that time, the government had shown us faith and trust, we would of served the country; or helped in war production plant.

When evacuation notices were posted I was a student at the High School. I was seventeen years old and I just couldn't understand why I had to evacuate. I understood in the beginning that all isels were to be evacuated and after a hearing they were to return to where they were evacuated.

Evacuation was rapidly starting near the coast and, friendliness turned to prejudice. Racial prejudice. Germany was at war, but they were not discriminated like we Japanese-American Citizen. Because they were not evacuated.

Prejudice hit me very hard. But I do not blame the young high school students and my friends.



During my high school years big plans were built for my future which was shattered due to evacuation. Notices were posted which ever direction I turned saying "All Japs to be evacuated immediately" I felt that I was a citizen just like any other persons.

As I was quite young my feeling and mind was one sided.

While in this center such things as segregation and renunciation was made possible and, as majority of the Japanese-American citizen, due to prejudice did remain here and as for the pressure of the center, I did heed to it to certain extend.

I have had many opportunitites to talk with the caucasian who is working here helping with the relocation plans has stated that prejudice have died down due to many relocatees have shown respect.

I am now twenty-one and at which time I must stand on my two feet and am taking the first opportunity I can to relocate.

Please consider this request for hearing at your earliest convience. If any information is needed to cancel my renunciation please let me know.

Your immediate attention is greatly appreicated.  
Thanking you in advance.

Truly yours,

/s/ Masaru Yamashita

*Masaru Yamashita*



YOKOTA, MR HIROSHI

ans form letter, 9-3-45

*no covering letter*

Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

August 29, 1945

Mr. Edward J. Ennis  
Enemy Alien Control Unit  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington (25), D. C.

AUG 31 1945

Dear Mr. Ennis:

Due to circumstances I renounced my American citizenship which I regret very much.

At the time of segregation all WRA Centers were determining whether a person was loyal to the United States or to Japan. Everybody who was 17 years and over was subject to registration. There were false rumors being spread throughout the camp at that time regarding the registration, and people were saying to do this and that when you go to register. When my turn came to register, I was under the influence of the pro-Japanese group to register "No-No". After registering I realized my error in the way I answered those two questions, so I went back and changed it to "No-Yes" right away.

When the subject of renunciation started, the camp was dominated by the pro-Japanese and radical groups, who went around telling young men to renounce their citizenship. In some cases where the boys refused to comply with them, force was used. Under those conditions, I sent in application for renunciation.

I was never a member of the Hokoku Seinen Dan or any other organizations not approved by the War Relocation Authority or the Army.

I have no dual citizenship or never have been to Japan and the rest of my family is cleared to go out.

I hope arrangement can be made to reinstate my American citizenship.

Sincerely,

*Hiroshi Yokota*  
Hiroshi Yokota  
916-B  
Newell, California



YOKOTA, MIYOKO

*From letter  
Sept. 3*

AUG 27 1945

4105-A  
Newell, California  
August 24, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to  
Mr. Ennis of the Department of Justice which is  
self-explanatory.

Can you help me in this situation?

Yours truly,

*Miyoko Yokota*  
Miyoko Yokota



4105-A  
Newell, California  
August 24, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to cancel my renunciation of my United States citizenship if it is possible - but if not may I go out as a parolee?

At the time of my renunciation my husband and I were thinking of his aged father and mother who were alone in Hiroshima, Japan. As a Japanese custom my husband, an alien, being the eldest son in the family, would have been responsible for the support of his parents when the time came to return to Japan with our family of four small children.

With some consideration for the above reason and more so by the pressure put on those of us who had not made application for renunciation, I had no alternative.

With the recent catastrophe in Hiroshima, it is doubtful if my husband's parents survived, so our plans have changed. Now I realize the mistake that I have made and am thoroughly regretful of my action.

My husband for whose sake I renounced, is able to leave while I cannot. Is there not some way by which we can take our four children out? Please let me go out even as an alien like my husband.

Yours truly,

*Miyoko Yokota*  
Miyoko Yokota



September 5, 1945

Miss Yukie Yoshioka  
4314 D  
Newell, California

Dear Miss Yoshioka:

I just had a telephone call from Margot Skinner in which she asked us if we wouldn't be of some help to you concerning your renunciation problem. Miss Skinner was of the opinion that you were 17 years of age at the time you renounced. My hunch is that you were very likely over 18, because those are the only cases which the Justice Department has approved. The enclosed form letter should be of some help to you. Our National Office is hopeful that the Justice Department will grant further hearings in certain hardship cases where the parents are on the free list. In any case, I would suggest that you follow the program outlined in the enclosed letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Ernest Besig, Director

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