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2816-C,  
Newell, California  
August 31, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

I made application for renunciation of citizenship and at that time may I say that I was under very strong pressure of my surroundings at my immediate home here in Tule Lake Center.

It was a case of my keeping myself out of trouble which seemed likely to happen at any moment. I was born in Yakima County, Washington. Although I was accompanied by my parents to their homeland and lived there for a few years, I still consider the United States, the land of my birth, my home.

Trusting that something may be done in my behalf and sincerely hope consideration will be given to me in my request for cancellation of renunciation of my American citizenship, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Harry Taijiro Hamada  
Family # 10736  
Address 2816-C  
Newell, California.

*Harry Taijiro Hamada*



HARADA, May

May Harada  
Block 715-D Tule Lake  
Newell, California  
September 14, 1945

SEP 19 1945

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

Dear Sir:

I am among the many who have renounced my citizenship. As I had not been able to cancel it sooner I am doing so now although I have already recieved my notice of approval of renunciation of United States Nationality dated on August 17, 1945.

During the month of April I as many fellow nisei's were under pressure of our parents to apply for citizenship hearings for which at that time our parents wished to take us along to Japan. As I have never been to Japan at all I had no desire then or now whatsoever to go. Under constant insistence of my parents I was finally forced to say I would renounce my citizenship.

All my 23 years were spent as any law-abiding citizen and I would like to continue to do so. I am certain that many nisei's are regretting their loss as I am for we have cherished our citizenships dearly. There has been talk that many nisei here in Tule Lake have applied for cancellation and so I thought best that I should also try for I have been hearing that we may be deported as I do not wish that. My mind has been constantly on this question and as I am not able to go out I would like very much to know the standpoint to the question.

I would like kindly to have my name taken off the deportation list and cancel my name as a renouncee.

Very Sincerely,

*Satsuki Harada*



October 5, 1945.

Miss May Harada,  
715-D,  
Tule Lake Center,  
Newell, California.

Dear Miss Harada:

I regret the delay in acknowledging receipt of a copy of your letter to the Attorney General repudiating your renunciation of citizenship. I assure you I appreciate the circumstances under which you renounced.

We have sought to impress upon the renunciants at Tule Lake that it is absolutely necessary for them to file suits if they are to prevent removal to Japan as enemy aliens. If you are without the necessary money to hire an attorney for yourself, I would suggest that you join with others at Tule Lake who are in a like position and pool your financial resources for the purpose of securing counsel. Such action should be taken promptly because as far as we know, it is the government's intention to transfer renunciants to isolated internment camps and then remove them from the country. A policy of just waiting to see what will happen is extremely dangerous.

With reference to the present alien registration, it would seem to me that renunciants should register under protest, setting forth their United States citizenship on the registration form.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director.



AUG 31 1945

2601-D

Newell, Calif.

August 27, 1945.

Dear Sir:-

I have written a letter to Washington D. C., asking to get back my citizenship of United States, which I had requested it to be renounced in March 1945.

If, by any chance, there is a case brought up about my citizenship from Washington D. C., I wish to ask you a favor, by helping me out of the situation. I am sending the same copy, I sent to Washington D. C.

Yours Truly,  
Katsumi Hata.



AUG 31 1945

2601-D

Menell, Calif.

August 27, 1945.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to get back my citizenship of United States, which I had requested it to be renounced, sometime ago in March 1945.

The reason of the renunciation was:- all those with citizenship were evacuated into camps, as dangerous groups, with the Isseis. It meant, I, also did not have the rights and privileges of residing outside. If, I was not evacuated into camp, I would not have done such a thing as to renounce my valuable citizenship.

As I think it over, and for my children and future, I still need the citizenship. America is the right country for children, family, with Freedom and Liberty. So kindly return the rights and privileges of citizenship of the United States.



2601-D  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California  
September 4, 1945

SEP 7 1945

Family No. 39504

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

Dear Sir:

I have mailed the following letter to the Department of Justice which I wish to have your ardent assistance.

I have renounced my United States citizenship and have received the notice of approval of the renunciation of my United States citizenship. The reason for which seemed very obvious at the time, for we citizens of these United States of America were forced into camps as dangerous groups, even though our records were unblemished as loyal United States Citizens.

To be deprived of our rights provided unto us by the Constitution of these United States of America as loyal citizens was really an terrible blow to our hearts; which only led us into following false precepts, for which we are regretting very much at present. Also another strong element which carried our thoughts during the time of our renunciation was certain groups which prevailed here in this center at that time. Organizations which is the foundation for which many a persons are now regretting.

Now I know we need our citizenship. Since I came to this country, I have obeyed all the laws of this country and have not yet done anything, that was disloyal to this country; I was very thankful and contented of living here in these peaceful United States of America with my family. I am still a good loyal citizen at heart. Please, let me and my family have the privilege of residing in this country, and please may I have the rights and privileges of true citizenship once again. I well realize what I am asking for, but I will never make such a mistake again.

Yours truly,

*Katsumi Hata*  
Katsumi Hata



AUG 31 1945

2601-D

Newell Calif

August 27, 1945.

Dear Sir;

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If, by any chance, there is a case brought up about my citizenship from Washington D.C., I wish to ask you a favor to help me out of the situation. I am sending the same copy, I sent to Washington D.C.

Yours Truly,  
Kieko Hata



2601-D

Newell, Calif.

August 27, 1945.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to get back my citizenship of United States, which I had requested it to be renounced, some time ago in March 1945.

Kindly return the rights and privileges of citizenship of the United States. I wish to join my husband and family to go outside to make a living in this country.

Yours Truly,



HAYASHI, MR TAMOTSU

ans by form letter 9-14-45

5012-A  
Newell, California  
September 12, 1945

SEP 15 1945

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

Dear Sir:

As per enclosed copy, I am applying for a permit  
to leave the center to return to a normal life outside.

Any assistance you can give me in this matter  
will be deeply appreciated by me.

Yours very truly,

*Tamotsu Hayashi*

Tamotsu Hayashi

enclosure



SEP 15 1945

Tulelake, Center  
Newell, California  
September 12, 1945

Commanding General  
Western Defense Command  
Presidio of San Francisco,  
San Francisco, California

Sir:

I am classed as a segregee due to my expatriation.  
I have just applied for a permit to leave the center at  
Enemy Alien Control Unit of the Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C. I understand it is necessary to have a  
hearing before the permit may be issued.

Please hold a hearing as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

Tamotsu Hayashi  
5012-E  
Newell, California



(C O P Y)

SEP 15 1945

Tulelake Center  
Newell, California  
Sept. 3, 1945

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

Att: Civil Affairs Division

Dear Sir:

Since the war is ended it became necessary for me to decide whether to go to Japan or remain in this country. If I am to remain in this country I must leave the Center and return to a normal life in some outside community.

I went to the relocation office here and made some inquiries about leaving the Center. I have found out that my wife is free to leave the Center and live anywhere in the United States, but I am required to obtain permission from the Department of Justice for leaving the Center due to my expatriation.

I would like to get out of the Center and return to a normal life outside and ask that a permit be issued to me for leaving the Center.

Respectfully yours,

Tamotsu Hayashi  
FN 16413  
5012-A  
Newell, California



SEP 13 1945

~~Wife~~  
~~On file~~  
In camp - 3 children

Sept 11, 1945

Dear Sir,

I have renewed my citizenship but have not yet received my paper of certification.

It was all a great mistake of my asking for renunciation.

I'll like to ask your advice as to how I may be able to cancel it. Also I have asked the advice of Attorney here, and also to write to Dept. of Justice for my cancellation.

I have to hear from you.

Thank you

Toshiye Hayashi  
7815 E  
Newell, Calif.



Sept. 19, 1945.

Lesig  
A. C. L. W.  
216 Pine Street

SEP 21 1945

Dear Sir:

I would like to withdraw my renunciation  
on Dec. or Jan. As yet I have not received my  
answer from Dept of Justice for renunciation.

Here's how it started. Ever since July 13,  
1942 we have evacuated from our home to the  
Indian Reservation in Poston. The reason why  
I had renounce was, because it was unjust to  
our family. all the life earnings + our car, furniture,  
etc were sold at a very cheap price. Another is,  
my brother was serving in the U.S. Army ever  
since Mar. of the year we evacuated. He's  
now overseas in the Pacific for over 2 years.  
He is serving in the Army Intelligence School.  
I have not been in Japan + I



I don't ever want to. I was born in Lodi Bay,  
Fresno California. Was educated here & graduated  
from Sanger Union High School in 1942. Due to  
unfavorable home I was unable to attend graduation  
another thing I had to sacrifice.

All my good friends are outside or  
serving in the U.S. Army. One of my friends  
for reference is Kuni Furukawa 2150 Grand Ave.  
Hes Moines 12 Iowa. I would like you to  
ask her if I'm a good American citizen. So  
please take me in consideration of having  
me cleared. Thank you.

Yours Truly

Frank Hirata



October 5, 1945

Mr. Frank Hirata  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Hirata:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 19 requesting our assistance in securing your release from the center. I would suggest that if you have not already done so, that you send a letter to the attorney general repudiating your renunciation of citizenship.

In addition, however, you should take legal action. If you do not have the funds to hire an attorney, I would suggest that you join with others at the center who are in a similar position. You can pool your financial resources and solve your problem in a practical way. This action should be taken promptly because, as you know, the justice department intends to transfer renunciants to isolated internment camps where it will be most difficult to secure legal assistance.

With reference to pending alien registration, may I suggest that you register under protest, asserting your United States citizenship on the registration blank.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director

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INOUE, MISS HARUKO

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516-C  
Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California  
September 14, 1945

SEP 20 1945

Mr. Ernest Besig  
American Civil Liberties Union  
San Francisco, California

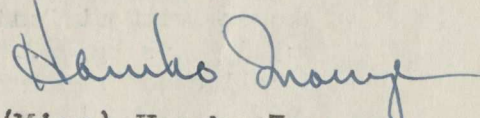
Dear Mr. Besig:

Enclosed please find a letter describing my case, which I hope your organization will be interested in.

As outlined in the letter, I deeply regret the step I took toward the renunciation of my citizenship. The reasons supplanting that action had nothing to do with the question of loyalty.

It is my hope that your interest in my case will aid and speed the cancellation of my pending renunciation.

Very truly yours,

  
(Miss) Haruko Inoue



September 26, 1945

Miss Haruko Inouye  
516 C  
Newell, California

Dear Miss Inouye:

I am enclosing a copy of a form letter which was prepared some little time ago. In the meantime, it has developed that the justice department intends to remove renunciants to isolated internment centers and thereafter to deport them from the U.S. as enemy aliens. The letter procedure is very summary and is not comparable to the usual proceedings in which there is a hearing.

I want to emphasize that renunciants who are in a position to defend their rights ought to hire attorneys. I appreciate, of course, that most of the persons at Tule Lake are without funds. A couple of weeks ago, it was suggested to us by Mr. Tetsujiro Nakamura that small sums could be collected from various renunciants to set up a defense fund. That would be one way of meeting the problem. However, since Mr. Nakamura returned to Tule Lake, we have heard nothing further about his proposal. I trust that something is being done about it.

What evidence do you have that you were not a dual citizen? When you testified at your renunciation hearing, did you claim dual citizenship? In the various forms that you filled out for the WRA did you ever claim dual citizenship? I presume your parents would be willing to testify that they never registered your birth at the Japanese consulate within the required time?

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director

EB:AR



516-C  
Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California  
September 14, 1945

Mr. E. J. Ennis  
Department of Justice  
Washington D. C.

SEP 20 1945

Attention: Renunciation Reviewing Board

Dear Mr. Ennis:

To date I have received no reply from you in answer to my previous pleas regarding the cancellation of renunciation of my United States citizenship; and therefore, I am appealing to you again.

At the time of my renunciation hearing, I had not yet reached the age of 21 and I trust that this fact will have some favorable bearing on my case.

As I have previously set forth in my communications to you, and as the records of my renunciation hearing will undoubtedly reveal, my reasons for taking this drastic measure had nothing, whatever, to do with the question of loyalty. Rather, my action was prompted by my desire to retain the family unity. My mother, father, and 24 year-old sister are all in the alien category; I, alone, was a citizen. The general sentiment in this Center at that time, and one of the strongly publicized, staunch convictions of an influential group here, was that persons with United States citizenships would be forced to become separated from their alien parents. As one of our prominent issues since evacuation was the matter of family unity, out of fear and pressure, I was impelled to apply for renunciation of my United States citizenship,

However, a few months after I had had my renunciation hearing my alien sister received word that she was free to relocate wherever she chose. I immediately went to the relocation office to process my own relocation, thinking that my sister and I could call our parents to join us as soon as possible.

But an answering wire to me from Washington on my status disclosed that my case was "pending"; and, therefore, I was unable to go through with my plans for relocation.



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September 14, 1945

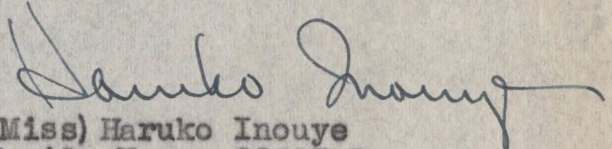
To date I have not received any notice of acceptance of my renunciation and I hope that it and the fact that my case has been placed in the "pending" category is due to the confused nature of my renunciation hearing and its insubstantiality.

Acting on this hope and on the advice of some Relocation Officers, here, my sister has gone ahead with her relocation plans and is now back in San Francisco (our former home). My parents are anxiously awaiting word for some decision on my status, as am I; for they, as I, long to join my sister in San Francisco.

I would like to appeal to you, again, to cancel my renunciation proceedings - I cannot express how deeply I regret having taken this step. But if you are unable to do this I beg you to consider me for a parolee status.

Enclosed please find a recommendation from my present employer, Mr. Raymond B. Hayward, Chief Project Steward, which document, I sincerely hope, will prove weighty toward a favorable decision in my case.

Very truly yours,



(Miss) Haruko Inouye  
Family No.: 22683-D  
Birth Date: 4/4/24



Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

September 17, 1945

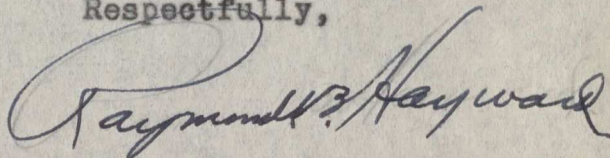
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Haruko Inouye has been constantly in the employ of Mess Operations as Secretary; both to the former Chief Steward and myself, as head Office Manager, supervising all the rationing correspondence and all details pertinent to Mess Operations, here at the Tule Lake Center, for the past two years.

She is a thoroughly capable girl with a fine moral character, honest, and very industrious. Without any hesitation or mental equivocation, I can say she is an 100% loyal American.

I take pleasure in recommending her services and her personal character to anyone.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raymond B. Hayward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

Raymond B. Hayward  
Chief Project Steward

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