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Re. 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, Calif.
May 17, 1948

Wayne M. Collins, Attorney
Thills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

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Dear Sir:-

I have read in the newspaper an article concerning the restoration of our citizenship. I would be very glad to have my citizenship back if it is possible. I am giving you all the information:-

My name is Tadas Hasegawa

My present address is - Re. 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, California

I was born on March 24, 1923 at
1410 4th St., Sacramento, California

I have renounced my citizenship at
the Tule Lake Relocation Center.

I have received a letter from the
Attorney General approving the renunciation.

Sincerely yours,

Tadas Hasegawa

ACTIVE LIST

014 Re.: Box 215
Clarksburg, California
July 16, 1949

Mr. Wayne M. Collins, Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco, 4 California

Dear Sir:-

I am very sorry to bother you at this time, but, this is a very important & urgent matter to me. Please forgive me for intruding at this time.

Please, can you tell me if our citizenship really have been restored or are they still going to have another case again? I would appreciate it very much if I may have this one question straightened out. I have written many times to the Los Angeles Full Scale Defense Committee, but, I have not received any reply whatsoever.

You see, we do not know when we would have to move out of here, and if possible we would like to lease a place or buy a place if we find a suitable place, but, like I mentioned I'm not sure whether we have our citizenship restored or not so we cannot take any steps either way. Again, I am sorry for troubling you, but, can you please let me know soon?

Thank you for your trouble.

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Very truly yours,
Judas Hasegawa

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Nills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

July 22, 1949

ACTIVE LIST

Mr. Tadao Hasegawa
Route 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, California

Dear Mr. Hasegawa:

Your renunciation was cancelled by a final judgment of the U. S. District Court which was entered on April 12, 1949. That judgment declares that you are and ever have been a U. S. citizen and that the defendants, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State and other defendants, are permanently prohibited from interfering with your rights, privileges and immunities of U. S. nationality and citizenship. The Government has taken an appeal from the judgment.

Under the judgment, therefore, you are entitled to buy or own property on the same basis as any other citizen and you have that right up to and until and unless the judgment is reversed on the appeal that was taken by the defendants to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

You may experience some difficulty with a title insurance company, however, over obtaining title insurance on any property you may purchase. Therefore, before you sign any written contract to purchase land or buildings and before you put up any money deposit on any such purchase you should first consult a local attorney and also a title insurance company and ascertain whether or not you can get title insurance if you do buy the property. You must disclose to them that you renounced citizenship under duress, that you sued to cancel your renunciation and that a final judgment cancelling your renunciation and declaring you to be a citizen was entered on April 12, 1949, but that the government has taken an appeal from that judgment.

Very truly yours,

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Rt. 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, California
January 19, 1951

Wayne M. Collins, Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

According to the newspapers and radio, there seems to be some trouble concerning the renunciants again. It said that either we prove loyalty to the U.S. or else there will be deportation. What do you think will be the outcome, and if in case this whole thing is brought up again, what do you suggest would be the best thing to do? Would registering for the U.S. Army be one way of us showing loyalty to the country? I have a wife and two children and this thing has me all confused. Will you please give me some suggestions as to what sort of things would be considered loyal to America?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Tadao Hasegawa
Tadao Hasegawa

Co. 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, California
Jan. 25, 1950

Mr. Wayne M. Collins, Attorney At Law
Hills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry to take up so much of your time, but, the article which I am enclosing appeared in the newspaper last week, and I would greatly appreciate it if you will give me some information concerning this matter.

One particular paragraph states that we must show our renunciation of American citizenship was due to fear or intimidation. Does that mean that, in order to regain our citizenship, we must first show some reasons as to how a certain group got together and scared us with all sorts of bluffs and therefore forced us into ~~renouncing~~ renouncing our citizenship? There was also another paragraph mentioning the individual application for American passport. I do not understand this, and I would appreciate it if you can give me some idea what it means, and how I should go about applying for it.

Thank you very much for all the trouble.

Yours
5/18/48 (Very truly yours,
Tadas Kuregawa.

U. S. Will Offer Citizenship to Japanese Again

Hundreds of Japanese-Americans will be given the chance to regain American citizenship they gave up while interned at Tule Lake during World War II.

This was disclosed yesterday by State and Justice Departments which have agreed on the procedure for American-born Japanese to become citizens again.

The action was based upon a decision of the Federal Court in California voiding renunciation of citizenship by Miya Mae Murakami at Tule Lake.

The California Court held Miss Murakami gave up her citizenship "because of mental fear, intimidation, and coercion," and, as a result, her action was "null, void, and cancelled."

Under the federal procedure, the Japanese must show their wartime renunciation of American citizenship was due to fear or intimidation.

The restoration of citizenship calls for individual application for American passports and must show the reason citizenship was renounced.

The Japanese-American Citizen League said approximately 2000 Japanese, mostly from the West Coast states, relinquished their rights at Tule Lake. Many are in Japan today.

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January 30, 1950

ACTIVE LIST

Mr. Tadao Hasegawa
Route 1, Box 215
Clarksburg, California

Dear Mr. Hasegawa:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am sending to certain renunciants in Japan which explains their status.

If you do not contemplate making a visit to Japan in the near future, it is my suggestion to you that you do nothing but await the final decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in the mass equity suits. It is my opinion that the judgment of the Court below will be affirmed and that thereafter no government agent will dare to deny you the rights of citizenship.

If you do not intend to go to Japan in the immediate future there is no reason whatever for you to fill out the affidavit on a form prescribed by the Attorney General because such an affidavit might give the government information concerning you which it does not already possess and which it might endeavor to use against you.

Very truly yours,