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Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
May 15, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett
Project Attorney

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - May 1, 1945 to May 15, 1945
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

TUESDAY - May 1, 1945

1) MEMO:

Prepared the bi-monthly report covering April 16, 1945 to April 30, 1945 inclusive which consists of 19 pages.

2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nakata-----Consultation.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Inukai, relative to relocation.

VISIT TO HOOD RIVER: Mr. M. Inukai recently went along with the "Kusachis" and "Satos", who had returned to Hood River, Oregon. He reports, that the boycott meeting against the local stores now catering to persons of Japanese extraction has "failed"; that the Standard Oil Company has commenced delivering oil to the evacuee farmers; that the mill workers at Dee have not caused any trouble to date as they are apparently not concerned with the boycott; that 15 families have returned to Hood River; that he knows of 4 more families that will be returning shortly; and that he himself will leave in a few days for Hood River.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Sugawara, relative to his file.

FILE: Since Mr. Sugawara is going to relocate shortly, I today returned to him all of the original papers belonging to him on file in this office.

Prepared a receipt covering same which was signed by Mr. Sugawara.

5) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Yamada-----Consultation.
This matter was referred over to the Welfare Section.

6) LETTER:

To Fred M. Terao, regarding a collection on a note.

COLLECTION: Mr. L. V. Ray, an attorney at Seward, Alaska is handling the collection on a note executed by Miss G. Bradshaw in favor of Mr. Terao in the sum of \$325.00. Mr. Terao has now relocated to Burley, Idaho.

Under date of March 14, 1945 Mr. Ray advised us to the following effect:

"Your letter of February 23, 1945 was just received. No collection has been made upon the note due Mr. Fred M. Terao from Mrs. Axel Peterson, formerly Geneva Bradshaw. About the last of February I met Mrs. Peterson on the street in Anchorage, Alaska. She informed me she had some physical disability, was separated from her husband, was not then earning any money, but expected to work in an Anchorage laundry soon.

She said that just as soon as she returned to work she would begin weekly payments, keep the payments up, even in small amounts until the debt is paid. I am convinced as to her good intentions but have some doubt of her ability to carry them out.

If Terao prefers to have this note sent to Anchorage to an attorney there, I will be glad to send it to anyone he may select. I am satisfied that at no time has the woman been able to make payment since Terao was in my office about April 10, 1942."

Under date of March 30, 1945 this office transmitted a copy of this letter to Mr. Terao.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Terao wherein the office stated:

"In view of the foregoing situation, we have no other alternative, except that you must select an attorney at Anchorage, Alaska by directly writing to Mr. L. V. Ray.

Therefore, since this letter is self-explanatory and no further assistance can be rendered to you against said Ray, we are forced to close your case.

It is suggested, however, that you should notify Mr. L. V. Ray at once as to whom you prefer to handle your collection on this note against said Peterson at Anchorage, Alaska."

In this letter we returned the papers he had on file with this office.

7) LETTER:

To Koto Takeuchi wherein the office enclosed a copy of a Quit Claim Deed, which was left by her or her son at this office. Mrs. Takeuchi has now relocated to White Oak, Georgia. This was sent "Registered Mail-Return Receipt Requested".

WEDNESDAY - May 2, 1945

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Frank U. Hashimoto, relative to relocation.

RELOCATION: Mr. Frank U. Hashimoto is returning to Seattle on the 10th to take possession of the Hansen Hotel at 517 Washington Street, Seattle, Washington. The Property Officer at Seattle is now assisting Mr. Hashimoto in effecting the termination of the lease as of June 1, 1945 against Larry Rapatato, the present tenant.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A letter of introduction to Mr. Charles W. Gilbreath, the Property Officer at Seattle, for Mr. Hashimoto.
2. A letter to the Property Officer at Seattle, wherein we advised him of Mr. Hashimoto's return to Seattle, and informed him, that the case will be closed as far as this office is concerned, as he will be then taking the matter up directly with Mr. Hashimoto.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Shigeno Iida, relative to her store fixtures and equipment.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: These store fixtures and equipment are now on display at Seattle, Washington to be sold in her behalf by the Seattle Property Officer.

Under date of April 20, 1945 the Seattle Property Officer advised us, that they have failed to receive any offers except for one bid for the refrigerator and cash register in the sum of \$50.00; that it would be advisable to sell the same by auction rather than the overall lot-bid method; and that unless Mrs. Iida is willing to accept one of the two methods of sale he will be compelled to move the equipment from the sales floor to storage.

Prepared a letter to the Property Officer, wherein the office advised him, that Mrs. Iida now declines to sell the same; and that there is no other alternative but to place the same in storage.

10)n LETTER:

To Mrs. Mary Jane Watanabe, relative to the request she made concerning a certain instrument now on file at this office.

11) INTERVIEW:

Y. Wakamatsu-----Consultation.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Kaseguma-----Consultation.

13) LETTER:

To the Property Officer at Seattle, wherein the office advised him, that Kay Okuda has relocated to Jamieson, Oregon, and requested, that in the future he should write directly to Mr. Okuda at his new address.

A copy of this letter was forwarded to Mr. Kay Okuda.

13) LETTER:

To Mr. Kay Okuda relative to his file.

FILE: Prepared a letter to Mr. Kay Okuda, wherein the office returned to him an original letter which he had left in our file. This letter was sent "Registered Mail-Return Receipt Requested".

A copy of this letter was forwarded to our Seattle Office.

14) INTERVIEW by my secretary:

Y. Mizoguchi, relative to his file.

FILE: Returned the original Federal Reserve License, which had been kept on file at this office. Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Mr. Mizoguchi.

The case was then closed.

THURSDAY - May 3, 1945

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Smith, the Community Analyst of this center-----
Consultation.

16) FEDERAL RESERVE:

Mr. Nishikawa is the holder of a certificate issued by the "Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank", in the sum of \$370.00. The Seattle First National Bank (Main Office) is acting as the trustee for said committee. The committee is now issuing their fourth dividend on their certificates. Mr. Nishikawa in addition failed to receive the third dividend check. He is a "Blocked Japanese National".

Under date of April 23, 1945 this office wrote a letter to said bank, wherein the office made an inquiry as to the total amount on each of the dividends so that an appropriate Federal Reserve License can be prepared for Mr. Nishikawa.

Under date of April 30, 1945 the bank replied to the following effect:

"We have your letter of April 23 asking for information regarding distribution to Tsuneichiro Nishikawa from assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank.

We are paying, as of March 10, 1945, a dividend of 20% of the original face amount of the certificates, which in his case is \$74. As of November 15, 1940, dividend No. 3 amounting to 10% of the face value of the certificates was paid so that he is entitled to receive \$37 from that distribution; in other words, he is entitled to receive a total of \$111.

These payments are made by Seattle-First National Bank as Trustee and the license should be directed to us. Before payment can be made however, it will be necessary to forward his certificate to us for the purpose of endorsing these payments thereon."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A Federal Reserve License application, which in part provided:

"1. Authorize the payment of the following dividends on certificate No. 277, dated December 10, 1932, in the original face amount of \$370, issued by the "Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank":

Third dividend as of November 15, 1940, being 10% of the original face amount of said certificate or the sum of \$37.00

and

Fourth dividend, as of March 10, 1945, being 20% of the original face amount of said certificate or the sum of \$74.00,

by the Seattle-First National Bank as Trustee for the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank to Tsuneichiro Nishikawa, the owner of said certificate.

2. Authorize the deposit of the aforesaid dividends, or the total sum of approximately \$111.00 to the credit of the blocked account in the names of "O. or T. Nishikawa" in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, 105 Main Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

O. Nishikawa as named in the aforesaid blocked account is the wife of the applicant and a blocked Japanese national as a result of failure to reside only in the continental United States at all times on or since June 17, 1940. T. Nishikawa as named in said blocked account is the present applicant of this license.

The aforesaid certificate represents an interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which was liquidated when it was forced to close its doors."

2. Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid license application was transmitted.
3. Prepared a letter to the Seattle First National Bank, wherein the aforesaid certificate was transmitted so that the bank can enter the necessary endorsements when the payment is made upon issuance of the license.

17) INTERVIEW:

Kiyotaka Nagatani, relative to his will.

WILL: Kiyotaka Nagatani of Port Blakely, County of Kitsap, State of Washington and now an evacuee of this center is desirous of having a will made, wherein he will bequeath all of his property to his brother, Ichiro Nagatani, and his sister, Kimiko Nagatani, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

Accordingly, I prepared this will.

FRIDAY - May 4, 1945

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tsuneichiro Nishikawa.

FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from Item 16): Mr. Nishikawa today signed the license application, and also countersigned the letter to the Seattle First National Bank.

19) INTERVIEW:

Kiyotaka Nagatani, relative to his will.

WILL (Continued from Item 17): Mr. Kiyotaka Nagatani today declared the same to be his last will and testament and signed the same in the presence of Clarence Arai, Gladys Hamano, and Kimiko Tanaka. The witnesses signed the will in his presence and in the presence of each other at his request.

Delivered the will to Mr. Nagatani, and the case was then closed.

20) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Yone Takemoto-----Consultation.

21) INTERVIEW:
Mr. M. Muramatsu, relative to transportation of baggage---
Consultation.

22) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Fukui-----Consultation.

23) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Nakane-----Consultation.

24) LETTER:

To Mr. Fred M. Terao, wherein we answered his inquiry of April 30.

25) INTERVIEW:
G. K. Yama, relative to his Federal Reserve License application.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mr. G. K. Yama whose full and true name is Kuai Yamauchi at the time of the outbreak of war lived at Cordova, Alaska. He was picked up by the governmental authorities and was interned. He is now paroled from the internment camp to this center.

Through this office he negotiated for the services of Dr. W. H. Chase at Cordova, Alaska, to handle his affairs as his attorney-in-fact. In due course Dr. Chase received authority from the Governor's Office of Alaska to wind up Mr. Yama's affairs.

Under date of July 26th and August 28th Mr. Yama received from Dr. Chase two checks in the sum of \$1000.00 and \$400.00, respectively. These checks were deposited to his credit in the Fidelity National Bank in Twin Falls.

Upon advice received from the Office of the Secretary for the Territory of Alaska under date of March 16, 1945 this office prepared and forwarded Mr. Yama's license application for living expenses to the Secretary.

Under date of April 25, 1945 the Acting Governor of the Territory of Alaska issued License No. NY, dated April 25, 1945, which in part provided:

"To withdraw from the blocked account in the name of G. K. Yama (also known as George Yama and George Yamauchi) in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho, not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the living expenses of said G. K. Yama.

The desired amount of funds, not exceeding \$200.00 may be withdrawn from said bank, and payment may be effected in the form of checks to said G. K. Yama.

The said G. K. Yama is required to file reports on Form TFER-1 upon consummation of the transactions."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A copy of said license for our file.
2. A receipt covering the license, which was signed by Mr. Yama.
3. A pass request to take Mr. Yama to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls to make arrangements so that he can make the withdrawals from his blocked account as directed in the license.

26) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Terao-----Consultation.

27) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Hirano-----Consultation.

SATURDAY - May 5, 1945

28) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Matsuda-----Consultation.

29) LETTER:

To Mr. George Furukawa.

FILE: Upon checking his file I noted that Mr. George Furukawa has relocated to Caldwell, Idaho. Therefore, prepared a letter to the Sr. Relocation Officer, Portland, Oregon, wherein we advised him in the future to contact Mr. Furukawa directly at the new address, as we are

closing this file due to his relocation.

A copy of this letter was forwarded to Mr. George Furukawa.

30) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from Item 25): I accompanied Mr. G. K. Yama to Twin Falls so as to make the necessary arrangements with the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls in order that Mr. Yama will be able to withdraw from his blocked account in said bank for living expenses as directed in the license.

MONDAY - May 7, 1945

31) LETTER:

To the District Relocation Officer at Seattle relative to the case of Emi Bunya, wherein we advised him, that we are closing this case as far as this office is concerned only; for reason Miss Bunya has relocated to Chicago and she is now corresponding directly with his office.

32) LETTER:

To Miss Emi Bunya relative to her file.

FILE: Upon checking her file we discovered, that there are two letters which must be returned to her. Prepared a letter to her, wherein these letters were transmitted "Registered Mail-Return Receipt Requested" to Miss Bunya.

The case was then closed.

33) INTERPRETING:

I acted as interpreter for Mr. Barrett, our Project Attorney, relative to the case of one, Dozono, a parolee from Santa Fe Internment Camp.

34) INTERVIEW:

Mr. R. Nitta, relative to his case now pending in the District Court.

TELEPHONE: Mr. Wayne Barclay is now acting as the attorney for Mr. Nitta. After considerable delay due to the illness of the District Judge the new term of court was to open today. I called Mr. Wayne Barclay for the purpose of

ascertaining the trial date. He wasn't in his office; so, I called up Mr. Richard Seeley, the Prosecuting Attorney, a close friend of Mr. Barclay, to find out whether or not he is at the Court House. The secretary informed me, that Mr. Wayne Barclay suffered a heart attack this morning.

This information was conveyed to Mr. Nitta.

35) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Kiwa Nagatani-----Consultation.

36) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

I went to the Office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to pick up 1945 Declaration of Estimated Tax forms.

I also went to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls and secured copies of the bank's Joint and Survivorship Agreement forms.

TUESDAY - May 8, 1945

37) INTERVIEW:
R. Nitta-----Consultation.

38) LETTER:

To Mr. Frank Toyota.

DAMAGE SUIT: Mr. Frank Toyota has commenced an action for damages against J. L. Schwinn doing business as Sun Valley Stages, et al. Mr. Toyota is asking for the sum \$4474.00 in damages to him as a result of his injuries suffered while a passenger on the Sun Valley Stages. The attorney for the defendants has entered a demurrer against the plaintiff's complaint. The hearing on the demurrer was to have been held yesterday morning.

On the morning of the hearing Mr. Wayne Barclay, Mr. Toyota's attorney, took suddenly ill due to a heart attack. So, the hearing was held over.

Mr. Toyota is now visiting Portland, Oregon. Under date of May 4, 1945 his son advised us, that his father's

short term pass has been extended for three weeks; and that he would appreciate if we will advise him as to when his father must appear in court.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Toyota, wherein the office answered this inquiry.

39) TRIP TO JEROME:

I went to Jerome with Mr. Cox, our Evacuee Property Officer, to contact Mr. Richard Seeley, prosecuting attorney at Jerome, who is a close friend of Mr. Wayne Barclay. I was anxious to hear about Mr. Wayne Barclay's condition, since he has several cases coming up for trial this term of court. Mr. Seeley informed me, that he saw Mr. Wayne Barclay a few minutes ago; that he is now coming along nicely; and that he will return to his office in a few days.

He also told me, that the District Judge will come back around the 14th; and that the cases will be tried during the latter part of the month.

WEDNESDAY - May 9, 1945

40) INTERVIEW:

Mr. R. Teraoka, relative to a Special Power of Attorney.

SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY: Mr. R. Teraoka is about to relocate to Spokane, Washington. At the time of his evacuation from Seattle, Washington he left a 1937 Dodge sedan in storage at the "Kono Garage". He is now desirous of having Jimmy Uyeda pick up the aforesaid car for delivery to him at his new home in Spokane, Washington.

Therefore, prepared a Special Power of Attorney which in part provided:

"1. To take possession of that certain motor vehicle, to-wit:

1937 Dodge sedan, bearing Motor No. D5-251346,
Serial No. 4750614, State of Washington
Certificate of Title No. A924492,

which is now kept in storage at the "Kono Garage",
located at 317-12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington

for the special purpose of delivering the same to me at Spokane, Washington;

2. To drive the aforesaid vehicle from said garage to my home at Route 1, Box 345, Spokane, Washington;
3. To apply and secure from the "Office of the Price Administration" the necessary gasoline ration to make the aforesaid trip from Seattle to Spokane, Washington;
4. To give effectual receipt and discharge for the same; and to do all acts requisite for effecting these premises hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said attorney shall do therein by virtue of these presents."

41) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kura Hidaka, relative to a letter.

INTERPRETATION: Under date of May 1, 1945 George H. Lafabregue, Relocation Adjustment Advisor at Seattle, Washington wrote to the Counselor of the Project relative to the divorce action brought by Kura Hidaka against Edward S. Hidaka in the District Court at Jerome.

A copy of this letter was transmitted to this office by Mrs. Kimmerling, the Counselor.

I interpreted the contents of this letter to Mrs. Hidaka.

42) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Nakao-----Consultation.

43) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Isetaro Kasahara, relative to his son's claim against the Sears, Roebuck and Company.

CLAIM: George S. Kasahara, the son, has a claim against the Sears, Roebuck and Co. in the sum of \$39.15. This office has been negotiating with said company in the settlement of this claim for some time.

Under date of March 26, 1945 the Sears, Roebuck and Co. advised us to the following effect:

"Enclosed is a photostatic copy of the cancelled check which was issued to Geo. S. Kasahara on September 29, 1943.

If you will please examine this copy closely we are sure that you will find that this check was cashed at Sears Roebuck and Co., Spokane, Washington. Consequently we fail to understand why you state that this check was enclosed with an order that was sent directly to us in which case, had this happened, the check would have been cashed by us.

Please contact Mr. Kasahara in regard to this and when we hear from you again the matter will receive our further attention."

Under date of April 17, 1945 this office wrote to the Sears, Roebuck and Company, wherein we advised them, that our client insists, that the refund check was mailed to Seattle, Washington along with a new order; that, since he had mailed the same from the Snake River Post Office, a railroad station between Spokane and Pasco, the refund check in question may have been misdirected to the branch store at Spokane, Washington; and that, therefore, in the event there is an order on file with the Spokane Office, the cashing of the check at the Spokane Branch can be easily explained.

Under date of April 26, 1945 the Sears, Roebuck and Company remitted to us their check in the sum of \$39.15.

Since Mr. Kasahara is confined at McNeil Island, Washington, I prepared the following:

1. A receipt by George S. Kasahara covering the aforesaid check.
2. The affidavit as to the status of George S. Kasahara.
3. An authorization to be signed by George S. Kasahara authorizing the delivery of the check to his father, Isetaro Kasahara.
4. A letter to Mr. Kasahara, wherein the aforesaid papers were transmitted for execution, and the office requested the return of the same to this office at once. This letter was countersigned by Isetaro Kasahara.

44) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Takeshi Minagawa, relative to a Power of Attorney.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: Takeshi Minagawa is on his last furlough and is about to go overseas. He is desirous of having a General Power of Attorney made in favor of his wife, Kiyoko.

To accommodate the soldier, I prepared this Power of Attorney.

THURSDAY - May 10, 1945

45) LETTER:

To Mr. Dengo Kusakabe relative to his file.

FILE: Mr. Dengo Kusakabe has relocated to Seattle. Upon checking his file we found several original letters addressed to him kept in our file.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Kusakabe, wherein the aforesaid papers were returned to him "Registered Mail - Return Receipt Requested".

The case was then closed.

46) FILES:

Spent most of the day checking our files in order that we may close the ones that have relocated.

FRIDAY - May 11, 1945

47) INTERVIEW by my secretary:

Mrs. Katsuno Mihara, relative to her accounts in the Seattle First National Bank.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mrs. Katsuno Mihara's former name was Katsuno Kushi. She had a savings account, a checking account, and a safe deposit box in the International Branch of the said bank either under the name of "T. N. Kushi or Katsuno Kushi". Mrs. Mihara was desirous of ascertaining the status of her accounts.

Under date of April 29, 1945 this office wrote to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco regarding same.

Under date of May 5, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco replied to the following effect:

"Reference is made to your letter, dated April 28, 1945 wherein you wish to be informed as to the status under Executive Order No. 8389, as amended of Mrs. Katsuno Mihara, formerly Katsuno Kushi, and of T. N. Kushi.

A review of our records indicates that Mrs. Katsuno Mihara, formerly Katsuno Kushi, has not been designated as a specifically blocked national by the Treasury Department. It would, therefore, appear that if she is able to qualify under the provisions of General License No. 68A, her status would be that of a "generally licensed national". In such event, there would appear to be no reason why the accounts of Katsuno Mihara, formerly Katsuno Kushi should be blocked, provided, of course, that there is no interest whatsoever of a blocked national, direct or indirect, in such accounts.

We do not appear to have any information regarding Mr. T. N. Kushi."

Prepared a certified copy of the aforesaid letter, which was delivered to Mrs. Mihara.

SATURDAY - May 12, 1945

48) INTERVIEW:
Goroku Baba-----Consultation.

49) LETTER:
To the Sr. Property Supervisor at Seattle, Washington, relative to the property of Lt. George Shinohara, wherein the office advised him, that he should in the future write directly to Mrs. Fujihira at her new address as a result of her relocation.

50) LETTER:
To Yuki Fujihira, wherein the office returned to her a lease, which had been kept in our files. The case was then closed.

51) LETTER:

To the Sr. Property Officer at Seattle, wherein the office advised him, that Henry and/or Tom Shigeo have relocated, and that he should in the future correspond with them at their new address instead of writing to us.

52) LETTER:

To Henry Shigeo, wherein we advised him that he should in the future write directly to our Seattle Office concerning his and his brother's case due to their relocation.

MONDAY - May 14, 1945

53) LETTER:

To Mrs. William Fukui.

FILE: Mrs. Fukui has relocated to Detroit, Michigan. Upon checking her file I found several papers belonging to her. Prepared a letter to her, wherein the office returned the same "Registered Mail-Return Receipt Requested".

54) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Katsuno Mihara-----Consultation.

55) LETTER:

To Mr. Frank U. Hashimoto.

RELOCATION: Under date of May 9, 1945 this office received a letter from our Seattle Office regarding the Hansen Hotel. Prepared a copy of said letter which was today transmitted to Mr. Hashimoto, and the office requested that he call at our Seattle Office in regard to the same.

56) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka, relative to her deceased husband's dividend check and certificate.

ESTATE: Suyejiro Kusaka, the husband, died at this center on October 26, 1943. The only other heir, that he left, was Teruko Dobashi, nee Teruko Kusaka, an American born citizen, age approximately 24 years.

At the time of his death Mr. Kusaka left a savings account in the Seattle First National Bank (International Branch) in the sum of \$472.50. After negotiating with the attorneys of the bank, Falknor, Emory and Howe, we had successfully set aside this savings account to Shigeno Kusaka by affidavit and indemnity agreement in lieu of probate.

Mrs. Kusaka later brought in the certificate issued by the "Depositors Committee of the Pacific Commercial Bank" in the sum of \$700.00, upon which dividends are now being issued. Mrs. Kusaka informed me, that she was unaware of the existence of this certificate at the time when the savings account was set aside.

Under the laws of the State of Washington Mrs. Kusaka will be entitled to said certificate and dividends by virtue of being the surviving spouse, since all of the expenses of the last sickness, funeral and burial expenses have been paid.

This office wrote to the Seattle First National Bank (Main Office) under date of April 24, 1945 and inquired as to whether or not it would be possible to have the dividends paid to the widow upon furnishing to the bank an affidavit and indemnity agreement covering same.

Under date of May 8, 1945 the attorneys for the bank, Falknor, Emory and Howe, replied to the following effect:

"Your letter of April 24th regarding the Pacific Commercial Bank Certificate standing in the name of Suyejiro Kusaka has been referred to us.

If you will send us affidavits signed by the surviving spouse and by Teruko Kusaka Dobashi covering the certificate directing that payment should be made to the widow and agreeing to indemnify the bank in case of loss, we shall see that the new dividend check is payable to Mrs. Kusaka. We suggest that the affidavit be so worded as to cover the entire face value of the certificate so that in case of future dividends, no new affidavits will be required.

We enclose Affidavit for Release of Property without

Probate to be filled in and signed by Mrs. Kusaka.
Please return two copies to this office."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit and indemnity agreement, which is to be offered to the bank in lieu of probate.
2. Affidavit for transfer for release of property for determination of inheritance tax without probate.

TUESDAY - May 15, 1945

57) INTERVIEW:
Mr. S. Kuribayashi, relative to a blocked account-----
Consultation.

58) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Takesaburo Fujino, relative to his file.

FILE: Mr. Takesaburo Fujino has several documents on file at this office.

Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Mr. Fujino upon delivery of the documents to him.

59) INTERVIEW:
Mr. George Maniwa-----Consultation.

60) LETTER:
To the Relocation Officer in Chicago.

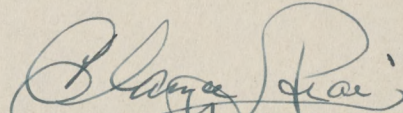
BARBERS LICENSES: Several inquiries have been made at this office regarding barber licenses by barbers living at this center. They hold Washington licenses. They are desirous of ascertaining as to whether or not the State of Illinois will grant licenses to them by reciprocity. Also, if the Isseis are allowed to practice this trade.

Prepared an inquiry to the Relocation Officer in Chicago regarding same.

61) INTERVIEW:
Mr. George Takagi-----Consultation.

62) MEMO:

For the past two weeks, prepared 10 memos.



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
May 31, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett
Project Attorney

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - May 16, 1945 to May 31, 1945
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1) MEMO:

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2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to the file of Minoru Namba.

FILE: It is necessary to return several documents on file at this office to Mr. Watanabe and Minoru Namba. Mr. Namba is now serving overseas. Mr. Henry I. Tambara who is the attorney-in-fact for Minoru Namba is now working at Twin Falls.

Before I can return the documents over to Mr. Watanabe it is also necessary to secure the signature of Mr. Tambara as the attorney-in-fact for Minoru Namba on the receipt covering the documents.

Therefore, prepared a pass request to take Mr. Watanabe out to Twin Falls to contact Mr. Tambara for that purpose.

- 3) INTERVIEW:
S. Uno, relative to relocation-----Consultation.
- 4) INTERVIEW:
G. K. Yama-----Consultation.

THURSDAY - May 17, 1945

- 5) INTERVIEW:
Mr. G. K. Yama, relative to the unblocking of his blocked account.

FEDERAL RESERVE: G. K. Yama was formerly a resident of Cordova, Alaska. Immediately after the outbreak of the war he was picked up by the governmental authorities and later interned at Santa Fe Internment Camp. Sometime ago he was released to this center on parole. Recently he had his financial affairs liquidated by Dr. W. H. Chase of Cordova, Alaska under license issued by the Office of the Secretary for the Territory of Alaska. Mr. Yama has an application now pending with the Office of the Secretary for the Territory of Alaska to expend the sum of not more than \$200.00 per month from his account in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls for living expenses. All monies realized as a result of the liquidation are now deposited at said bank.

In order to facilitate matters this office wrote a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the office made inquiry as to whether or not the application to unblock Mr. Yama's account can be made directly with them, instead of sending it to the Office of the Secretary for the Territory of Alaska.

Under date of May 5, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco replied to the following effect:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 30,

1945 in which you inquire if it would be in order for the subject individual who formerly resided in Alaska to file an application with this bank for the unblocking of his accounts or other property.

We have been informed that the Treasury Department has inaugurated a program through the War Relocation Authority whereby Project Directors of Relocation Centers are authorized to receive questionnaires and to submit to this bank group applications for the restoration or granting of the privileges of General License No. 68A, to nationals of Japan whose accounts and other property have been blocked pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended.

It is our understanding that such instructions were forwarded to the War Relocation Authorities about a week ago, and it is therefore suggested that you hold this matter in abeyance pending the inauguration of this program."

Since this office has already received a copy of the Administrative Notice No. 248, I have this date interrogated Mr. Yama and filled out his application on WRA Form 389 which was accordingly signed by him.

- 6) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Murahashi-----Consultation.
- 7) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Sakai-----Consultation.
- 8) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka, relative to the estate of Suyejiro Kusaka, her deceased husband.

ESTATE (Continued from Item 56 of last week's report):
Since Teruko Kusaka Dobashi is now living at Sioux Depot, Nebraska, prepared a letter to her, wherein the office transmitted the following documents for her signature before a notary:

1. The indemnity agreement protecting the Seattle First National Bank and/or the Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank.
2. An affidavit by said Teruko Kusaka Dobashi,

wherein she requested that all of the dividends be turned over and paid to her mother, Shigeo Kusaka, the surviving spouse of the deceased.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Murahashi-----Consultation.

FRIDAY - May 18, 1945

10) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

1. I accompanied Mr. Kumago Watanabe to contact Henry I. Tambara for the purpose of securing his signature to a receipt covering certain documents taken from Mr. Namba's file.

2. BLOCKED ACCOUNT: Under date of April 25, 1945 the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls received the following letter from the Army Service Forces at San Francisco, California:

"This office has been authorized under Award of Fair and Just Compensation, signed by the Under Secretary of War on 29 March 1945, to pay \$182.00 to the blocked account of Hikogoro Kuribayashi in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls. Check No. 5,477.988 has therefore been issued and is enclosed for deposit to Mr. Kuribayashi's account.

Since signature of Mr. Kuribayashi cannot be obtained to the necessary forms, it is requested that an officer of your bank acknowledge receipt of the check by signature on attached forms; or, if this procedure is not in accordance with the policy of your bank, it is requested that a copy of deposit slip be attached to each form and returned to this office.

Further request is made that a copy of the deposit slip be furnished the son of Mr. Kuribayashi if his address is available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter."

Hikogoro Kuribayashi is a Blocked Japanese National residing in Japan.

Kiyokazu Kuribayashi, the son had sold a certain car belonging to Hikogoro Kuribayashi and the proceeds were deposited to the credit of "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity

National Bank of Twin Falls pursuant to a Federal Reserve License issued therein. Kiyokazu Kuribayashi is now dead, and therefore there is no person here to make the deposit for Hikogoro Kuribayashi on the check from the Army.

I received a copy from the bank of the letter from the Army Service Forces in order that this office may take the same up with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for the purpose of allowing the deposit to the credit of Hikogoro Kuribayashi notwithstanding Kiyokazu's death by substituting his brother.

SATURDAY - May 19, 1945

11) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. George Maniwa, relative to an adoption-----
Consultation.

MONDAY - May 21, 1945

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yonezo Mizoguchi, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Yonezo Mizoguchi's account is blocked due to his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Tomooka-----Consultation.

14) TELEPHONE:

To Mr. Wayne Barclay, an attorney, at Jerome, Idaho.

ADOPTION: Mr. Barclay is the attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Maniwa relative to the adoption of Akiye Amy Hori. Mr. Barclay informed me, that the hearing on the adoption will come up tomorrow afternoon before Probate Judge Comstock.

Prepared a pass request to take Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Maniwa and the minor child to Jerome to attend the hearing.

15) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Matsumoto relative to Mrs. Iida's grocery equipment.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Under date of May 15, 1945 received the following letter from our Seattle Office:

"We have received an offer of \$30.00 for Miss Iida's National cash register in government storage here. Please advise if this amount is acceptable to her."

I interpreted the contents of this letter to Mrs. Matsumoto and advised her to have Mrs. Iida write to me as to her disposition in the matter. Mrs. Iida is now at the Lava Springs, Idaho.

Prepared a copy of the said letter for Mrs. Matsumoto for delivery to Mrs. Iida.

16) INTERVIEW:
Mr. F. Toyota-----Consultation.

17) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Tsuneichiro Nishikawa, relative to his dividends.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mr. Nishikawa is the holder of a certificate issued by the "Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank", in the sum of \$370.00. The Seattle First National Bank (Main Office) is acting as the trustee for said committee. The committee is now issuing their fourth dividend on their certificates. Mr. Nishikawa in addition failed to receive the third dividend check. He is a "Blocked Japanese National".

Under date of April 23, 1945 this office wrote a letter to said bank, wherein the office made an inquiry as to the total amount on each of the dividends so that an appropriate Federal Reserve License can be prepared for Mr. Nishikawa.

Under date of April 30, 1945 the bank replied to the following effect:

"We have your letter of April 23 asking for information regarding distribution to Tsuneichiro Nishikawa from assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank.

We are paying, as of March 10, 1945, a dividend of 20% of the original face amount of the certificates, which in his case is \$74. As of November 15, 1940, dividend No. 3 amounting to 10% of the face value of the certificates was paid so that he is entitled to receive \$37 from that distribution; in other words, he is

entitled to receive a total of \$111.

These payments are made by Seattle-First National Bank as Trustee and the license should be directed to us. Before payment can be made however, it will be necessary to forward his certificate to us for the purpose of endorsing these payments thereon."

This office prepared and forwarded the Federal Reserve License application of Tsuneichiro Nishikawa to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco covering the transaction.

Under date of May 11, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued license No. SF 46539, which in part provided:

"The Seattle-First National Bank, as Trustee for the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank, is authorized to pay the sum of \$111.00 to a blocked account in the name of O. or T. Nishikawa in the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho, which funds represent dividend No. 3 of 10% and dividend No. 4 of 20% of the original face amount of Certificate No. 277 issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank covering amount of funds on deposit with the said Pacific Commercial Bank at the time of its liquidation."

Prepared a letter to the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office advised them, that the license has been issued, and requested, that they mail the dividend checks to us for deposit in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tsuneichiro Nishikawa relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Nishikawa's account is blocked due to his failure to reside continuously within the continental United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared WRA 389 to unblock this account.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Taka Mizoguchi, relative to her blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Taka Mizoguchi's account is blocked due to her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock her account.

- 20) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Masaichi Maniwa, relative to his appointment with Mr. Barclay.

TUESDAY - May 22, 1945

- 21) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Naito-----Consultation.

- 22) INTERVIEW:
George Koji Shimizu, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: George Koji Shimizu is blocked by virtue of his internment and his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

- 23) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Tatsuko Shimizu, relative to a blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Tatsuko Shimizu's account is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock her account.

- 24) INTERVIEW:
Mr. G. K. Okabe-----Consultation.

- 25) FEDERAL RESERVE: (Continued from Item 17):

In regard to Mr. T. Nishikawa's dividend the office received the following letter from the Seattle First National Bank under date of May 17, 1945:

"In accordance with your letter of May 4, we enclose by registered mail Certificate No. 277 of the Committee of

Depositors Pacific Commercial Bank on which we have endorsed dividend payment No. 3 for 10% and No. 4 for 20%. We also enclose our checks in favor of Tsuneichiro Nishikawa in the amount of \$37 and \$74 in payment of the above dividends.

The above payments are made in accordance with Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco License No. 46539 which authorizes the deposit of these checks in a blocked account in the name of O. or T. Nishikawa in the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho.

You will please see that these checks are deposited in accordance with the license. We ask that you acknowledge receipt on the carbon copy of this letter."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The receipt by T. Nishikawa covering the aforesaid enclosures.
2. Receipt by T. Nishikawa covering the original copy of the Federal Reserve License.
3. A pass request to take Mr. Nishikawa to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls in order to make the deposit of the dividends in the blocked account of "O. or T. Nishikawa" as directed in said license.

26) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kyomatsu Yamamoto, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kyomatsu Yamamoto's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

27) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

Mr. Masutaro Tosaya, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Masutaro Tosaya's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

28) TRIP TO JEROME:

ADOPTION: I accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Maniwa to Jerome to attend the adoption hearing of Akiye Amy Hori before Probate Judge William G. Comstock. The petitioner, the "Maniwas", were represented by Mr. Wayne Barclay at the hearing. The adoption of said minor child was granted by the court.

In order that the minor may be readily identified with her birth certificate on record with the Washington State Department of Health, I had the following paragraph inserted in the decree of adoption:

"That the said minor child, Akiye Amy Hori, who is adopted in this proceeding and Akiye Amy Hori, who was born in King County, State of Washington, on September 2nd, 1940, and whose birth is recorded in the records of the Washington State Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, in State File No. 546, Registrar's No. 65, is one and the same person.

The case was then closed and the file was turned over to Mr. Barrett, our Project Attorney.

WEDNESDAY - May 23, 1945

29) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yoshiji Wakamatsu, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Yoshiji Wakamatsu's account is blocked by virtue of his internment since the war.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi, relative to the blocked account of his father.

FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from Item 10): Prepared the following:

1. A Federal Reserve License Application on Form TFE-1, which in part stated:

"Authorize the change or transfer of the blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity National Bank of

Twin Falls, Idaho to a new blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi" in said bank,--the present balance being in the sum of \$155.00.

Authorize the execution of an affidavit and indemnity agreement by Seimi Kuribayashi, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Authorize the deposit of the sum of \$182.00 to this new blocked account representing payment under an Award of Fair and Just Compensation signed by the Undersecretary of War on March 29, 1945, in form of check No. 5,477.988 made payable to Hikogoro Kuribayashi.

For the purpose of making the aforesaid deposit authorize the said Seimi Kuribayashi to endorse the said check "Hikogoro Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi", as Hikogoro Kuribayashi as named in said check and H. Kuribayashi, the owner of said blocked account, are the same and one person.

This application is based upon the following facts and information:

"That prior to the outbreak of war the said H. Kuribayashi whose full name is Hikogoro Kuribayashi, left for Japan leaving the following vehicles in care, custody and control of his son, Kiyokazu Kuribayashi at Milwaukie, Clackamas County, State of Oregon:

- 1) 1934 V-8 Ford truck, bearing Motor No. 18-1184129.
- 2) 1936 Dodge sedan bearing Motor No. D2-120015.

That said H. Kuribayashi is now isolated in Japan, and hence is a "Blocked Japanese National".

That to comply with the war effort of our country the said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi for and on behalf of his father, H. Kuribayashi, sold the 1934 V-8 Ford truck to Alvin Bischoff of Route 1, Box 258, Clackamas County, Oregon for the sum of \$155.00 pursuant to Federal

Reserve license issued under date of July 13, 1943, being No. SF 36684. That said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi in order to make the deposit as directed in said license endorsed the check in the sum of \$155.00 and opened a blocked account in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi".

That the aforesaid 1936 Dodge sedan was requisitioned by the Army, while Kiyokazu Kuribayashi was at the Portland Assembly Center, Portland, Oregon. That in connection with said vehicle the Army Service Forces, 9th Service Command, Finance Office U. S. Army, 450 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California under date of April 25, 1945 advised the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho to the following effect:

"This office has been authorized under Award of Fair and Just Compensation, signed by the Undersecretary of War on 29 March 1945, to pay \$182.00 to the blocked account of Hikogoro Kuribayashi in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls. Check No. 5,477.988 has therefore been issued and is inclosed for deposit to Mr. Kuribayashi's account.

Since signature of Mr. Kuribayashi cannot be obtained to the necessary forms, it is requested that an officer of your bank acknowledge receipt of the check by signature on attached forms; or, if this procedure is not in accordance with the policy of your bank, it is requested that a copy of deposit slip be attached to each form and returned to this office.

Further request is made that a copy of the deposit slip be furnished the son of Mr. Kuribayashi if his address is available."

That said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi is now dead--having died at the Minidoka WRA Center Hospital, Hunt, Idaho on the 2nd day of February, 1945.

In view of the foregoing situation the said Seimi Kuribayashi, the brother of Kiyokazu Kuribayashi, requests, that this license be granted in order to deposit the aforesaid sum of \$182.00 to the new blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho."

2. An indemnity agreement to protect the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls in event the change in the blocked account is made.
3. A letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the office transmitted the license application on Form TFE-1 by Seimi Kuribayashi in duplicate, together with a copy of the indemnity agreement attached to each license application.

31) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Hirano, relative to a dwelling house.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Mr. Hirano recently visited Seattle to check his property and his friends. While at Seattle he ascertained, that the tenant had left his friend's dwelling house without paying two month's rental, and the gas, water, and electric light bill against the premises.

At the request of Mr. Hirano, I prepared a letter to his attorney relative to this situation.

THURSDAY - May 24, 1945

32) INTERVIEW:

Mr. G. K. Watanabe, relative to his savings account.

BANKING: Mr. G. K. Watanabe has a savings account in the Tillamook Branch of the First National Bank of Portland, being No. 1252. The balance as of September 9, 1941 is in the sum of \$350.91.

In preparation for relocation Mr. Watanabe is desirous of closing this account by withdrawing the entire balance.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit on Form 154, which establishes Mr. Watanabe as a "Generally Licensed Japanese National".
2. The necessary withdrawal receipt.
3. A letter to the Tillamook Branch of the First National Bank of Portland, wherein the aforesaid affidavit and withdrawal receipt were transmitted along with the passbook, and the office requested, that a cashier's check for the entire balance be issued to Mr. G. K. Watanabe.

33) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. I. Watanabe, relative to her savings account.

BANKING: Mrs. I. Watanabe has a savings account in the Astoria Branch of the First National Bank of Portland. The balance as of August 30, 1941 is in the sum of \$426.95.

In preparation for relocation Mrs. Watanabe is desirous of closing this account by withdrawing the entire balance.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit on Form 154, which establishes Mrs. Watanabe as a "Generally Licensed Japanese National".
2. The necessary withdrawal receipt.
3. A letter to the Astoria Branch of the First National Bank of Portland, wherein the aforesaid affidavit and withdrawal receipt were transmitted along with the passbook, and the office requested, that a cashier's check for the entire balance be issued to Mrs. I. Watanabe.

34) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Manzo Otani, relative to a blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Manzo Otani's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

35) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Naito-----Consultation.

FRIDAY - May 25, 1945

36) LETTER:

To the State of Washington, State Board of Pharmacy,
Olympia, Washington.

LICENSE RENEWAL: Messrs. Izui and Chiba were both pharmacists at Seattle, Washington. They are now working at the Center Hospital as pharmacists. They are both delinquent in their annual license registration fees for the years expiring 1943, 1944, and 1945. They also requested the renewal of their licenses for the year expiring May 31, 1946.

This office had remitted Messrs. Izui's and Chiba's postal money order, each in the sum of \$12.00, to the State Board to cover for the delinquent years and the renewal of the licenses expiring May 31, 1946.

Under date of April 18, 1945 the State Board of Pharmacy advised us, that they have accepted the remittance; and that the new licenses expiring in 1946 will be mailed to each of them some time in May.

Under date of May 21, 1945 the State Board of Pharmacy mailed the licenses in care of this office. Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A letter to the State Board acknowledging the receipt of these licenses and thanking them for the courtesy extended to us in this matter.
2. A certified copy for both Messrs. Izui and Chiba of the letter from the State Board of Pharmacy dated April 18, 1945, which indicated, that the payment was accepted by the State Board.
3. A receipt to be signed by Mr. Chiba upon delivery of the license to him.
4. A receipt to be signed by Mr. Izui upon delivery of the license to him.

37) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Harold Naoto Tsujihara, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Harold Naoto Tsujihara's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

SATURDAY - May 26, 1945

38) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Chiyogusu Yabu, relative to his son's property.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Under date of May 17, 1945 the Property Officer at Seattle advised us, that they were surprised to learn that Mr. Yabu had dealt directly with Mr. Rico without notification to him in regard to the lease agreement and had accepted from Mr. Rico \$720.00 as payment in full for the year 1945; and that, since there is nothing further required to be done as a result thereof, he will consider the case closed.

I interpreted the contents of this letter to Mr. Chiyogusu Yabu, the attorney-in-fact for Harry Yabu. He informed me, that the rent is paid up to January 1, 1946. In order to clear the files, prepared a statement to this effect which was signed by Mr. C. Yabu.

39) UNBLOCKING:

Under date of May 22, 1945 Mr. Robert J. Corkery, Relocation Officer at Spokane, Washington, transmitted to us the request by Kumadi Matsumoto to have his account unblocked on Form WRA 389.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Robert J. Corkery, wherein the office acknowledged the receipt of this enclosure.

40) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Osono Nishikawa, relative to her blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Osono Nishikawa's account is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

41) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

- 1) FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from Items 17 and 25): I accompanied Mr. Tsuneichiro Nishikawa to Twin Falls to contact the Fidelity National Bank in regard to his blocked account as directed in the Federal Reserve License covering the transaction. I assisted him in depositing the dividend checks to the credit of a blocked account in the name of "O. or T. Nishikawa".

I received duplicate copies of the deposit slip,--one for our files and the other to be forwarded to the Seattle First National Bank.

- 2) CHECK: Under date of May 21, 1945 the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls received the following letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Salt Lake City Branch):

"We are enclosing, without entry, Treasury Check #12954, payable through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, to the order of Katsuko Ogohara, in the amount of \$3.75, bearing your endorsement of October 18, 1943.

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco have advised us that the General Accounting Office of the Treasury Department have communicated with them, stating that the payee of the above described check has alleged non-receipt of the item. We are also informed that the original was forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States for reclamation.

We will be pleased to forward any inquiries or information obtained relative to the negotiation of this check to that official.

Please return the photostat to us after it has served its purpose."

The letter and the photostatic copy of the check were turned over to me by Mr. Shearer of said bank. To maintain the good will of the bank I agreed to take the matter up with Miss Katsuko Ogohara in regard to this matter.

MONDAY - May 28, 1945

42) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Mikisaburo Izui relative to his pharmacist's license.

LICENSE (Continued from Item 36): I delivered the license to Mr. Izui along with a certified copy of a letter from the State of Washington, State Board of Pharmacy, to Mr. Stafford dated April 18, 1945 upon his signing the receipt for them.

The file was then closed.

43) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

Mr. W. Tsujimoto, relative to his blocked account-----
Consultation.

44) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yasukichi Chiba relative to his pharmacist's license.

LICENSE (Continued from Item 36): I delivered the license to Mr. Chiba along with a certified copy of a letter from the State of Washington, State Board of Pharmacy, to Mr. Stafford dated April 18, 1945 upon his signing the receipt for them.

The file was then closed.

45) LETTER:

To the Seattle-First National Bank.

DIVIDEND CHECKS (Continued from Items 17, 25, and 41): Prepared a letter to the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office transmitted the receipt by Mr. Nishikawa covering the dividend checks and the certificate, together with the duplicate deposit slip issued by the bank indicating that the deposit was made to the blocked account as directed in the license.

The case was then closed.

46) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

Mr. George Manabu Taniguchi.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Taniguchi's account is blocked by virtue of his former internment and his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

47) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka, relative to her husband's estate.

ESTATE (Continued from Item 56 of last week's report): Received the following papers from Teruko Kusaka Dobashi, the only other heir:

The affidavit and indemnity agreement properly signed and notarized.

Therefore, prepared a letter to the attorneys for the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office transmitted the following:

1. The affidavit and indemnity agreement by Teruko Kusaka Dobashi.
2. The affidavit and indemnity agreement by Shigeno Kusaka.
3. The affidavit by Shigeno Kusaka "for transfer or release of property for determination of inheritance tax without probate".
4. Suyejiro Kusaka's certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank in the face amount of \$700.

and the office requested the payment of the dividend on said certificate in behalf of Mrs. Kusaka.

48) INTERVIEW:

Mr. C. T. Takahashi relative to the Main Bowl, Inc.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Mr. C. T. Takahashi is the principal owner of the Main Bowl, Inc. The business is now threatened by certain colored and Filipino groups.

At the request of the Evacuee Property Officer, I prepared a request for assistance on Form 153-A, whereby Mr. Takahashi seeks the assistance of the Property Officer at Seattle, Washington.

49) INTERVIEW:

Katsuko Ogohara relative to a lost check.

FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from sub-item 2 of item 41 of this week's report): Upon interviewing Miss Ogohara relative to this check, she stated to me as follows:

That said check was never in her possession; that she was told by Miss Marian Horita of the Disbursement Office that someone had delivered the check to someone by mistake; and that the endorsement on the back of the check was not signed by her.

Upon comparing her signature with the endorsement on back of said check, I found, that it was not the same; and

that the addresses did not agree,--on back of the check it states "44-2-F", whereas Miss Ogohara lives at "14-8-E".

Therefore, prepared a letter to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, wherein Miss Ogohara advised the bank to this effect. This letter is to be delivered to the bank by me personally.

In addition, prepared a receipt, wherein the bank is to acknowledge the receipt of the aforesaid letter, the original letter from the Federal Reserve Bank to them dated May 21, 1945, and the photostatic copy of the check.

TUESDAY - May 29, 1945

50) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Hamao Hirabayashi relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Hirabayashi's account is blocked by virtue of his former internment.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

51) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Ichita Kurose relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kurose's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

52) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

FEDERAL RESERVE (Continued from Items 41 and 49): I went to Twin Falls in connection with the Ogohara matter.

I delivered the original letter from Katsuko Ogohara to the Fidelity National Bank dated May 28, 1945, and also returned the original letter from the Salt Lake City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco dated May 21, 1945 and the photostatic copy of the treasury check No. 12954 to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

The bank acknowledged the receipt of same in writing.

WEDNESDAY - May 30, 1945

53) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

Mr. Jinsuke Tazawa relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Tazawa's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

54) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu relative to her blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Kunitsugu's account is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

55) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu relative to the dividends of The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank-----Consultation.

THURSDAY - May 31, 1945

56) LETTER:

To the Sr. Property Supervisor at Seattle relative to the offer of \$30.00 for Mrs. Iida's National Cash Register now in government storage there.

Prepared a letter, wherein we advised him, that Mrs. Iida declines to accept the offer.

57) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Mitsuyo Taniguchi relative to her blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Taniguchi's account is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock her account.

58) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tokuichi Hamada relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Hamada's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

59) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. Gozo Suzuki relative to their blocked account.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Under date of May 10, 1940 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco enclosed a copy of a letter dated May 10, 1945 which was directed to Mrs. Kyo Suzuki of this center, the wife of Gozo Suzuki. The letter to Mrs. Suzuki stated as follows:

"Reference is made to the above-mentioned application in which it is requested that your accounts or other property be unblocked.

We have been authorized to inform you that no action is being taken on your application and that our records have been marked accordingly.

In making this disposition of your application, we are pleased to refer you to your Project Director who has been authorized by the Treasury Department, through the War Relocation Authority, to receive questionnaires and to submit to this bank group applications for the restoration or granting of the privileges of General License No. 68A, to nationals of Japan whose accounts and other property have been blocked pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 8389, as amended.

You should communicate with your Project Director for more detailed information and obtain from him the questionnaires which are required to be submitted."

- 1) UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Gozo Suzuki's account is blocked by virtue of his being detained at Fort Missoula, Montana.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

- 2) UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Kyo Suzuki's account is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock her account.

60) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Isetaro Kasahara relative to his son's claim against the Sears, Roebuck and Company.

CLAIM: George S. Kasahara, the son, had a claim against the Sears, Roebuck and Company in the sum of \$39.15. This office was successful in securing the refund check from said company in the sum of \$39.15 to cover the claim.

Mr. George S. Kasahara was confined at McNeil Island, Washington; so, it became necessary to forward the following papers for his signature:

1. A receipt by George S. Kasahara covering the aforesaid check.
2. The affidavit as to the status of George S. Kasahara to be signed before a notary.
3. An authorization to be signed by George S. Kasahara authorizing the delivery of the check to his father, Isetaro Kasahara.

These papers were returned to this office by the Department of Justice, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington properly signed and executed.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A letter to the Department of Justice, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington wherein the office advised them that the draft was delivered to Isetaro Kasahara as per request of George S. Kasahara. A copy of this letter was forwarded to Mr. George S. Kasahara.
2. A letter to the Sears, Roebuck and Co., wherein the office transmitted the receipt by George S. Kasahara covering the aforesaid draft, and the office thanked them for the courtesy so extended.
3. A receipt by Isetaro Kasahara covering the aforesaid check.

Since the check must be sent once again to George S. Kasahara for signature by the father, I prepared the following endorsement on back of said check:

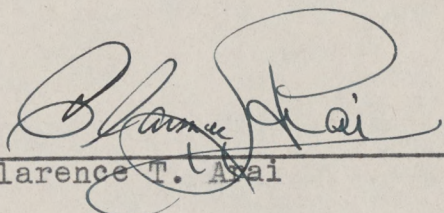
"Pay to the Order of Isetaro Kasahara

Geo. S. Kasahara"

The case was then closed.

61) MEMO:

For the past two weeks, prepared 20 memos.



Clarence T. Asai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
June 15, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett
Project Attorney

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - June 1, 1945 to June 15,
1945 inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

FRIDAY - June 1, 1945

1) MEMO:

Prepared the bi-monthly report covering May 16, 1945 to May 31, 1945 inclusive which consists of 23 pages.

2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Toraichi Kobayashi, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kobayashi's account is blocked by virtue of his former internment and his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Yayo Shimizu, relative to her blocked account.

1) UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Shimizu has an account with the Miners and Merchants Bank of Ketchikan, Alaska. She has informed me, that her account has been blocked; that all of her answers to the questionnaire in Form WRA 389 is in the negative; and that possibly the only reason why it has been blocked is by virtue of the fact her husband was once interned.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock her account.

2) UNBLOCKING: George Katsuichi Shimizu, her

husband, has now relocated to Ontario, Oregon.

He is blocked by virtue of his former internment at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock his account, which was today delivered to Mrs. Shimizu, so that she can mail the same to her husband for signature.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seiichi Kawahara relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kawahara's account is blocked due to his failure to reside continuously within the continental United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared Form WRA 389 to unblock this account.

5) MEMO:

To Mr. H. W. Cox relative to the transportation mileage for S. Sato, who has now relocated to Hood River, Oregon.

6) LETTER:

To the Sr. Relocation Officer at Portland, Oregon relative to assistance for Mr. S. Sato in his dispute with Mr. Willis Miller concerning the orchard, which Mr. Sato recently repossessed from Mr. Miller.

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Kogita relative to his divorce.

DIVORCE: I advised him, that he must first go to the Counselor's office for clearance.

SATURDAY - June 2, 1945

8) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

This office received a letter from the Commerce Trust Company addressed to Mrs. Hatsuye Fukuda in care of the office.

This letter was today delivered to the subject evacuee upon her signing a receipt for the same.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Chiyogusu Yabu relative to his son's file.

FILE: Returned several documents of Harry Yabu to Chiyogusu Yabu, the attorney-in-fact for said Harry Yabu, upon his signing a receipt for same. The file was then closed.

10) INTERVIEW:

Miss Ono relative to a Federal Reserve license-- Consultation.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fuyuko Matsubara, relative to her claim against the United Funds Management Corporation, a bankrupt.

BANKRUPTCY: Mrs. Matsubara filed her claim against the bankrupt through this office. Under recent date this office received the remaining 40% on her claim in the sum of \$63.00 by draft on the Commerce Trust Company by Commerce Trust Company, Indenture Trustee, Kansas City, Missouri.

Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Mrs. Fuyuko Matsubara.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Toyoki Murahashi-----Consultation.

MONDAY - June 4, 1945

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Iikichi Okiyama, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Okiyama's account is blocked by virtue of his former internment and his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

14) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Yamamura, relative to his bankruptcy claim.

BANKRUPTCY: Mr. M. Yamamura had filed his claim against the United Funds Management Corporation, a bankrupt, through this office. Under date of May 28, 1945 the Commerce Trust Company, indenture trustee, had transmitted to this office a draft on the Com-

merce Trust Company, in the sum of \$90.90 payable to the order of M. Yamamura.

Prepared a receipt by Mr. M. Yamamura covering the aforesaid check.

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Watanabe, relative to a check.

BANKING: Mr. J. K. Watanabe had a savings account in the Tillamook Branch of The First National Bank of Portland, being No. 1252. The balance as of September 9, 1941 was in the sum of \$350.91.

Since Mr. Watanabe was desirous of closing this account this office prepared the necessary papers to secure the balance on the account for Mr. Watanabe from the Tillamook Bank.

Under date of May 28, 1945 the bank transmitted to this office the following:

1. Cancelled passbook covering said account.
2. Cashier's check from said bank dated May 28, 1945 in the sum of \$365.98 made payable to the order of J. K. Watanabe.

This check was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe upon their signing a receipt for said check and the cancelled passbook.

WEDNESDAY - June 6, 1945.

16) LETTER: (continued from item No. 15)

To the Tillamook Branch of The First National Bank of Portland, wherein the office transmitted the receipt by Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe covering the bank's enclosures, and the office thanked them for the courtesy that they had extended to us.

17. INTERVIEW:

Mr. Harry H. Iwata, relative to collections.

COLLECTIONS: Prior to evacuation Mr. Iwata formerly operated the Madison Street Market at Seattle, Washington. He turned over several accounts receivable for collection to our Seattle office.

Under date of June 2, 1945 our Seattle office advised

us:

"We have endeavored to make contact with Francis Hennessey and Mrs. H. Roberts who are indebted to the above-captioned client. Through the Post Master we find these people left without leaving any change of address. We are at lost to know how further to affect these collections. Will you please inform Mr. Iwata of this circumstance.

Having exhausted our resources in this connection, we feel that we should close the case, and Mr. Iwata's recourse would be then through possibly some collecting agency."

Upon interviewing Mr. Iwata he informed us, that he does not know the whereabouts of either Francis Hennessey or Mrs. H. Roberts.

Therefore, prepared a letter to our Seattle office, wherein we advised them, that the case can be considered closed since the parties cannot be located.

18. LETTER:

To Mr. Nisaku Araki, relative to his request for the unblocking of his account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Araki forwarded his request to have his account unblocked on Form 389. He is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Araki wherein the office acknowledged the receipt of his request.

THURSDAY - June 7, 1945

19. INTERVIEW:

Mr. A. T. Nagai, relative to a hotel lease-- Consultation.

20. LETTER:

To Mrs. Hatsuko Sakano, relative to certain market fixtures.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Under date of May 29, 1945 our Portland office advised us to the following effect:

"Reference is made to the security held by Mr. Sakano securing an indebtedness due him through the sale of the Sunrise Market fixtures.

We have just been advised by the Federal Land Bank that the present record owner of the security involved is Cecil W. and Ruth Flake, husband and wife, that having received a deed to this place on May 21, 1943. Their deed was subject to an outstanding mortgage to the Federal Land Bank, the original loan having been in the sum of \$600.00. The unmatured or outstanding balance on the loan as of February 1st, 1945 was \$286.00.

The National Farm Loan Associations secretary stated that he recently inspected this property and found the dwelling vacant and the farm not being operated. This information is given Mr. Sakano, through your office, in order that he may know the nature and status of his security."

Prepared the following:

1. A copy of the aforesaid letter.
2. A letter to Hatsuko Sakano, wherein the office transmitted a copy of said letter.
3. A copy of the letter to Hatsuko Sakano was forwarded to our Portland office.

21. LETTER:

To Mr. N. Misaka, relative to his Sumitomo Bank dividend.

SUMITOMO DIVIDEND: Under date of May 28, 1945 Mr. Misaka at Chicago, Illinois, wrote to this office relative to his dividend, which he had failed to receive from the liquidator of the bank.

Prepared a letter to him, wherein the office advised him to write to the liquidator to stop payment on the check and to have a new one issued in its place.

22. INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Nakano, relative to Sumitomo Bank dividend check.-- Consultation.

23) LETTER:

To Mrs. K. Ishikawa, relative to her dividend check, from the Commerce Trust Company, indenture trustee.

BANKRUPTCY: Mrs. Ishikawa had filed her claim against the United Funds Management Corporation, a bankrupt. The Commerce Trust Company, as indenture trustee, has forwarded to this office a draft on the Commerce Trust Company in the sum of \$151.06, which represents the remaining 40% dividend on the claim.

Mrs. K. Ishikawa has relocated to Seattle. Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A receipt to be signed by Mrs. Ishikawa covering the aforesaid check.
2. A letter to Mrs. K. Ishikawa wherein the aforesaid receipt was forwarded for her signature so that we can mail the check to her.

24) LETTER:

To Toshi Sato, relative to gasoline allowance on his truck.

25) MEMORANDUM:

To Mr. Frank Barrett, wherein I enclosed 29 requests by various evacuees to have their accounts unblocked on form WRA 389.

A copy of this memorandum was forwarded to Mrs. Frinnell of the Counselor's Office as she had requested information on one of the applicants.

FRIDAY - June 8, 1945

26) INTERVIEW:

Miss Marie Knies of the Counselor's Office relative to a divorce matter-----Consultation.

27) INTERVIEW:

J. K. and I. Watanabe, relative to their savings account.

BANKING: Mrs. I. Watanabe is the owner of a savings account in The First National Bank of Portland, Astoria Branch, balance as of August 30, 1941 being in the sum of \$426.95. Mrs. Watanabe was desirous of closing this account by withdrawing the entire balance.

Under date of May 28, 1945 the bank advised us to the following effect:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24, enclosing savings pass book #2136 in the name of I. Watanabe, a signed withdrawal receipt and affidavit for #154.

In comparing the signature on the withdrawal receipt and affidavit with our signature card form, we find that there is quite a difference in the hand writing. It may be that the withdrawal and affidavit were signed by Mrs. Watanabe, whereas, the signature card may be signed by and the account should be in the name of Mr. Watanabe.

We believe that we should have information from you to the effect that either the account is in the name of Mrs. Watanabe, or we should have a signed withdrawal and affidavit from Mr. Watanabe.

We will hold the pass book and various papers until you advise us."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit as the status of J. K. Watanabe.
2. A new withdrawal receipt signed by both the husband and wife in the following fashion:

"J. K. Watanabe also known as I. Watanabe" and "I. Watanabe", respectively
3. A letter to the bank wherein the aforesaid withdrawal receipt and the affidavit were transmitted to the bank and the office requested, that a cashier's check be excuted in favor of "J. K. and I. Watanabe".

28) INTERVIEW:
Mr. S. Itoi, relative to a hotel lease---Consultation.

SATURDAY - June 9, 1945

29) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Yoichi Kurokawa, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Yoichi Kurokawa's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

- 30) WIRE:
To Mr. Rinji Nitta requiring his presence at the center concerning his case.

- 31) TRIP TO JEROME:
I went to Jerome to contact Mr. Wayne Barclay in regard to the Rinji Nitta matter.

MONDAY - June 11, 1945

- 32) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. T. Nobuyama, relative to her deceased husband's estate-----Consultation.

- 33) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Chisato Sakumoto, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Sakumoto's account is blocked by virtue of his failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Prepared his request on form WRA 389 to unblock his account.

This request was turned over to Mr. Barrett, our project attorney.

TUESDAY - June 12, 1945

- 34) INTERVIEW:
Mr. R. Nitta-----Consultation.

- 35) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Murahashi-----Consultation.

- 36) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Shina Ohta, relative to her will--Consultation.

- 37) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Shozo Sasaki, relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Shozo Sasaki's account in the United States National Bank of Portland is blocked by virtue of his former internment at Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Prepared his request to unblock his account on form WRA 389.

This request was turned over to Mr. Barrett, our project attorney.

38) TRIP TO JEROME:

I accompanied Mr. R. Nitta to contact Mr. Wayne Barclay, his attorney, in regard to the divorce action brought against Nitta by Miyuki Nitta at Salt Lake City, Utah.

WEDNESDAY - June 13, 1945

39) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Toyoki Murahashi, relative to a Special Power of Attorney.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: Prior to evacuation Sueki Murahata, a soldier, and his brother Toyoki Murahashi operated a farm at Gresham, Oregon. Murahashi, the eldest brother, is now desirous of returning to Gresham for the purpose of carrying on the farm. He requested a Power of Attorney be prepared by this office so that he can forward the same to his brother at Minneapolis for signature before a notary.

To accomodate Mr. Murahashi, I prepared a Special Power of Attorney for him covering the case.

40) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Shina Ohta, relative to her will.

WILL: Shina Ohta, a widow, has a daughter residing in Japan to whom she is desirous of willing the sum of \$200 only, and the balance of her estate to Rev. Yohaku Arakawa of Portland, Oregon.

I accommodated Mrs. Shina Ohta by preparing this will for her.

Mrs. Ohta today declared the same to be her last will and testament and signed the same in the presence of Clarence Arai, Ruth Hayasaka and Mary Masunaga. The witnesses signed the will in her presence and in the presence of each other at her request.

41) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to her dividend on a bank certificate.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu is owner of a certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank of Seattle, being No. 205, in the original face amount of \$27.19. The Seattle-

First National Bank, as trustee for said committee, has declared a 20% dividend on the certificate. The certificate represents an interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which had failed some 14 years ago.

Mrs. Kunitsugu is a "blocked Japanese national" by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A Federal license application on form TFE -1 wherein the trustee is to be authorized to pay the dividend to Mrs. Kunitsugu on said certificate.
2. A letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid license application in duplicate was transmitted.
3. A letter to the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid certificate and requested for the payment of the dividend to Mrs. Kunitsugu upon issuance of the Federal Reserve license covering the transaction.

42) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to the dividends on the certificates in the name of her deceased husband.

ESTATE: Tajiro Kunitsugu, the deceased husband of Fusa Kunitsugu, died at Seattle on April 14, 1939. In addition to certain other property he left as part of his estate the following certificates issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank:

1. Certificate No. 206 in the original face amount of \$203.80.
2. Certificate No. 207 in the original face amount of \$698.22.

All of the estate was set aside to Fusa Kunitsugu as the surviving spouse, by order of court in the Superior Court of King County (Washington) on July 6, 1939 in lieu of homestead.

Fusa Kunitsugu is now desirous of securing the divi-

dends on said certificates. She is a "Blocked Japanese National".

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A copy of the order issued by said court.
2. A letter to the Seattle-First National Bank as trustee for said committee, wherein the office transmitted a copy of the order and the stock certificates, and the office requested, that the bank advise us, "if everything is in order, so we can proceed to apply for a Federal Reserve license authorizing the payment of the dividends on these certificates to her".

43) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Miura, relative to a cancellation of a house lease-----Consultation.

44) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Murahashi, relative to soldier's dependency.

SOLDIER'S DEPENDENCY ALLOTMENT: Mr. Murahashi today brought in a note from Mrs. Kleinkopf of the Counselor's Office requesting that I plan out for a soldier's dependency allotment from his brother.

I advised Mrs. Kleinkopf over the phone that the application for soldier's dependency allotment is the function of the Counselor's Office and not of the Legal Aid; and furthermore that I doubt that he is entitled to any benefits as the soldier's wife is probably securing the allotment at the present time and Murahashi is not a dependent of the soldier.

45) LETTER:

To the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for 300 forms of application TFE-1 (Revised).

46) LETTER:

To the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Salt Lake City Branch) for 300 forms of application TFE-1 (Revised).

47) INTERVIEW:

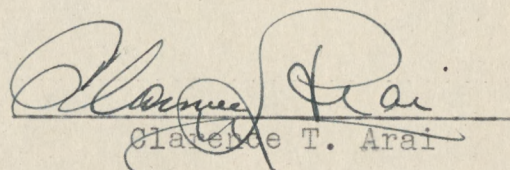
Mrs. Friedman of the Relocation Office at Portland, Oregon, relative to securing harvest workers for Japanese farmers in Oregon-----Consultation.

THURSDAY - June 14, 1945

- 48) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Hobson of the Counselor's Office---Consultation.
- 49) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Sadao Okamoto-----Consultation.
- 50) INTERVIEW:
Mr. T. Handa, relative to relocation----Consultation.
- 51) INTERVIEW:
Mr. F. Toyota-----Consultation.

FRIDAY - June 15, 1945

- 52) LETTER:
To the acting Relocation Officer at Seattle, Washington relative to the dividend check which the office is now holding for Mrs. K. Ishikawa.
- 53) EVACUEE PROPERTY:
I assisted Mr. Minnesang, the Assistant Evacuee Property Officer, in preparing form 153-A to evict a present tenant through the WRA office at Seattle, Washington. This is a case where a soldier is desirous of securing possession of his home for his family. The request is to be signed by the Attorney-in-Fact for the soldier.
- 54) TELEPHONE:
Received telephone call from Mr. Wayne Barclay, the attorney for Rinji Nitta, concerning the suit instituted by Nitta against Jiro Sakano in the District Court of Jerome County. Mr. Barclay informed me, that he is now taking steps in an attempt to make a settlement by contacting Mr. Sakano's attorney at Twin Falls.
- 55) MEMO:
For the past two weeks, prepared 3 memos.


Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
June 30, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - June 16, 1945 to June 30, 1945
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

SATURDAY - June 16, 1945

- 1) MEMO: Prepared the bi-monthly report covering June 1, 1945 to June 15, 1945 inclusive which consists of 13 pages.
- 2) LETTER: To Mr. Thomas C. Boyle with reference to his request of June 12, 1945 in regard to Dengo Kusakabe, who has recently relocated back to Seattle.

MONDAY - June 18, 1945

- 3) INTERVIEW: Mr. T. Murahashi-----Consultation.
- 4) INTERVIEW: Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka, relative to her deceased husband's dividend check and certificate.

ESTATE: Suyejiro Kusaka, the husband, died at this center on October 26, 1943. The only other heir, that he left, was Teruko Dobashi, nee Teruko Kusaka, an American born citizen, age approximately 24 years.

At the time of his death Mr. Kusaka left a savings account in the Seattle-First National Bank (International Branch) in the sum of \$472.50. After negotiating with the attorneys of the bank, Falknor, Emory and Howe, we had successfully set aside this savings account to Shigeno Kusaka by affidavit and indemnity agreement in lieu of probate.

Mrs. Kusaka later brought in the certificate issued by the "Depositors Committee of the Pacific Commercial Bank" in the sum of \$700, upon which dividends are now being issued. Mrs. Kusaka informed me, that she was unaware of the existence of this certificate at the time when the savings account was set aside.

Under the laws of the State of Washington Mrs. Kusaka will be entitled to said certificate and dividends by virtue of being the surviving spouse, since all of the expenses of the last sickness, funeral and burial expenses have been paid.

This office wrote to the Seattle-First National Bank (Main Office) under date of April 24, 1945 and inquired as to whether or not it would be possible to have the dividends paid to the widow upon furnishing to the bank an affidavit and indemnity agreement covering same.

Under date of May 8, 1945 the attorneys for the bank, Falknow, Emory and Howe, replied to the following effect:

"Your letter of April 24th regarding the Pacific Commercial Bank Certificate standing in the name of Suyejiro Kusaka has been referred to us.

If you will send us affidavits signed by the surviving spouse and by Teruko Kusaka Dobashi covering the certificate directing that payment should be made to the widow and agreeing to indemnify the bank in case of loss, we shall see that the new dividend check is payable to Mrs. Kusaka. We suggest that the affidavit be so worded as to cover the entire face value of the certificate so that in case of future dividends, no new affidavits will be required.

We enclose Affidavit for Release of Property without Probate to be filled in and signed by Mrs. Kusaka. Please return two copies to this office."

This office then prepared the affidavit and indemnity claim, which was signed by Shigeno Kusaka, Teruko Dobashi and Chiyono Yasunobu and the "affidavit for transfer for release of property for determination of inheritance tax without probate" by Shigeno Kusaka, and the same was forwarded to the Trust Department of the Seattle-First National Bank.

Under registered mail dated June 12, 1945 the Seattle-First National Bank transmitted to Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka in care of this office the following:

1. Cashier's check No. 86568 issued by the Trust Department, Seattle-First National Bank, dated June 11, 1945 payable to the order of Shigeno Kusaka in the sum of \$140.
2. Certificate No. 215 dated December 10, 1932 issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank in the face amount of \$700 in the name of Suyejiro Kusaka.

Prepared the following:

1. A copy of the letter of transmittal for our file.
2. The receipt covering the aforesaid enclosures signed by Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka.
3. A letter to the Trust Department of the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the aforesaid receipt was enclosed, and the office thanked the bank for the courtesy that they had extended to us and Mrs. Shigeno Kusaka.

The case was then closed.

- 5) LETTER:
To the relocation officer at Portland, Oregon, relative to the S. Sato-Willis Miller matter.
- 6) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Michiko Tsutakawa-----Consultation.
- 7) INTERVIEW:
J. K. and I. Watanabe, relative to their savings account.

BANKING: Mrs. I. Watanabe is the owner of a savings account in The First National Bank of Portland, Astoria Branch, balance as of August 30, 1941 being in the sum of \$426.95. Mrs. Watanabe was desirous of closing this account by withdrawing the entire balance.

Under date of May 28, 1945 the bank advised us to the following effect:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24, enclosing savings pass book #2136 in the name of I. Watanabe, a signed withdrawal receipt and affidavit for #154.

In comparing the signature on the withdrawal receipt and affidavit with our signature card form, we find that there is quite a difference in the hand writing. It may be that the withdrawal and affidavit were signed by Mrs. Watanabe, whereas, the signature card may be signed by and the account should be in the name of Mr. Watanabe.

We believe that we should have information from you to the effect that either the account is in the name of Mrs. Watanabe, or we should have a signed withdrawal and affidavit from Mr. Watanabe.

We will hold the pass book and various papers until you advise us."

This office then forwarded a new withdrawal receipt signed by both the husband and wife, together with the affidavit as to the status of J. K. Watanabe to the bank, and requested, that a cashier's check be executed in favor of "J. K. and I. Watanabe" for the entire balance of the account.

Under date of June 13, 1945 the bank enclosed a cashier's check in the sum of \$445.91, representing the balance of the account, and the cancelled passbook, and advised us to the following effect:

"Please note that, in accordance with instructions we have made the draft payable to J. K. Watanabe and I. Watanabe. This means that both parties, not just J. K. Watanabe also known as I. Watanabe, must endorse. We must have both Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe's signatures on the reverse of the check as the endorers. Would you kindly follow this through for us."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A receipt by J. K. and I. Watanabe covering the aforesaid enclosure.
2. A letter to the bank, wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid receipt, and thanked the bank for the courtesy so extended.

3. A pass request to take Mr. Watanabe out to Twin Falls for the purpose of depositing said check in the Twin Falls Fidelity National Bank.

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yasumatsu Shigaya, relative to his file.

FILE: Mr. and Mrs. Shigaya had a number of papers and documents on file at this office relative to their deceased son, Pfc. Tetsuo Shigaya.

Prepared receipt covering the same which was signed by Mr. Shigaya.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Osawa, relative to his business property.

WIRE: Prepared a wire to the Evacuee Property Officer at Seattle, wherein we advised him, that Mr. Osawa will arrive at Seattle on Thursday afternoon in regard to the T. Kushi matter.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Bun Sakai, relative to a yen certificate-Consultation.

TUESDAY - June 19, 1945

11) LETTER:

To Mr. George I. Takagi, relative to a lease agreement.

FILE: Harry Takagi, his son, authorized us in writing to deliver the lease to his father, George I. Takagi, who has recently went to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

To comply with his request prepared a letter to mail the same to him, "registered mail-retained receipt requested".

12) LETTER:

To Mr. George I. Takagi, relative to his lease agreement.

FILE: (continued from the previous item) Under air mail dated June 15, 1945 Mr. George I. Takagi requested that we hold the lease for him pending his relocation permanently.

To comply with this request, we cancelled the previous letter and then placed the lease agreement in our file.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Takagi, wherein the office advised him to this effect; and that he should ask for the lease as soon as possible in order that we can close our file on the case.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Hobson of the Counselor's office, relative to proof of age concerning an applicant for railroad retirement.

I advised her to have the applicant bring in either his family record or passport so that we can prepare a translation of the same with a certificate by the translator in affidavit form.

14) LETTER:

To Mrs. K. Ishikawa.

DIVIDEND CHECK: Mrs. K. Ishikawa had a claim against the United Funds Management Corporation, a bankrupt. The claim in bankruptcy was prepared by this office and forwarded to the trustee in bankruptcy. Recently this office received a draft from the Commerce Trust Company, as indenture trustee, under date of May 28, 1945 on the Commerce Trust Company, being No. 03977, in the sum of \$151.06, representing the remaining 40% dividend on the claim. Mrs. K. Ishikawa in the meantime has relocated to Seattle.

This office wrote to Mrs. Ishikawa by enclosing therein a receipt for her signature so that the draft can be forwarded to her. This office today received the receipt signed by Mrs. Ishikawa.

Therefore, prepared a letter to Mrs. K. Ishikawa wherein the office transmitted the draft to her "registered mail-return receipt requested".

WEDNESDAY - June 20, 1945

15) LETTER:

To the Alien Property Custodian at San Francisco, California.

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN: Under date of June 11, 1945 this office received the following letter from the Alien Property Custodian:

"Under Vesting Orders numbered 96 and 1063, the Alien Property Custodian vested 730 shares of the capital stock of Tsutakawa & Company, Inc.

The records of this company show various accounts

due to and from various individuals, among which we find the name of George J. Tsutakawa and George Tsutakawa. Will you please inquire of Mr. Jin Tsutakawa, who we are informed is presently residing at your Center, and ascertain for us whether or not George J. Tsutakawa and George Tsutakawa, as the names appear on the records of the company, are one and the same person.

We enclose a self-addressed, franked envelope for your reply."

Mr. Jin Tsutakawa is no longer living having died at this center on April 5, 1944. In order to answer the inquiry I contacted Mrs. Michiko Tsutakawa, the surviving spouse, who was able to furnish the required information.

Therefore, prepared a letter to the Alien Property Custodian wherein the inquiry was answered by this office. The letter was countersigned by Mrs. Tsutakawa.

16) INTERVIEW:

Miss Carper of the Counselor's Office, relative to the divorce action brought by Kura Hidaka, which is now pending before the District Court at Jerome----- Consultation.

17) TRIP TO JEROME:

I accompanied Mr. Frank Barrett and the Chief of the Internal Security, Kenneth Barclay, to Jerome along with Messrs. Tanaka and Hasegawa. Ryuzo Sakai was being held at the County Jail for striking Mrs. Teruji Tanaka. Mr. Tanaka signed the complaint in the absence of Mrs. Tanaka since she is now in the hospital.

Mr. Sakai was then brought before the court and the complaint was read to him by Probate Judge, Comstock. Mr. Sakai told the court that he would like to have a lawyer and the hearing was set over for June 21, the following day, at 3:30 P. M. I acted as the interpreter.

THURSDAY - June 21, 1945

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Gozo Tanaka-----Consultation.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Yamamoto, relative to his friend's blocked account-----Consultation.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. J. K. Watanabe, relative to a note.

PROMISSORY NOTE: Minoru Namba, a soldier, is indebted to Mr. Watanabe in the sum of \$1000. Mr. Watanabe is desirous of having a note made out in his favor.

To accomodate Mr. Watanabe I have this date prepared the note for him.

21) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

BANKING: (continued from item 7) I accompanied Mr. J. K. Watanabe to Twin Falls and assisted him in depositing the cashier's check, which he had received from the First National Bank of Portland, Astoria Branch, in the sum of \$445.91, to the credit of his account in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

FRIDAY - June 22, 1945

22) INTERVIEW:

Masayoshi Nakao, relative to a lease----Consultation.

23) TRIP TO JEROME:

INTERPRETING: I accompanied our Project Attorney and Mr. Hughey of the Leaves Office to the County Jail at Jerome.

Mr. Kiyoshi Yamamoto was recently convicted for striking a person on the project, and his 10 days sentence as a result thereof is about over. Mr. Yamamoto is not allowed to return to the center.

I acted as the interpreter in their negotiation with Mr. Yamamoto. He finally agreed to relocate to Spokane, Washington in the following morning.

SATURDAY - June 23, 1945

24) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tamura-----Consultation.

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. G. Oye-----Consultation.

26) INTERVIEW:

C. T. Takahashi-----Consultation.

MONDAY - June 25, 1945

27) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi, relative to the blocked account of his father, who is now isolated in Japan.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Under date of April 25, 1945 the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls received the following letter from the Army Service Forces at San Francisco, California:

"This office has been authorized under Award of Fair and Just Compensation, signed by the Under Secretary of War on 29 March 1945, to pay \$182.00 to the blocked account of Hikogoro Kuribayashi in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls. Check No. 5,477.988 has therefore been issued and is enclosed for deposit to Mr. Kuribayashi's account.

Since signature of Mr. Kuribayashi cannot be obtained to the necessary forms, it is requested that an officer of your bank acknowledge receipt of the check by signature on attached forms; or, if this procedure is not in accordance with the policy of your bank, it is requested that a copy of deposit slip be attached to each form and returned to this office.

Further request is made that a copy of the deposit slip be furnished the son of Mr. Kuribayashi if his address is available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter."

Hikogoro Kuribayashi is a "blocked Japanese national" and is now residing in Japan.

Kiyokazu Kuribayashi, the son, had sold a certain car belonging to Hikogoro Kuribayashi and the proceeds of which were deposited to the credit of "Hikogoro Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, pursuant to a Federal Reserve License issued therein. Another car belonging to Hikogoro Kuribayashi was requisitioned by the Army while Kiyokazu Kuribayashi was at the Portland Assembly Center. The present check involves the payment for this car to be made to this blocked account. Kiyokazu Kuribayashi is now dead; so, this office had prepared the Federal

Reserve License for Seimi Kuribayashi, the younger brother, so that the deposit can be made by Seimi Kuribayashi and the blocked account can be changed to the name of "Hikogoro Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi".

This license application in part provided:

"Authorize the change or transfer of the blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho to a new blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi" in said bank,--the present balance being in the sum of \$155.00.

Authorize the execution of an affidavit and indemnity agreement by Seimi Kuribayashi, a copy of which is hereto attached.

Authorize the deposit of the sum of \$182.00 to this new blocked account representing payment under an Award of Fair and Just Compensation signed by the Undersecretary of War on March 29, 1945, in form of check No. 5,477.988 made payable to Hikogoro Kuribayashi.

For the purpose of making the aforesaid deposit authorize the said Seimi Kuribayashi to endorse the said check "Hikogoro Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi", as Hikogoro Kuribayashi as named in said check and H. Kuribayashi, the owner of said blocked account, are the same and one person.

This application is based upon the following facts and information:

"That prior to the outbreak of war the said H. Kuribayashi whose full name is Hikogoro Kuribayashi, left for Japan leaving the following vehicles in care, custody and control of his son, Kiyokazu Kuribayashi at Milwaukie, Clackamas County, State of Oregon:

- 1) 1934 V-8 Ford truck, bearing Motor No. 18-1184129.
- 2) 1936 Dodge sedan bearing Motor No. D2-120015.

That said H. Kuribayashi is now isolated in Japan, and hence is a "Blocked Japanese National".

That to comply with the war effort of our country the said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi for and on behalf of his father, H. Kuribayashi, sold the 1934 V-8 Ford truck to Alvin Bischoff of Route 1, Box 258, Clackamas County, Oregon for the sum of \$155.00 pursuant to Federal Reserve License issued under date of July 13, 1943, being No. SF 36684. That said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi in order to make the deposit as directed in said license endorsed the check in the sum of \$155.00 and opened a blocked account in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi".

That the aforesaid 1936 Dodge sedan was requisitioned by the Army, while Kiyokazu Kuribayashi was at the Portland Assembly Center, Portland, Oregon. That in connection with said vehicle the Army Service Forces, 9th Service Command, Finance Office U. S. Army, 450 Mission Street, San Francisco 5, California under date of April 25, 1945 advised the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho to the following effect:

(copy of said)

That said Kiyokazu Kuribayashi is now dead--having died at the Minidoka WRA Center Hospital, Hunt, Idaho on the 2nd day of February, 1945.

In view of the foregoing situation the said Seimi Kuribayashi, the brother of Kiyokazu Kuribayashi, requested, that this license be granted in order to deposit the aforesaid sum of \$182.00 to the new blocked account in the name of "H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi" in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Idaho."

Under date of June 11, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued License S.F. 46827, which in part provided:

"Withdrawal by check of not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$155.00 from a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi maintained with the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho and the transfer of a like amount to a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi in the said bank.

Collection of \$182.00 from the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, San Francisco, California, representing payment for a 1936 Dodge sedan belonging to said H. Kuribayashi requisitioned by the U.S. Army and the deposit of said funds in a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi in the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho.

This license is authorized provided payment is made to a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi, as a national of Japan in the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho."

In addition, the bank issued License No. S.F. 46827-A bearing the same date, which in part provided:

"All transactions ordinarily incident to the execution of an Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement in favor of the Fidelity National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho as per copy attached to your application protecting the said bank against any claim or damage or otherwise on the part of any creditor or creditors of the decedent Kiyokazu Kuribayashi or any other party growing out of or resulting from the transfer of funds from a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi to a blocked account in the name of H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi in the said bank."

Prepared the following:

1. A signature card for the bank to open up the new blocked account.
2. A pass request so that I can take Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi to the bank for the purpose of depositing the check to the credit of the new blocked account and transferring the balance in the old blocked account to the new blocked account.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Matsushita, relative to his son's claim against

the Yokohama Specie Bank-----Consultation.

TUESDAY - June 26, 1945

29) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to the dividends on the certificates in the name of her deceased husband.

ESTATE: Tajiro Kunitsugu, the deceased husband of Fusa Kunitsugu, died at Seattle on April 14, 1939. In addition to certain other property he left as part of his estate the following certificates issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank:

1. Certificate No. 206 in the original face amount of \$203.80.
2. Certificate No. 207 in the original face amount of \$698.22.

All of the estate was set aside to Fusa Kunitsugu as the surviving spouse, by order of court in the Superior Court of King County (Washington) on July 6, 1939 in lieu of homestead.

Fusa Kunitsugu is now desirous of securing the dividends on said certificates. She is a "Blocked Japanese National".

This office under date of June 13, 1945 had written to the Seattle-First National Bank as trustee for said committee by advising the bank of the situation and by making an inquiry, if everything is in order for us to proceed in the license application for Fusa Kunitsugu.

Under date of June 19, 1945 the bank replied as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13, enclosing Certificate No. 206 and 207 of the Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial bank, together with Order to Set Aside Property in Lieu of Homestead in re T. Kunitsugu estate.

The enclosed order is satisfactory evidence to us that the widow is entitled to receive proceeds of the dividend and upon receipt of a copy of the

Federal Reserve License authorizing payment, we will proceed to complete the transaction."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The license application on Form TFE-1. which in part provided:

1. Authorize the payment of the following dividends on Certificates Nos. 206 and 207, each dated December 10, 1932, issued by "The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank", in the original face amounts of \$203.80 and \$698.22 in the names of "T. Kunitsugu" and "Tajiro Kunitsugu" respectively:

Fourth dividend as of March 10, 1945 being 20% of the original face amount of Certificate No. 206, or in the sum of \$40.76 said certificate being in the name of "T. Kunitsugu",

Fourth dividend as of March 10, 1945 being 20% of the original face amount of Certificate No. 207, or in the sum of \$139.64 said certificate being in the name of "Tajiro Kunitsugu",

by the Seattle-First National Bank as trustee for The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank to Fusa Kunitsugu, the surviving spouse of Tajiro Kunitsugu, also known as "T. Kunitsugu", the present owner of said certificates.

2. Authorize the deposit of aforesaid dividends or the total sum of approximately \$180.40 to the credit of a new blocked account in the name of "Fusa Kunitsugu" to be opened up in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho.

In support of this application the applicant submits herewith the following facts and information:

1. The aforesaid certificates representing interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which bank was li-

quidated when it was forced to close its doors.

2. Tajiro Kunitsugu, also known as "T. Kunitsugu", the deceased husband of Fusa Kunitusug, died at Seattle, Washington on April 14, 1939.
3. The estate of said T. Kunitsugu was probated in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County under Cause No. 72645 and his entire estate was set aside to Fusa Kunitsugu, as the surviving widow in lieu of homestead. The order was signed by Judge John Frater of said court and was dated July 6, 1939. The next to last paragraph of this order provided:

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Fusa Kunitsugu be and she is hereby awarded as her sole and separate property in lieu of homestead all of the assets in the above entitled estate, to-wit:

Savings account in the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle in the total amount of \$1698.27.

Checking account in the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle in the total amount of \$307.76.

All of the furniture, fixtures and equipment in the Lucky Hotel, 211 $\frac{1}{2}$ First Avenue, So., Seattle; all of community interest therein appraised at \$500.00 2 certificates with The Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank, being certificate No. 206 for \$203.80 and certificate No. 207 for \$698.22. 39 shares of stock, Bochoshinyo Kumiai."

Under date of June 19, 1945 the Seattle First National Bank, the trustee for said committee, advised us to the following effect:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13 enclosing Certificate No. 206 and 207 of the Committee

of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank, together with Order to Set Aside Property in Lieu of Homestead in re T. Kunitsugu estate.

The enclosed order is satisfactory evidence to us that the widow is entitled to receive proceeds of the dividend and upon receipt of a copy of the Federal Reserve License authorizing payment, we will proceed to complete the transaction."

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that this license application be granted.

2. A letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid license application was transmitted in duplicate.
3. A letter to the Seattle First National Bank, wherein the office advised them, that Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu has applied for the license with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco covering the transaction.

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi, relative to his brother's file.

FILE: Kiyokazu Kuribayashi has left several papers on file at this office. He passed away several months ago at the center hospital. These papers were today delivered to Seimi Kuribayashi, the brother, upon his signing a receipt for the same.

31) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi, relative to an Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement.

AFFIDAVIT AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (continued from item 30): Mr. Kuribayashi signed this Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement before Miss Yasuko Koyama, the office notary.

32) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Sonoda-----Consultation.

WEDNESDAY - June 27, 1945

33) CLIENT'S STATEMENT:

Barbara M. Takemoto is about to commence an action against Sgt. Michael Takemoto in the District Court at Jerome. She has selected as her attorney, Mr. Richard Seeley.

Therefore, prepared a client's statement, which was signed by Barbara M. Takemoto.

34) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to her dividend on a bank certificate.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu is owner of a certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank of Seattle, being No. 205, in the original face amount of \$27.19. The Seattle-First National Bank, as trustee for said committee, has declared a 20% dividend on the certificate. The certificate represents an interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which had failed some 14 years ago.

Mrs. Kunitsugu is a "blocked Japanese national" by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Under date of June 13, 1945, this office prepared a Federal Reserve license for her and then forwarded the same to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Under date of June 21, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued License SF 47181 covering the payment of the dividend to her by the Seattle-First National Bank as trustee for the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank; but the name of the license was incorrectly spelled.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A new license application Form TFE-1 wherein Mrs. Kunitsugu requested for the correction of the name.
2. A letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid license application in duplicate was transmitted.

THURSDAY - June 28, 1945

35) INTERVIEW:

Mr. John Funai-----Consultation.

36) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

1. FEDERAL RESERVE (continued from items 27 and 31): Pursuant to Federal Reserve licenses issued in this case, I assisted Mr. Seimi Kuribayashi in having account of H. Kuribayashi by Kiyokazu Kuribayashi transferred to a new blocked account of H. Kuribayashi by Seimi Kuribayashi and in having the sum of \$182 from the Army Service Forces deposited to this new blocked account.

2. CLAIM: Mrs. Richard Setsuda left a diamond and a zircon ring at the Sterling Jewelry for repair. These rings were lost by the jewelry company.

The jewelry company under date of June 11, 1945 advised Mrs. Setsuda, that they would like to make a settlement in regard to her claim. Mrs. Setsuda claims, that the rings cost \$160. I called at the jewelry shop; but I was unable to meet the proprietress since she was out for the day.

FRIDAY - June 29, 1945

37) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Hobson of the Counselor's Office relative to Mrs. Hidaka's divorce case now pending in the District Court at Jerome-----Consultation.

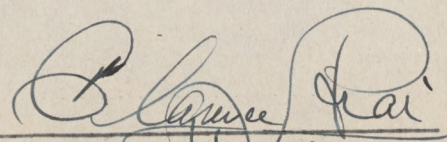
38) LETTER:

To Mr. Noriaki Kimura, relative to an income tax return, wherein the office in the future directly transmitted a copy of a letter from the Treasury Department, and advised him to contact the Treasury Department directly in the future, if any further correspondence is necessary, due to his relocation for more than sixty days.

SATURDAY - June 30, 1945

39) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kogane-----Consultation.


Clarence F. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
July 14, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - July 2, 1945 to July 14, 1945
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

MONDAY - July 2, 1945

- 1) MEMO: Prepared the bi-monthly report covering June 16, 1945 to June 30, 1945 inclusive which consists of 18 pages.
- 2) INTERVIEW: Masayoshi Nakao-----Consultation.
- 3) INTERVIEW: Miss Carper of the Counselor's Office---Consultation.
- 4) INTERVIEW: Miss Virginia Hirai relative to a reference letter.

LETTER: Miss Hirai was formerly a stenographer of this office. She is now seeking a position with the A & M College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Prepared a letter of recommendation for her.
- 5) INTERVIEW: Mr. M. Yamauchi, relative to property matters-----
Consultation.
- 6) INTERVIEW: Mrs. Taki Sonoda, relative to her deceased husband's estate.

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE: Yaoju Sonoda died at Seattle, Washington on July 28, 1940. At time of his death he owned a certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank in the approximate

sum of \$400. The Seattle-First National Bank is now acting as trustee for the committee. A 20% dividend has been declared on the outstanding certificates. Y. Sonoda left surviving him beside the widow, five children, one being still a minor.

Prepared a letter to the Seattle-First National Bank wherein the office inquired, as to whether or not it would be possible to issue the dividend check to the widow upon furnishing them an Affidavit and Indemnity Agreement signed by all the heirs, notwithstanding, one is still a minor.

7) INTERPRETING:

I interpreted for Mr. Barrett in connection with his interview with Messrs. Kawakami and Murakami.

TUESDAY - July 3, 1945

8) LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

Mrs. Kleinkopf of the Counselor's Office requested for an opinion relative to common-law marriages in Oregon. I rendered the opinion over the telephone by citing foot note #2 of Section 63-105 of the Oregon Compiled Laws Annotated wherein it states:

"Common-law marriages are not valid in Oregon".

WEDNESDAY - July 4, 1945

9) INTERPRETING:

I assisted Mr. Barrett by interpreting for him in his interview with Mr. Dozono.

THURSDAY - July 5, 1945

10) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Nakamura, relative to income tax---Consultation.

11) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

I went to Twin Falls to contact Mrs. Allen, Proprietress of the Sterling Jewelry Company, relative to the claim of Mrs. Richard Setsuda against the establishment for the sum of \$160 covering the cost of two rings, which had been lost by the jewelry company at the time when the rings were turned over to them for repairs. Mrs. Allen was not in again; so, it is necessary to make another call.

MONDAY - July 9, 1945

- 12) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Nagai, relative to a gasoline allowance for his car so that he can return to Olympia, Washington-----
Consultation.
- 13) INTERPRETING:
I interpreted for Mr. Barber of the Counselor's Office in connection with his interview with one of the evacuees in regard to old age pension.
- 14) INTERVIEW:
Yoshinosuke Sato-----Consultation.

TUESDAY - July 10, 1945

- 15) INTERVIEW:
Mr. John Heyano relative to his son's adoption-----
Consultation.
- 16) INTERVIEW:
Hamaye Mizuki, relative to a Power of Attorney.
- POWER OF ATTORNEY: Nobuo Hirayama is now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Hamaye Mizuki, the married sister, and the family of the "Hirayamas" are desirous of returning to Seattle to take possession of their old home. The present tenant is now arrear on the rent for the past year. The property is in the name of the soldier.

Prepared a Power of Attorney for Hamaye Mizuki so that she can forward the same to the soldier for his signature before a notary.

WEDNESDAY - July 11, 1945

- 17) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Yoshinosuke Sato-----Consultation.
- 18) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Shibata-----Consultation.

THURSDAY - July 12, 1945

19) INTERVIEW:

F. N. Shitamae relative to the unblocking of his wife's account.

UNBLOCKING: Moto Shitamae, also known as Tomo Okubi, is now blocked by virtue of the fact that her husband's accounts were blocked. However, his accounts were recently unblocked pursuant to his request to have the same unblocked on filing of his application on Form WRA-389.

Mr. Shitamae today returned the application to us properly signed by Moto Shitamae also known as Tomo Okubi. This request was turned over to Mr. Barrett to be forwarded through proper channels.

20) INTERVIEW:

Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to her Federal Reserve Licenses.

DIVIDENDS: Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu is owner of a certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank of Seattle, being No. 205, in the original face amount of \$27.19. The Seattle-First National Bank, as trustee for said committee, has declared a 20% dividend on the certificate. The certificate represents an interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which had failed some 14 years ago.

Mrs. Kunitsugu is a "blocked Japanese national" by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Accordingly, under date of June 21, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued License SF 47181 authorizing the payment of the dividend to her; but it was necessary to apply for a new license since her name in the license was spelled incorrectly.

Under date of July 6, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued a new license, being No. SF 47473, which in part provided:

"The Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, Washington as Trustee for the Committee of Depositors

of the Pacific Commercial Bank, Seattle, Washington is authorized to pay the sum of \$5.43 to Fusa Kunitsugu, Hunt, Idaho, for her disposition, which funds represent dividend No. 4 of 20% of the original face amount of Certificate of Deposit No. 205 in the sum of \$27.19 issued in the name of Fusa Kunitsugu by Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank covering amount of funds on deposit with the said Pacific Commercial Bank at the time of its liquidation.

This license amends and supersedes License No. SF 47181 which is hereby cancelled."

21) ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE:

Tajiuro Kunitsugu, the deceased husband of Fusa Kunitsugu, died on April 14, 1939. In addition to certain other property he left as part of his estate the following certificates issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank:

1. Certificate No. 206 in the original face amount of \$203.80.
2. Certificate No. 207 in the original face amount of \$698.22.

All of the estate was set aside to Fusa Kunitsugu as the surviving spouse by order of court in the Superior Court of King County (Washington) on July 6, 1939, in lieu of homestead.

This office corresponded with the Seattle-First National Bank, the trustee for said committee, relative to having the dividends on the certificates paid directly to her upon issuance of a Federal Reserve License covering the transaction.

Under date of June 19, 1945 the bank replied as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13, enclosing Certificate No. 206 and 207 of the Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial bank, together with Order to Set Aside Property in Lieu of Homestead in re T. Kunitsugu estate.

The enclosed order is satisfactory evidence to us that the widow is entitled to receive proceeds of the dividend and upon receipt of a copy of the

Federal Reserve License authorizing payment, we will proceed to complete the transaction."

Accordingly, this office prepared an application for a Federal Reserve License on Form TFE-1 and the same was forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

In the meantime, Mrs. Kunitsugu had requested for the unblocking of her account by filing WRA Form 389. Under date of July 5, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco advised Mrs. Kunitsugu to the following effect:

"Reference is made to the above-mentioned application in which you requested a Treasury Department license in order to authorize the Seattle-First National Bank, as Trustee for The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank, to pay liquidating dividend No. 4 to you as surviving spouse of Tajiuro Kunitsugu, on certificates Nos. 206 and 207, issued by The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank.

We are taking no action with regard to this application in view of the issuance of License No. SF 47331 under date of June 29, 1945, which license granted to you the privileges of General License No. 68A, as Amended. Therefore, we are considering application No. SF 47420 as having been withdrawn, and are marking our records accordingly."

The Federal Reserve License granting the privileges of General License 68A to Mrs. Kunitsugu was issued under date of June 29, 1945, being No. SF 47331, which in part provided:

"You are hereby granted the privileges of General License No. 68A, as amended."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. A copy of Federal Reserve License No. 47473 for our file.
2. Copies of License SF 47331, wherein she was granted the privileges of General License No. 68A.
3. Copies of the letter from the Federal Reserve Bank dated July 5, 1945 relative to the application of Mrs. Kunitsugu covering the payment of the dividends on the certificates in the name of her deceased

husband.

4. The affidavit as to the status of said Fusa Kunit-sugu on Form WRA 154, which contained the following additional paragraph:

"That I have been granted the privileges of General License No. 68A, as amended by virtue of Federal Reserve License No. SF 47331 issued to me under date of June 29, 1945."

5. A letter to the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office transmitted copies of License No. SF 47331 and the letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to Mrs. Kunitsugu dated July 5, 1945, and the affidavit of Fusa Kunitsugu on Form WRA 154; and the office requested the payment of the dividends on all of the certificates by sending the same to her in care of this office.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. G. K. Yama, relative to his blocked account.

FEDERAL RESERVE: Mr. G. K. Yama whose full name and true name is Kuai Yamauchi, at the time of the outbreak of war lived at Cordova, Alaska. He was picked up by the governmental authorities and was interned. He is now paroled from the internment camp to this center.

Through this office he negotiated for the services of Dr. W. H. Chase at Alaska to handle his affairs as his Attorney-in-Fact. In due course, Dr. Chase received authorization from the Governor's Office of Alaska to wind up Mr. Yama's affairs. Under date of July 26, and August 28, 1944 Mr. Yama received from Dr. Chase two checks in the sum of \$1000 and \$400, respectively, and in addition thereto another check in the sum of \$332.09. These checks were deposited to a blocked account opened up in his name in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

Under date of April 25, 1945 the acting governor of Territory of Alaska issued License N.Y. dated April 25, 1945, which in part provided:

"To withdraw from the blocked account in the name of G. K. Yama (also known as George Yama and George Yamauchi) in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin

Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho, not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for the living expenses of said G. K. Yama.

The desired amount of funds, not exceeding \$200.00 may be withdrawn from said bank, and payment may be effected in the form of checks to said G. K. Yama.

The said G. K. Yama is required to file reports on Form TFER-1 upon consummation of the transactions."

In the meantime Mr. G. K. Yama filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco an application to unblock his account on WRA Form 389. Under date of June 27, 1945, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued License No. SF 47319, wherein Mr. Yama was restored to the privileges of General License No. 68A as amended.

The License issued by the Governor's Office authorizing the expenditure of \$200 for personal living expenses required a report to be filed by Mr. Yama.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. Copies of the License No. SF 47319, wherein Mr. Yama was restored to the privileges of General License No. 68A.
2. Report on Form TFER-1 which in part provided:

"As provided for and directed by the afore-said license, the licensee submits herewith the following report for the designated period:

1. The total amount withdrawn under the license for this period is \$50, which was spent for grocery and clothing.
2. No moneys in the excess of \$50 was received by the licensee from any source whatsoever.
3. The blocked account is maintained in the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls under the name of "G. K. Yama" at Twin Falls, Idaho.
4. The balance as of the beginning of the report period was in the sum of \$1722.09. The balance as of July 12,

1945, the end of this report period, was in the sum of \$1672.09.

5. That I have been restored to the privileges of General License No. 68-A as amended by virtue of Federal Reserve License No. SF 47319 issued to me by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco under date of June 27, 1945; so, there is no other further reports required by me except what is called for in Paragraph 3 of said license."
3. A letter to the Office of the Secretary for the Territory of Alaska wherein Mr. Yama's report on TFER-1 in duplicate was transmitted.
4. A pass to take Mr. Yama out to Twin Falls for the purpose of contacting the bank to have his account unblocked by delivering to them a copy of Mr. Yama's affidavit on Form 154.
5. The affidavit as to the status of Mr. Yama on Form 154, which contained the following additional paragraph:

"That I have been granted the privilege of General License No. 68-A as amended by virtue of Federal Reserve License No. SF 47319 issued to me under date of June 27, 1945."

FRIDAY - July 13, 1945

23) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneichiro Nishikawa relative to their blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawa had been blocked by virtue of their failure to reside within the continental limits of the United States at all times on or since June 17, 1940. They have a bank account at the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank and the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls. They were recently granted the privileges of General License No. 68A by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco upon their filing applications with the bank on Form WRA 389.

Prepared the following:

1. The affidavit as to the status of Tsuneichiro Nishikawa on Form WRA 154, which recited an additional clause concerning the restoration of the privileges of General License No. 68A to him.
2. A similar affidavit for Mrs. Nishikawa.
3. A letter to the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid affidavits, and requested that they advise us when it will be in order for the "Nishikawas" to draw checks against the account without license.

24) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Shiro Hashizume relative to his Annual Guardianship report.

GUARDIANSHIP: Mr. Shiro Hashizume is acting as guardian for the estate of Kiyoko Hashizume, Shigeko Hashizume, George Kazuo Hashizume, Tom Yoshio Hashizume and Sato Hashizume, minors. He was appointed an guardian by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, Multnomah County.

It is now necessary for him to file his Eighth Annual Report covering his stewardship.

Since Mr. Shiro Hashizume has made arrangements to relocate shortly, I prepared the annual report for him.

In addition, I prepared a letter to the Circuit Court of the aforesaid county, wherein the office transmitted the annual report, which was duly signed by Shiro Hashizume before a notary.

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Ozawa-----Consultation.

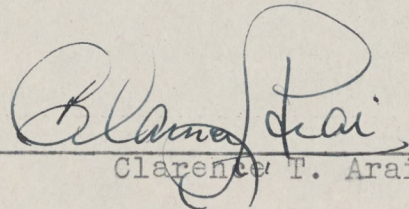
26) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

I went to Twin Falls to contact Mrs. Allen, owner of the Sterling Jewelry Company, in regard to the claim of Mrs. Richard Setsuda against the jewelry company as a result of the loss on the part of the jewelry company of Mrs. Setsuda's rings. This is the third time I called at the jewelry company and each time she was not in. I was informed, that Mrs. Allen has gone to Texas and that she will not return until

August 1st.

SATURDAY - July 14, 1945

- 27) LETTER: To the Sterling Jewelry Company in regard to Mrs. Setsuda's claim requesting an appointment immediately upon Mrs. Allen's return from Texas.
- 28) LETTER: To Pfc. Richard Setsuda wherein the office advised him as to the present status of his wife's claim.
- 29) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:
UNBLOCKING (continued from item 22): I accompanied Mr. G. K. Yama to Twin Falls to contact the Fidelity National Bank in regard to the unblocking of his account. I presented his original license, wherein he was restored the privileges of General License No. 68A for examination and delivered to the bank the affidavit as to his present status.
- The account was then unblocked.
- 30) MEMO: For the past two weeks, prepared two memos.


Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
July 31, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Bi-monthly report - July 16, 1945 to July 31, 1945
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

MONDAY - July 16, 1945

- 1) MEMO: Prepared the bi-monthly report covering July 2, 1945 to July 14, 1945 inclusive which consists of 11 pages.
- 2) INTERVIEW: Mr. G. K. Yama, whose full and true name is Kuai Yamauchi, relative to his application for a discharge from his parolee status.

DISCHARGE FROM PAROLEE STATUS: Mr. G. K. Yama at the outbreak of war resided at Cordova, Alaska, where he owned and operated the "Star Cafe". He was picked up by the governmental authorities and was later interned at Santa Fe Internment Camp. He lived in the Territory of Alaska from the year 1916 and up to the time of his removal. He was married to a person of caucasian decent, who died after his internment. He had an adopted son of caucasian and native decent who is now staying at Portland, Oregon with his natural father's brother. Mr. Yama is about to relocate to Spokane, Washington where he intends to make a home for his adopted son.

He is desirous of filing his application with Honorable Edward J. Ennis, Enemy Alien Control Unit, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. in order to be discharged from his parolee status.

Mr. Yama is in possession of a letter from the Mayor

of Cordova. Since it may be of special interest to you I am now submitting a copy thereof:

"Your communication dated New York early August reached me today - August 26th-1943.

Your request for recommendation is granted without reservation.

This to whom it might interest -

I have known Mr. Yamauchi for a great many years - at least twenty five. He has always been industrious, in fact he worked to many hours to preserve his health. He was always respected in this community - In personal talks with me after the attack on Pearl Harbor - he expressed himself very strongly against the Japanese actions.

Mr. Yamauchi conducted a good Restaurant here in Cordova - previous to that time he served many years as cook for the Copper River Railroad out of Cordova.

He also adopted a half breed - White et Native Boy - gave him a good home - Had him join the boy scouts - and send him a great distance to a Boy Scout summer outing.

I feel that every consideration should be given Mr. Yamauchi. I wish some of the Germans in this vicinity were interned in place of some Japanese I have known.

Trusting this may help Kuai in his endeavors whatever they may be as I consider him loyal to our country."

Prepared the following:

1. A certified copy of the aforesaid letter.
2. A letter to the Honorable Edward J. Ennis wherein Mr. Yama requests for the discharge and submits in support thereof the aforesaid certified copy of the letter from the mayor.

The letter was then turned over to our Project Attorney.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. C. T. Takahashi relative to gasoline allowance for his trip to Seattle.

LETTER: Mr. C. T. Takahashi is on the stop order and was granted permission to visit Seattle under escort. He is unable to secure reservations to make the trip as under the permit he must make the trip between the period July 11 to August 11, 1945. Mr. Takahashi took this matter up with Mr. McLaughlin.

I prepared a letter for Mr. McLaughlin to the Ration Board for the necessary gasoline allowance which is to be signed by Mr. Stafford.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yasusuke Kogita relative to a divorce--Consultation.

Also prepared the following:

1. A client's statement to be signed by Mrs. Kogita, who is going to commence divorce proceedings.
2. A pass request to take both of them out to Jerome so that Mrs. Kogita will be able to contact Mr. Wayne Barclay, the attorney of her own selection.

5) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Koyama relative to liability insurance-----
Consultation.

Tuesday - July 17, 1945

6) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Tamae Kogita, relative to a divorce.

Prepared a statement of facts to be turned over to her attorney.

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. J. Hayashi, relative to a letter.

CUSTOMS: Sometime prior to the outbreak of war Mr. Hayashi had sent for a package of medicine from Dairibu,

Japan. This medicine is known as "Furu-chi-jio" and helps one's blood circulation. Mr. Hayashi found this medicine very helpful to his ailment. Under date of November 21, 1941 Mr. Hayashi was advised by the Collector's office, United States Customs Service, Seattle, Washington, that it would be necessary for him to secure a license from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco before they will be able to turn the package over to him. Accordingly, Mr. Hayashi applied for the license on November 26, 1941. However, under letter dated December 9, 1941 from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco his application was denied.

Mr. J. Hayashi is now desirous of re-applying with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for permission to secure this package from the Collector's office.

Therefore, prepared an inquiry, wherein the office inquired as to whether or not the Collector's office still has the package on hand so that Mr. Hayashi will be able to re-apply for a license with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco concerning same.

8) TRIP TO JEROME:

I accompanied Tamae Kogita to Jerome to contact Mr. Wayne Barclay, her attorney.

Mr. Barclay prepared a Summons and Complaint against Yasusuke Kogita, wherein Tamae Kogita commences an action for divorce against Yasusuke Kogita and requests for the care, custody and control of Dorothy Masae Kogita, age fifteen years. It seems, that Yasusuke Kogita has been associating with another woman and a result of this liaison two boys were born. It is contended, that Tamae Kogita was registered at the time of the birth as the two boys' mother. However, since these two boys are not the issues of the marriage their names were left out from the complaint. Yasusuke Kogita is now taking care of these two children and the real mother is residing at another center.

As grounds for the divorce the complaint stated as follows:

"5. That for more than five years last past defendant has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward plaintiff and has inflicted grievous mental suffering upon her by his acts and conduct toward her and has treated plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner which has caused plaintiff

much physical and mental suffering, in this, that at many and various times during the last mentioned period of time, defendant has frequently and repeatedly informed plaintiff that he did not and does not love her and did not and does not desire to remain married to her or to live with her as husband and wife and further that she should and must live separate and apart from defendant and that he did and does not desire to resume or continue the relationship of husband and wife with plaintiff in the future."

Wednesday - July 18, 1945

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Haruaki Yotsuuye relative to the unblocking of his account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Yotsuuye is blocked by virtue of his internment and he is now on parole to this center. He has no banking account; but he owns a policy in two insurance companies. He is desirous of being restored to the privileges of General License No. 68-A.

Therefore, prepared WRA Form 389, wherein he asks for the restoration of the privileges of General License No. 68-A. This request was turned over to Mr. Barrett, our Project Attorney, for his attention to be forwarded through proper channels.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. I. Okiyama.

LONG DISTANCE CALL: In the absence of Mr. Barrett I called up Mr. Fistere with reference to Mr. Okiyama's request for a permit from the Western Defense Command to go to Seattle for the purpose of attending a trial. I informed Mr. Fistere, that the only one who can verify the urgency of Mr. Otani's presence at the trial will be his attorney, Mr. David J. Williams. Mr. Fistere is going to contact Mr. Williams to send a wire to the Western Defense Command, wherein the attorney will put in the request for Mr. Okiyama's presence at the trial. In the event the permit is not granted on time by the Command Mr. Williams is to take steps to have the trial continued.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mr. F. Toyota, relative to his case now pending in the District Court of Jerome-----Consultation.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Otani relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Otani's account at the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank had been blocked by virtue of his failure to reside within the continental limits of the United States at all times on or since June 17, 1940. Mr. Otani through this office had applied to have this account unblocked by filing his application on Form WRA 389.

Under date of June 27, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued license No. SF 47339 wherein he was granted the privileges of General License No. 68-A as amended.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit as to the status of M. Otani on Form WRA 154 which contains the following additional clause:

"4. That I have been granted the privileges of General License No. 68-A as amended by virtue of Federal Reserve License No; SF 47339 issued to me under date of June 27, 1945."

2. A letter to the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank wherein the afore-said affidavit was transmitted and the office requested that they advise us when it will be in order for Mr. Otani to issue checks against his account without any special license.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Norimatsu-----Consultation

14) INTERVIEW:

Miss Aiko Yoshihara relative to an opinion--Consultation

Thursday - July 19, 1945

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Wakimoto-----Consultation

16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Morita-----Consultation

17) LETTER TO:

Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., wherein the office requested for a claim form for Mr. Kaminosuke Yoshimura's claim against the bank in the sum of \$353.06.

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yoshinosuke Sato-----Consultation

19) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu, relative to her Federal Reserve license.

DIVIDENDS: Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu is owner of a certificate issued by The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank of Seattle, being No. 205, in the original face amount of \$27.19. The Seattle-First National Bank, as trustee for said committee, has declared a 20% dividend on the certificate. The certificate represents an interest in the assets of the old Pacific Commercial Bank, which had failed some 14 years ago.

Mrs. Kunitsugu is a "blocked Japanese national" by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940.

Accordingly, under date of June 21, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued License SF 47181 authorizing the payment of the dividend to her; but it was necessary to apply for a new license since her name in the license was spelled incorrectly.

Under date of July 6, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued a new license, being No. SF 47473, which in part provided:

"The Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, Washington as trustee for The Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank, Seattle, Washington is authorized to pay the sum of \$5.43 to Fusa Kunitsugu, Hunt, Idaho, for her disposition, which funds represent dividend No. 4 of 20% of the original face amount of Certificate of Deposit No. 205 in the sum of \$27.19 issued in the name of Fusa

Kunitsugu by Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank covering amount of funds on deposit with the said Pacific Commercial Bank at the time of its liquidation.

This license amends and supersedes License No. SF 47181 which is hereby cancelled."

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE: Tajiro Kunitsugu, the deceased husband of Fusa Kunitsugu, died on April 14, 1939. In addition to certain other property he left as part of his estate the following certificates issued by The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank:

1. Certificate No. 206 in the original face amount of \$203.80.
2. Certificate No. 207 in the original face amount of \$698.22.

All of the estate was set aside to Fusa Kunitsugu as the surviving spouse by order of court in the Superior Court of King County (Washington) on July 6, 1939, in lieu of homestead.

This office corresponded with the Seattle-First National Bank, the trustee for said committee, relative to having the dividends on the certificates paid directly to her upon issuance of a Federal Reserve license covering the transaction.

Under date of June 19, 1945 the bank replied as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13, enclosing Certificate No. 206 and 207 of The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank, together with Order to Set Aside Property in Lieu of Homestead in re T. Kunitsugu's estate.

The enclosed order is satisfactory evidence to us that the widow is entitled to receive proceeds of the dividend and upon receipt of a copy of the Federal Reserve license authorizing payment, we will proceed to complete the transaction."

Accordingly, this office prepared an application for a Federal Reserve license on Form TFE-1 and the same was forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

In the meantime, Mrs. Kunitsugu had requested for the

unblocking of her account by filing WRA Form 389. Under date of July 5, 1945 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco advised Mrs. Kunitsugu to the following effect:

"Reference is made to the above-mentioned application in which you requested a Treasury Department license in order to authorize the Seattle-First National Bank, as trustee for The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank, to pay liquidating dividend No. 4 to you as surviving spouse of Tajiro Kunitsugu, on certificates Nos. 206 and 207, issued by The Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank.

We are taking no action with regard to this application in view of the issuance of license No. SF 47331 under date of June 29, 1945, which license granted to you the privileges of General License No. 68-A, as amended. Therefore, we are considering application No. SF 47420 as having been withdrawn, and are marking our records accordingly."

The Federal Reserve License granting the privileges of General License 68A to Mrs. Kunitsugu was issued under date of June 29, 1945, being No. SF 47331, which in part provided:

"You are hereby granted the privileges of General License No. 68A, as amended."

This office then forwarded the following documents:

1. A copy of Federal Reserve License No. SF 47331, wherein she was granted the privileges of General License No. 68-A,
2. Copies of the letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco dated July 5, 1945 relative to the application of Mrs. Kunitsugu covering the payment of the dividends on the certificates in the name of her deceased husband,
3. The affidavit as to the status of Mrs. Kunitsugu on Form WRA 154 which affidavit in addition recited the granting of the privileges of General License No. 68-A to her,

to the Seattle-First National Bank; and the office requested

the payment of the dividends on the certificates by sending the same to her in care of this office.

Under date of July 16, 1945 the Seattle-First National Bank wrote to Mrs. Fusa Kunitsugu by registered mail in care of this office to the following effect:

"We enclose by registered mail Certificate No. 205 of the Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank registered in your name and No. 206 registered in the name of T. Kunitsugu and No. 207 registered in the name of Tajiro Kunitsugu.

We have endorsed dividend payment of 20% thereon and enclose our check in the amount of \$185.84 in payment thereof."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. Receipt by Fusa Kunitsugu covering the aforesaid registered mail, which noted the contents therein.
2. A letter to the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid receipt, and thanked the bank for the courtesy that they had extended to us in the case.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kaizo Chikamura relative to unblocking of his account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kaizo Chikamura is blocked by virtue of his former internment. He is now on parole to this center. He has bank accounts at the following institutions:

International Branch	526 Jackson Street
Seattle-First National Bank	Seattle, Washington
Fidelity National Bank	Twin Falls, Idaho
of Twin Falls	

He is now desirous of having these accounts unblocked.

Therefore, prepared Form WRA 389 to have his accounts unblocked. The application was turned over to Mr. Barrett, our Project Attorney, for his attention to be forwarded through proper channels.

21) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Mizoguchi-----Consultation

22) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Kinzo Tada-----Consultation

23) Saturday - July 23, 1945

23) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Frank Y. Hashizume relative to unpaid taxes.

TAXES: Mr. Frank Y. Hashizume prior to evacuation operated a service station at Seattle, Washington.

The property upon which the service station was built was leased from one McSorley. Mr. Hashizume is now returning to Seattle to take possession of this service station commencing August 1, 1945.

Under date of July 16, 1945 the Seattle area office advised us, that the attorneys acting for McSorley had contacted them and had stated, that the taxes still remain unpaid by Mr. Hashizume for the years 1943 and a proportion of the taxes for 1944.

Mr. Hashizume recently went to Seattle and at that time he had the taxes paid to date. As evidence thereof he produced a receipt.

Prepared a letter to the area officer of Seattle wherein the office advised him of this situation; and that Mr. Hashizume will call at their office on the coming Tuesday morning with this receipt.

The file was then closed in view of his relocation to Seattle.

24) INTERVIEW:
Mr. and Mrs. Yonezo Mizoguchi.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. and Mrs. Mizoguchi were both blocked by virtue of their failure to reside in the continental United States at all times on and since June 17, 1940. They have both applied for the unblocking of their accounts on WRA Form 389.

Accordingly, each of them were granted a Federal Reserve license, whereby they were granted the privileges

of General License No. 68-A under date of June 27, 1945, being license No. SF 47336 and SF 47335, respectively.

They have banking accounts at the Orting State Bank, Orting, Washington, and the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

Prepared the following:

1. The affidavit as to the new status of Yonezo Mizoguchi.
2. The affidavit as to the new status of Taka Mizoguchi.
3. A letter to the Orting State Bank wherein the aforesaid affidavits were transmitted and the office requested, that they advise us when it will be in order for them to draw against their accounts without any further license.
4. A letter to the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls wherein the aforesaid affidavits were transmitted and the office requested, that they advise us when it will be in order for them to draw against their account without any further license.

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. T. Nishikawa, relative to their blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. and Mrs. Nishikawas' accounts were blocked by virtue of their failure to reside within the continental limits of the United States on or since June 17, 1940. However, they were both granted the privileges of General License No. 68-A upon their filing with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco their request for unblocking on Form WRA 389. This office had forwarded to the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank the affidavits as to their new status by virtue of said licenses.

Under date of July 18, 1945 the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank advised us to the following effect:

"Your favor of the 13th instant at hand enclosing WRA-154 Rev. Affidavits of Tsuneichiro Nishikawa, also known as T. Nishikawa, and Osono Nishikawa, also known as O. Nishikawa, duly sworn to before a Notary Public.

Kindly be advised that these people may now draw checks on their account at any time."

The contents of this letter was today related to the "Nishikawas".

Monday, July 23, 1945

- 26) INTERVIEW:
Mr. G. K. Yama-----Consultation
- 27) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Harry Uno-----Consultation
- 28) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Kinzo Tada relative to a claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank for his sister-in-law.

CLAIM: Keiko Teshirogi, his sister-in-law, is now isolated in Japan as a result of the present war. She is owner of a fixed deposit certificate issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., in the face amount of \$247.15, being No. 90483, dated at San Francisco, California on February 6, 1941. Under date of February 3, 1941 Keiko Teshirogi issued a Power of Attorney in the Japanese language to Kinzo Tada.

Mr. Tada is desirous of filing a claim against Benjamin C. Corlett, Superintendent of Banks, State of California in charge of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. and Liquidation, c/o State Banking Department, San Francisco, California on this certificate for Keiko Teshirogi.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. Claim against the Superintendent of Banks signed by Kinzo Tada as attorney-in-fact for Keiko Teshirogi. In the claim it recited that Keiko Teshirogi is isolated as a result

of the present war.

2. A letter to the Superintendent, wherein the aforesaid claim, together with the fixed deposit certificate, aforesaid Power of Attorney, Mr. Tada's Imperial Japanese Government passport and Alien Registration Receipt Card were transmitted, and the office requested, that he advise us as to whether or not a Federal Reserve license is necessary to complete this transaction in view of Keiko Teshirogi's isolation in Japan. This was sent "Registered mail--Return Receipt Requested".

29) LETTER TO:

Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls, regarding Mr. and Mrs. T. Nishikawas' blocked account, wherein the office transmitted the new affidavits as to the status of each of them regarding the restoration to them of the privileges of General License No. 68-A, and the office requested, that they advise us, when they will be able to issue checks against their account without any further special license.

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Yoshimura-----Consultation.

31) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kamenosuke Yoshimura relative to a claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.

CLAIM: Kamenosuke Yoshimura is a holder of a certificate of deposit No. 90667 issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco under date of April 9, 1941. Mr. Yoshimura desires to file a claim against the Superintendent of Banks of the State of California, who is now the liquidator of said bank; so, this office accordingly wrote to him for a claim form.

This claim form was sent in due course to Mr. Yoshimura.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The proof of claim covering the certificate of deposit.
2. The affidavit as to the status of Kamenosuke Yoshimura.
3. A certificate to be signed by the notary regarding claimant's alien registration card and passport.

4. A letter to the Superintendent of Banks wherein the aforesaid proof of claim, together with the certificate of deposit, the affidavit as to Mr. Yoshimura's status and the certification by the notary were transmitted, and the office requested that he should advise us when the claim is properly filed.

32) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Chiyo Uyegaki relative to her husband's bond.

REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE OF A BOND: Fusako Kondo, an alien, immediately after the outbreak of war was picked up by the Immigration Station for illegal entry into the United States. She was later released when Masachiyo Uyegaki, the husband, put up a \$500 U. S. Treasury Bond. Fusako Kondo requested for repatriation and she is now confined at the Tule Lake Center.

Mrs. Uyegaki in behalf of her husband requested that an inquiry be made with the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, Washington to find out whether or not the bond can be released to Masachiyo Uyegaki in view of Fusako Kondo's confinement at the Tule Lake Center.

Therefore, prepared a letter to the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, Washington, wherein the inquiry was made in behalf of said Uyegaki.

Wednesday - - July 25, 1945

33) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

I went to Twin Falls to contact the Fidelity National Bank relative to the accounts now being unblocked by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Thursday - - July 26, 1945

34) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. K. Fujiwara-----Consultation

35) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yoichi Kurokawa relative to his blocked account.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. Kurokawa was blocked by virtue of his failure to reside within the continental limits of the United States at all times on or since June 17, 1940. He had filed his application on WRA form 389 so that he may be granted the privileges of General License No. 684.

The license was granted by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Prepared a receipt covering the same, which Mr. Kurokawa signed upon delivery of the license.

36) INTERVIEW:

Mr. O. Matsumura relative to Old Age Pension--Consultation.

PENSION: I referred him over to the Counselor's Office for further attention.

Friday - July 27, 1945

37) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Taki Sonoda relative to her deceased husband's estate.

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE: Yaoju Sonoda died at Seattle, Washington on July 28, 1940. At the time of his death he left a certificate issued by the Committee of Depositors of the Pacific Commercial Bank in the sum of \$400. The Seattle-First National Bank is now acting as trustee for the committee. A 20% dividend has been declared on the outstanding certificate. Yaoju Sonoda left surviving him beside his widow, 5 children, one being still a minor.

This office wrote to the Seattle-First National Bank to find out whether or not it would be possible to set over the dividends in favor of the widow upon execution of proper papers.

Under date of July 19, 1945 the Seattle-First National Bank advised us to the following affect:

"Your letter of July 2nd addressed to the Seattle-First National Bank has been referred to us for reply. The bank states that it is holding

Certificate No. 526 of the Committee of Depositors of Pacific Commercial Bank in the name of Yaoju Sonoda in the original amount of \$400.00 on which a dividend of \$80.00 is now payable.

Although the widow is entitled to have an estate of this size set over to her in lieu of homestead to the exclusion of the children, it is necessary to start probate proceedings in order to make such an award. However, in view of the fact that the amount involved is so small and the interest of the one minor child is only one-tenth of the total, we shall recommend to the bank that in this case it make payment of the dividend to Mrs. Sonoda upon receipt of an affidavit and indemnity agreement signed by her and the four children who are adults. We believe that you are familiar with the form of affidavit and indemnity agreement which we require. If you prefer, we shall be glad to prepare the form. We also enclose the affidavit for transfer of property without probate. Please return it to us after it is completed so that we may obtain a clearance from the Inheritance Tax Division."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The affidavit and indemnity agreement for the signature of Taki Sonoda, the surviving widow.
2. The affidavit for Jaxon Sonoda.
3. The affidavit for Yaeko Fukuda, formerly known as Yaeko Sonoda.
4. The affidavit for Masaru Sonoda.
5. The affidavit for Mrs. Tomi Mochizuki, formerly known as Tomi Sonoda.
6. The indemnity agreement to be signed by Jaxon Sonoda.
7. The indemnity agreement to be signed by Yaeko Fukuda.
8. The indemnity agreement to be signed by Masaru Sonoda.
9. The indemnity agreement to be signed by Tomi Mochizuki.

10. A letter to Jaxon Sonoda wherein the office transmitted the affidavit and indemnity agreement for his signature.

11. A letter to Tomi Mochizuki wherein the office transmitted the affidavit and indemnity agreement for her signature.

38) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Uno-----Consultation.

39) MEMO TO:

The Leaves Officer regarding passes for the players of this center to participate in a softball tournament at Jerome this coming Sunday.

Saturday - July 28, 1945

40) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Yaeko Fukuda, relative to her deceased father's estate.

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE (Continued from Item 37):

Mrs. Fukuda today signed the indemnity agreement and the affidavit which had been prepared for her signature.

In addition, prepared an affidavit as to her status on WRA form 154, which also was signed by her before the office notary.

41) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Okamoto-----Consultation.

42) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumajiro Hasegawa, relative to his claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.

CLAIM: Mr. Hasegawa is owner of a fixed deposit certificate issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco, being No. 9066 in the sum of \$122.53. The State Banking Department of the State of California is now liquidating the aforesaid bank. Mr. Hasegawa now desires to file his claim against the liquidator.

Therefore, prepared a letter to the State Banking Department, wherein the office requested for a claim form so that Mr. Hasegawa can make his claim against the bank.

43) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Teshirogi-----Consultation.

44) ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE (Continued from Item 40):

Prepared the following:

1. The affidavit as to the status of Jaxon Sonoda.
2. The affidavit as to the status of Tomi Mochizuki.
3. The affidavit as to the status of Masaru Sonoda.
4. The affidavit as to the status of Taki Sonoda.
5. A letter to Jaxon Sonoda, wherein the office transmitted an affidavit as to his status for signature before a notary.
6. A letter to Tomi Mochizuki, wherein the office transmitted an affidavit as to her status for signature before a notary.

Monday - July 30, 1945

45) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Y. Chiba-----Consultation.

46) INTERPRETING:
I interpreted for Mr. Barrett, our Project Attorney, in his interview with Mr. Asakura relative to labor claim against a mining corporation.

47) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Kojima-----Consultation.

48) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Masaru Sonoda, relative to his deceased father's estate.

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE (Continued from Item 44):

Mr. Sonoda today signed the following papers:

1. The indemnity agreement.
2. The affidavit in lieu of probate.
3. The affidavit as to his status on WRA form 154.

The last two papers were signed before the office notary.

Tuesday - July 31, 1945

49) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Taki Sonoda, relative to her deceased husband's estate.

ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE: Mrs. Sonoda today signed the affidavit as to her status on WRA form 154 before the office notary.

50) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Koichi Furuta, relative to his lost Alien Registration Receipt Card and Enemy Alien Identification Book.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE: Mr. Furuta while enroute from Seattle to Portland on his return to this center from the coast, lost the aforementioned documents. Mr. Furuta is anxious to relocate and he is desirous of securing duplicate copies of the same.

Prepared a letter to the Director Officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service whose office is at Spokane, Washington regarding same. I advised Mr. Furuta to secure three unmounted photographs of himself so that he will be ready when the officer arrives.

51) INTERVIEW:

Mr. O. Hirai, relative to the personal belongings of T. Matsumoto, deceased, now held in Government Storage.

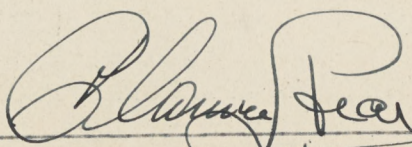
PROPERTY OF DECEASED PERSONS: I went with Mr. Minnesang, Ass't. Evacuee Property Officer, in regard to this matter. Since most of Mr. Matsumoto's natural heirs are now living in Japan, and it is impossible to secure a complete release from all of them, I informed Mr. O. Hirai, that the WRA will not be able to turn the property over to his son-in-law.

52) LETTER TO:

Mr. Seizo Itoi wherein the office transmitted certain papers which he had left on file at this office. Since Mr. Itoi has relocated, these papers are to be mailed to him "Registered mail-return receipt requested". The case was then closed.

53) MEMO:

For the past two weeks, prepared seven memos.


Clarence T. Araki

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division
August 15, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Frank S. Barrett
Project Attorney

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - August 1, 1945 to August
27, 1945 inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith the following report:

Wednesday - August 1, 1945

1) MEMO: Prepared the bi-monthly report covering July 16, 1945 to July 31, 1945 inclusive which consists of 20 pages.

2) MAILS AND FILES:

LETTERS: By mistake the Mails and Files had failed to mail the letters to Sgt. Jaxon Sonoda and Mrs. Tomi Mochizuki, which letters contained documents to be signed by each of the recipients. My secretary checked with both the Mails and Files and Statistics Departments and learned that they had even failed to retain copies which had been attached to the letters for their files.

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. Copies of the letter to Tomi Mochizuki.
2. Copies of the letter to Sgt. Jaxon Sonoda.
3. Copies of the affidavits in lieu of probate which were the attachments to the letter to Sgt. Jaxon Sonoda.
4. Copies of the indemnity agreement which were attachments to the letter to Jaxon Sonoda.

Thursday - August 2, 1945

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Nishikawa-----Consultation.

4) LETTER TO:

Collector of Internal Revenue of New York City in regard to a refund by Seikichi Takase. This office under date of Dec. 1, 1944 transmitted to the Collector the claim for refund by said Takase in the sum of \$7.20. On March 5, 1945 a follow-up letter was written to him concerning same. Since this office had failed to hear from the Collector even to this date I prepared a second follow-up letter.

5) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Hirano-----Consultation.

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Abe, relative to a will-----Consultation.

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. G. Mizuta, relative to WFA pay check.

PAY CHECK: Mr. Mizuta has a check coming to him from the WFA in the sum of approximately \$200. This sum was due to him for services rendered as a kitchen helper at the F.S.A. Camp at Burley, Idaho.

Prepared a memo to Mr. Barrett concerning this check.

Friday - August 3, 1945

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. J. Hayashi, relative to a customs matter.

CUSTOMS: Sometime prior to the outbreak of war Mr. Hayashi had sent for a package of medicine from Dairby, Japan. This medicine is known as "Furu-chi-jio" and helps one's blood circulation. Mr. Hayashi found this medicine very helpful to his ailment. Under date of November 21, 1941 Mr. Hayashi was advised by the Collector's office, United States Customs Service, Seattle, Washington, that it would be necessary for him to secure a license from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco before they will be able to turn the package over to him. Accordingly, Mr. Hayashi applied for the license on November 26, 1941. However, under letter dated December 9, 1941 from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco his application was denied.

Accordingly this office wrote to the Collector's office at Seattle, Washington to ascertain whether or not he has the package still on hand so that Mr. Hayashi will be able to re-apply for a new license at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Under date of July 25, 1945 the Bureau of Customs at Seattle, Washington advised us as to the following effect-

"In reply to your letter dated July 17, 1945 requesting information as to whether a package of medicine consigned to Mr. J. Hayashi, 1203 Jackson Street, Seattle, is on hand, you are advised that his merchandise was destroyed under the provisions of the customs regulations which authorize collectors to destroy such merchandise if it becomes abandoned to the government twelve months after receipt of same."

Prepared a certified copy of this letter, which was delivered to Mr. Hayashi for his personal file.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kijuro Abe, relative to his will.

WILL: Kijuro Abe is from Snoqualmie Falls, County of King, State of Washington and is now an evacuee of this Center. He is desirous of having his will made, wherein he will bequeath all his property to his wife, son, and daughter to be equally divided by them, share and share alike.

To accommodate Mr. Abe I prepared this will.

Mr. Kijuro Abe today declared the same to be his Last Will and Testament and signed the same in the presence of Clarence Arai, Mary Masunaga, and Chieko Shibuya. The witnesses signed the will in his presence and in the presence of each other at his request. Delivered the will to Mr. Abe and the case was then closed.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. K. Sugimura, relative to her husband's blocked account-----Consultation.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. Yonezo Mizoguchi, relative to their blocked accounts.

UNBLOCKING: Mr. and Mrs. Mizoguchi were both blocked by virtue by their failure to reside in the continental

United States at all times on and since June 17, 1940. They have both applied for the unblocking of their account on WRA form 389.

Accordingly, each of them were granted a Federal Reserve license, whereby they were granted the privileges of General License No. 68-A.

This office had forwarded to their bank at Orting, Washington the new affidavit as to each of their status.

Under date of July 27, 1945 the Orting State Bank advised us to the following effect-

"In reply to your letter dated July 21, 1945, regarding the above subject. The accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Mizoguchi are no longer blocked accounts and may be drawn on at anytime, in accordance with your instructions."

Therefore, prepared a certified copy of the aforesaid letter which was turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Mizoguchi.

The case was then closed.

Monday - August 6, 1945

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Takehara, relative to his file.

FILE: Returned several papers to Mr. Takehara which were kept on file at this office. Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Mr. Takehara. The case was then closed, as Mr. Takehara stated that he received his check in the sum of \$100.00 from the Seattle office thru Mr. Cox.

Tuesday - August 7, 1945

13) LETTER TO:

Tomie Mochizuki wherein the office transmitted the affidavit as to her status on WRA form 154 for her signature before a notary.

14) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kogita, relative to her divorce proceedings-----
Consultation.

15) ESTATE WITHOUT PROBATE:

Prepared a letter to the attorneys for the Seattle First National Bank wherein the office is to transmit the papers prepared by this office relative to the estate of

Yaoju Sonoda. This letter is undated; for the reason we are now waiting for the papers which have been sent out by this office to the various heirs for execution. As soon as these papers come in, the letter is to be forwarded to the Bank with all the attachments.

Wednesday - August 8, 1945

16) LETTER TO:

Mr. Kinzo Tada wherein the office advised him, that the liquidator of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco has informed us that his claim insofar as the interest is concerned has been rejected at this time.

17) LETTER TO:

Mr. Kamenosuke Yoshimura wherein the office advised him, that the liquidator of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco has informed us that his claim insofar as the interest is concerned has been rejected at this time.

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kazuo Mori-----Consultation.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Chiyo Uyegaki, relative to her husband's bond.

REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE OF A BOND: Fusako Kondo, an alien, immediately after the outbreak of war was picked up by the Immigration Station at Seattle for illegal entry into the United States. She was later released when Masachiyo Uyegaki, the husband of Chiyo Uyegaki, put up a \$500 U. S. Treasury Bond. Fusako Kondo requested for repatriation and she is now confined at the Tule Lake Center.

Mrs. Uyegaki in behalf of her husband requested that an inquiry be made with the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, Washington to find out whether or not the bond can be released to Masachiyo Uyegaki in view of Fusako Kondo's confinement at the Tule Lake Center.

Accordingly, this office wrote to the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle, Washington.

Under date of August 3, 1945 the Immigration and Naturalization Service replied to the following effect:

"Reference is made to your letter of July 24, 1945, relating to bond on Fusako Kondo, in which one Masachiyo Uyegaki is interested and has requested to be released from liability under this bond.

Our file in this case has been located and it is noted that Masachiyo Uyegaki is shown as the owner of the collateral deposited in behalf of Kondo.

You are advised that his request to be relieved from liability has been transmitted to the office of the Commissioner of this Service in Philadelphia for consideration and you will be advised as soon as a decision has been received."

Prepared a copy of this letter which was delivered to Mrs. Uyegaki.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumajiro Hasegawa, relative to his claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.

CLAIM: Mr. Hasegawa is owner of a fixed deposit certificate issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco, being No. 9066 in the sum of \$122.53. The State Banking Department of the State of California is now liquidating the aforesaid bank.

This office in behalf of Mr. Hasegawa wrote to the State Banking Department, for a claim form so that Mr. Hasegawa can perfect his claim against the Bank. Under date of August 2, 1945 the Superintendent of Banks of California in charge of the liquidation, advised us to the following effect:

"Complying with your request we enclose proof of Claim Form and Affidavit Forms in connection with the filing of Mr. Kumajiro Hasegawa's Claim against The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., San Francisco.

For your information and guidance we find it necessary to reject a claim insofar as interest is concerned at this time. I call this matter to your attention for the reason that this office has received two claims through your office which call for interest and you will be duly advised as to the rejection of the interest claim in these two cases.

Thanking you for your cooperation."

Therefore, prepared the following:

1. The claim on the aforesaid certificate.

2. Mr. Hasegawa's affidavit as to his status.
3. The certificate by the notary concerning the examination of Mr. Hasegawa's identification book.
4. The affidavit by Mr. Hasegawa in lieu of his lost passport.
5. A letter to the liquidator wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid papers and requested that he advise us when the claim is properly proven. Also, in the same letter we advised the liquidator that we have this date informed both Kamenosuke Yoshimura and Kinzo Tada that each of their claims insofar as their interest is concerned has been rejected by the liquidator.

21) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Sugimura-----Consultation.

Friday - August 10, 1945

22) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Itami-----Consultation.

23) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Hana Hamada, relative to the unblocking of her bank accounts.

UNBLOCKING: Mrs. Hana Hamada is blocked by virtue of her failure to reside continuously within the continental limits of the United States on or since July 17, 1940.

She is desirous of having her bank accounts unblocked.

Therefore, prepared her application on WRA form 389 to have the accounts unblocked.

24) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Hasegawa-----Consultation.

25) INTERVIEW:
Messrs. Kamejiro Tomooka and Johnny Fujita, relative to the pay check for Goichi Mizuta.

MEMO: I prepared a memorandum to Mr. Frank S. Barrett, our Project Attorney, relative to the delivery of the check to Mr. Mizuta in the presence of Mr. Fujita.

Saturday - August 11, 1945

26) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nishimura-----Consultation.

Monday - August 13, 1945

27) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kogita-----Consultation.

Tuesday - August 14, 1945

28) TRIP TO JEROME:

Alienation of Affection suit. I accompanied Mr. Rinzo Nitta to Jerome to contact Mr. Wayne Barclay relative to Mr. Nitta's suit against Jiro Sakano on grounds of Alienation of Affection. This case was today settled for the sum of \$700. Mr. Wayne Barclay accepted the sum of \$700 in behalf of Mr. Nitta from Mr. Sakano's attorney in Twin Falls. Mr. Barclay today turned over to Mr. Nitta his share of the proceeds.

29) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nitta, relative to the divorce proceedings about to be brought against him by Miyuki Nitta, his wife.

DIVORCE: Mrs. Nitta through her attorney in Salt Lake City has forwarded a complaint to Mr. Nitta. The complaint was sent to him by registered mail. However, there was no summons attached to the complaint although a consent to the default was attached. Mr. Nitta refused to sign the consent and turned the papers over to Mr. Barclay for his attention.

Prepared a letter to the Clerk of the 3rd Judicial District Court in Salt Lake County to ascertain whether or not the case has been actually filed.

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Mankichi Sugimura, relative to the unblocking of his account.

UNBLOCKING: Through this office Mr. and Mrs. Sugimura sold the fixtures of their barber shop which they had owned in Portland, Oregon. The proceeds of this sale in the sum of \$460.30 was deposited in a blocked account in the names of "Mankichi Sugimura and Kina Sugimura" at the Fidelity National Bank of Twin Falls.

The account had been blocked by virtue of Mr. Sugimura's internment at the time. He was later paroled to this center and was recently granted permission to go to Anderson Dam to work there.

He is now desirous of having this account unblocked.

Prepared his request on WRA form 389, whereby his account will be unblocked. These papers were turned over to Mr. Barrett for forwarding through proper channels.

31) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Ono-----Consultation.

32) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Shibata-----Consultation.

Saturday - August 18, 1945

33) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

CLAIM: I went to Twin Falls to contact the Sterling Jewelry Company relative to the claim of the "Setsudas" against the Sterling Jewelry Company, Inc., in company with Mr. Cox. Mrs. Anna J. Allen of the jewelry company agreed to settle the case for the sum of \$160.00. She stated, however, that she would like to have the opportunity of returning the rings to them even after settlement, provided the rings are discovered within a reasonable length of time.

Tuesday - August 21, 1945

34) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Toyota-----Consultation

35) CLAIM (Continued from Item 33):
Prepared the following:

1. Releases to be signed by Mr. and Mrs. Setsuda.
2. A letter to Pfc. Richard H. Setsuda wherein the office enclosed the aforesaid releases, and advised him to the following effect:

"Mrs. Anna J. Allen of the Sterling Jewelry Company has stated, that your rings were probably lost temporarily; and that as soon as the same are found they would like to have the opportunity of returning the same to you. It is our suggestion, that you should wait a reasonable length of time,

say one month, so that they will have the opportunity of returning the rings to you upon return of the consideration price, which is in the sum of \$160.00.

Therefore, in enclosing your releases to us kindly advise us that you will give the Sterling Jewelry Company one months' time from the date of the receipt of the check for \$160.00 within which time you will grant them an opportunity of returning the rings to you, and if so done within said time that you will return the \$160.00 to them upon receipt of the two rings."

36) LETTER:

Prepared a letter to T/Sgt. Jaxon Sonoda at Fort Snelling, Minnesota wherein the office enclosed the affidavits as to his status on WRA Form 154 for his signature before a notary.

37) LETTER:

Prepared a letter to Mr. Kaizo Chikamura wherein the office transmitted a certified copy of a letter which this office received from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco under date of August 10, 1945 relative to Mr. Chikamura's blocked account.

Thursday - August 23, 1945

38) INTERVIEW BY MY SECRETARY:

Claim Against the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd: Under date of August 15, 1945 the office was advised by the Liquidator of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., of San Francisco, that the claim of Kamenosuke Yoshimura is in order, except for the interest on the claim which had been rejected.

Prepared a certified copy of the same which was turned over to Mr. Kamenosuke Yoshimura by my secretary.

Friday - August 24, 1945

39) LETTER:

Prepared a letter to Mr. Kinzo Tada, relative to his claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., as attorney-in-fact for Keiko Teshirogi.

Prepared a certified copy of a letter which this office had received from the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., under date of August 15, 1945, which certified copy was enclosed in the foregoing letter.

40) TRIP TO JEROME:

I went to Jerome in company with Mr. Cox, the Evacuee Property Officer, to attend the default divorce hearings in the following cases:

1. Hayame Miyake vs. Frank Miyake. Hayame Miyake had brought a divorce action against Frank Miyake on the ground of willful neglect. The divorce in this case was granted and the plaintiff was awarded the care, custody and control of the minor children, namely, Grace Miyake and Richard Miyake.
2. Tamae Kogita vs. Yasusuke Kogita. Tamae Kogita had brought a divorce action against Yasusuke Kogita on the ground of cruelty. The divorce in this case was granted and the plaintiff was awarded the care, custody and control of Dorothy Masae Kogita, the only minor child. I acted as interpreter in this case.

Mr. Wayne Barclay acted as attorney in both of these cases.

41) INTERVIEW WITH MR. WAYNE BARCLAY, THE ATTORNEY FOR MR. RINJI NITTA:

INQUIRY: I delivered to Mr. Wayne Barclay a copy of a letter which this office had received from the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Utah, in which the clerk had answered our inquiry of August 14, 1945 relative to the filing of a case against Rinji Nitta by his wife, Miyuki Nitta.

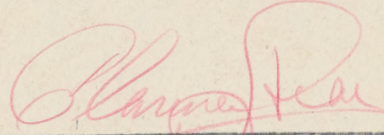
Monday - August 27, 1945

42) MEMO:

For the past two weeks, prepared four memos.

This will be my last report, as I will be leaving for Seattle with my family. What the future holds for us nobody

knows; but, we are going to do our best to re-establish our home. I enjoyed the privilege of working with you and wish you the best of luck. So, it will be "Hasta la vista".



Clarence T. Arai