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August 5, 1947

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

Dear Sir:

On or about January, 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.

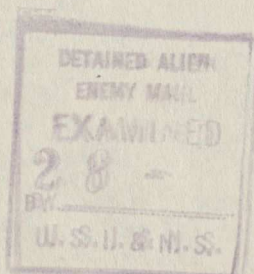
Very truly yours,

Kimi Katsura  
(Name)

Address: P.O. Box 783

Alien Internment Camp

Crystal City, Texas



June 10, 1958

Miss Kimi Katsura  
c/o Miss Kiyo Hamada  
1531 Buchanan Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Katsura:

Would you please telephone to this  
office concerning the affidavit of your  
sister, Mrs. Fumi Watanabe, in Japan?

Very truly yours,

DP:fd

re No 6.

June 13, 1958

Miss Kimi Katsura  
c/o Miss Kiyo Hamada  
1531 Buchanan Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Katsura:

Pursuant to the telephone conversation of this morning, we are enclosing herewith a Personal Questionnaire Form and Affidavit which we would thank you to fill out completely to the best of your recollection and ability and return to this office promptly. All questions must be answered to the best of your recollection.

It is suggested that you carefully read each of the questions, study each question and make every effort to recollect the happenings at the time of your renunciation, the reasons for your conduct, and problems that confronted you and any worries and fears which concerned you. This Questionnaire is for my own personal use and is confidential so do not hesitate to give full, true and correct answers and to mention names. The giving of names will assist me and will not do any harm to you or the persons you name.

When you have completed your answers to all the questions please return the forms promptly to this office. If you will do this promptly I will prepare a proper affidavit from the information in the questionnaire and affidavit form and from materials in my files and send it to you for examination and to have it sworn to before a notary public. Then I will have it processed through the Justice Department and if that Department grants you administrative clearance I can have a judgment entered in your favor in court cancelling your renunciation of U.S. citizenship and declaring you to be a U.S. citizen.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw  
Encs.

KATSURA, Kimi

See: WATANABE, Fumi, nee Katsura, sister  
Japan

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

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August 29, 1960

Mrs. Shizu Iwata  
3016 Sacramento  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Iwata:

I would thank you to let me know the present address  
of Mr. Fred Akira Watanabe  
Mrs. Fumi Watanabe  
Miss Kimi Katsura ✓

so that final papers concerning their citizenship status  
may be transmitted to them. Please use the enclosed  
cards and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

*W. M. Collins*

WAYNE M. COLLINS  
Attorney At Law  
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street  
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA  
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September 14, 1960

Miss Kimi Katsura  
c/o Mrs. Shizu Iwata  
3016 Sacramento  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Katsura:

If you wish to receive your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancels your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declares you to be a U.S. citizen, you can obtain it from me by sending to me the \$200.00 balance due on your account. Sometime in the future you may need this document to prove your citizenship, to obtain a passport, to establish your right to vote, in applying for employment, Social Security benefits, various licenses, loyalty checkup, etc. If it presses you too much to pay your balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay the balance by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

*W.M. Collins*

Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS  
Attorney at Law  
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, California  
GARfield 1-5827

February 23, 1961

Miss Kiyoko Hamada  
100 DeMintfort Ave.  
San Francisco, Calif.

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Dear Miss Hamada:

I would thank you to let me know the present address of Miss Kimi Katsura and also the full name of her husband, if she is married, so that final papers concerning her citizenship status may be transmitted to her. Please use the enclosed card and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

*W. M. Collins*