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LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND

SPECIAL DIVISION

Washington 8, D.C.

Department of
Japanese Interests

Ref. No. V-13

October 23, 1945

Mr. Kazunari Honda
1314-D
Tule Lake Center
Newell, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Due note has been taken of
your request dated October 4, 1945,
that your application for repatriation
to Japan be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND
Dept. of Japanese Interests

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CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2266

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) KAZUNORI HONDA

Block No. 1314 - D

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 27 years Date of Birth: Month: JUNE Day: 15 Year: 1918

Place of Birth: (City) WAHIAWA (County) OAHU State) T. HAWAII

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

2153 BOOTH ROAD HONOLULU, HAWAII

Occupation at time of evacuation: SAKE MAKER

Have you "dual citizenship"? YES

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? _____

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as a dual citizen: _____ When: _____

Where: _____

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: APRIL 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? DON'T KNOW

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? ABOUT APRIL 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? ABOUT AUGUST 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? WECHSNER

_____. (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? NO

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? Will send Form letter Feb. 20, 1946

(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? NEVER RECEIVED CLASSIFICATION

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: ICHIJI HONDA (FATHER DECEASED)
KIKU HONDA MOTHER

Have they been released from detention? LIVING IN JAPAN

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? NO

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? YES Oct. 8, 1945 When: Oct. 8, 1945

Where: TULE LAKE CENTER Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? NO Were you represented by anyone at that time? _____

Was any hearing given to you at that time? NO

Who registered you, if you know? DON'T KNOW

Did you protest registering as an alien? YES

Did you write your protest on the form? YES

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

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

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? _____ 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? AUGUST 1943

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? Oct. 4, 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:

Date: FEBRUARY 19, 1946

Kayunari Honda,

1314 - D

(Name)

#2266

Newell Calif

Feb 20, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about April, 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 form upon the 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 when 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 of 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 by 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,

Raymond Honda

Address 1314 - 4

Newell Calif

Oct 9, 1947

KAZUNARI HONDA
c/o H. YAMAUCHI
1341-A 10th AVE.
HONOLULU T. H.

MR. WAYNE M. COLLINS
1721 MILLIS TOWER
SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

DEAR SIR.

MY NAME IS KAZUNARI HONDA REFER TO
COMM. NO. 2266. HERE IS REPORT TO YOU
MY NEW ADDRESS, c/o H. YAMAUCHI
1341-A 10th AVE.
HONOLULU T. H.

MY OLD ADDRESS WAS SEABROOK FARMS.