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FUJIMOTO, TAMOTSU

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CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2128

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Tamotsu Fujimoto

Block No. 1704 C

Sex: Male X Female _____

Age: 24 years Date of Birth: Month: Aug. Day: 12 Year: 1921

Place of Birth: (City) Honolulu (County) _____ State) Hawaii

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: 172 North Hotel
Street Honolulu Hawaii

Occupation at time of evacuation: Carpenter

Have you "dual citizenship"? Yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? Yes

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as

a dual citizen: Parents When: At Birth

Where: Honolulu, Hawaii

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

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

Month: June Day: _____ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that

renunciation form? No

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? Not Known

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? Yes

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

Did you attend that hearing alone? Yes If not, who went with
you? _____

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you have, what date does it bear? August 7, 1945

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? November 19, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received
a letter approving your renunciation? No

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? _____

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? Yes

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? February 13, 1946

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? _____

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp, either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Father Togo Fujimoto Mother Ritsu Fujimoto

Have they been released from detention? Living in Hawaii

Have they been relocated? _____

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

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 10, 1945

Where: Tule Lake Center Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? No One Were you represented by anyone at that time? No

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? Not Known

Did you protest registering as an alien? No

Did you write your protest on the form? No

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

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

Am I writing a protest as of this date.

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? Yes

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? No If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? _____

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

_____ Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? _____

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

Social Welfare? Sept. 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? Sept. 1945

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? No If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

Single

Date: February 17, 1946

Tamotsu Fujimoto

Tamotsu Fujimoto
(Name)

Date February 13, 1946

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

Sir:

On October 10, 1945, 1945, I was requested by Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, to appear before their officer to register under the provisions of the Alien Registration Act.

Although I appeared before your office to comply with the provisions of the Alien Registration Act, I wish to state that said registration form was signed by myself under protest.

I am an American citizen. Although within the non-repatriation form it indicated in Question No. 2 that my nationality was Japanese, I hereby wish to protest said designation as I am not a citizen or a national of Japan, but a citizen and a national of the United States.

Therefore I shall appreciate your accepting this letter as a documentary evidence that my signature affixed on said Alien Registration form and informations furnished in Question No. 2 of the non-repatriation form was done so under protest, as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

Tametsu Fujimoto

Block 1704 C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Newell, California

February 13, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about June, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. Nationality at the Tule Lake Center, Newell, Modoc County, California.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract and revoke the said renunciation upon the following grounds and for the following reasons:

(1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the laws;

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

(3) I then and there was and for a period of time prior thereto had been detained in said Tule Lake Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen and was treated as though I were an alien enemy and thus was discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated, coerced and compelled to sign said renunciation form by reason of the duress in which I was held by the government and the duress, fraud, menace and undue influence of groups and individuals within said Center, against which the government failed to protect me.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation was fictitious and is invalid and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and by choice. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form, and the approval thereof if any approval thereof was given.

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

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Tomasito Espinosa
(Name)

Address: 1704 C

Newell, California

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

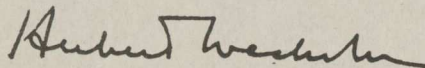
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Tamotsu Fujimoto
(born August 12, 1921, Honolulu, Hawaii)
1704-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

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

Date: August 7, 1945

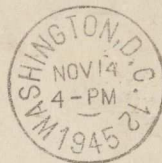


Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Tamotsu Fujimoto

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~~Newell, California~~

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

