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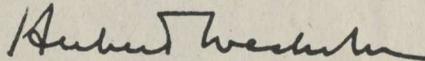
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Grace Tomiko Kawasaki
(born Oct. 12, 1921, Dinuba, California)
5904-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: March 22, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

Feb. 28, 1946

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

Attention Mr. Collins:

On Feb. 12, 1946, we saw our names on the list of those who are to be sent to Japan or to be interned. We were so depressed that we didn't know what to do.

Our parents are in San Francisco now and are anxiously waiting for us to join them.

We are in your case, Mr. Collins. We'd like you to help us. There are nearly 500 persons who are on the detained list. We all are waiting for you to do something. We can not take anymore of those camp life. We want to get out.

Fight for us, do something to let us all free, immediately.

We all are waiting, Mr. Collins.

Sincerely yours,
Tomiko Kawasaki
Hideko Kawasaki

March 4, 1946.

Miss Hideko Kawasaki,
Miss Tomiko Kawasaki,
Block 1207-A,
Tule Lake Center,
Newell, California.

Dear Misses Kawasaki:

I have received your letter of February 28th. I have written Dr. Hashiba concerning your cases and assume that he probably has discussed my letters with you.

The list of names which was posted at Tule Lake on February 12th was merely a tentative list of unfavorable recommendations. The fact that your name appears on that list does not mean that you will not be released. The review board undoubtedly will review your files. I do not believe that the Attorney General will insist upon detaining all the persons whose names presently appear on that list. Mr. Clark himself will give consideration to a release of all persons who are presently detained. I do not know what his final answer on the question will be. In the event that he should insist upon detaining any person the court will determine whether or not he has the right to do so.

Neither you nor any other person on that list is now scheduled for deportation to Japan. So far the Department itself has not announced any definite policy of sending any person from the Tule Lake Center to Santa Fe or elsewhere. In the event that the Attorney General finally insists on detaining any person it is possible that such persons may be temporarily transferred to another camp. In the event that Tule Lake should be closed before the court passes on the matter, such a transfer will not endanger the rights of any such person because the government will consent to produce the person in court.

If you have not yet applied in writing for a re-hearing of your case please go immediately to the defense committee, (Mr. Iwao Shimizu, Block 3201-D) and have that application sent to Mr. Clark.

Everything that is possible to be done on your behalf is being done, consequently please do not be alarmed. I believe that you will yet be released.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cnw

October 25, 1945

Mr. Ivan Williams, Officer in Charge
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

Dear Sir:

On October 23, 1945, I was requested by you,
to appear before your 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.

Therefore I shall appreciate your accepting this
letter as a documentary evidence that my signature
affixed on said Alien Registration form was done so
under protest as I am an American Citizen.

Yours very truly,

Tomiko Kawasaki

Tomiko Kawasaki
5904-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

October 25, 1945

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

Sir:

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

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 was then and there held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace and undue influence and mistake of law;

(3) I then and there was and continuously from May 10, 1942, had been detained in the said W.R.A. Segregation Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially all my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American citizen by birth and by choice and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors;

(4) I was intimidated, coerced, and compelled to sign the said renunciation for by displays of force and intimidation to myself made by a pressure group in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, that said threats would be carried into execution if I refused to sign it. I was acting under the menace and fraud of said group and its members and the undue influence exerted by them upon me and I signed said renunciation form under duress.

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

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

Therefore I demand that you withdraw, recall, cancel, and revoke your approval of said renunciation form.

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

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Tomiko Kawasaki

Tomiko Kawasaki
5904-C
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 583

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Tomiko Kawasaki

Block No. 5904-C

Sex: Male _____ Female X

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

Place of Birth: (City) Dinuba (County) Tulare State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

2617 Sutter St., San Francisco, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Domestic

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: Not known

Where: Not known

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: February 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? _____

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? _____

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? September, 1945

(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? _____

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: Chikahei Kawasaki Iku Kawasaki

Have they been released from detention? Yes

Have they been relocated? No

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? Cousin: Sgt. Isamu Kawasaki
Indiana--Ft. Benjamin Harrison

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 23, 1945

Where: Tule Lake, California Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ 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? Yes

Did you write your protest on the form? Yes

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

No (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Note remark

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S. Not of as
this date

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? March 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:

I have not as yet sign the non-repatriation form but will when it co
comes. Marital status: Single. Renuncees in family: Sister,
Hideko age 21. and myself. Other members of the family: Father,
Chikahei Kawasaki age 57, mother Iku age 49; Both are free to
relocate.

Date: October 25, 1945

Tomiko Kawasaki

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(Name)

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DEPARTMENT OF April 23, 1957, JUDGMENT
ENTERED ON MAY 3, 1957.