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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Hiroyuki Taketaya

(Born October 14, 1913 at Sacramento, Cal.)

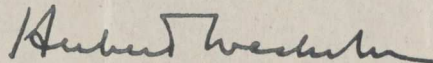
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Tule Lake Center

Newell, California

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to Section 401(i) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as Amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your renunciation of United States nationality has been approved by the Attorney General as not contrary to the interests of national defense. Accordingly you are no longer a citizen of the United States of America nor are you entitled to any of the rights and privileges of such citizenship.

Date: March 22, 1945.



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

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

Dear Sir:

On about February 7, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of United States nationality form at the W. R. A. Segregation Center situated at Tule Lake, Modoc County, California at perfunctory appearance before a government official, and I have received a letter dated March 22, 1945, Mr. Herbert Wechsler, Assistant Attorney General, approving the same.

I hereby repudate, 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 law;

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was continuously from May 21, 1944, had been detained in the said W. R. A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by threats of physical violence to myself and members of my family made by the Hoshi-Dan, a pressure group of aliens in said camp, and members thereof, and I was in constant fear, as was my family, that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation and approval thereof were, and each of them is, invalid, null and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country of nation my allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and also by choice. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America and I give and ever have given the United States my undivided loyalty and allegiance. I have no dual citizenship.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is repudiated, withdrawn and revoked by me, and that you recall, withdraw, cancel, and revoke your approval of said renunciation form.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted to me in order to prove that said renunciation form was signed when I was not a free agent in any sense of the words but was acting under duress and under menace, fraud and undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Hiroaki Taketaya
(Signed) *Hiroaki Taketaya*

8007-I Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Taketaya

Form letter
Sept. 3

AUG 23 1945

8007-I, W.R.A.
Newell, California
August 5, 1945

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

To the Honorable Mr. Ennis:

I am making an earnest appeal to you for my parole from this center in order to provide special medical care for my wife, and a suitable environment for my daughter.

After consulting with the doctors at this hospital on my wife's illness, I was told that I should seek medical care for her at outside. Upon talking with the leave officer to determine what sort of the W. R. A. assistance is available I was shocked to find that I am on the stop list. When I have consulted with Mr. Noyes, the project attorney, I was informed that the best thing is to write to you and ask a parole from this center.

My application for renunciation of the U.S. citizenship, of March 22nd, 1945 has been approved.

I would like to have you understand why I did renounce my birth rights. I was born in Sacramento, California, October 14, 1913, and was sent to Japan on April, 1916. My parents didn't send me there for education but on economic reason only. While attending the second year of an agricultural school in Japan, I got tired of education. As soon as I came back on borrowed money in 1929 I asked my father to renounce my Japanese citizenship through the Japanese consul at San Francisco and same was revoked in 1929. My only aim in my life has been to be a good American, then. I realized that in a democratic country one has to be educated or intelligent enough to keep democratic principle in force. So, at least I wanted to graduate from a college. It was not an easy task to accomplish this for I had started from the first grade in a grammar school and worked up to graduate from a college in eleven years. While attending the schools I had to work to pay the expenses. By doing so I acquired two things, namely Caucasian friends and the true concept of American democracy, I thought.

In less than one year after graduation from the College of Agriculture, University of California the war came. Then, the mass evacuation of Japanese and their extracts from the coastal areas. To me it was the death of American democracy. It hurt me beyond the power of my reasons.

During the confinement in the centers I did make some statements on record which may indicate I am disloyal to this country, but not even once have I made a statement against the United States of America. My renunciation was purely an act of disappointment. However, after the notice of approval was received I realized that I was foolish to renounce my citizenship because it meant I am the man without a country. When I was informed that I am on the stop list, I really realized seriousness and mistake in renunciation.

Your Honor, will you grant me parole for the sake of my wife, who needs a special medical care, and my daughter an environment in which she can be brought up as a true American? As you know this center life is not suitable for the youngsters. It seems needless to mention in this connection that I never been a member of the pro-Japan organization and I have utmost contempt for it.

If it is really possible I would like to have restored my citizenship rights.

Please find a copy of cancelling the request of expatriation which was sent to the State Department.

To have a few persons to underwrite my reliable characters I would like to mention the followings:

Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Hamm
3414 Washington Street
San Francisco, California

Prof. & Mrs. W. M. Regan
53 College Park
Davis, California

T/Sgt. Kazuhiko Yamada
H. C. Co. School Bn.
Fort Snelling, Minn.

Please have mercy on my case. As I remain,

Yours truly,

Hiroyuki Taketaya

TAKETAYA, HIROYUKI

AUG 17 1945

8007-I, W. R. A.
Newell, California
Aug. 8th, 1945

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

Dear Sir;

Please find the copies of the forms sent to the State Department requesting the cancellations of expatriation requests. I know it is a lot of trouble, but please keep the same for future references. These are from my wife's relatives.

Thank you,

Yours truly,

Hiroiyuki Taketaya
Hiroiyuki Taketaya

August 17, 1945

Mr. Hiroyuki Taketaya
8007-I
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Taketaya:

I have just received copies of the forms you sent to the State Department requesting cancellation of petitions for expatriation. We will be happy to keep these documents in our files and will be glad to return them to you upon your request.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Besig, Director

EE:AR

Department of State
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Special War Problems Division

I, Hiroyuki Taketaya, requested repatriation and exchange to Japan on Aug. 31, 1943 (date) at the Robben Relocation center. I now certify that I wish to cancel that application and to remain in the United States. I respectfully request that my name be taken off the list of persons to be considered for exchange.

Hiroyuki Taketaya
Name

8007-I, W. R. F., Newell, Calif.
Address

Aug. 5, 1945
Date

None
Japanese signature, if any

7161
Family Number

Oct. 14, 1913 at Sacramento, Calif.
Date and place of birth

U.S. Citizenship Renounced
Citizenship: U.S., Japan, Dual

P. O. Box 123, Victor, Calif.
Address before evacuation

Destination after leaving center

Department of State
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Special War Problems Division

I, Shizue Taketaya, requested repatriation and exchange to Japan on Aug. 31, 1943 (date) at the Rohwer Relocation center. I now certify that I wish to cancel that application and to remain in the United States. I respectfully request that my name be taken off the list of persons to be considered for exchange.

Name

Shizue Taketaya

Address

8007-Z, W. R. F., Newell, Calif.

Date

Aug 5, 1945

Japanese signature, if any

None

Family Number

7181

Date and place of birth

Nov. 22nd, 1920 at Brighton, Cal.

Citizenship: U.S., Japan, Dual

U. S.

Address before evacuation

P. O. Box 123, Victor, Calif.

Destination after leaving center

P.O. Box 151
Pleasanton, Calif.
April 14, 1946.

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
1721 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

How are you, Mr. Collins? Fine as
ever, I hope.

As soon as I left the Tule Center, that
was Feb. 20, I kept on wishing to drop
in at your office to hear about our cases. It
shouldn't be, but my work kept me too busy.

Since you are busy I ^{here} asked Mr. Bessig
to furnish me the dopes on our case, for today
I made application for the Liberator Union mem-
bership. But, will you please do me a favor?
I feel I am obliged to write to those
fellows interned at Crystal City. So, I would
like to have you send me the address for
the followings:

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~~John~~ Dyaō Nishiyama Com. No. 1097.

Atsuyuki Ota " " 92

Kenichi Nakashioya " " 191

Through other friends I was informed that
some of the fellows interested there is really
down hearted and pathetic state of mind.
I feel I must write to them and cheer them
up.

If Eddy Masuoka and Tex Nakamura
are still there helping you, please give
them my best regards.

Thank you, as I remain,

Yours truly,
Atsuyuki Takitaya

H. Taketayn
Castlewood Co. Club
Pleasanton, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
1721 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

Castlewood Co. Club, Pleasanton

90 MRS. L. S. HAMM

3414 WASHINGTON ST.

SAN FRANCISCO, 18, CALIF.

March 4, 1946

My dear Mr. Collins:

I will see you ~~in~~ as soon as I
get my family resettled. My former
address was 8007-I, Newell, Calif.
My present address is shown above. My
Committee No. is 206.

Be seeing you,

Sincerely, *Wingaki Kikutake*

from
H. Taketaya
8007-Z, W.R. #7
Newell, Calif.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Wayne M. Collins
1721 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

11/14/44
(Personal).

Jan. 15, 1946

My dear Mr. Collins:

I had mitigation hearing this morning at 9 o'clock. It was ^a simple one.

My wife and daughter were advised today that they are to leave here on Jan. 28, Monday. They are heading for S.F.

Please give them your advice if there is anything possible. Their present tentative plan is to go to a hotel, 1500 Post Street.

Regards to Mr. Tanaka.
Sincerely, S. H. Kutsa

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 206

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Hiroyuki Taketaya

Block No. 8007-I

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 32 years Date of Birth: Month: Oct. Day: 14 Year: 1913

Place of Birth: (City) Sacramento (County) Sacramento State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: P.O. Box 123
Victor, Calif.

Occupation at time of evacuation: Farmer

Have you "dual citizenship"? No

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as
a dual citizen: my father When: At time of birth

Where: San Francisco, Calif. with the Japanese Consul

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? Yes
About

When: August, 1929 Where: San Francisco, Calif.

What steps were taken to cancel it? Cancellation was notified to Office
of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo, Japan, through Japanese Consul, San
Francisco, Calif.

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: January Day: 27 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? I do not remember

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? March 22, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? About July 8, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

_____. (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? Yes _____

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? the first part of October _____

(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? 3-A _____

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: Keneich and Yoshiye Taketaya, both deceased _____

Have they been released from detention? _____

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? None _____

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? No not yet When: _____

Where: _____ Who was present with you at that

time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by

anyone at that time? _____

Was any hearing given to you at that time? _____

Who registered you, if you know? _____

Did you protest registering as an alien? _____

Did you write your protest on the form? _____

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.? Not yet

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 29, 1945

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? August 5, 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:

REMARKS

Committee No. 206

Taketaya, Hiroyuki

Married

Wife, Shizue Taketaya, is free to relocate.

One child in family.

No other renunciants in family.

Hiroyuki Taketaya

Hiroyuki Taketaya

(Name)

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Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone _____

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If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

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When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A.

Social Welfare? August 29, 1945

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? August 5, 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:

I intend to protest at the Alien Registration. I have a wife and daughter to support.

Date: October 21, 1945

Hirovuki Taketava
Hirovuki Taketava
(Name)